

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-04-03 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 04-03-24 09:00

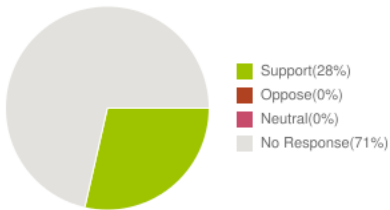
eComments Report

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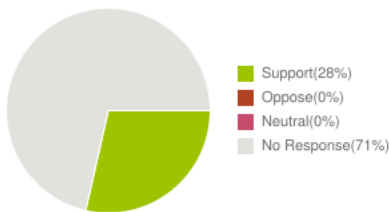
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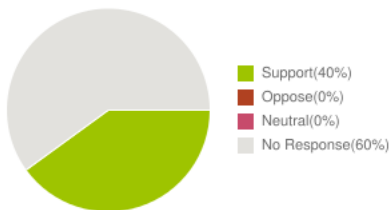
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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BFED Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 2:30pm 04-03-24

From: Maile Risch <mailecrisch@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:29:03 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii

To: BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>; dlnr@hawaii.gov <dlnr@hawaii.gov>; Mayors Office <mayors.office@mauicounty.gov>

Subject: Ha_iku Ag Land Lots

Aloha,

I am writing today asking that the county protect the 133 acres total of ag land in Ha_iku from being sold and developed for commercial real estate. These parcels contain the traditional access road to the Pauwela Lighthouse, which the county owns. These are historically important lands that hold a traditional Mauka-Makai

trail to Puniawa Bay (aka "K-Bay") and the County's Pauwela Lighthouse park. Public trails through private lands regularly end up getting "closed" by landowners. Without Public trail access, this will be a violation of Native Hawaiian gathering rights addressed in HRS SS1-1 and 7-1, and in Article 12 S 7 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai_i. These lands are also connected to local Kanaka Maoli Families whose ancestors were awarded the lands in kingdom times. Some of these lands have native plants tended by Hawaiian organizations.

I am asking Maui County to include \$6.8 million dollars of open space funding for these three Pauwela parcels and to stand by Article XI, S 1 of the Hawai_i State Constitution which states that the "State and it_s political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawai_i_s natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources."

Mahalo,

Maile Risch

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:07pm 04-03-24

Aloha Councilmembers,

The Maui Invasive Species Committee greatly appreciates and supports the work of the Maui Department of Agriculture. There are many links between local agriculture and invasive species. Growing more food locally helps reduce the risk of importing harmful invasive species. At the same time, stopping or reducing the spread of invasive species benefits agriculture. Collaborating on agriculture-related outreach campaigns helps strengthen the reach and impact of key messages.

MDOA's accomplishments during its first two years have been truly impressive, including hiring competent, committed staff; hosting educational events; taking a leadership role on the coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation; supporting improvements for the agricultural parks; moving forward on food sustainability issues; and establishing a functional, welcoming office space. I am sure there are many others - these are a few that I am aware of.

MISC has appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with Maui HDOA and looks forward to continuing to do so in the future. Maui County is once again setting the standard for other counties in the State.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to comment.

Teya Penniman, Interim Manager
Maui Invasive Species Committee

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:50am 04-03-24

From: Courtlandt Gates <courtgates@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:03 AM

To: Laura L. McDowell <Laura.McDowell@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Re: FY25 Budget: Fwd: Correction on meeting date! Haiku for sale to outside investors?

Hi Laura:

Please forward my testimony. By the way, one of my private property signs was shot 5 times. The shots were fired parallel to the coast along the cliff through the conservation easement in the direction of the Peahi overlook with no backstop. That could have killed someone easily. Maybe the entire open space should be closed until the management plan is completed.

Thank you,
Courty

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:15am 04-03-24

From: Reclaiming Balance <reclaimingbalance@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:01:07 AM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii
To: BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Pauwela Land Sale

Please consider buying the 133 acres of land in Haiku that is currently for sale for a park with public access. We have lost too much of Maui's natural beauty to luxury real estate and don't have the infrastructure to support it. At the very least, please retain the easement to the lighthouse & birthing pools with full public access and other special natural resources in this region.

Thank you,
Deborah Eudene

Bobbie Patnode

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17am 04-03-24

For your consideration, here are the Budget Priorities for the Kula Community Association.
-Bobbie Patnode, President

KULA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

<http://www.kulamaui.com/>

Bobbie Patnode, President – bobbiepatnode@fastmail.fm

The VISION of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community.
The SPECIFIC PURPOSE of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Ku-la, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.

