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Mitchell Pauole Community Center
Moloka`i

CONVENE: 1:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (out 3:11 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member

STAFF: James Krueger, Legislative Analyst
Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
Ana Lillis, Legislative Analyst
Richard Mitchell, Legislative Attorney
David Raatz, Supervising Legislative Attorney
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary

Don Atay, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Sinenci
Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Moloka`i Council Office

ADMIN.: Derrick Lopez, Acting Assistant Chief, Department of Police (EDB-42)
Gregg Okamoto, Captain, Department of Police (EDB-42)
Jordan Molina, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works (EDB-57)
(via telephone)
Michael Hopper, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of
Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Joyce Pa (EDB-57)
Cheryl Pritchard
Zhantell Lindo
James Mawae
Lori Buchanan
Leimana Naki

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Walter Ritte
Mahina Poepoe
Nathaniel Naki
Lehua Kauka
Aisha Senas-Childs
Others (15)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. Okay. Mahalo for everyone attending today. This is the regular meeting...a special meeting, January 28th at one o'clock at Mitchell Pau'ole. We'll start with introductions. We have with us starting from my left, from West Maui, Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. From Hana, Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha `auinalā.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. From South Maui, Councilmember Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha. Happy to be here. Thank you, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: From Upcountry, Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aloha, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. From Lāna`i, Member Riki Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And from Makawao-Ha`ikū-Paia, Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, everyone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay. From Corporation Counsel, we have with us Michael Hopper. Oh, there he is. From the Administration, we have Acting Assistant Chief Derrick Lopez from the Department of Police. And Captain Gregg Okamoto will be joining us shortly from Department of Police. And then from Department of Public Works, we have available by phone Mr. Jordan Molina, Deputy Director. And then Committee Staff, we have Yvette Bouthillier, James Krueger, Lesley Milner, David Raatz, Clarita Balala, and Ana

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Lillis. Oh, did I say Richard Mitchell? And Richard Mitchell. Okay. So, we have today two items on the agenda, EDB-42, Relocating the Molokai Police Station, and EDB-57, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Department of Public Works (Kaunakakai Drainage System). We'll start with testimony. Individuals wishing to testify, please sign up with Committee Staff there with the yellow tag, Ms. Clarita Balala. Testimony will be limited to three minutes and upon request, one minute to conclude. If you're still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you may be representing. If you're a paid lobbyist please inform the Committee. Okay. So, we'll start. Mr. Krueger, will you please call our first testifier?

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. KRUEGER: The first person signed up to testify is Joyce Pa testifying on agenda item EDB-57, to be followed by Cheryl Pritchard.

MS. PA: Mahalo. Okay, thank you. Oh, I have to hold it? No? Okay. I can, is that it? Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. PA: Yes. Thank you. My name is Joyce Pa and I live on Seaside in Kaunakakai and I'm here about a ditch that's a major problem. The ditch is...I don't know where it originates but it ends at Seaside on the ocean, and one side of the wall fell down. I had notified the County and all of that. My question is nobody's coming to fix the wall, my neighbors and I are eroding. I took photos so you can have a rough idea. So, my question is who owns this ditch? The County won't answer me. So, I don't know. No one wants responsibility. But I'm going to lose my house and I'd like to know who's responsible and why it's not, nothing's being done. I can show you a picture. Let's see. The County also cleans the mauka side of that ditch but not makai. Makai is filled with plants and debris and the kids play in there. And this is my own opinion, I think the cesspools are also going into there, because there's only three houses on the block, a block, two blocks that have septic and it has to go somewhere. So, my question is who is responsible for this and how do I get another wall put up? And if anyone would like to see the pictures, I'd be happy to show you. Let's see. Should I...anyone want to see them? No? Okay. That's it. That's what I'm here for is some answers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Pa. So, the item on the...EDB-57, Kaunakakai Drainage System B . . .*(inaudible)*. . . actually.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Yeah. So, we'll...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Ms. Lindo will help you, will help to point you in the right direction for your concern.

MS. PA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Pa. Okay. Mr. Krueger, will you please call the next testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: The next person signed up to testify is Cheryl Pritchard, to be followed by Zhantell Lindo.

MS. PRITCHARD: Hello. Thank you for coming to hear...oh, my name is Cheryl Pritchard and I'm here representing myself as a participant in this community which I hold dearly. Thank you for coming to hear how your decisions will affect us in our home. The town center represents to me the cohesiveness of the fabric of our community, the community that is a web of entities, civic, Federal, State, County, commercial, a commons if you will. Thank you for trying to sort out the complexities of adapting to the escalation of climate effects. A lot of effort by the State, County, and local people has been put into planning and zoning which all has to happen under budget constraints. The planning process helps identify priorities and these priorities point to where the budget is spent. Show me your budget and I will show you your values. We realize town has to move and the complexity of that has been thought about in the community plan. The question is how to carry out that plan with a limited budget. What is the cost of not taking proactive measures? There needs to be a narrative around public health. The reason the town isn't draining is because the sea level is rising, and the first thing that comes to me as a priority is a sewage treatment plant is vulnerable to water table rising, and it is also nearly full to capacity limits, which I know progress is being made and will take years to come to fruition. Will the money be there when it's needed? Where will it be located? Spending money on the proposed drainage project seems to me to be creating an Ala Wai Canal problem. Money ill spent. Do we need police in the center of town? Maybe, maybe not. Substations say are...say one in Maunaloa and Kualapu'u or one in Kualapu'u would help spread police presence in the larger community on foot, not in cars to get there. To me, the fabric of the town is where I go for a one-stop shop if you will, the post office, shopping, banking, bill paying, library, community events such as this hearing, Home Pūmehana facilities, sharing schools. If you pick up kids, all these other things are close at hand--and I only have half a paragraph to go--and available close at hand. This has been considered at length in the community plan and I want you to

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take that into consideration. If you're deflooding the town, it isn't eminent that the Police Department needs to move and the plan for deflooding is a faulty, expensive, temporary solution to what is going to become an increasingly inconvenient effects of climate change. Constant change is the new normal. It is premature to purchase the land for the Police Department and folly to commit money to a drainage that would at best be a short-lived bandage to a growing problem. Thank you for letting me go over my time. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Pritchard. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay, seeing none, mahalo, Ms. Pritchard, for your testimony. Okay. So, Captain Okamoto has returned. And initially my plan was to have the presentation first before taking testimony, opening it up to testimony if anyone needed to leave. But if anyone wanted to testify after the presentation, I wanted to give the community that option. So, now that Captain Okamoto has returned, is there anyone else that would like to testify now? If not, I will allow the presentation to take place first if you would like to hear the presentation and then testify, if you have that time. Okay. Anyone wishing to testify before the presentation?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Ms. Zhantell Lindo?

MS. LINDO: Okay. Aloha, my name is Zhantell Lindo and I would like to testify on the fire station relocation and the drainage. The first, I'm totally in support of the police station being a priority to be moved upward out of the flood zone. They absolutely need that. I am totally not in support of the current location that is proposed for the reasons that were cited at the site visit which is that I don't think there was enough conversation being had about is it the most effective, efficient, and best place for Moloka'i as a whole, not just for the Department. And I also think there's a lot of advantages that can be had by looking at current places like the 100 acres allocated for affordable housing above Kaunakakai Town above the hospital, being able to just by that project create access that is above the flood zone. There's also enough acreage up there that we could partner potentially with the State of Hawaii and move our school out of the flood zone. So, there is so much different partnerships that can be had if we just took a little bit of time to find something that was more suitable for long term. The second thing is the drainage plan. I was on the Commission when we denied and actually, I want to back up. I was on the Commission when we approved the initial drainage plan for Moloka'i that was like 20 years ago I think. And initially there was this four-or-five-piece plan that was going to be put into place, and 20 years later we're still on B. And what's interesting is through the years they went backwards, like started with D and then went to B and then I don't know what, how the piecemeal happened. But 20 years later, I'm sitting here and thinking my thoughts have changed.

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It's not okay to put our wastewater in the ocean. It's not okay to spend millions of dollars to Band-Aid a solution when we know we eventually going out of town. We going move to higher ground. It's not okay to prioritize a drainage plan that is currently being mitigated by pump trucks but say that I absolutely have to have, you know, all these millions of dollars to do that. I agree with Cheryl that more of the problem lies in what we're going to do when our sewage overflows into our ocean. What are we going to do when we...our police station, you know, needs to move and we can look at one better location than what we have proposed right now. The drainage plan was good at the time it was proposed, but lots have changed since then and the priorities have changed since then, so I don't feel that it's efficient or responsible to take a 20-year-old plan and just say let's keep on going 'cause you approved it then. I was one of those who approved it then and it was a great idea at the time, but it is not a great idea right now. And as a community member, I can see so many different priorities that can be made more relevant and into the forefront than creating a piecemeal drainage plan that will eventually just take all that waste and put it in our ocean and that's not okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Lindo. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay, seeing none, mahalo for your testimony. Okay, Captain Okamoto, are you ready for your presentation?

