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Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and
Parks Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
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Dear Chair Sinenci:

**SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
(WASSP-1(4))**

In response to your letter dated February 11, 2026, please find attached the Department of Parks and Recreation's presentation for the Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee meeting scheduled for March 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. This presentation provides a 10-minute status update on our Department's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, focusing on the requested functions without an introductory overview.

Should you have any further questions, please contact me at Ext. 7230. We appreciate the opportunity to present and look forward to the discussion.

Honorable Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
March 5, 2026
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick S. McCall', written in a cursive style.

PATRICK S. MCCALL
Director of Parks and Recreation

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FY 2026 Budget Update

Department of Parks and Recreation

Department of Parks & Recreation FY 2026 Budget Summary

Council Adopted Budget

General Fund

Administration Program	\$	3,352,735
Parks Program	\$	9,065,704
Recreation & Support Services Program	\$	30,521,507
Total	\$	42,939,946

Remaining Budget

General Fund

Administration Program	\$	1,753,261
Parks Program	\$	3,879,168
Recreation & Support Services Program	\$	10,657,436
Total	\$	16,289,865

Department of Parks & Recreation FY 2026 Administration Program

FY 2026 Equipment:

1. Lease for Copier

Copier secured and funds certified

Permits & Enforcement

FY 2026 Operational Update

- ▶ **Section Overview:** Assessing internal operations to identify priority improvements in efficiency, including enforcement software, special event procedures, SOP updates, and an RFP for a cost study targeted for release by the end of March.
- ▶ **Section Vacancies:** Active recruitment is underway for Permit Clerk positions. Continuing discussions with DPS and Management regarding the Section reorganization.
- ▶ **Enforcement Operations Snapshot (First 6 Months of FY26):**
 - ▶ **Percentage of Parks Visited/Inspected:** 37% on average
 - ▶ Currently reviewing schedules to maximize patrol hours for coverage
 - ▶ **Average Public Contact/Interactions:** 1,581/month
 - ▶ **Total Citations issued:** 481
 - ▶ **Total Summons issued:** 25

Permits & Enforcement

FY 2026 Operational Update

Snapshot of different types of **special events** in venues for FY26:

- ▶ Surfing and Windsurfing Ocean Events
- ▶ Hoolaulea, Koolaulea, Festivals, and Makahiki Games
- ▶ Stock Car, Dragstrip, Go Kart Races & RC Modeler Events, Motorbike events
- ▶ Swimming and Diving Competitions
- ▶ Open Ocean Swims and Diving Tournaments
- ▶ Fun Runs and Walks
- ▶ State Championship Regatta, Various Paddling Events
- ▶ Music in the Park Series at Kalama Park (DPR hosted)
- ▶ Adult Softball and Mountain Ball Tournaments
- ▶ County Fair and Parade, Christmas Parade
- ▶ Tennis and Pickleball Tournaments
- ▶ Youth Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, & Soccer Invitational and State-level Tournaments
- ▶ Political Events/Fundraisers
- ▶ Martial Arts Tournaments
- ▶ Collegiate Basketball Tournament

Permits & Enforcement

FY 2026 Operational Update

- ▶ Snapshot of leagues/recreational enrichment scheduled and permitted Countywide per period:
 - ▶ Activities:
 - ▶ Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Flag Football, Tackle Football, Paddling, Rugby, Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Tennis, Track & Field, Futsal, PE/Recess, Motorsports activities
 - ▶ 2025 Fall period: 120 permits
 - ▶ Average of 3,619 bookings across 154 fields/facilities per month
 - ▶ 2026 Winter/Spring period: 131 permits
 - ▶ Average of 4,768 bookings across 190 fields/facilities per month
 - ▶ 2026 Summer period: 113 permits
 - ▶ Average of 3,905 bookings across 165 fields/facilities per month
 - ▶ 2026 Fall period: TBD (*to be processed in May*)

Department of Parks & Recreation

FY 2026 Parks Program

- ▶ Includes Maintenance Division (Construction Maintenance Section, Beautification Section and the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course) and Parks Planning and Development Division.
- ▶ FY 2026 Equipment:
All budgeted equipment has been bid out or purchased and is currently pending delivery from contracted vendors.

