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April 16, 2019

Ms. Michele M. Yoshimura Who Budget Director, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Honorable Michael P. Victorino Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair Economic Development and Budget Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 8, 2019 MEETING (PW-10) (EDB-1)

The Department of Public Works responds to your letter dated April 10, 2019, regarding the eucalyptus trees along the County's portion of Olinda Road, as follows:

1. What would it take to removes these trees?

Removing trees in the County right-of-way that are dead or dying, based on an assessment by our County Arborist, is the approach that the County has been taking on trees that are clearly within the County Right-of-Way.

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Ms. Michele M. Yoshimura Honorable Michael P. Victorino For Transmittal to: Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair April 16, 2019 Page 2

For the trees along Olinda Road, the Engineering Division would need to hire a consultant to perform a survey to determine which eucalyptus trees are in the County right of way and then either the Engineering Division or the Highways Division will prepare bid documents to have the trees removed.

2. Does the Department have any plans to address this concern? If so, what is the anticipated schedule? (YLS)

A detailed boundary survey is the first step in clearly establishing the jurisdiction and maintenance responsibilities for the trees between the County and private property owners. Since Olinda Road has a limited right-of-way width, right-of-entry (ROE) agreements with adjacent land owners are necessary for most tree removals in the County's right-of-way.

ROEs allow the tree contractors to efficiently remove the trees and minimize disposal costs. Also, many of the tree removals on Olinda Road will need to be coordinated closely with Maui Electric Company and pruned back from the power lines prior to any removal efforts.

Please contact me at Ext. 7845 if additional information is requested.

Sincerely,

ROWENĂ M. DAGDAG-ANDAYA Acting Director of Public Works

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