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March 7, 2016

Ms. Wendy Taomoto, CIP Coordinator
Department of Management
Office of the Mayor
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Taomoto:

**SUBJECT: MOKU`ULA ISLAND AND MOKUHINIA POND
(LAHAINA) (EAR-43)**

At its meeting of March 1, 2016, the Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee received a presentation from Paul Klieger, Ph.D., the archaeologist who re-discovered Moku`ula Island and Mokuhinia Pond in Lahaina in 1993; and discussed restoration efforts of the site by the nonprofit organization, Friends of Moku`ula, pursuant to a 2003 Lease and License of the County property.

Upon inquiry by the Committee, Dr. Klieger suggested that excavation on the site could start with exposing known segments of the perimeter wall and allowing water to come back to portions of the pond area. He indicated the work could be done in a year.

However, Morgan Davis, the lead archaeologist for State Historic Preservation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Tanya Lee-Grieg, Director, Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Inc., retained by the County to perform an archaeological inventory survey, discussed the current and potential next stages of the restoration work, indicating excavation could not start until the survey is final.

May I ask you to provide a timeline of expected work on the project, including details of the tasks to be completed and anticipated dates of significant benchmarks?

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I would appreciate receiving a written response **by March 30, 2016**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Sharon Brooks at ext. 7137, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don S. Guzman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DON S. GUZMAN, Chair
Economic Development, Energy,
Agriculture, and Recreation Committee

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa
Keith A. Regan, Managing Director
Kaala Buenconsejo, Director of Parks and Recreation