

# Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee on 2022-04-20 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 04-20-22 09:00

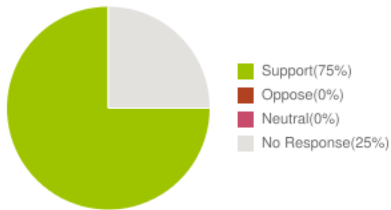
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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### Sentiments for All Meetings

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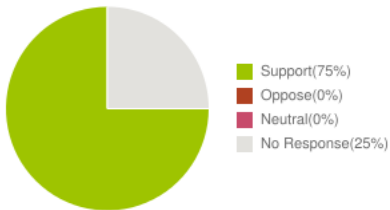
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**04-20-22 09:00**

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	9	9	0	0
BFED-1 Reso 22-80 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)	11	6	0	0

### Sentiments for All Agenda Items

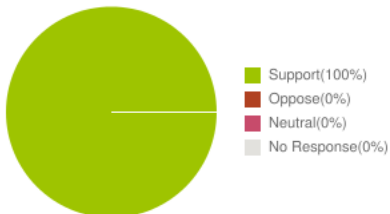
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#### Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

#### Overall Sentiment



#### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57pm 04-20-22

#Keep #PublicLandsInPublicHands #BuyBackTheBeach

I support Council member Mike Molina's budget proposal for \$200K towards the land acquisition of TMK (2) 3-8-001:072 (29.95 acres) or for a master plan of beach improvements and public access to Wawau point.

#WawauPoint #Paia #BabyBeach #NorthShore

#### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:02pm 04-20-22

I strongly support Councilmember Mike Molina's budget proposal for \$200K towards the land acquisition of TMK

(2) 3-8-001:072 (29.95 acres) or for a master plan of beach improvements and public access to Wawau Point (Paia Baby Beach).

**Teya Penniman**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:16am 04-20-22

Aloha k\_kou - Thank you for your support for the work of the Maui Invasive Species Committee. The additional funding requested by Councilmember Sinenci and supported by the Administration would allow MISC and MoMISC to add much needed staff for East Maui and Molokai and provide equipment and supplies to support those positions. Mahalo nui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:35pm 04-19-22

Support

Aloha I strongly support the purchase of land at Wawau point for parking and beach access.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25pm 04-19-22

As a Maui resident, I support the budget proposal for \$200K towards the land acquisition of TMK (2) 3-8-001:072 (29.95 acres) or for a master plan of beach improvements and public access to Wawau Point.

**mary drayer**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05pm 04-19-22

Strongly SUPPORT Council Member Mike Molina budget proposal for \$200K towards acquisition of 29.95 acres to enable PUBLIC ACCESS to Wawau Point. Locals tired of being pushed out! PLEASE HELP!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:02pm 04-19-22

I strongly support Council member Mike Molina's budget proposal for \$200K towards the land acquisition of TMK (2) 3-8-001:072 (29.95 acres) or for a master plan of beach improvements and public access to Wawau Point (Paia Baby Beach).

Born and raised in Paia, this was one of the few North Shore beaches my family and I would go to. Due to parking, I along with many of my families haven't gone since 2016. Many of us locals would surely benefit from these improvements and still have consideration for visitors.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:45pm 04-19-22

Aloha I strongly support the purchase of land at Wawau point for parking and beach access.

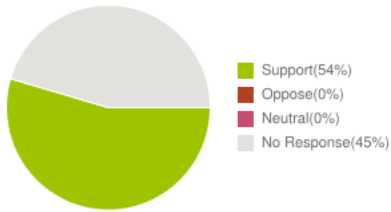
**Johann Lall**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57pm 04-19-22

Please do whatever is possible to acquire and preserve TMK (2) 3-8-001:072 as a park and beach access. It's a modest investment that contributes greatly to quality of life of Maui residents. Too many opportunities to purchase and preserve public land have been missed in the past by shortsighted councils.

## Overall Sentiment



### Darrell Tanaka

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58am 04-20-22

I support the proposal to buy land in sprecklesville baby beach to provide public access.

### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06am 04-20-22

PLEASE RECONSIDER MAALAEA PROPOSAL BEFORE SENDING TO COMMITTEE

April 20, 2022

Aloha BFED Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Councilmembers

The circular recently mailed to all post office holders referred to the role of the Countywide Policy Plan in crafting the budget. In my recent testimony I noted the clauses in the Countywide Policy Plan pertaining to the Maalaea WWTR reclamation proposal from CM King:

Maui County Today pg 32: "Management of the wastewater stream is important because it protects the water supply from becoming contaminated and aids in water conservation by allowing reclaimed water to be used for non-potable water purposes. Improper disposal of wastewater has the potential to damage the drinking water supply, coastal water quality, and other important environmental resources."

Key Strategies:

I. Improve physical Infrastructure: (pg 42): "New and old sustainable approaches for the delivery, use and conservation of water and energy resources, along with new ways of thinking about the recycling and disposal of waste are among the opportunities which Maui can capitalize."

Countywide goals, objectives, policies and actions: (pg 46)

A. Protect the Natural Environment

Objective 1 e. "Protect undeveloped beaches, dunes, and coastal ecosystems, and restore natural shoreline processes."

Objective 2a "Protect and restore nearshore reef environments and water quality."

2b "Protect marine resources and valued wildlife."

