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April 22, 2019

Ms. Michele M. Yoshimura *Miy*  
Budget Director, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Michael P. Victorino  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
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*[Signature]* 4/22/19  
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For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 BUDGET (FS-13) (EDB-1)**

The Department of Fire & Public Safety has received your communication dated April 15, 2019.

Relating to CBS-2735 Kahului Fire Station Apparatus Shelter (page 731, Program Budget), will the project design incorporate solar panels on the roof of the shelter for energy efficiency of the Station? If not, please provide an approximate cost to have solar panels included.

**The Department does not have plans to incorporate solar panels on the roof of the shelter at this time. While we are always looking at ways to further increase energy efficiency, we currently do not have enough information to make a responsible decision regarding the addition of PV panels. The Department would want to either work with the County Energy Commissioner (if the position still exists) or hire a third-party consultant**

services to conduct an energy study. At that point, the Department could decide whether a PV option would be feasible and fiscally responsible. Because we have not investigated the option, obtaining a cost estimate to add PV will take further time because of the many factors to take in to consideration (number of panels, ownership vs power fee agreements, electrical engineering and installation work, building construction requirements for PV installation). All of these considerations would be evaluated before a decision is made.

Currently, it is the Department's understanding that with the end of "net metering" the recouping of initial costs to install additional PV panels would take an extended period of time. However, more information and data would be needed for the Department to make a decision for or against future PV installation.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Fire Chief's Office at ext. 7561 or Fire Chief Thyne at ext. 7562.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.C. Thyne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief