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Honorable Alan M. Arakawa Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

For Transmittal to: Honorable Riki Hokama Chair, Budget and Finance Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama:

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SUBJECT: REQUESTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 26, 2017 MEETING (PR-11)(BF-1)

The following is our Department's response to requests / questions from the April 26, 2017 meeting:

1. How many years has the County been using the Workline Program? (SC)

The County has been coordinating with the Workline Program through the Parks Department for approximately 25 years.

2. What areas does the Workline Program service for the County? If the Workline Program is not approved, what is the Department's plan to perform the maintenance that would have been done by the Program? (RH)

The Workline Program services all districts on the island of Maui. If this program is not approved, this work will either not be able to be completed or additional operational funds would be required to contract our projects.

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3. Does the work performed by the Workline Program overlap with work performed by the union? Is the Workline Program operation consistent with the decision in <u>Konno, et al. v. County of Hawaii, et al.</u>, 85 Hawaii 61, 937 P.2d 397 (1997)? (RH)

The Workline Program is a grant program that allows inmates who achieve a certain level of reliability to more successfully re-integrate in society by providing vocational training and skills, develop a work ethic, and demonstrate reliability and good citizenship. The majority of the work performed includes areas in remote Parks property which is not performed by Park employees and would otherwise need to be contracted out. The funding request is for the transitional program and not for hourly wage employment. The Workline is primarily assigned only to perform work that is not compatible with Union employee work assignments.

4. Please confirm the Department's evaluation on whether the fairway mower should be leased or purchased. Further, provide the Department's recommendation to lease or purchase this equipment. (RH)

It is recommended by the GCSAA that an average 8 -10 % of the annual golf course budget be dedicated to equipment purchases to provide for replacement before it becomes a burden on the repair and maintenance funding. Prior to FY2016, several years had lapsed without funding from the Golf Fund to replace any of the equipment which is now no longer operational at the Waiehu Golf Course.

When considering the current site conditions in which the equipment is used daily, the hours of use per week, and the actual life of equipment in these situations, it is recommended that these types of equipment be leased for a 5-year term. This would ensure that the equipment is safety compliant, fuel efficient, operating at its maximum capacity, and current with State and Federal emissions regulations. Additionally, the cost of operations for equipment repair and maintenance would be lower, leading to a long-term successful maintenance plan. Wailua Municipal Golf Course currently leases the majority of their maintenance fleet.

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> It is the Department's recommendation that the rough mowers be leased and the fairway mower be purchased outright. This is due to the following evaluation with the current site conditions at the Waiehu Golf Course:

Rough Mowers

Usage:

35 hours/week

Yearly Lease Amount: \$40,000

Fairway Mower

Usage:

12 hours/week

Outright Purchase:

\$86,000

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

Sincerely.

Director of Parks and Recreation

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