

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

CLIMATE ACTION, RESILIENCE, AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

September 17, 2021

**Committee
Report No.** _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee, having met on September 1, 2021, makes reference to the following:

1. Miscellaneous Communication dated July 26, 2021, from the County Clerk, transmitting Contract C7432, between the County of Maui and Map-Collective, Inc., for assessing and analyzing carbon emissions, and creation of data gathering, analysis, and visualization tools for the County of Maui Joint Climate Action and Resilience Plan, in the amount of \$186,000;
2. Miscellaneous Communication dated July 26, 2021, from the County Clerk, transmitting Contract C7431, between the County of Maui and Geos Institute, for a Countywide Vulnerability Assessment, in the amount of \$77,956; and
3. Miscellaneous Communication dated July 26, 2021, from the County Clerk, transmitting Contract C7436, between the County of Maui and Lotus Engineering and Sustainability, LLC, for the County of Maui Joint Climate Action and Resilience Plan, in the amount of \$249,977.

Your Committee received a presentation from representatives of the Mayor's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resilience.

The Mayor's representatives said the contracts relate to the County's whole-systems solutions approach to climate change mitigation, including adaptation initiatives to promote resilience and reduce greenhouse gases.

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The Environmental Coordinator reviewed the data-gathering processes, components, and structure of the County of Maui Joint Climate Action and Resilience Plan and noted:

- frontline communities are underserved and vulnerable populations are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change;
- resilience strategies from other communities and input from local surveys are incorporated into the Plan; and
- traditional ecological knowledge and investment in nature-based solutions can help to mitigate climate change.

She further noted that the Plan models O’ahu’s Resilience Strategy and includes pillars, goals, and action steps for community, partner, and County implementation. Some components of the Plan include the promotion of circular economy pathways, the Countywide Vulnerability Assessment, an affordable housing buy-back program, 100-percent water reuse, upgrades of broadband access and reliability for underserved populations, and the development of a resilience hub network.

The Office is anticipated to roll out the Plan within the next six months.

The Energy Commissioner explained the connection between the different contracts and the County’s plans for climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives.

Your Committee appreciated the update and expressed support for the County’s efforts to mitigate climate change and promote resiliency.

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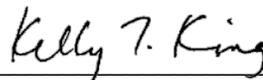
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Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend filing of the communications. Committee Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and members Johnson, Molina, and Sugimura voted “aye.” Committee members Lee and Paltin were excused.

Your Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That the Miscellaneous Communication referring Contract C7432 be FILED;
2. That the Miscellaneous Communication referring Contract C7431 be FILED; and
3. That the Miscellaneous Communication referring Contract C7436 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



KELLY TAKAYA KING, Chair