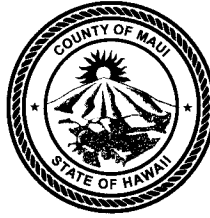


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For Transmittal to:
Honorable Riki Hokama
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
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Dear Chair Hokama:

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 4, 2017 MEETING
(PR-2)(BF-1)**

The following is our Department's response to requests/questions from the April 4, 2017 meeting:

1. *As it relates to CBS-1117 (page 684 of the Program Budget), Countywide Parks Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements:*
 - a. *The 2004 Americans with Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines were updated with the 2010 ADAAG. Provide a copy of the current plan. (RH, AA)*

The 2003 settlement agreement "ADA Transition Plan Implementation Report" listed thirty (30) prioritized Department facilities that were to be brought into compliance with ADAAG (1991), within a specified time period. All of those sites, with the exception of the War Memorial Gym, have been substantially completed. Compliance for the architectural deficiencies at

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the War Memorial Gym was put on hold, with the consent of the court monitor, as it was intended that the gym be replaced with a new facility.

The 2003 settlement agreement is in the process of being closed. The court approved consultant is being asked to review the subject facilities one last time before closing the settlement. That inspection will take place in the coming months. The Department's initial request was for \$600,000.00 in CBS-1117 for FY2018; \$300,000.00 to address any items that may come up as a result of the final review, and \$300,000.00 to contract a consultant to develop a self-evaluation transition plan toward bringing its facilities into conformance with current ADAAG. The court may require the non-compliant items at the War Memorial Gym to be completed at this time.

- b. *Provide an itemized breakdown of the \$998,900 expended/encumbered in prior years. To date, how many County parks comply with the requirements of the 2010 ADAAG, and how many more parks need work to comply? (KK)*

Accessibility deficiencies at the following facilities were brought into compliance with the transition plan requirements with the \$998,900.00 listed on the CBS-1117 project sheet: Sun Yat-sen Park accessibility site improvements, Kahului School Park accessible route, Waiehu Golf Course accessible cart shelter, Mitchell Pauole Center accessible parking and site improvements, Kalama Park basketball court accessibility improvements, Ho'okipa Beach Park accessibility improvements, Paia Community Center new accessible restrooms and parking improvements, Iron Maehara Baseball Stadium accessibility improvements, and West Maui Parks District parking lots accessibility improvements.

2. *As it relates to CBS-4613 (page 685 of the Program Budget), Countywide Light Ordinance Compliance:*

- a. *Provide the implementation plan for the County to be in full compliance with the Light Ordinance (Ordinance 3430 (2007), as amended by Ordinance 4239 (2015)) by January 1, 2020. Include the work that has already been completed to date, and the amount expended/encumbered, by fiscal year, by park. (RH)*

The Department's request to the Mayor for consideration in the FY2018-23 budget included \$2,000,000.00 for construction in 2018 and the same amount for 2019. This would allow the Department to address the more pressing facilities in the first year and the remainder in the second. No capital improvement funds have been expended to date specifically towards

compliance with this ordinance. Although, all lights installed since the inception of the ordinance were designed to be fully shielded.

- b. *Provide the projected annual savings in facility operating expenses as a result of retrofitting new light fixtures in County parks. (MW)*

We are currently in the beginning phase of the light ordinance for all of the County Parks so that information is not yet available but we recently did a retrofit at Keopuolani Park where the previous bulbs used approximately 150 watts each, and the new bulbs used approximately 35 watts each. These lights, if on a photocell, operates for about 10 hours per day on average.

The old bulbs cost \$153.00 per year to operate. The new bulbs cost about \$36.00 per year to operate. This is a savings of about \$117.00 per year per bulb. The estimated cost to replace a bulb is \$120.00 including parts and labor giving a 1 year payback.

Keopuolani Park has 125 lights and the annual electricity usage cost savings would be approximately \$14,625.00.

3. *As it relates to CBS-1971 (page 686 of the Program Budget), Helene Hall Improvements:*

- a. *Provide an itemized breakdown of the \$963,760 expended/encumbered in prior years, by project. (RH)*

The Department was just made aware, by the Budget Office, of a keying error on the "**Prior Year Expend/Encb**" for this project sheet. The amount should have been shown at \$63,760 and not \$963,760. \$13,760 was expended from FY2014 budget for design of an absorption bed across the road from Helene Hall (this project was not constructed due to community concern) and \$50,000.00 was encumbered from FY2017 for design of a wastewater pumping system up to the ballpark and an absorption bed at the ballpark.

