EACP Committee

From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 7:56 AM

To: EACP Committee

Subject: FW: Maui Invasive Species (EACP-17(2))

From: Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros <mavisoliveira@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:18 PM

To: County Clerk < County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Maui Invasive Species (EACP-17(2))

Aloha Council Members,

My name is Earle Medeiros and I'm writing in support of appropriating more funding for the miconia & fire ant problems in East Maui. East Maui is a very large area taking up much of the island of Maui. East Maui also holds some of the most important watersheds on the island, not to mention the native and indigenous plant & bird species being harmed by these invasives.

I understand there have been layoffs in East Maui, possibly in favor of hiring more people for coqui frog eradication. I was also made aware that there are possibly 17 Administrators in this program, verses 12 field workers, not real feasible for an eradication program.

I would like to recommend the Council hold a meeting with some past and current employees, some of whom I have personally spoken with and have some very good ideas on how to make this work. They're the ones out there and can provide some very legitimate advice.

Mahalo,

Earle Medeiros via Mavis