. . .BEGIN POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. . .

MR. OKAMOTO: Good afternoon. This is Captain Okamoto for those of you who don't know who I am. Can you hear me? Okay, so I'm the District Commander, responsible for operations for the Police Department here on Moloka'i. So, I see couple of you guys came to our last meeting, but basically I'm just going to run through this. So, I've been here since August, so I inherited this project. So, this is...this slideshow I'm going to show you, this is the current up-to-date information that I have as far as education, again like Zhan said, you know, this is a process. Obviously, you know, I'm going to show you the reasons why we need it and then also, you know, kind of open it up for questions afterwards if you have any concerns based on what you've seen. So, I know for the Council, you guys...I don't know if you guys got to see this yet. But anyway so let's just get into the, our PowerPoint presentation. So first of all, we're going to go with the proposed site. So, are you guys all familiar with Holomua Junction? It's right on the corner of the highway, Kalae Highway, _____ that intersection. So, can go ahead . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Okay. Yeah, can just go through. So, again this is what I already mentioned, just what's covered in the PowerPoint which is basically an overview of the proposed site. Yeah. I know, I know, it's kind of a bad angle yeah? Can you guys actually even, can anybody even see that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We cannot. We can move.

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MR. OKAMOTO: Yeah 'cause I'm like right here I can barely see it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can see.

MR. OKAMOTO: Yeah. You guys...okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. OKAMOTO: No, no, I said if you guys cannot see is what I'm asking. So, yeah, I can see. I can...but it's, from where I'm at it's kind of bad so I can imagine how...if you guys see that. So, okay, next one. Yeah. So, okay, you guys know where the current station is, right? Right next door, been there since 1979. So, next, then again. Again, showing the, we're all talking about the concerns about the flood zone so we are within the flood zone, this current structure. Turn to the next one. Okay, now Holomua Junction proposed site. We're going to go back...going to this in the next slide presentation but can always...11.4 acres. Right now, it's currently zoned Light Industrial. Obviously it's out of the flood zone which is what everyone is talking about. We have some plans for water that we're looking at right now. Price, right, currently negotiated at 1.4 million for the 11.4 acres. Originally the owner was asking for almost \$3 million so we kind of brought it down a lot. So, yeah, next. All right, tax map key, overall aerial view so you guys know where all that is. The next one. Again, yeah, so well, kind of going back, so again there currently there is no water right there, but, you know, we're kind of looking into the options, you know, whether we have to get it from the ranch or we have to bring in our own water, yeah. So, the next. Again, the usages that we're looking at number one is just improving the facilities for our officers which for me, you know, in turn is our ability to service the community. Again, we also planning for growth, you know. Well okay, let me go back a little bit. So, you guys all know where the...so right now the dispatch center or the 911 center that you guys call is actually, it's at the new fire station, and that's because the old station doesn't support the equipment or the needs of the dispatch. So, being there's the new fire station was being built and there was an opportunity to move it in there. So, it's there now but it actually falls on the Police Department so it would make sense for us to bring it back under our roof but not over here. So, again, like I said, you know, growth not just for the Police Department operations but then, you know, maybe partner or sharing it with other County agencies, Department of Motor Vehicles, Real Property Tax, whatnot, yeah. 'Cause everybody knows yeah, we all come over here anyway yeah, so this is like the central government right here for Moloka'i. So, okay, next slide. Again, yeah, we are trying to follow the community plan. Okay, when it comes to actually, you know, the acquisition and collaborating with other organizations. Okay, next plan. Again, one of the concerns is, you know, right now moving the station, how we're going to affect the response time to certain areas of the

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island. So, right now obviously we're going to affect East End, is going to be affected yeah. It'll benefit West End 'cause we're going to move that much closer, but, you know, we're moving a little further from East End. But just based on the response time, you can see over there, what is that, from Kaunakakai Town 5 minutes, out East End 25 minutes, Kualapu'u is at 1:51, Moloka'i High School 4 minutes, Maunaloa 13 minutes average time. So, if we move out there, I think we're adding like, what is that like four minutes maybe from here to there as far as going out to East End. But then bear in mind that's actually response if the officer is like responding from the station so, you know, that's not taking into consideration the officers are supposed to be out there patrolling out East End and out West End so they're responding from wherever they're at. So, okay, next slide. Again, benefits, number one thing is just getting us, not just us but, you know, maybe future plans get other County services out of the flood zone. Again, Holomua Junction is pretty much splitting the island right in half, East End, West End, so right down the middle. Again, we've outgrown...the facility is inadequate, is antiquated, we've outgrown it. The proposed site is pretty much ready to build. Well, not ready to build but, you know, again is...we kind of checked it out, it's more or less flat, you know, no more too much blue rock so we won't have to spend as much money as far as the construction. We did a preliminary EIS or environmental and historic study so right now there's no concerns with that, with that parcel that we're looking at. So, again, also with, you know, construction and the possibility of moving other offices up there is an opportunity for some economic growth, yeah, as far as locally here. So, the next. Again, some of the concerns that were brought up, cost of construction. Obviously building on Moloka'i it costs more than building anywhere else in Maui County. What are we going to do with the current tenants over there and the existing structures? Sewage line, we're not on County over there so that's something we need to address. And also it was brought up again as far as like, you know, servicing the community. You know we may be moving out but the community is not moving with us. So, okay, next slide. Of course these are the next steps. The funds have been allocated so now we're just doing our due diligence and trying to get the authorization for the release of the funds to proceed as far as with the land acquisition. Again, this is part of doing our due diligence, getting input from the community and again doing the right thing, doing it the right way, yeah. So, okay. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . You want to go the next PowerPoint? You can close it out. So, this is the basic, this is the presentation on the proposed move. So, I'm actually going to bring up the actual site plan that we have. I don't know how much you guys can see 'cause get some real small font on that one, but. Yeah. Yeah. No, not this...no, not that one. That one is just for the Council. The other one. Other...that, revised, yeah. Yeah. So, this is kind of an overhead of the Swenson property, Holomua Junction. This is the highway right at Maunaloa and Kalae. I don't know if you guys can picture it but this is the two access roads. So, on the top side, this on the bottom. So, actually the access roads fall within the property line but this is the proposal right here.

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The building, the police building right here, parking. Again, potential for additional buildings, and the future development again with, you know, if we want to...thinking about maybe moving other County offices out there. So, 11 acres is, it's a lot of property that we're looking at. So, again it's...when we look at the property, it's not just for now, it's like we're looking like 50 years down the line, you know. So, we, you know, take...took into consideration the potential for growth when identifying the proposed site. So, I don't know how much you guys can actually see of that so, but anyway. If you guys can picture the copy right now, I think the existing buildings it's like right here. So, we'd be like kind of in the middle, and the backside would be more the parking lot side. Can go to the next one. Oh, that's...only get two, yeah. Yeah, so and this is kind of like a closer view of the potential--right here--potential future development. And like I said, it doesn't really do you...do anything for you guys 'cause you really can't read it, but this is where the police station would be. It would be closer to the highway and then the parking lot in the back. And again, potential additional buildings like motor pool, firing range, housing for officers that are over here for work or for training, so. And that's all I have for the presentation.

. . .END OF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Captain Okamoto. Okay, so, Members, we'll save your questions until after the testimony. Okay?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, Mr. Krueger, will you please call our next testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: The next person signed up to testify is James Maloae [sic], to be followed by Lori Buchanan. James Maloae [sic]?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uncle Keli'i.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uncle Keli'i?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They calling you, James.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They calling you, James.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can put him to the end?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are you going to testify, Uncle Keli'i?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can put him to the end?

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, change . . .(inaudible) . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we'll save him for...Ms. Buchanan?

MS. BUCHANAN: Aloha, honorable Members of the Maui County Council. Thank you for coming to Moloka'i today. And thank you for having this meeting here on the island of Moloka'i. I was at the site inspection. I attended one community meeting that was convened by Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, and I was appreciative of that. But up until now...sorry, Lori Buchanan for the record. I should make some disclosures. I'm testifying as an individual and community member, but I also Chair the Moloka'i Planning Commission. I am a small business owner. We provide funeral services for the island of Moloka'i since 1981. The house you saw right before the proposed project site was built by my dad in the late 1950s, so I was raised there, went to work for the pineapple fields when I was 14 until they phased out so I'm very familiar with the area. I kind of niele, I kind of like to know everything--you guys can hear?--and I don't have any paperwork and I couldn't click on any of the memorandums that were attached off of the website and I tried my best but I couldn't do it. So, I don't know what paperwork you guys have. I would have like to been able to see the PowerPoint better. I heard that there was a preliminary EIS? I don't know if he said EIS or a CIS, a Cultural Impact statement or study or an Environmental Impact Study [sic]. And the reason why that concerns me is because it is very clear that the proposal, even though we're here just to talk about funds today, is clearly meant to have additional uses. So, this would be part of a larger project. And in piecemealing that together, an Environmental Assessment is really necessary to include all of the social, economic, and cultural impacts that this project would bring to the central ag belt of Moloka'i, whether that would be an upzoning, an additional private property ownership by mainly four landowners that would stand to benefit financially by the movement. Similar to if you went and built Walmart in the desert and then everybody was attracted by a large landowner that had money to facilitate. So, oh, get one thing blinking so I guess I got to wrap up. But I don't know enough about the project and I think there's a lot of other things that are hidden costs, and I'm concerned about the ripple effect. So, if I could see more information. But I do support funding if that funding was to do due diligence. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Buchanan. Members...okay, we have questions for you. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Buchanan.