Maintenance Division

FY 2026 Operational Update

- ▶ Paunau Park fencing replacement and irrigation improvements.
- ▶ Keopuolani Park burnt restroom repairs, entry gate painting, concrete sign repairs, Softball Field 1 backstop and batting area fencing replacements.
- ▶ Wahikuli Terrace Park perimeter fencing replacement and Papuhaku Park additional outfield fencing.
- ▶ Lihikai Park Basketball new fencing and basketball court lines and equipment painting.
- ▶ Eddie Tam Complex parking lot slurry seal and basketball court refinishing.
- ▶ Mokuhau Park restroom rebuild.
- ▶ Maui High baseball field renovation.
- ▶ Kula Community Center interior hall and kitchen painting, along with installation of new kitchen cabinets and countertops.

Maintenance Division FY 2026 Operational Update



Mokuhau Park Restroom Rebuild



Eddie Tam Complex Parking Lot Slurry Seal



Maui High Baseball Field Renovation



Kula Community Center Improvements

Maintenance Division

Waiehu Municipal Golf Course

FY 2026 Operational Update

- ▶ Waiehu Golf Course Maintenance Building eave and gate repairs
- ▶ Waiehu Golf Course maintenance asphalt service path repairs.
- ▶ Waiehu Golf Course brush cutting.



Department of Parks & Recreation FY 2026 CIP Budget Summary

Council Adopted Budget

Capital Improvement Project Appropriation:

General Fund	\$ 23,950,000
Bond	\$ 2,000,000
Park Assessment	\$ 1,400,000
Total	\$ 27,350,000

Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

New Lahaina Community Center and Field House:

Will be located at the Lahaina Recreation Center and include:

- ▶ **New Community Center**
 - ▶ 300-400 person capacity
 - ▶ Commercial kitchen
 - ▶ Design as an emergency shelter
 - ▶ Support spaces

- ▶ **New Field House**
 - ▶ Covered, open-air multi-sport pavilion

Community outreach, design, and permitting are in progress with project completion anticipated in 2030.

Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

War Memorial Football Stadium Rehabilitation: Bleacher repair, Press box repair, repainting, new scoreboard, new sound system. Construction is in progress with estimated completion in Fall 2026.



Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

War Memorial Gym Improvements: Upgrade to a category 3 hurricane shelter, new emergency generator, new air conditioning, enclosed lobby, replacement wood floor and bleachers, and office renovations. Expected completion late 2026.



Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

Paia Gym Replacement

- ▶ Replacement of the existing Paia Gym with a new, resilient community recreation and emergency shelter facility
- ▶ Designed to function as an emergency shelter during storms and disasters
- ▶ Modernized restrooms, storage, offices, and building systems
- ▶ Improved ADA access, circulation, and site safety

Community outreach, design, and permitting are in progress with project completion anticipated in 2030.

Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

Old Hana School Improvements: Improvements will include interior renovations, replacement lighting, kitchen and bathroom renovations, septic upgrades, and interior/exterior painting. Construction is in progress with construction expected to be complete in summer 2026



Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

EAST DISTRICT

Paia Community Center Rehabilitation: Includes kitchen and interior renovation. Project is in design and permitting with construction expected in 2027.

Keanae Septic System Improvements: Project will include the construction of a new septic system at Keanae ballpark.

Capital Improvement Projects FY 2025

WEST DISTRICT

Napili Park Improvements: Included a new batting cage, ADA paths, and swing set. Construction completed earlier this year.

Lahaina Rec Center Improvements: Includes an expanded and fully covered playground. Community engagement and design is in progress.

Kelaweia Mauka Playground: Includes a new covered playground and picnic tables. Project will be planned and designed with the Lahaina Rec playground project.

Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

SOUTH DISTRICT

South Maui Community Park Phase 2: Includes a new baseball field, multi-use soccer/football field, walking paths, pavilions, exercise stations, and tennis/pickleball courts.

Keawekapu Parking Lot: Includes gravel parking lot expansion at Mana Kai in South Kihei.

Hale Piilani Playground: Includes a fully covered and accessible playground. Construction is in progress and will be complete in late 2026.