2e "Mitigate the negative effects of upland uses of coastal wetlands, marine life, and coral reefs."

Policies: pg. 70

Objective 2: b. "Support innovative and alternative practices in recycling solid waste and wastewater and disposing of hazardous waste"

"Implementing Actions: "e. Phase out the use of injection wells". (pg.71)

"Support catchment systems and on site wastewater treatment in rural areas and aggregated water and wastewater systems in urban areas if they are appropriately located. "(pg. 72)

Unfortunately, in your decision making this week, you ignored the very Countywide policies that frame our County government – that you have asked voters to refer “to assist you in crafting’ budget priorities.

It's not too late. Please reconsider the proposal for Maalaea wastewater reclamation system for THIS budget session. In 2005 the Maalaea Harbor and Maalaea Beach were at only 8% of what they once were. This is 2022 and the deterioration has only increased in the last 17 years. We cannot wait for another 8 and possibly 10 years to connect to the county's proposed Central Maui wastewater system.

The objections and concerns raised on Monday are nonissues. Please give us a chance to respond BEFORE sending this to committee and basically cutting it out of the budget this year.

Mahalo! Lynn Britton

**Bogdan Udrea**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 04-20-22

I am Bogdan Udrea and I am testifying on BFED-1 in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Diversification Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development. During the past two and a half years I have found that the MEDB has been a great support for small businesses by providing a way to meet and share our passions and tribulations, albeit virtually. I am looking forward to meeting in person with other small business community owners during the MEDB-organized Techohana workshops.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:01am 04-20-22

Thank you for your initial support of HARF for finding. HARF provides an invaluable service to Maui with animals. Respectfully asking that you support HARF in their endeavor's to help handle the pet population on Maui and Molokai

Kathy cuddihy

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:57am 04-20-22

Love HARF!!

Thank you for your initial showing of strong support for the funding increase for HARF - and we ask that you continue to support this budget line item through second and final reading. They are amazing!!!

Sarah Hay

Love HARF!!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50am 04-20-22

HARF

Please be sure to include Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation in your budget! They are amazing with helping the animals on Maui. I have fostered puppies for them and see how hard they work for the whole county including Molokai'i.

Aloha, Kelli Medeiros

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:11am 04-20-22

I strongly support Councilmember Mike Molina's budget proposal for \$200K towards the land acquisition of TMK (2) 3-8-001:072 (29.95 acres) or for a master plan of beach improvements and public access to Wawau Point (Paia Baby Beach).

Joan Dapitan

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:55pm 04-19-22

I am in support of funds to go to Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation. They are an integral part of assisting with the animal population on Maui. They help dogs that need extra time to find homes, which is challenging due to the lack of housing problem on our island to people that share their lives with animals. Homeless dogs are everyone's problem and affects quality of life. HARF should be included in the budget. Mahalo

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:57pm 04-19-22

As a resident of the North Shore for 53 years, and user of Paia Baby Beach, I see it as imperative that budget includes purchase of this point. I can't tell you the frustration when I leave before even arriving, due to no place to park! Please respect the sins and it's residents.

**BFED Committee**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:14pm 04-19-22

Testimony received from BFED Committee.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:51pm 04-14-22

I am strongly in favor of supporting the proposal to build the M\_\_\_alaea Wastewater Reclamation System. Please act now by voting this into the budget. thank you

## BFED Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 7:54 AM  
**To:** BFED Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony for the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting  
**Attachments:** Testimony\_Maalea WastewaterReclamation.pdf

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**From:** Miller-Pierce, Mailea Rebecca <m.miller-pierce@wsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 3:49 PM  
**To:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>  
**Cc:** info@mauireefs.org; Neil Rhoads <neil@neilrhoads.com>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting

You don't often get email from [m.miller-pierce@wsu.edu](mailto:m.miller-pierce@wsu.edu). [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi,  
Please see attached my written testimony regarding funding for the Proposed Mā'alaewa Wastewater Reclamation System. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Mailea

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15 April 2022

**County of Maui Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee**

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Re: Proposed Māʻālaea Wastewater Reclamation System

Dear Committee Members,

We are the co-authors of two recent studies concerning water quality issues around Maui, with particular focus on West and South Maui. Based on our research we are strongly in favor of the proposed Māʻālaea Wastewater Reclamation System.

During manuscript preparation for our 2016 paper published in *Marine Pollution Bulletin* we investigated the significant water quality degradation caused by nutrients and turbidity both inside and outside of Māʻālaea Harbor.

In our 2019 paper we reported a notable degradation in water quality downslope of developments employing septic tanks and/or cesspools. The Māʻālaea injection wells were also of particular concern. Based on our research we believe the proposed system will have a profound positive impact on the ecology of the waters in and surrounding the Māʻālaea Harbor.

We believe that the proposed Māʻālaea Wastewater Reclamation System will provide the best opportunity for near shore water quality recovery and long term reef health.

Our 2016 paper is available online here: [The influence of wastewater discharge on water quality in Hawaiʻi: A comparative study for Lahaina and Kihei, Maui](#)

Our 2019 paper is available online here: [Clostridium perfringens testing improves the reliability of detecting non-point source sewage contamination in Hawaiian coastal waters compared to using Enterococci alone](#)

Sincerely,

Mailea Miller-Pierce, Ph.D. and Neil Rhoads