Kula Community Association BUDGET PRIORITIES for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

1. Kula Community Center
2. Wildfire Preparedness
3. Water Supply
4. Invasive species control
5. Kula Recycling
6. Road improvements and maintenance

Detailed List

1. Kula Community Center – This is a facility on leased land for which the County has already spent million\$. Please finalize the actual allocation of funds to acquire the land under the Kula Community Center, parking lot, gate-ball court, and tennis courts this year. The cost will only rise as the land's lease-term comes to an end.
2. Wildfire Preparedness – With the recent experience of the August 8th fires, Kula has learned our community was not prepared to survive a wildfire disaster. We continue to need to create firebreaks and have learned we have other needs as well. We need a plan in place to ensure there is water available to firefighters as well as an effective method of communicating with the community. We need the county to address fire hazards on public property and enforce laws related to private property. We need emergency supplies. We request funds be budgeted to both create and implement emergency plans, address emergency communication needs, construct and maintain adequate firebreaks. To ensure safety, we would like additional firefighting equipment be available to fight a fire and maintain water reservoirs at higher elevations in the upcountry area.
3. Water Supply – The KCA continues to prioritize the creation of a system that provides depend-able, quality water for all our residents and that provides water meters for the Upcountry Water Meter List. We would like to ensure that we have adequate water supply for all the meters being requested. We encourage the Council to

ensure that funding is available for water storage alternatives and to request cost estimates for various sized reservoirs and water tanks in the upcountry area. We also request that new water sources be looked at as well as increased treatment facilities. As such, we support funding for an Upcountry water system reliability project.

4. Invasive Species Control – The KCA strongly supports efforts to control, reduce and eradicate invasive species, especially Axis deer, the Little Fire Ant, coqui frogs, glycine, and chickens.

Axis deer are by far the biggest concern in the Kula community. The deer are eating pasture land that should be available for the ranches' cattle operations. Deer are destroying many small farmers' crops. They impact the gardens of many residents. And they are a significant danger to automobile traffic.

We support increased funding for Maui Invasive Species Control (MISC) and other pro-grams. Glycine weed is a particular problem Upcountry, as the weed attaches itself to Jacaranda and other trees and eventually kills them. Coqui frogs are a major concern as neighboring Haiku and Maliko Gulch are facing severe problems that could lead to the spread of the frog to Kula and the rest of the island.

5. Kula Recycling – We request:

a. a recycling site be established in the Kula area;

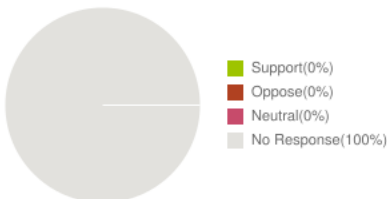
b. a location for the disposal of appliances, TVs, etc. to be located at the central landfill or similar central location to keep this kind of trash off our roadsides; and

c. expand the support of organic composting capacity for purely non-toxic materials, e.g., green-waste, restaurant waste, etc.

6. Road improvements and maintenance – On the County's website we would like to see the Public Works Department establish a priority list of roads that need to be repaved and those planned for the slurry treatment within each district of the County, and then budget to build the highest priority road improvements.

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-1 Bill 60 (2024) PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)

Overall Sentiment



BFED Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 3:53pm 04-03-24

Testimonies received from BFED Committee

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:57am 04-03-24

From: Courtlandt Gates <courtgates@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:49:26 AM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii

To: BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Fwd: Haiku for sale to outside investors?

Aloha BFED:

I received this email last week. It urges the County to buy 133 acres in Haiku. My family and I live in Haiku. We support Open Space, however, given the state of the existing 330 acres of Open Space in Haiku, adding 133 more Open Space acres without a Management Plan would be irresponsible. The cultural sites and the environment in the existing open space are being damaged by off road vehicle activity. The surrounding community is at risk from uncontrolled wildfire fuel and unregulated hunting and discharge of firearms. The access road to the Peahi overlook which draws visitors from across the globe is a dangerous embarrassment.

The Cultural Assessment for the existing 330 acres was originally due over two years ago. For some reason work on the the Management Plan will not begin until the Cultural Assessment is complete. I believe the consultants have been paid hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There should be an Open Space Department responsible for proactively and methodically identifying and purchasing land instead of reacting to urgent demands. That Department should also be responsible for managing the land. It appears that the parcels that comprise the 133 acres in question were bought by WAINAKU JIK LLC nine months ago for \$4.8 million. Now the County is being asked to pay \$6.8 million for land the County could have bought for \$2.0 million less last year.

If the County is going to entertain the purchase of this land, please take the opportunity to bring order to the chaos that already exists.

Mahalo,
Courty Gates