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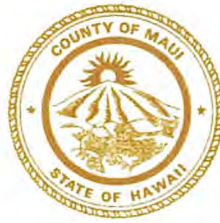
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Mayor Date 2-25-22

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Infrastructure and Transportation Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: DECEMBER 2021 SEVERE WEATHER EVENT (IT-82)**

Thank you for your letter dated February 9, 2022 asking for an explanation of the Department of Public Works' (Department) process for cleaning and clearing culverts on private property when blocked due to natural causes. As a general rule, the Department does not clean culverts on private property.

That being said, however, if there is a dedicated easement in favor of the County of Maui, on private property, then the County may be obligated to clean out a culvert. If a culvert is determined to be County's to maintain and clean, the maintenance is done based on need.

There have been a few isolated incidents during declared emergencies where the County departments or its contractors removed obstructions in ditches/gulches adjacent to public facilities. Some of them may have been partially on private property. In these situations, the decision to remove these obstructions are made in consultation with the

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property owner and always done to protect the immediate health and safety of the public during a declared emergency. Those isolated occurrences are subject to the individual situation and should not be considered normal operations.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office at Ext. 7845.

Sincerely,

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ROWENA M. DAGDAG-ANDAYA  
Director of Public Works

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