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November 27, 2023

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard Bissen 11/28/2023

Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: BILL 123 (2023), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET:
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (COUNTRYWIDE COSTS); AND
DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY (WATER OPERATIONS PROGRAM)
(BFED-53)**

In response to your letter dated November 22, 2023, Department of Water Supply provides the following:

1. Please explain the need for a mini excavator, where and how the Department intends for it to be used, and its cost.

Response:

The mini excavator will be used to excavate the waterlines in the impacted areas of Lahaina. Valve replacements, service lateral replacements and broken main waterline repairs are necessary in the restoration of drinking water for the public health. Total cost is \$300,000.

"By Water All Things Find Life"

2. Please describe the temporary waterline and waterline repairs and whether they are more appropriately characterized as a capital improvement project.

Response:

These are for ongoing repairs of the waterlines in Lahaina related to the fire impacted areas for the restoration of the drinking water service. This is not a capital improvement project because it involves emergency work related public health.

DWS does not plan to install the temporary waterline, because our normal procedure for clearing a waterline in a fire impacted area proved to be faster.

3. Please provide a breakdown of the \$9,200,000 requested.

Response:

\$2,000,000 Waterline repairs, valve replacement service line repairs
 \$300,000 Mini Excavator
 \$460,000 Potable water tanker truck
 \$240,000 (6) Water buffalos
\$3,000,000 500/250KW Portable generators
\$2,000,000 Water sample testing and electricity (fire related)
 \$700,000 Digital infrastructure (data management-fire related)
 \$500,000 Temporary 12-inch waterline

Sincerely,



JOHN STUFFLEBEAN, P.E.
Director