MS. BUCHANAN: Aloha.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha. I just was wondering, you know, with the sea level rising and the town area is flooding and all that area around the police is zoned Agriculture, where do you see the people going to be moving to? Not that area or...

MS. BUCHANAN: Well, I tell you what, if I going have one police station in central, I going buy all of Kualapu`u available lots right now, because going be worth a lot more money in the near future as the first thing the project get in. I'm concerned about private ownership mauka and east, also west. The ranch, there's primarily four owners, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Monsanto, Moloka'i Ranch, and Kualapu`u Ranch, and they all have the options to change zoning and to upzone their properties to accommodate the needs of what I see as the initiation or establishment of a second city comparable to any second city on our islands, whether that be Kapolei and it took 25 years to develop. But that's what I envision. I think it is also adverse to the Moloka'i Community Plan that is fresh off the press last year. I should disclose I was part of the CPAC in the planning process for the, now the new Moloka'i Community Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MS. BUCHANAN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. And then, Ms. Buchanan, did you want to testify on the second item? I'll be taking testimony on both EDB-42 and EDB-57 which is the Kaunakakai Drainage System B. I was hoping Public Works would have been able to be here to do a presentation for everyone but they were unable.

MS. BUCHANAN: Okay. Well, you know, this is...thank you. Lori, for the record again. I will testify on the drainage. And I met with the project developers when they came back to Moloka'i and said we discovered hazardous waste and materials which is going to change the outlet of our project. This project is what, 35 years old, I no think it's 20, I think it's 35. And at that point in time, the default was to go where you guys all know where the Moloka'i pizza parlor is. But there's a little river, the...it's not the big river that floods, it's additional wetlands that is right next to the yacht club where the Federal government owns the Coast Guard light tower there. That is where the proposed outlet is now proposed to be. That's why they need extra money. The long-term proposal was to come out east of Kaunakakai Wharf into the ocean. Now, the proposal is to come west of Kaunakakai Wharf. So, my concern with that and I voiced it at that time was I was not amenable to that, because it would add additional sewage in an already high pH level because we have the sewer facility west. And Aka`ula School on their own through their science program started a long-term study of the pH levels in west of Kaunakakai Wharf which is elevated. It's now contributing to the Gorilla ogo blooms. If you go down the wharf today,

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you'll see a bunch of it that's been there since we had the west south shore winds about two weeks ago. It's adding to the stench and it contributes to the algae blooms. We also saw the emergence of invasive pests like mangrove jellyfish that resulted in blooms where the designated swimming area was at the Kaunakakai Wharf. And since then, we've been trying to remove those invasive species from the swimming area because that's where the kids swim. So, I wasn't in favor. I thought it was a really flippant and arbitrary decision made by the project developers at the time and they basically did not have any alternatives. And so, that's what they hold...held over our heads, that they didn't have an alternative. And so, this is why they back again for more money because they're changing the project. So, I not in favor of the drainage. What else we was supposed to testify on? That's it, just police and drainage? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, just those two items.

MS. BUCHANAN: So, thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Hold on. Mahalo for your testimony. Members, any questions? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Buchanan. Again, aloha. Wondering if...so if they no more alternatives then...and you don't want the project, you just want to leave it the way it is?

MS. BUCHANAN: Well, kind of was like that 35 years already, so I don't know what improvements because we already at...below mean sea level. The project engineers admitted on the record that they...it probably wouldn't have any more of a different type of resolve for the flooding in Kaunakakai. So, I not an engineer but I just thought that putting it into wetlands that currently have a host of --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Issues.

MS. BUCHANAN: --seabirds and it's near a party area, the yacht club and it's the most used area at the wharf, was not a great idea.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

MS. BUCHANAN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Buchanan. Okay, seeing no other testifiers...seeing no other questions, Mr. Krueger, will you please call our next testifier?

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MR. KRUEGER: The last person signed up to testify is Leomana [sic] Naki testifying on agenda item EDB-42.

MR. L. NAKI: Okay. In 10 seconds or 25 seconds, can you tell me what is this drainage thing about? Explain so I can explain to you what you wen explain to me. Thank you. I'm Leimana Naki. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Uncle Leimana. Sure.

MR. L. NAKI: You want me...I'm here to talk about the Police Department. My son told me, see, no, you didn't talk about the drainage so okay, so help me so I can talk about the drainage.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can talk about the police station first.

MR. L. NAKI: I can talk about the Police Department? Oh thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. L. NAKI: Okay, here we go. You going restart me right? Thank you. During the course of last year and the year before, you were making meetings for the Police Department and it was not comfortable, it was not suitable for our community, because the time they held the meeting, we had other meetings in the community. Whether it was on the east, the west, or the south, the Police Department is important, yes, so is the community. And who they arrest? Exactly, the community. Hello. So, here we go. We went that way, now we going this way. You have to make a decision to raise your hand and say what decision we make to be who going be first, because this is all lowlands. So, you got all this community here, who was here first? The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Who made this community first? When the tourism shut down, when they had this 9/11, who was here to support this community? We, the people of this island that live here in Ho`olehua, these four communities were here and even till now we're here to support. So, third thing, thank you. So, all this community here at One Alii and Kapa`akea, if we were to take a vote now, bring this community in this community right now and take a vote for that Police Department or for them to move, we will win. It is dangerous and the water is rising, you're right, the water is rising tonight and then it will recede back to the ocean. And you're right again, next month he'll rise again, yeah, and then he'll recede again and he will rise again. You know the word rise, three times he will rise because we just had this meeting. Our Councilwoman was here with. . .*(inaudible)*. . .three months ago, we had this meeting at Kulana `Oiwī talking about the rising of our sea and the cesspools that's been exposing. We the fishpond builders is the good purpose, because the fishpond whether it's above water or below water, it still works. Less. You're right, I did not write anything yet, yeah, I came here knowing that I will speak from my heart and

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from my people and from this land. That's the first and foremost. Other things, you're right, yes, and I will write something up. And I hope that this three minutes is only for now. I have another three minutes later and later and later. I hope not but possible, yes. So, for the Police Department, they should wait, the ho`omanawanui. Thank you. Next question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Naki. Members, any questions for Mr. Naki? Member Sinenci?

MR. L. NAKI: Ask me a question, somebody.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha, Nakala.

MR. L. NAKI: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Shane from Hana.

MR. L. NAKI: Hau`oli Makahiki Hou.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha, Hau`oli Makahiki Hou. So, by moving the Police Station up to Kalae Junction and Maunaloa and...Holomua, e kala mai, and you living all the way out in Mana`e --

MR. L. NAKI: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --and so Captain Okamoto said it's about a four-minute difference from here versus being up at Holomua. Would that make a significant, you know, change...

MR. L. NAKI: Arrival and driving?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Well, yeah, yeah, to get out to Man`ae --

MR. L. NAKI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --or is it already a...

MR. L. NAKI: Well, if the police officer got a heavy feet, yeah, and step on the gas pedal, you'll get up there quick and your hair going be way down here and you going be shaking. They say damn, brah, you know, we got a lot of corners up here. But think he's on a, you know, a freeway and it's not --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right.

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MR. L. NAKI: --so they have to be more cautious when they driving on the east side, many, many corners. Thank you for that question.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Has there been any problems about getting out to Mana'e as far as to answer some calls up on the east side from the police to respond?

MR. L. NAKI: Well, what is the reason the Police Department goes to the east, to every household? It's going to be a domestic problem. What brings domestic problems, yeah? Three things, number one, money, there is not enough money that pays our people to live with all these expenses and so forth going on. You name the price, you name the rent, you name this, they name the gas, hello, we're on Moloka'i. If you're not on Moloka'i, you're in Hana and man, I used to say God, I need extra gas when I go to Hana, I need extra gas when I go to Mana'e. Okay. See, everybody stay nodding their head. Thank you. Yeah. And so, this is some of the things, this is the requirements when you live that far. Okay. And that's one of many more. Give me one more question. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Nakala.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Naki, for your testimony. That's all the questions.

MR. L. NAKI: Cooperation, no more one question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Uncle Leimana.

MR. L. NAKI: What is the next question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, pau questions.