Capital Improvement Projects FY 2026

MOLOKAI DISTRICT

One Alii Playground Improvements: Includes a new shade structure. Construction expected to start in 2026.

Puu Hauole Playground Improvements: Includes an accessible playground with a shade structure, picnic tables and benches, and a bottle filling station. Design and community engagement is in progress. Construction expected to start in 2027

Department of Parks & Recreation FY 2026 Master Plan Update

Waiehu Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse Master Plan

Site and feasibility analysis including site and environmental conditions, functional relationships, space needs, traffic, and financial. Project is nearly complete. Next step is creating a CIP project of the final concept.



Department of Parks & Recreation FY 2026 Master Plan Update

Beach Parks Vulnerability Analysis: Detailed vulnerability assessments and rapid response plans have been completed for the majority of Maui County Beach Parks. More information, including a sea level rise map for each beach park can be found here:

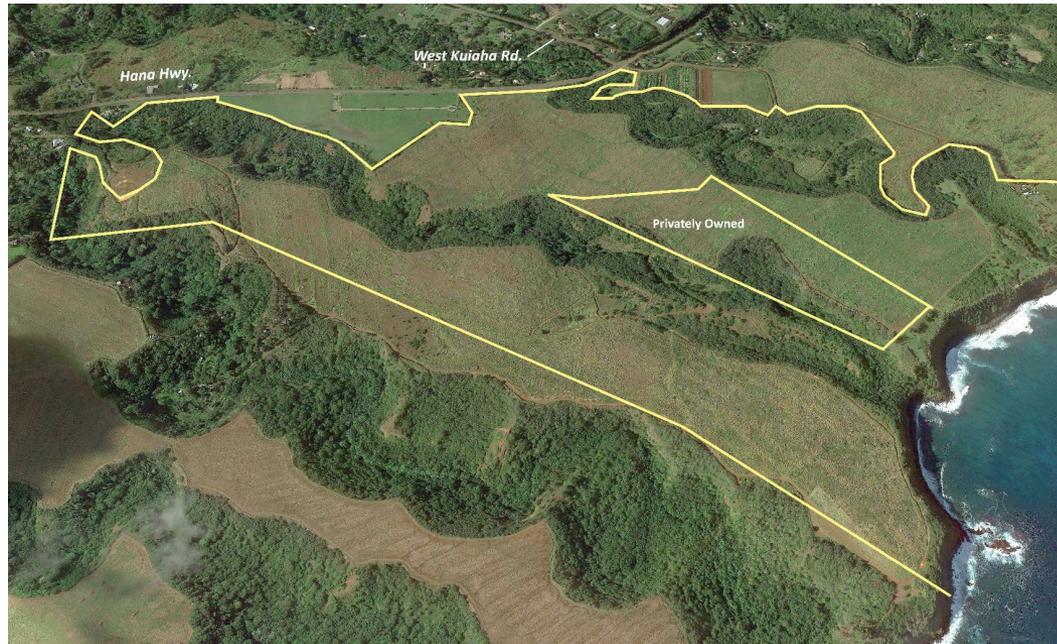
<https://www.mauicounty.gov/BPVASStudy>



Department of Parks & Recreation FY 2026 Master Plan Update

Hamakualoa Open Space Cultural Assessment

Project includes researching historical landholding, oral history interviews, identifying cultural sites, and developing a cultural site management plan. Consultant Aina Archeology is currently on-site and performing field work. Next steps are implementation by Malama Hamakua.



Recreation and Support Services Program FY 2026 Operational Update

- ▶ Includes Administrative Staff, 8 Districts, Pools and PALS Section.
- ▶ Daily Operations in each District ensures that facilities are clean and maintained daily.
- ▶ Recreational Programming is facilitated by each District's recreational staff.
- ▶ Inclusive Recreational Programming is coordinated by the Division's Recreational Specialist.
- ▶ Partnering with Community Volunteers helps the Divisions with a variety of projects.
- ▶ Pools Section provides lifeguard services and aquatics-oriented recreational programs at the 8 Maui County pools.
- ▶ Community Class Programs provide instructors the use of Parks facilities to promote recreational activities within the community.
- ▶ PALS Section provides Summer and Winter program sessions for Maui County's Keiki.

