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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Kelly King, Chair  
Climate Action and Resilience Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
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Dear Councilmember King:

**SUBJECT: ADDING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE SOLUTIONS TO THE MAUI COUNTY GENERAL  
PLAN OBJECTIVES (CAR-23)**

Thank you for your October 6, 2020 letter asking for comments on a proposed resolution and a proposed bill to amend the Countywide Policy Plan (CWPP) to specifically add provisions relating to addressing climate change. The proposed bill would add one new core theme to the CWPP, one new goal, and three objectives, each with policies and implementing actions.

While we certainly would not object to emphasizing the importance of addressing and responding to climate change, we cannot support the bill as proposed because it creates numerous redundancies in the CWPP. This is because the majority of the proposed "new" language is already found in the CWPP in different sections under existing themes. Most are copied verbatim, including the entirety of Objective 3, while others have minor modifications to the existing language, as noted below. We also note that new Objective 1, Policy d is essentially the same as new Objective 2, Policy a, with a minor modification.

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<b>Page</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>New or existing</b>
43	Theme "L"	New
82	Theme "L" and Goal	New
82	Objective 1	New
82	Policy a	Existing (A.1.c), p. 46
82	Policy b	New
82	Policy c	Existing (A.3.b), p. 47
82	Policy d	Existing (A.3.c), p. 47
82	Policy e	New
82	Policy f	New
82	Policy g	Existing (A.3.d), p. 48
82	Policy h	Existing (F.4.a), p. 63, with modifications
82	Policy i	New
82	Policy j	Existing (A.3.f), p. 48
82	Policy k	Existing (J.3.f), p. 75, with modifications
82	Policy l	Existing (A.3.g), p. 48
82	Policy m	Existing (A.4.c), p. 48
82	Policy n	Existing (A.1.n), p. 66
82	Policy o	Existing (H.2), p. 67, with modifications
83	Action a	Existing (A.3.b), p. 48
83	Action b	New
83	Action c	Existing (H.1.a), p. 67
83	Action d	New
83	Action e	New
83	Action f	Existing (I.2.b), p. 71
83	Objective 2	New
83	Policy a	Existing (A.3.c), p. 47, with modifications
83	Policy b	New
83	Policy c	Existing (A.1.e), p. 46
83	Policy d	Existing (A.2.a), p. 47
83	Policy e	Existing (A.2.f), p. 47
83	Policy f	Existing (A.3.i), p. 48
83	Policy g	New
83	Policy h	Existing (A.3.l), p. 48
83	Policy i	Existing (F.3.m), p. 62, with modifications
83	Policy j	Existing (J.1.f), p. 74
83	Policy k	Existing (J.1.g), p. 74, with modifications
84	Policy l	New
84	Policy m	New
84	Action a	New
84	Action b	New

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84	Objective 3	Existing (I.3), p. 71
84	Policies a – m	Existing (I.3.a – m), pp. 71-72
85	Actions a and b	Existing (I.3.a and b), p. 72

In summary, the proposed bill has one new theme and goal, two new objectives, eight new policies and five new actions. The remaining one objective, 33 policies and five actions are already in the plan, and we would object to this language being duplicated as proposed.

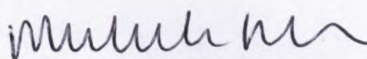
If the Council wishes for the existing language to be removed from its current location throughout the CWPP, we would recommend careful consideration of its existing context before deciding whether it should remain in its existing location or whether it should be relocated to the proposed new theme and goal instead. Consultation with the members of the former General Plan Advisory Committee might prove informative in this regard.

We would also note that the subject line includes “Sustainable Agriculture” but the proposed bill has only one proposed new policy related to this topic: “promote the teaching and use of regenerative agriculture” (Objective 1, Policy e). Sustainable agriculture is a worthwhile goal but does not appear to be advanced by the proposed bill’s current language.

In conclusion, because the existing CWPP contains the majority of the language of the proposed bill, it would create numerous redundancies. At this time, we do not support duplicating the language, nor do we support moving it to the proposed new goal and objectives without further consideration of the context of the existing language.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed bill. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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