MR. L. NAKI: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. L. NAKI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Krueger, will you please call our next testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: The next person signed up to testify is Walter Ritte, to be followed by Mahina Poepoe.

MR. RITTE: Aloha, Councilmembers. We wanted to talk story with you guys little bit more but ho, expensive for fly over there and really hard to testify to you guys

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over the little TV screen. There's no relationship on that thing. So, we mahalo you guys for coming to Moloka'i. I hope you guys can come more often. This whole issue of the police station is the beginning of a long-term problem we're going to have here on Moloka'i which is sea level rise. So, how we do this one, we need to have a broader picture about what is going on. Probably the whole town is going to have to move. Hawaiian Home Lands, all along the coast, Kalama'ula, Kapa'akea, so we have a long-term problem that we gotta start dealing with and we can start with this police station. I don't like the idea of going all the way to the junction and starting a whole new center of business or whatever that's going to create. I think we should use this opportunity to think ahead. The good thing that's happening on Moloka'i is that Moloka'i Ranch is for sale, and we need to try and figure out how to use that opportunity. All of our ballparks, rubbish dump, all of that kind of...all the lands that we're using in Kaunakakai, not all but a lot of it is leased from Moloka'i Ranch. So, the opportunity right now, it's been over a year since the sale was announced, and we have some really good buyers, some bids have gone in, and we support those people, conservation groups that coming in. I'd like to urge the County to become a partner in all of this. If the County can pick up at least 100 acres above each of our towns for future expansion, that would be really, really good. I think you...I don't know what they're paying for this Police Department lands, but you can get the lands much cheaper if you're a partner with the people who are now making proposals to Singapore. So, the whole idea also includes water. The County is having a hard time feeding the population now with their well. They're right next to Hawaiian Home well and then there's the ranch well and now the wells are getting more salty so water is at a premium. Moloka'i Ranch, Well 17 is also part of the sale. They have...they had an opportunity to lease 1.03 million gallons a day, but they did not renew their permit so they don't have any permits for the last four or five years I think now they've been operating without a permit. So, the Water Commission is pretty upset with them and told them you have to get a new permit. To get a new permit you have to convince them and the community that you need a million gallons. Before with all of the big plans they had for the coastline and the hotels and all of that, they could justify it. They cannot justify that now so the water is a big issue. So, if you guys got involved, you could actually do an appraisal of the ranch lands and we can find out...they want 260 mil, that's crazy. So, what is the real cost of those lands? And if you guys get involved, you guys...Kamehameha Schools, we asking them to get involved, some other companies are getting involved. But the key is to bring down the price, and after a year and a half, they're so nervous about all of this they want to sell really badly now, and they know that people are coming here, looking at everything, they see the community and they only coming here for money, they not coming here to build a community. So, if you guys got involved, I think would be a really big plus. So, that would help us try to figure out how to move our town mauka, because there's at least over 100 acres mauka of our town. Mahalo.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ritte. Members, questions? Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha, Uncle Walter, for being here. I just had a clarification. Well 17 --

MR. RITTE: Well 17 --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --the location.

MR. RITTE: --is one of three wells in the aquifer up at Ho`olehua. You have the homestead wells, you have the County well, and you have Moloka`i Ranch well. So, they're all pulling out of the same glass and it's becoming salty. The County now is being pressured to find another well someplace, but it doesn't matter where the County is going to go, they're going to impact our shoreline. You suck water from the mountain, you impact all our fishponds, all our limu grounds, all our fish. It's going to be very, very difficult for the County to put in a new well on the island of Moloka`i. So, now this well is up for grabs, they're already allowed a million gallons, and if the County came involved then at least there would be a reason why you would continue to be drawing a million gallons. If not, it's going to be like .2 or .1 because they cannot justify the water on West Moloka`i, there's just not enough development.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here. I just was wondering, you know, in the 100 acres that you were speaking of about Moloka`i Ranch lands, do you have any concerns among those for cultural sites or iwi within that 100 acres that you was referring to?

MR. RITTE: Yeah, I think there's going to have to be some kind of a cultural assessment. I know across the gulch, Kaunakakai Gulch on the other side, we did cultural assessments, but on this side I don't know if there's anything. The housing project that's right behind us, it's just mauka of that. The lands are just right above that. And there's a big water tank, the County tank, water tank is up there. But I don't know of any cultural sites that have been told to us. But I don't know if anybody has really gone and took a close look.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then that same area that you're referring to, when the rivers flood the area, they can get in and out of...

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MR. RITTE: It's just, it's going to be like where we are now, all you have to do is drive right up to the road, I did that today. We went drive up the road to the end and you can see all the land, and you drive down to the other side, you drive through all the communities, a beautiful, beautiful community, and that's the other end of the communities. So, that would be like the boundaries between. So, there's no flooding in that area. Kaunakakai Gulch is on this side, that's where all of...all the water goes into Kaunakakai Gulch, except for this small one that comes by and loves the police station.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, seeing no other questions, Mr. Ritte, did you also want to testify on EDB-57, the Kaunakakai drainage?

MR. RITTE: Yeah, I think that's another one that should wait until we figure out a...we have a brand new community plan, you know, we don't have to look at the old one, we have a brand new one that tells us a lot of the things I've been telling you. We want 100 acres here, 100...and we want this, we want that. So, the new community plan should be the one that's guiding what's going to happen. The new community plan was calling for Kaunakakai to be an oceanfront town. So, across the service station, Rawlins Service Station, that was supposed to be the gateway to...for a park with the canoe clubs and all of that. And the flood area was going to be part of the park, so that would give more room instead of trying to go through businesses and stuff like that, it would just go through the park. That was the original plan. And the park was called Malama Park and we have plans for that in order to bring all of the canoe clubs over here and all that kind of stuff. So, the plan is really a good plan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ritte. Any questions on this item, Members? Okay, seeing none, mahalo for your testimony. Mr. Krueger, will you please call our next testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: The next person signed up to testify is Mahina Poepoe testifying on agenda items EDB-42 and EDB-57, to be followed by Nathaniel J. Naki.

MS. POEPOE: Hello. I'm Mahina Poepoe. I'm going to start with the drainage. I'm not prepared, I just scribbled this down just now, but I think that that plan is so old and that maybe back in...well, according Zhan, it was made when I was ten years old, and according to Aunty Lori, I wasn't even born yet. So, it's so outdated and I don't even know that we should be holding on to plans that old and trying to implement them this far down the line. Sea level rise and coastal retreat I don't believe were even on the radar back then, and that's something that is really real now and it's happening faster than we planned for. That area where the water would come out would be the...is the highest area of recreation

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for keiki canoe paddling, and just in general, that's where most of the canoe paddling happens on the island. It's also, you know, within the area of the highest population so it gets the most recreational use. When I went to the site visit when they came to the Commission a couple years ago, it kind of routed the water into a basin, overflowed the basin into the wetland and it goes into the ocean. But we were looking at the wetland and we're like, are you talking about those mangrove trees and the pickleweed? It's not a healthy wetland so it can't be expected to function in its ability to sequester the chemicals or whatever is going to be in the water. There was no testing, unlike the water that I could find that shows like what types of containments would be in there for like...because some of the water would be coming off the gas station, I had questions about the petroleum, PCBs, toxoplasmosis, stuff like that. And then if town is going to be moving upwards anyway which we don't know where that's going to be at, but I don't feel like it's a good use of money to be putting in new infrastructure when likely we're going to be moving within the next 30 to 50 years. So, that's all for that. For the police station, in our community plan, there is an area behind Ranch Camp, right up here, I think a couple other people talked about it, that was designated as project district. I don't think that's where we decided we wanted to move the town but that that would be an area that we would discuss with priority for when we talk about moving the town. For the police station, I'm not opposed to moving the police station, but it's all the other terms that came along with it that concerns me like County campus, future development. We're talking about a police station but we're not really talking about a police station, we're talking about a really big build-out, like a complex, and I see police station, then housing, then lodging for the officers, then maybe a restaurant, and then maybe, you know, whatever else. So, I think we should talk more about it in the terms of the maximum build-out that is possible instead of just focusing on the police station, and that's a much larger conversation than we've had so far. I also heard about the preliminary EIS, and I wasn't able...I never saw those documents and I'm not sure if they're public or not. Yeah. And also I would have liked to see statistics on where the highest call volume is, at least historically for maybe the last five years. To...maybe that would actually help them justify moving west. But without seeing those numbers, I'm not sure like where the most calls are. I do think it should be kept central and possibly having little satellite stations. Instead of moving like the whole facility, having like a central station somewhere in town and then if Maunaloa, West End get a lot of calls that would justify having a small area or house out there. And then if, you know, you talk to the Mana'e community they might not like the idea but maybe consider that. Yeah, that's all. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Poepoe. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Oh, Mahina?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh sorry, just one quick question to clarify your proposed sites for the...I guess you mentioned two satellite police stations instead of one big one. Where would you propose locating the two satellite stations?

