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For Transmittal to:

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SUBJECT: GRANT MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FISCAL YEAR 2022 WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM – APT-12

In compliance with Section 3.36.120(6), Maui County Code, below is the Department of Water Supply (DWS) Watershed Protection Grants Program Report for Fiscal Year 2022.

DWS subscribed to Amplifund, an online grant management and reporting platform to make grant applications processing and administration more efficient. The transition requires on-going development and transitioning of paper-based work flows to a digital platform which will serve as the main interface for DWS to relay grant opportunities, applicants to submit proposals, submit quarterly performance reports (QPRs), keep track of all project expenses, and to receive important notifications from DWS. The implementation phase began at the FY22 post-award phase, wherein all Quarterly Reports (QRPs) and Payment Requests (PRs) are now being processed through Amplifund.

As COVID-19 slowly subsides after disrupting the labor market, Grantees are still struggling to maintain experienced staff levels and to find volunteer organizations to consistently meet their desired work capacities. In this regard, DWS continues to allow Grantees to justify and hire outside contractors to shore up deliverables despite rising inflation. For FY 2022, Grantees are scheduled to complete deliverables between January and April of 2023.

Based on submitted progress reports in FY 2022, we are currently benchmarking the performances of the following Grantees:

1. East Maui Watershed Partnership (UH) – 1st and 2nd QPRs and PRs have been submitted with 1st Quarter processed and 2nd Quarter being processed; 3rd Quarter work has started
2. Mauna Kahalawai Watershed Partnership (UH) – DWS processing 1st QPR and PR; 2nd Quarter

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work has started

3. Maui Invasive Species Committee (UH) – 1st QPR and PR submitted and will be processed when DWS receives their outstanding 1st QPR
4. Auwahi Forest Restoration Project (FAFRP) – 1st and 2nd QPRs and PRs have been submitted and processed by DWS; 3rd Quarter work has started
5. Honokowai and Wahikuli Source Protection (TNC) – 1st QPR and PR have not been received by DWS; 2nd Quarter work update unknown
6. Waikamoi Source Protection and Waikamoi Watershed Preserve Management (TNC) – 1st QPR and PR have not been received by DWS
7. Pu`u Kukui Watershed Preserve (LPP) – 1st and 2nd QPRs and PRs have been submitted with 1st Quarter processed and 2nd Quarter being processed; 3rd Quarter work has started
8. East Moloka`i Watershed Partnership (TNC) – DWS processed 1st QPR and PR was submitted and processed; 2nd Quarter work has started
9. Hawai`i Agriculture Research Center (Develop Wilt Resistant KOA) – 1st and 2nd QPRs and PRs have been submitted and processed by DWS; 3rd Quarter work has started
10. Hawai`i Agriculture Research Center (Develop Disease Resistant OHIA) – 1st and 2nd QPRs and PRs have been submitted and processed by DWS; 3rd Quarter work has started

We expect Grantees to continue to make progress despite COVID-19 setbacks, and to comply with the General Terms and Conditions of their Grant Agreement. We will continue to monitor and receive project updates from upcoming quarterly reports through Amplifund which is expected to save time, improve our communication, raise awareness, and heighten our monitoring capabilities to ensure that all expenditures stay within allowable accounting and auditing procedures.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at extension 7834 or Robert De Robles, Planner, at extension 3113.

Sincerely,



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