Recreation and Support Services Program FY 2026 Operational Update

- ▶ Includes Administrative Staff, 8 Districts, Pools and PALS Sections.
- ▶ FY 2026 Expansion Positions:
 1. Four (4) Park Caretaker I
Positions are filled
- ▶ FY 2026 Equipment:
 1. *All budgeted equipment has been procured and awaiting delivery by contracted vendors.*

Recreation and Support Services Program FY 2026 Operational Update

Recreation Programs

- ▶ Menehune Basketball
- ▶ Senior Softball League
- ▶ Ukulele Program
- ▶ Youth Basketball Programs
- ▶ Open Gym
- ▶ Baseball Clinics
- ▶ Inclusive Kayak
- ▶ Inclusive Dance
- ▶ Senior Tennis Program
- ▶ Youth Dance Programs
- ▶ Movie in the Park
- ▶ Skatepark Events
- ▶ Table Tennis Programs
- ▶ Volleyball Programs
- ▶ Youth Kickball
- ▶ Pickleball Programs
- ▶ Adult Softball
- ▶ Learn to Swim
- ▶ Water Aerobics
- ▶ Youth Flag Football Programs

PALS Program Summer 2025 - 15 Sites, 1581 Keiki serviced, 231 Staff
Winter Program 2025 - 13 Sites, 721 Keiki serviced, 166 Staff

Recreation and Support Services Program FY 2026 Operational Update

MAINTENANCE:

Daily Operations consist of field grooming, mowing, weed whacking, lining of fields for scheduled League games/events, tree trimming and hedging. Janitorial services throughout all comfort stations and gymnasiums.

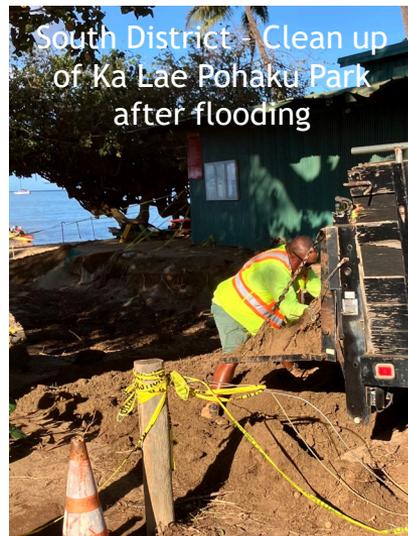
PROJECTS:

Installation and repairs to field fence line & post and rail. Plumbing and electrical repairs. Building repairs. Repairs of vandalism within our facilities/parks.



Recreation and Support Services Program FY 2026 Operational Update

Maintenance Projects



Recreation Programs



Recreation and Support Services Program FY 2026 Operational Update

Inclusion Programs



Recreation staff providing inclusion programs for the adaptive community. The Kayaking program and dance/karaoke program are an example of what is provided

Senior Softball League



Parks Maintenance Crews providing top of the line fields. Recreation Staff servicing 15 teams of our Kupuna with fun filled softball games & fellowship!

Mahalo for your support!



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National Park and Recreation Month Statement

Department of Parks & Recreation

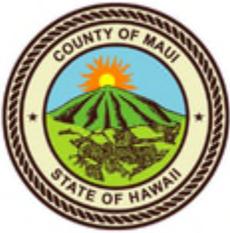
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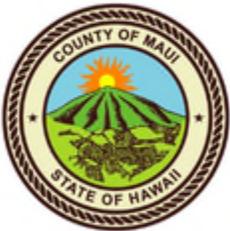


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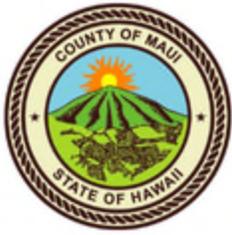


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Aloha Chair Sinenci,

Please see attached transmittal dated March 5, 2026, from Director of Parks and Recreation Patrick S. McCall regarding the above subject matter.

Thank you, have a great day and a nice weekend!

Mahalo,

Lita



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