MS. POEPOE: You would have to go into the communities and figure out I think with them. But I would think it would just be like a house where a couple officers could park and switch out.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Kind of like a substation?

MS. POEPOE: Yes, substation. Yeah, that's the word.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, all right. Okay, mahalo.

MS. POEPOE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Any other questions, Members? Okay, seeing none, mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Poepoe. Mr. Krueger, will you please call the next testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: The next person signed up to testify is Nathaniel J. Naki testifying on agenda items EDB-42 and EDB-57, to be followed by Lehua Kauka.

MR. N. NAKI: Aloha. First name, Nathaniel, last name Naki. Yeah. I speak on behalf of myself and I speak from my heart, my mind, my soul, my spirit, you know, and my body, my flesh. If any of you are...is familiar with the Bible, there's a rainbow, yeah, a rainbow. What is the rainbow? The rainbow is what God promised us that the world would not flood again. That's the promise, the rainbow. Okay. That's one. Second of all, I'm the fourth son of my father Leimana, Raymond _____ Naki, that's my father. My elder brother Palmer. I'm from here and I'm not from here to be honest, from far away. I love to surf. I used to hunt. I used to fish. I do a little bit of it every now and again, I try to, do a little bit on the side. But for this movement of the police station, there's a wheel of steel like a molecular, like spheres, molecular, and when you bring in one thing, you have to bring in another thing and then another thing and then another thing, you know. And everyone's concerned about this water rising. I'm not concerned about this water rising. But if it does, I hope we all can swim. Anyway, how are we going to move these buildings all the way up? These buildings are here to stay. All right. Back to the wheel of steel, anyway, who's going to be charged? Who's going to be charged for that? The people? The community? Families? We endangering ourselves. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Naki. Members, any questions? Okay, thank you for your testimony. Mr. Krueger, will you please call the next testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: The next person signed up to testify is Lehua Kauka testifying on agenda item EDB-42, to be followed by Aisha Senas-Childs.

MS. KAUKA: Hi, aloha. Aloha, Councilmembers. Mahalo for coming to Moloka'i. I'm Lehua Kauka. I'm representing myself although I do sit on the Kalama'ula Homesteaders Association Board. So, we too are facing the sea level rising. Where we going put our Hawaiian homesteaders that live Kalama'ula? I mean the thing eating up our lands really quickly so we on the drawing board too what we going to do with our Hawaiian homesteaders right now too. So, we also facing the same situation, but the only thing is we on the ocean right now. At least the Police Department, you guys still get little bit more time yeah 'cause you guys right here. We no more time, we on the ocean at Kalama'ula at this moment. But so I agree with Uncle Walter too. I don't agree with the Holomua Junction proposal. Well first of all, I never come for testify, I came over here for take my students swimming at the pool, I work Kilohana Elementary School and I said what get, so I ended up staying. But anyway, I was just taking notes and, you know, listening to all these other testimonies and stuff. So, I no agree with Holomua Junction. First of all, he stated that they did their inspection. They went inspect the site. They said going cost less money because get less blue rocks. I no think so, get blue rocks everywhere. And he also said that they don't know where they're going to get the water from. That's the number one thing on our island is water, yeah, water is life. So, until we know where that water coming from and how much money going cost, I think then we should make one decision yeah, 'cause he said they can get 'em from the ranch and that was it. What was the other option? So, that was a question that I had too, where else the water coming from if not going come from the ranch yeah? 'Cause that going cost plenty money too, 'cause I know we not going to do one water catchment. The other thing that I was looking at is yeah, maybe we can purchase the Moloka'i Ranch like what he said, although it's a high amount of money. I don't know if they would be willing to maybe sell maybe partial of it, I don't know. That's why we should come to the drawing board again, I don't think we should move forward with this proposal. Another thing I was looking at is yes, we gotta work with other agencies. You guys can work with us too, Hawaiian Homes, County, State, 'cause we not only going have to move the Police Department, we also going to have to move Kaunakakai School, get other things that we can look forward and maybe come to the board and agree to something. But I do think we should keep 'em central, I no think we should go anyplace else. Town is always town and should be kept central, maybe above here, I don't know. That's for you guys for decide and us. But temporary, I think substations like what Mahina said too, temporarily we can make one

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substation up Mana`e with, maybe with the fire station, 'cause I know that's something else that they're looking at. And maybe the other one can be at the Ho`olehua Fire Station for now because if we going come to the drawing board for maybe make 'em one bigger project, buying up the ranch or whatever it may be, I think we need more time. But that's like one temporary solution that I would have, make substations temporarily. And that's all. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Kauka. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay, seeing none, mahalo for your testimony. Mr. Krueger, will you please call the next testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: The last person signed up to testify is Aisha Senas-Childs testifying on agenda item EDB-42.

MS. SENAS-CHILDS: Hi, my name is Aisha Senas-Childs. I'm just here to...I wasn't even actually going to share anything or even speak, but I've had time to think as we all had a little bit to share. But I attended the last meeting that Keani, Councilmember Keani had and got to share...got to listen in to the proposal for the relocating of the Police Department. I only express this for myself and my family, 'cause there's so many of us have different opinions on the location, proposed location. I remember growing up, I grew up in Kawela my whole life. I got married and I ended up in Maunaloa now. I reside in Maunaloa. So, I'm on one end and now I living on the other end. So, takes a, it takes a long time for police to reach different locations, yeah, I wouldn't say a long time because I not really timing 'em. But, you know, sometimes it takes long time, because there's an emergency happening yeah, kind of your nerves is going. But now that I reside on, in Maunaloa, now we timing 'em because we far away. So, if police is in town--this is just from my experience okay--there's domestic violence happening, I used to live in Kahale Mua, beating up each other, going off, weapons, whatever, takes 45 minutes for police for reach. By that time, within 15...50 to half hour pau already, the person is still knocked out on the road, we as community members have to go check on 'em. They no reach because I'm hearing that police is first responders and then if there's somebody hurt then ambulance. I don't know the whole thing, I'm not a professional at all that kind of people in uniform. But I do know that if...it affects us that, who live far away. When I was growing up in Kawela, not, never have too much stuff happening growing up. But nowadays there is a lot of stuff happening, a lot of not too maka'i things, I no need go into 'cause everybody knows what's happening in the communities today. But I am for the police station to be relocated at Holomua Junction not because everybody else...some is for it and some not, I'm speaking on behalf of my family. And get plenty kupunas up in Maunaloa. One kupuna already had a heart problem, we had to drive uncle down to meet them Mahana Stretch. And you know how fast he was going? The uncle went took the...my husband was part of that...sorry, real fast. It...we had to meet them in Mahana Stretch. He was speeding 70 miles an hour to

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meet the ambulance. So, and then now everybody in our community is trying to learn CPR because not going have enough...not only because it's downtown the police station but one, I going bring this up, no more enough police officers on duty to reach the desired destinations. A lot of people Moloka'i they no like police officers, but us in Maunaloa we like 'em because for safety of our community. I have two children with disabilities, if they get lost, if they get hurt, we have to whip 'em down here for get medical attention, and that put us all in, lives in danger speeding. So, I am for the police station to be up there 'cause it's central of Moloka'i if you look. I understand...I don't fully understand of the cultural impacts and of the community members, but this is just me, I speaking on behalf of my household. But anyway, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Senas-Childs. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay, seeing none, mahalo for your testimony. Okay, Mr. Krueger?

MR. KRUEGER: There is no one else signed up to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. No, I think he said that's okay. He waved that's okay. Okay, is there anyone else in the audience wishing to testify before I close public testimony? Okay, seeing...oh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, he wanted to testify about Mo'omomi . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Palmer, you wanted to testify? Okay. You okay? Okay. Okay. All right, Members, if there's no objection, I'm going to close public testimony.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, how's everyone doing? Does anyone need a quick recess? Are we okay? You want a quick recess? Oh, okay. Okay. All right. Can I call the, our two...oh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay. Go ahead. Bye, Uncle Keli'i. All right.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we're going to start with EDB-42, Relocating the Molokai Police Station. I'll call Acting Assistant Chief Lopez and Captain Okamoto back up for Members' questions on the presentation. Okay. And I'll start from that side, yeah? Okay. Member Molina, we're going to start with you if you have any questions. No questions? Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Let's see, Department, I think for me my problem is the scope of the project, I wasn't very clear. And hearing this community, I'm, I've come to terms that, yeah, not everyone is clear on what the Department is actually proposing. So, my, for me I'm a 20-year veteran of this project. This project should have been completed under Chairman Kawano's time. Okay. That police chief chose to cancel the project. Yeah. We had Chief Tagomori, Chief Phillips backing up the project and would have been done. We had the financing at that time. So, my thing is what is the Department's view? I think the community has brought up a very good thing that I would more than likely would support which is relocate this central station to somewhere smarter and safer but small. And I could support two substations for west side and east side, but I am reluctant to give you one big station. So, where are you? Because I find it interesting you have a preliminary EIS, yet we haven't approved the total project scope so I don't know what you went out for an EIS for. Your bond funding isn't approved. You had to take cash from operations, so you need to explain to us what is the EIS scope, about because that's not what I voted for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Captain Okamoto or Assistant Chief Lopez?