- b. *Provide a status update on the land acquisition. (RH)*

The Department has had multiple discussions with Hana Ranch Partners (HRP) regarding a right of entry, an easement, or a land acquisition for installation of a portion of the force main, crossing an HRP parcel, from Helene Hall to the ballpark. The spokesperson for HRP has indicated the

board is agreeable to providing land. We have asked for a written document specifying their requirements in the matter.

4. *As it relates to CBS-2350 (page 687 of the Program Budget), Hana-Keanae-Kailua Parks System, explain how your Department is addressing restroom issues in Keanae. Is funding needed in the FY2018 Budget for this purpose? (RC)*

An assessment has been made by the Construction Maintenance Department at the subject facility and it was recommended that the repairs be contracted out. We would need funding for the FY18 Budget in the Hana-Keanae-Kailua Parks System and the estimated cost for painting, roofing and beams come to an estimate of \$50,000.00.

5. *Explain why the balance of Park Assessment Funds for Lanai is zero. In Fiscal Year 2013, the Park Assessment Fund balance for the Lanai Community Plan Area was \$338,727.69. (Attached is a copy of correspondence dated March 30, 2012, from the Director of Parks and Recreation, relating to Park Assessment Fund balances.) If the funds were returned to the developer, provide documentation allowing the refund. (RH)*

Funds from the Lanai Park Assessment account were moved to a Trust and Agency account, as they will be needed to reimburse the developer once their required park is constructed. No funds to date have been refunded to the developer.

6. *As it relates to CBS-2346 (page 691 of the Program Budget), Molokai Parks System, provide an itemized breakdown of the \$957,746 expended/encumbered in prior years, by project. (SC)*

The \$957,746 shown on the project sheet for CBS-2346, as expended/encumbered from the Molokai Park System, funded the following projects: Molokai Parks Grease Interceptors, Mitchell Pauole ADA parking and site improvements, Kilohana fencing repair, Mitchell Pauole Center Expansion, Duke Maliu parking lot expansion, skate park conceptual design, and Mitchell Pauole Center roofing, painting, and building repair.

7. *For CBS-1209 (page 693 of the Program Budget), War Memorial Complex Paving Improvements, provide a detailed cost estimate for the project provided by the Department of Public Works. (EC)*

The Department of Public Works did not provide a detailed cost estimate for the War Memorial Complex paving improvement project. An estimate was provided by the Department's contracted civil engineering consultant.

8. *For CBS-4616 (page 695 of the Program Budget), War Memorial Gym Building Improvements, provide a detailed cost estimate to close off jalousies, replace flooring, and install air-conditioning for the War Memorial Gym. (RH)*

A detailed cost estimate for the work described would not be obtainable with any accuracy in this short amount of time. Code research could take weeks and there are many variables in a facility of this age.

9. *Provide a breakdown relating to the ongoing maintenance costs for the War Memorial Gym. Identify how often the Gym is used and for what purposes. If any major renovations were done to the Gym, include a description of the work and cost of the project. (RH)*

War Memorial Gym is used daily for many functions such as basketball, futsal, and volleyball. Events such as MMA, PALS Hoolaulea and special events which include Senior Fair, Harlem Globetrotters, UH Basketball, UH Volleyball and NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournaments are also held in the Gym.

Some of the daily maintenance and minor renovations over the last two (2) years have been rims and backboards, bleacher repairs, restrooms and restroom fixtures, hand rails and water fountains. The total labor cost was \$10,437.70 and materials were \$13,604.37 for a total of \$24,042.07.

10. *For CBS-2344 (page 696 of the Program Budget), West Maui Parks Systems, explain why the total budget request of \$1.36 million is lower by \$10,000 than the total project request of \$1.37 million. (RH)*

The Department's request was reduced by \$10,000.00, somewhere between being submitted to Budget Office and being presented to Council.

11. Identify the security measures in place to prevent future vandalism of toilet trailers on County property. (RH)

To help prevent future vandalism to our portable restroom trailers, we will ask our Park Rangers to monitor these during work hours, make these portable restrooms more visible, and look at portable security cameras.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at Ext. 7385.

Sincerely,



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