

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2023

**Committee
Report No. _____**

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on February 21, 2023, and reconvened on February 22, 2023, makes reference to Resolution 23-42, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAYNE AGAWA AS THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT."

Resolution 23-42's purpose is to approve the appointment of Shayne Agawa as Director of Environmental Management, in accordance with Sections 6-2(5) and 8-15.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter").

Your Committee notes Charter Section 8-15.2 provides that the Director of Environmental Management be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. In addition, Charter Section 6-2(5) provides that the Council confirm or deny the confirmation within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor, or the appointment will be deemed confirmed. Accordingly, the deadline for the Council to confirm or deny the appointment of Mr. Agawa as Director of Environmental Management is March 13, 2023.

By correspondence dated January 12, 2023, the Mayor transmitted the County of Maui job description for the Director of Environmental Management and a resume for the appointee.

Your Committee notes Section 2.14.030, Maui County Code, lists minimum qualifications for the position, including five years of administrative experience, and three years of managerial and budgetary experience.

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Your Committee received comments from the Mayor and Mr. Agawa regarding the appointment before interviewing Mr. Agawa.

The Mayor said Mr. Agawa's experience includes being the Deputy Director of Water Supply for the prior Administration. He was also instrumental in the expansion of the Department of Environmental Management's Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division where he served under two prior Administrations as Deputy Director. The Mayor also said Mr. Agawa served as an engineer in the Department of Public Works for 15 years where he oversaw the coordination of Federal-aid projects in coordination with State and Federal agencies.

Mr. Agawa said priorities for the Department of Environmental Management, if confirmed, include continuing to provide efficient and quality support to existing customers through increased and improved infrastructure, and improving the safety and well-being of the Department's employees. Other priorities include expanding the use of reclaimed water, addressing abandoned vehicles and recycling issues, and being more proactive in locating Federal grant funds. Mr. Agawa said he feels there is no position in any department that is more important than another and that he leads by a "can-do" approach.

Your Committee expressed support for Mr. Agawa's appointment.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-42. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Kama, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Lee was excused.

Your Committee notes the resolution required renumbering from Resolution 23-42 to Resolution 23-75.

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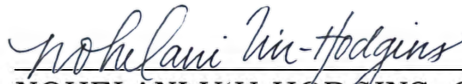
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Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-75, CD1, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 23-75, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAYNE AGAWA AS THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT," be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Chair

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Resolution

No. 23-75, CD1

APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF
SHAYNE AGAWA AS THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 12, 2023, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council that he appointed Shayne Agawa as the Director of Environmental Management; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-15.2 states that, "The director of environmental management shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor."; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-2(5) requires that the Council confirm or deny the appointment within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

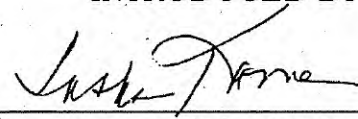
1. That it approves the appointment of Shayne Agawa as the Director of Environmental Management; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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Acting Corporation Counsel
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INTRODUCED BY:



Upon the request of the Mayor.