MR. LOPEZ: Good afternoon, Members. Thank you for that question, Member Hokama. And from what we gather, the EIS was done in good faith because we had seen this property as a way to look toward the future for...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, Acting Chief Lopez. Oh, okay. Mahalo. Sorry, please proceed.

MR. LOPEZ: So, we had viewed this project as a way to look toward the future for our community and for our Department. The preliminary EIS was done so we could proceed. We didn't want to proceed if there were burials or iwi or anything of cultural importance on the site, because if there was something cultural on the

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site, we would have immediately backed off on the project. So, the monies we think were handed to us in good faith so we could proceed further with the project. And we cannot answer for something that happened 10, 15, 20 years ago. We're here with the here and now. And in looking toward this Moloka'i land purchase, we're seeing it as a place which is according to the map centrally located. If you split Moloka'i down the middle, this future station would be centrally located, and it would be...response times towards Maunaloa would be positive and response times out to Mana'e would be positive as well. For the money that was accounted for, it was done so that we could proceed further with the project. I hope I answered your question, Councilmember Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, we appreciate your comments 'cause I think the community and the Members would like to have good information, yeah, Chief, so we appreciate the response. But my understanding earlier when this was brought forward to us about three years ago, I didn't expect to spend money because someone was offering to do a project build for us and they would do all the preliminary right-of-entries, EIS, permits, everything and then they would give us the bill and say this is what it took us to build and pay the bill and now you get your building. So, my intention was we would not even be in this position, because it would be a project build...project and turnkey over to the County a finished facility. But that's not the way it's going to go anymore?

MR. LOPEZ: Well, to be honest with you I came onboard in June, so I wasn't here three years ago so I don't know what was promised three years ago. But for me, it's hard to imagine someone coming forward and say I'll do anything for you guys up front and pay me when it's done. With these consultants, with these contractors, they want some form of payment whether it's small, medium, large, halfway, they always want some form of payment before they even do any work. So, we spent a little to advance the project as best as we thought we could.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Who is your consultant please, Chief?

MR. LOPEZ: I believe it's C Y A consultants but I will get back you on that to make that absolutely sure.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. 'Cause the Captain gave us a conceptual from G70 or Group 70 --

MR. LOPEZ: Okay, then that's...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --so they're a sub to your, this other group?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, the G70 is the one that did the preliminary.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, and but they're a sub to your, this other group C Y A or what?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, they're working together.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair, for my...this round.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

MR. LOPEZ: Thank you, Member Hokama.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Assistant Chief Lopez. Okay. Members, I'll add additional information to the presentation that was provided by the Department. After our first meeting on this item last year before I think it was like September, I did send questions to the Department and those questions are in Granicus. Did everyone get an opportunity to review them? So, it included some information on the...so I requested information on the topographical maps, the business plan, identifying where in the community plan it asked for this response times from proposed location, a plan and timeline associated with the community engagement, proposed uses of the property by the Police Department, other County agencies interested in being on the parcel. And that was the first correspondence. And a second follow-up correspondence to the Department, I asked them three additional questions on October 1st...oh I'm sorry, on September 3rd and I received a response on October 1st, and the question was what is the breakdown of all previous and current funding approved for the Moloka'i Police Station including the cost of the preliminary Environmental Assessment? And that was \$884 was paid to Valley Isle Appraisal Company in 2016, for an appraisal of 2150 Maunaloa Highway, Kaunakakai. This was one of the properties we were looking at for the new Moloka'i district station. The second is \$36,531 which was encumbered to fund a contract with Group 70 International to provide services for the preliminary development planning for the proposed new Moloka'i district station. And that preliminary Environmental Assessment was I guess transmitted to the Department on July 3, 2019 and that should also be on Granicus. And the third thing that was funded was \$3,640 to Allan Shishido, DBA Island Appraisals, for the property located 2130 Maunaloa Highway, Kaunakakai. The second question I asked for a follow-up was a list of County agencies interested in using the parcel, and the third question was a plan for the existing police station and neighboring fire station after the Department of Police relocates. And the proposed plan is to utilize it as a substation for the police bicycle patrol program which is in line with the Moloka'i Community Plan. I hope that helps. Okay. Member Sugimura, did you have any questions?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I wonder if you could make a comment about the water, water source, and does the site have enough water for the project needs?

MR. LOPEZ: Member Sugimura, as far as we know, the water would be given by Moloka'i Ranch for now. That's what we're looking at, Moloka'i Ranch.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it's not finalized yet but it's estimated or planned?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, it's planned to get the water from Moloka'i Ranch. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And based upon all the different organizations that would be using it besides the Police, there will be enough water or these are just estimates?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, these are just estimates. Right now, we're looking at Moloka'i Ranch unless the County personnel that are working with us together as a team can come up with other avenues for water, whether it's via the County, whether it's via the ranch, via technology. We know that technology has a way to turn saltwater into freshwater but that's not...there's other avenues. Right now, it's Moloka'i Ranch, I'll stick to that, and we can see what the avenues are as the future unfolds.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here and for your presentation. I wanted to follow up on...because we keep hearing this term preliminary EIS, but I'm not...I don't think that's the right term because usually you don't do an EIS until you purchase the property and it usually ends up being in the hundreds of thousands. But when I was looking through the paperwork, it looked like it was a preliminary archaeological study.

MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, okay, so it wasn't...because I think EIS also has to be available to the general public so I just wanted to find out how much of, you know, what you've spent money as far as the studies has been made available to the general public.

MR. LOPEZ: Thank you, Member King. From what we understand, the preliminary archaeological report which some of us have looked at as an EIS, they looked at the property. We met with them I believe it was early June, and Councilmember Keani Rawlins, we were up there and the people who had worked for us, they looked around the property, they were able to look and do their research. And from what they're telling us is that there's no hazardous

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material up there that we need to worry about. Again, there's no blue rock. They're telling us...

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I understand that 'cause you said that, but I just wanted to know how much of those studies have been made available to the general public to look at? 'Cause that's what we're getting concerns about today is...

MR. LOPEZ: Yeah, I'm sure if we asked we would share. Yeah. It's not something that we kept confidential. If it was asked to be shared, we would share our findings with the public, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then when you're looking at the requirements for water, are you also looking at some of these extended uses that you, yeah, that you're going to need if you do this plan eventually?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, we'd like to use the water for as many things as possible.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And have you calculated what those uses would be if you build it out?

MR. LOPEZ: No, we haven't calculated any water usage up until this point.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, it's fairly preliminary...

MR. LOPEZ: Fairly preliminary, yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: All right, thank you.

MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Assistant Chief. My question was with the Allan Shishido, Island Appraisals for the property at 2130, was the...what did the appraisal come back at? Is that the list price? Was it...

MR. LOPEZ: I'm not sure. I'd have to refer back to the report for that, but I can get that answer to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Committee can request that information for you, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

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MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha. Thank you. I know it's kind of awkward if you come in in the middle of a 20-year discussion or something. Like I really know that feeling, but I was wondering like your capacity for community outreach and planning. Because I like the way that you're thinking like for expansion and things like that, but my concern is, you know, if we are to relocate the County campus and that's not where the people are going to relocate to, and we're looking at the big picture of like, you know, climate resilience and like that. If we relocate the police and all the County services and facilities to Holomua Junction and the community relocates to another place then, you know, the carbon footprint of people having to drive from wherever the whole community relocates to get the services at Holomua Junction, I can feel what people are saying. Like, you know, we're talking about walkable, livable communities, and, you know, I know to a good extent that Moloka'i is self-sufficient. But if we're going to plan to have all these core services in one location which I like, it doesn't make sense to do it independently without, you know, community consultation and outreach as to where the folks in the inundation zone are they going to come and move with you? Or do you...is that what you guys want for them to move with you so that when the services are provided it's close by? And it just seems like if we're going to make this big move, we need more community consultation and what is your abilities to do that? Or would you need someone else to facilitate the Police Department and the community coming together to make kind of more of a joint decision?

MR. LOPEZ: Thank you, Member Paltin, excellent question. I totally agree with you, I'm onboard with you 100 percent that community outreach is necessary for this Moloka'i land acquisition. And we wouldn't want to move forward without the community's support. We had looked at purchasing the land for the Maui Police Department. That's what our goal is, is to get our officers out of this station here that was built in 1979. It's mold-infested, it has ants, cockroaches, it has holes, mold, you name it. It's a lot. We just want to move them to a better premises. Along with that movement of officers comes morale. Morale will be higher with the officers. We believe that better, higher-trained officers will take care of the community better. With community outreach we're hoping to expand the ideas of moving the station, and we'd like the community to move along with us and help us to grow and help us to expand. So, the Police Department just doesn't want to come up with ideas on their own. I like the idea of community output and community outreach to help us guide along with us for the community and the next 30, 40, 50 years. So, for us community input I should say is very important.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, then my follow-up question would be do you have a plan or a timeline for that community discussions?

