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April 4, 2019

Mr. Eric Nakagawa, Acting Director
Department of Environmental Management
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Nakagawa:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 1, 2019
MEETING (EM-7) (EDB-1)

At its meeting on April 1, 2019, the Economic Development and Budget Committee requested your Department's responses to the following requests/questions.

- 1. An increase of \$50,000 in premium pay is being requested for the Wastewater Administrative Program for FY 2020 (Budget Details, page 5-10).
 - a. Explain the need for the increase. (MM)
 - b. What efforts is your Department implementing to get premium pay under control? (MM)
- 2. For the Wastewater Operations Program, over \$5.2 million is being requested for electricity for the Wailuku/Kahului, Lahaina, and Kihei Wastewater Treatment Plants alone (Budget Details, pages 5-34, 5-35, and 5-37, sub-object code 6132). What is the Department doing to implement alternative sources of energy to reduce dependence on electricity? (MM)
- 3. Relating to the Wastewater Operations Program (Budget Details, page 5-43, Index Code 919040B, Sub-Object Code 6132, Professional Services), \$200,000 is being requested for a Wastewater

- Study for Waikapu. Is this study for the benefit of the Waikapu Country Town project? If so, will the funds for this study be reimbursed to the County? Please explain. (MM)
- 4. Relating to the Solid Waste Operations Program (Budget Details, pages 5-57 and 5-58), six equivalent personnel expansion positions are proposed for Sunday landfill operation. Two positions are for landfill operators, three for landfill attendants, and one for a laborer.
 - a. How many of the equivalent personnel will work on a given Sunday?
 - b. Explain other responsibilities the positions will be assigned.
 - c. How will the positions help with efficiency for the operation of the landfill? (MM)
- 5. Relating to the Solid Waste Operations Program (Budget Details, page 5-75, Index Code 919521B, Sub-Object Code 6035, Miscellaneous Supplies), proposing a \$251,000 expansion request, there is no explanation for the increase. Please provide details for the expansion. (MM)
- 6. Relating to CBS-1183 and 1184, Kuau Nos. 3 and 4 Force Main Replacements (Program Budget, pages 681 through 684):
 - a. Identify when these projects will commence and how long the projects will take to complete.
 - b. What will be done to minimize traffic disruption?
 - c. Can these projects be completed at night, without disruption to the residents? (MM)
- 7. Please detail the total annual cost and cost per day to operate the landfill on Sundays, broken down by Sub-Object. Have the appropriate unions been notified of this change in the work week? (YLS)
- 8. Please explain the \$627,217 increase in Special Revenue Funds (Program Budget, pages 188 and 189) under the Environmental

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> Protection and Sustainability Program and describe the Program's plans for the funds in FY 2020. (YLS)

- 9. Please provide a breakdown of the deposits to the Environmental Protection and Sustainability Fund, pursuant to Section 3.55.040, Maui County Code. (SS)
- 10. The Anaergia contract for landfill operations services has been renewed repeatedly. Contracting out these services was supposed to reduce costs, so why is there a proposed appropriation for County employees to staff the planned Sunday Landfill operations, instead of having Anaergia provide these services? (KK)

May I further request that you transmit your response no later than April 11, 2019, to enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2020 Budget.

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Leslee Matthews at ext. 7662, Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134, Christy Chung at ext. 7137, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair Economic Development and Budget Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino Budget Director