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March 24, 2026

Mr. John Stufflebean, Director
Department of Water Supply
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stufflebean:

SUBJECT: **MAUI'S LONG-TERM RECOVERY OPERATIONS** (DRIP-9(4))

At its meeting of March 18, 2026, the Council's Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee discussed Maui's long-term recovery operations, including Lahaina's recovery efforts.

In 2024, you noted that the water distribution systems served by the Lahaina and Mahinahina Water Treatment Facilities are connected and water can be transmitted from the Mahinahina system to the Lahaina system.

If water flow was transmitted from the Lahaina system to the Mahinahina system at the time of the August 2023 Maui wildfires, would the drinking water in the Mahinahina system have been compromised because of the connection? Please explain.

May I further request you transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us by **March 31, 2026**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

Tamara A.M. Paltin

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

DRIP Committee

From:	DRIP Committee
Sent:	Tuesday, March 24, 2026 10:57 AM
To:	John Stufflebean
Cc:	DRIP Committee; James A. Landgraf; 'Linda Kimura'; 'Michelle Santos'; 'Zeke Kalua'
Subject:	please read attached letter; reply by 3/31/26 re: MAUI'S LONG-TERM RECOVERY OPERATIONS (DRIP-9(4)). . .
Attachments:	009(4)aws01signed.pdf

Mr. Stufflebean: Please refer to the attached letter from the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee Chair, dated March 24, 2026, and reply by **March 31, 2026**.

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Mahalo,
DRIP Committee