MR. LOPEZ: Yeah, so we've had what we call small community meetings. We've actually...Captain Okamoto and his staff of officers have been door to door in Kalae I believe.

MR. OKAMOTO: I can take this part. Thanks, Chief. So, you know, yeah, you know, I work with Keani, I've worked more closely with Zhantell 'cause she's here so. And part of our priority here is our job is to serve this community yeah, and then I know we get all these bigger picture things and that is important too, but, you know, we...like someone...like Councilmember Sinenci mentioned, you know, we are a core service yeah. And it's not about, just about oh, better facilities for us, it's better facilities for the community. You know, so like there's a lot of business that's done over there with the community. You know, we end up arresting people and all that, you know. Facilities are not...I guess you can say they're passable but I wouldn't say they're adequate, you know, for like a, especially being out here in Moloka'i, you know, a longer-term holding cell and whatnot too. So, you know, when I...we got here in August, that was a priority for me, you know, I've gone out to all the different communities, I've gone out to Maunaloa, been here in Kaunakakai, I've gone out to Manae, you know, and we've put ourselves out there. You know and one of the things that was important to Keani obviously was input on the Moloka'i station and, you know, and the reality is that yeah, you know, we want to do it the right way yeah, but we gotta do something but we want to do it the right way too. So, I mean I know there's a concern about moving the whole community first and all that, but, you know, I think in the meantime, that's just a longer process. You know the quicker, I guess how you can say the...I wouldn't say it's a solution but addressing that issue about getting... 'cause, you know, obviously it was done with the fire station. So, they moved out, we ended up moving into...taking over their...I mean if you can just imagine for those of you who lived there, you know, I mean we used to share that...well, I used to...I worked here 22 years ago and in between I've been here again and again, and, you know, we used to work right next door to the fire station. Just imagine two core services having to share that facility. So, now we're able to relocate the Fire Department. So, you know, it's about time the Police Department follows suit. Again, you know, we don't want to make any rash judgment, but again it's, you know, finding that balance, you know, is like are we going to do something or we're just going to just stay status quo, you know. You know, Councilmember Hokama mentioned about the substations. We've been asking for that for years, you know. Like my community on Manae, we would love to have a substation out there, that way we don't have to respond from here all the way out there all the time. You know, I mean but again, you know, it's a budgetary thing. You know, Maunaloa, you know, we'd love to have a substation out there. You know or...it doesn't have to be Maunaloa, can be Kualapu'u,

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Ho`olehua, and whatnot. So, in the meantime, you know, I mean we're trying our best. You know, we're going into like maybe private partnership with private community or County partnership with the ranch, you know, maybe give us a temporary working area so that we can have a presence in Maunaloa Town. You know, I mean, you know, we're working with what we can. So, again, like Acting Assistant Chief Lopez says, you know, this is something that I came into, you know, in August, so what came before me, I don't know what happened but, you know, obviously I'm going to advocate for my officers, you know. Because again like I said, their ability to do their job efficiently, it doesn't benefit them, it benefits the community. So, I understand it's a process so and there's a lot of questions that keep coming up, coming up, and in the meantime, you know, I mean it's an opportunity, obviously it's an opportunity. The location, you know, that's for discussion, but, you know, as far as what we're getting, I know there's a question about well, there should be more discussion about, you know, what...are we going...are we adding more County services over there, you know, or we should get input on that too. But, you know, that is just...for us it's more about okay, we've identified a parcel, it's large enough for future growth, so our priority is okay, let's get the police station there, but also, you know, we identified it as an area for potential, you know, growth and stuff like that. So, I know the commitment about oh where we're going to move the community, what if we move the community further east, further away from the station, yes, that's all what ifs and all that. So, that's stuff we cannot answer for so we're just hoping to be able to kind of facilitate where we're at right now. And if that doesn't work, you know, we're just going to move forward with what we have, so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I had another question but I'm not sure who it's for so it might be Corporation Counsel or someone. But my question is if we, I guess authorize this money for the police station to purchase this land, is...it's coming out of the General Fund, it has to always be used for the police station? Or could it be, you know, they set up just a police station to meet their immediate needs, and if the community decides ultimately for the 50-year iteration of the police station, it's going to be somewhere else, can the County then use that land for something else than police station or is it specifically police station monies?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Hopper?

MR. HOPPER: I would say...sorry, I would say right now it is listed as Moloka'i Police Station in the ordinance, and so it doesn't mean that you couldn't look at additional things to be done in the future, but right now in your ordinance, what's before you today does say Moloka'i Police Station in your actual budget. So, I think you...that's how your funds are going to be used. And maybe you can look in more detail on the budget to see what information was provided on

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that but it's stated as such right now. So, there may be some limitations on that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. That's my, all my questions I have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, well, we'll go back around. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good afternoon, gentlemen. You know in your calls for services, the majority of them come out where...through Kaunakakai, Ho`olehua, which is I guess this area is first and then the second most calls for service come from what area?

MR. OKAMOTO: Well, I'd have to...like I said, I mentioned up at the site visit that I can get you exact numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

MR. OKAMOTO: Yeah, so I wouldn't want to short change. Obviously the more populated areas will get the more calls of service which is central. But then now you gotta take into consideration like Maunaloa, you know, per capita, you know, same thing with East End per capita, they get...they may not get the sheer volume of calls but per capita is probably just as much. So, our challenge here is servicing the entire island, you know. So, as far as calls for service, yes, we take that into consideration. But again, I don't know if you can just imagine, you know, like, you know, our officers are out east and then, you know, we gotta go all the way out west, you know, at the...depending on what's going on, so.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Do you have sufficient staffing on the island or you have a shortage or you could use more?

MR. OKAMOTO: We always could use more. Like overall I think the Department, we are short. As far as what's authorized for Moloka'i, we're short one officer but then for me as a commander I think we should be authorized for another officer. It's been like this for --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

MR. OKAMOTO: --since the Police Department has been on Moloka'i and the population has grown, the types of the calls for service has grown. The types of crimes has, you know, expanded. So, we...to me I think we need another authorized officer on shift...

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, which I can see why as part of your finding a, the best site which is closest to the amount of calls, and you're looking long term and you definitely are going to need more. So, if, say we go with this current site you're looking at, it has more expansion, you can add more vehicles. Majority of your type of vehicles are police cars or SUVs or all-terrain vehicles?

MR. OKAMOTO: So, we recently transitioned to four-wheel-drive and SUVs, because again, with the flooding we've had vehicles that go underwater. So, sedans are not, you know, efficient here so we have transitioned, we're slowly...we have like maybe one more sedan left, but we're going to transition to four-wheel-drive and SUVs just because of the issue with the flooding.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And on the subject of the substations out in Maunaloa, so do...you folks have looked at a possible site for a substation out there?

MR. OKAMOTO: No, so we don't have the funding for that, but in the meantime like I said, our priority is servicing the community with what, you know, to be honest with you, you know, we have done the best that, with what we have. So, what we're trying to do right now is like possibly go into partnership with the ranch and maybe them giving us a space to use as a substation, but that wouldn't be a substation per se. But it's just again with this private partnership just to better service the community as opposed to, you know, we're based out of central and then we're only going out to...we have to go out to Maunaloa. We can actually keep an officer out there for a little bit longer and, you know, service them out there, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

MR. OKAMOTO: Same thing with the East End if we could, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I think that's a good direction to approach. Kind of like what Member Hokama was saying about the possibility, at least address a particular need while we look at the, you know, the bigger station down the road, whether it be at this side or somewhere else near town, yeah.

