

Aloha my name is Claire Kamalu Carroll,

Miconia, Why is it so important to know about this Specific Plant?

They can grow up to 50 feet tall and with their large oval-shape leaves with a green top and a purple underneath. Miconia is a Native Plant to South and Central America and introduced as a garden Plant in 1961 and spread around by plant enthusiasts.

On the East end of the Island of Maui, Miconia is threatening our Native Forest by shading out our watersheds and creating a canopy or umbrella that limits and reduces the amount of rainwater that many of our community depends on.

It takes about 3-4 years for a Miconia plant to mature and one tree in maturity will produce about 3 million seeds couple times a year. These seeds can also remain viable for over 20 years.

How do we know this? Tahiti was introduced to this plant that has already taken two-thirds of Tahiti forests and responsible for at least 25% of their native forest species with extinction.

There are now only 2 workers that are responsible in East Maui for the eradication and control to fight this plant which already has spread throughout East Maui. Why is this?

On an Island which depends on our water resources that should be no room for MISC to use funds elsewhere when our task force in Hana should have been increased and not the opposite of What's Happening in present day. Monies where given and a full crew should have been in place and not displaced. These monies were to last till July and yet workers were told that they don't have the monies now. Why is that?

We are asking for an audit to be conducted to see where monies are being used. Salaries should be reviewed and adjusted to make sure we are using these funds for favor of field work and not office work.

Miconia is already declared by Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources the most invasive Horticultural Plant.

Ask your selves if you are okay with that. I'm not.

In the 2018-2019 budget of the Water Committee put into budget \$500,000 to Miconia and other invasive plants and \$250,000 to protect our water sheds in east Maui. Give and take that the field worker makes about \$30,000 annually which isn't much. 7 workers in the field to be \$210,000.

I have spoken to Mike Ade, Adam Radford and Dr. Fern Duvall in this matter and request a breakdown of where monies are being allocated. Per Adam they relocated workers to coqui frog work force due to Maui County has not released funds for the Miconia workforce. I also ask the council committee to ask questions on Teya Penniman employment and Specific role with MISC. I have learned that work done by Teya is mostly done by remote. She is not listed as committee member but remains employed. What is the salary and she has taken the role to solicit funds for the program then why is this falling short of funds.

Per Adam Radford in conversation on February 20th 2019 he said that it he would be sending this information to me. I have not received this information to date.

We need to continue to support this program but it needs to be monitored to assure it is being used wisely.

Mahalo

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Testimony for Environmental, Agricultural, and Cultural Preservation.

February 26th 2019

	<u>A - Salaries</u>	<u>B - Operations</u>	<u>C - Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
School Garden Network to install school gardens.				
(3) Provided, that \$10,000 shall be for the Molokai Livestock Cooperative.				
(4) Provided, that \$75,000 shall be for the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR).				
(ii) Maui County Farm Bureau	0	305,000	0	305,000
(iii) Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Inc.	0	150,000	0	150,000
(iv) 4-H Upcountry Fair	0	35,000	0	35,000
(v) Molokai and Lanai Agriculture Production	0	100,000	0	100,000
(6) Grants and Disbursements for Water and Environmental Resource Protection and Conservation				
(i) Environmental Protection	0	1,416,000	0	1,416,000
(ii) Maui Soil/Water Conservation District	0	148,000	0	148,000
(iii) Soil/Water Conservation Districts – Molokai and Lanai	0	30,000	0	30,000
(iv) Coqui Frog Eradication Project	0	750,000	0	750,000
(7) Grants and Disbursements for Renewable Energy Program.	0	150,000	0	150,000
10. Department of Parks and Recreation				
a. Administration Program				
(1) General	1,859,638	323,030	86,500	2,269,168
(i) Provided, that disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 34.5 equivalent personnel.				

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is limited to 75.0 equivalent personnel.				
(ii) Provided, that the funding and 1.0 equivalent personnel be assigned to assist with projects furthering the goal of resolving the Upcountry water meter wait list.				
(2) Grant for Auwahi Forest Restoration	0	60,000	0	60,000
(3) Grant for Countywide Watershed Protection	0	200,000	0	200,000
(4) Grant for East Maui Watershed Protection	0	550,000	0	550,000
(5) Grant for East Molokai Watershed Protection	0	250,000	0	250,000
(6) Grant for Hawaii Agriculture Research Center	0	56,500	0	56,500
(7) Grant for Honokowai/Wahikuli Watershed	0	75,000	0	75,000
(8) Grant for Leeward Haleakala Forest Restoration	0	190,000	0	190,000
(9) Grant for Eradication of Miconia and other invasive plants	0	500,000	0	500,000
(i) Provided, that \$250,000 shall be for additional labor and related labor costs.				
(10) Grant for Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve	0	285,000	0	285,000
(11) Grant for West Maui Watershed Protection	0	450,000	0	450,000
(12) Transfer to Upcountry Water System Expansion Capital Improvement Reserve Fund	0	3,882,146	0	3,882,146
b. Departmental Expenses – Water Fund				
(1) Debt Service	0	5,869,028	0	5,869,028