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April 7, 2017

Mr. Stewart Stant, Director
Department of Environmental Management
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stant:

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 6, 2017
MEETING (EM-4) (BF-1)**

At its meeting on April 6, 2017, the Budget and Finance Committee requested your Department's responses to the following requests/questions:

1. With respect to the refuse disposal charge for municipal solid waste, proposed to be increased from \$81 to \$99 per ton, please provide historical cost comparisons with additional detail, not just total cost. Include staffing, equipment, and other costs in the calculation. (MW)
2. Because increased charges for uncontaminated greenwaste, grease trap waste, biosolids, and other recyclables included in the proposed transfer from the Solid Waste Management Fund to the General Fund are not currently authorized, this change will not be reflected in the FY 2018 Budget. Please resubmit your Department's budgetary figures to account for this change. (RH)
3. If the \$3 per truck/vehicle residential refuse hauling fee for the Central Maui Landfill proposed by your Department is approved by the Council, advise whether this fee will be sufficient to cover the cost of opening on Sundays. Provide revenue anticipated to be derived from this fee and the estimated cost of opening the Central Maui Landfill on Sundays. (YS/RH)

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4. Provide a cost estimate to conduct a feasibility study and community evaluation for once-a-week versus twice-a-week trash pick-up, for the Committee to consider in the FY 2018 Budget. Include the possibility of using color-coded cans to designate the differences in trash pick-ups, the option of providing smaller trash bins, and whether a tiered rate program could be implemented for residents who opt for once-a-week pick-up instead of twice-a-week. (EC)
5. What is the actual cost to provide residential refuse collection, per account? Provide a breakdown of the cost and the amount the service is subsidized. (RH)
6. What is the actual cost to provide landfill service at each landfill, per ton? Provide a breakdown of the cost and the amount the service is subsidized. (RH)
7. Provide the number of residential refuse accounts on Maui, Molokai, and Lanai for FY 2015 through FY 2017 to date. (RH)
8. Provide the actual tonnage collected at each landfill for FY 2015 through FY 2017 to date. (RH)

May I further request that you transmit your response **no later than April 17, 2017**, to enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2018 budget. To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff, Michele Yoshimura (ext. 7663), Shelly Espeleta (ext. 7134), or Yvette Bouthillier (ext. 7758), at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee