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March 5, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E., Director Department of Water Supply County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Pearson:

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY (WIT-70)

Thank you for providing the Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee with a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget on February 24, 2020.

To follow up on the discussion, may I please request the following information:

- 1. Please provide a complete pro forma financial analysis of the Department, including a comprehensive list of assets and liabilities, and any additional or potential liens.
- 2. What is the current designation of the Commission on Water Resource Management as it relates to any associated boundaries in Maui County, including any financial implications of those boundaries?
- 3. Please describe the condition of the Department's vehicle fleet.
- 4. Please provide a detailed description and status of the Department's equivalent personnel vacancies.
- 5. Describe the Department's current policy on hiring requirements, including any medical exams.

- 6. How is the Department preparing for County shoreline projects that have been or will be affected by climate change?
- 7. Please list any additional outstanding equipment needs for the Department.
- 8. Regarding the confusion from the Department's presentation to the Committee relating to its operating budget and associated percentages (pages 3 and 4 of the Department's presentation), please provide clarifying, corrected data.
- 9. Relating to the Watershed Protection Grants Program:
 - What percentage of its funding does the Department set aside for the program?
 - Does the program provide for any data or analysis on if or how toxoplasmosis or other related effects stemming from invasive plants and invasive or feral animals are affecting the County's watersheds?
 - Which watershed protection grant, if any, covers the South Maui region?
- 10. Please provide an update on the following appropriations. Page references are to Ordinance 4988.
 - \$500,000 for the development phase of the Pookela Well B expansion project (page 40).
 - \$3,000,000 for the development phase of the replacement well for Waiehu Heights Well 1 (page 40).

May I request your written response no later than **March 20, 2020**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Chester Carson at ext. 7659, Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, or Rayna Yap at ext. 8007).

Sincerely,

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee

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