MR. OKAMOTO: But I think it's starting with that main. Obviously, you know, yes, if we can do some, you know, kind of stop gap kind of things but, you know, the...we still need a new main station, so.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. I'm happy to hear the responses from the Department, and thank you for sharing your information. But I think it just verifies I think the community has asked for potentially additional sites for consideration, I think that's fair before we make a final decision. I can tell you for in my experience it's going to be my fifth project for a new station, Police Department. We have very good law enforcement personnel. The Department does not build CIP projects good. That's not their strength. They're not engineers, they're not construction people, they're law enforcement professionals. So, 25 million for this project plus or minus 1 million annual operational cost speaker just introduced to tap our real property tax again so if there's another hand in the pot our ability to borrow, to move roads, to build stations is going to get impacted greatly by our lenders and the bond ratings we're going to get, Chair. So, I think we need to get some good decisions, scope it properly. I think for me I'll support relocate a police facility. As far as other County services, that's a policy decision that Council will make and we'll decide where to place it, because I believe we need to place it where the people want to go and then we bring our services. We don't put our service and say this is where you guys move to. That doesn't work. So, I'm interested in the community's alternative sites if you have. Okay. I know there's one big flow come down this pūnāwai and there's another one come on this side. So, if you guys telling us stay in the middle then help pick sites where you think it is smart to relocate with elevation and drainage for our consideration. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Important discussions and I liked hearing from the community and what they're thinking of this. And I think what we're...what I'm hearing is community input on, you know, an appropriate site. I like the 11 acres versus some of the other alternatives just from discussion. And it sounds like it's a good price. And so, today the job that you're asking us to do is to approve the bond funding, one point...is it 1.8 million bond funding?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One point four million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One million eight hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One million eight hundred. So, Chair or Corporation Counsel, then if we approve this funding today then what happens to all these other ideas that the community has presented? Chair? So, if they're asking us to approve the bond funding, right, for your fire station and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. No, police station.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I mean, I'm sorry, police station.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's what she meant.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, what would happen to having the community input or just incorporating that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, what would happen to the bond fund...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You're asking us to approve it on the agenda today to move this forward, but based upon what the community is saying, it sounds like, you know, that they have other thoughts or maybe they haven't been heard enough yet. You could probably tell us because this is your talk story that you do here. And I just want to make sure that if we move forward, we're encompassing the bigger pictures of what your community needs and where you want it to go.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, if you're asking me, so the \$1,820,000, the breakdown of that is for land acquisition, it's 1,420,000 and then the initial consultation, EIS, and design is \$400,000. So, that's what the \$1,820,000 would encompass. And then farther down the road, so after acquisition of land, the Department submitted this, in as part of their CIP is the following year they would ask for another \$2,250,000 or that's what they would anticipate for, you know, initial planning, permitting. And then the following year, FY 2022 they anticipate, anticipated requesting \$12,750,000 for...and I'm assuming that is to complete construction. And so, all of this would cost an estimated \$16,820,000 if we move forward with the land acquisition at that location. My inclination today after hearing feedback from the community is to defer today. But I wanted us to get as much information as possible. When I held my community or my town hall last month, that was really the first time the community seen the presentation on what was being proposed at the Holomua site. And that was what I had hoped would have happened back in September, but there was transition that was happening. Captain Okamoto wasn't with us yet and the previous captain was just leaving. And so, you know, I think that was just kind of bad timing as far as that goes to get that information to the community. And then it took time for Captain Okamoto after joining our station here to, you know, get up to speed on what the plans are. And so, I really appreciate both Captain Okamoto and Assistant Chief Lopez, because they just, you know, started on this project. Prior to Assistant, Acting Assistant Chief Lopez was Assistant Chief Sterling, and he actually was point on this for a number of years and then I believe he retired. And so, that's where we are with us. So, we're all kind of brand new to this conversation. And so, I heard my community in kind...not that we're rushing because this has been a discussion for a long time, but this proposed site and the proposed site plan is new, that's new. And that's something that the community hasn't had time to really take

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in and understand, you know, what the impacts on that could be even after that which is something that was touched upon. So, that's where I'm at right now. I am, I'm inclined to defer today. There's information that Members have requested that the Committee will request from the Department and so that we can, you know, have that information to make a decision on. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would ask of you, Chair, if you would consider for Committee if you would forward under your signature correspondence, because I think it's worthy what was brought up. If the ranch is willing to consider sales, why wouldn't we want to at least talk and see if there's an opportunity for us? So, I appreciate that comment, because I think it's worthwhile to at least investigate if it makes sense. If it doesn't, well, we tried, at least we talked. So, I appreciate that comment and that opportunity that maybe we can get the better deal, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member King, did you have additional questions?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I just wanted to say that I really appreciate the folks that came out and talked about the satellite offices, the substation I think we're calling it, and your comment about we've been asking for substations for a long time. So, I'm just assuming that means that you have some idea or have you worked on like what that would cost? 'Cause, you know, I'd like to see a comprehensive plan where we have...maybe it's...it doesn't need to be as much property, maybe it doesn't need to be as large as this, but we have a station in central area and then the substations. Because to me it's critical, that timing is critical. It's just to think about taking 45 minutes to get out to a site where there's an emergency happening is disturbing. I'm sure it disturbs you guys too because you're stuck out here. But I would be willing to, you know, as a Councilmember look at funding for, you know, a comprehensive plan so that the response time is cut way down for each side of the island. So, I would just encourage you to take a look at what that would cost operationally and whether you could partner, you know, with some other facility in each side of the island to set up a mini substation. We have one in South Maui really close to where I live for the emergency services, and it's a really small, little cottage thing that sometimes they share with educational organizations, and they just have a, I guess a carport that they park the extra ambulance in. And the...it just makes response times so much quicker, and the guys are happier there 'cause they're closer. But I think that that should be something seriously looked at for the configuration of this island. So, and I'm happy to hear that we're going to probably defer and give our, give the Committee more time to discuss some of these new ideas. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. So, I too wanted to just thank the Captain and Assistant Chief for this presentation. I think you guys started...there was some good points about this site and but, you know, just from hearing the community. I know you guys worked, you know, within the Department. And so, by bringing in everybody I think now that we can have a larger discussion at the communal level. You know, if community has issues about different areas, response time, the Council having some issues about the appraisal and just some of the calls, where is the likely place to put it, or the community plan where some of the future planning, future housing is going to be. So, I just wanted to thank you guys for this. It definitely spurred good discussion. Mahalo for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I concur with them, you know, I'm supportive of substations on the two ends and a centralized bigger station. I just was...had a question about reusing of the current station for a bicycle operations. Is it because it's not the main station that the mold, ants, and cockroaches, there's no longer an issue with the bicycle substation?

MR. OKAMOTO: Well, if...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Captain Okamoto?

MR. OKAMOTO: So, if you're talking about repurposing this station, we're going to have renovate 'em, 'cause I think there's issue with asbestos as well in there too. So, if we're planning on, you know, we already have the structure. So, you know, instead of just throwing 'em away, might as well just repurpose it. So, if we do eventually move our main operations elsewhere then we would like to ideally keep that area. And that was just a proposal saying, you know, that's a new program that we started when I came on so we, you know, it's more about community policing, you know. So, we just wanted to encourage. And our bicycle officers, you know, I don't know if you saw them, I don't know if you had a chance to see them. So, you know, they're more visible, they ride through town, you know. You know you can see them in the short shorts and stuff like that. So, it's actually we get positive, we got positive feedback from, about that, you know, 'cause it's more...they're more approachable. So, that's something we want to encourage, you know. We want to spread the program out to East End and Maunaloa. So, again, you know, like it works in conjunction with the substations, you know, but all that is, you know, wish list. Perfect world, if we could have this, we could have this, you know. And also, you know, I appreciate the Council, you know, having an open mind and listening to what we're, you know, we're saying. 'Cause, you know, we can add facilities but then again like everywhere else in Maui County, you know, it's not just us but selfishly, you know, I want more manpower too because honestly, you know, if

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you get two officers tied up East End and then like she said, you know, get abuse going on West End, they gotta come all the way from East End, they not coming from town, they coming from East End for go all the way over there. So, I mean ideally if we could have more, at least one other beat and I kind talked to Keani about that, that at least we have one supervisor, two officers is our minimum manpower. So, if we can have three officers as the minimum manpower, we have like, with including the supervisor we have two officers covering each end of the island at all times as opposed to, you know, two officers gotta go one end and maybe the supervisor gotta go by himself. So, you could have two equally, you know, dangerous things going on on either end of the island at the same time, or you could have one thing going on that takes our entire Department which has happened here on Moloka'i. We all know there's a lot of tragedies that have happened here where it necessitates the entire Department responding to one area, so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I'm supportive of the wish list and with the budget coming up, my recommendation would be to draw out your whole wish list vision and then scale it like maybe in tiers with, you know, top prioritize...

MR. OKAMOTO: Oh yeah, already started that, so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, right on. Okay, that's it then. Next.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, Members, so what I've heard from the community and from you folks is that we're going to defer the item today. And in the meantime, I think we would like to fix the current station. It's a matter of health and morale as you mentioned already. The roof leaks and there's a lot of problems. As Member Paltin said, budget is coming up and I hope we can get that into the budget right away so that we can at least do that for our officers here. I heard that the Council seems to be supportive of a substation in, you know, both ends of the island which is, you know, part of I think a broader discussion as testifiers mentioned so that we're not doing this piecemeal, we're looking at everything together in concert and looking at what would best serve the community. And lastly, the proviso as we discussed at the site inspection meeting this morning, it does say Holomua. It doesn't have the TMK but it says acquire land, plan, design, and conduct Environmental Assessment for the construction of a new Moloka'i police station located outside the flood and tsunami evacuation zone at Holomua. So, we're kind of locked in, not at that specific TMK but that area, yeah, that location. So, right now that's what that is. I think...did you want to provide any, you know --

MR. OKAMOTO: No, so, you know...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --closing comments?

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MR. OKAMOTO: No, I just, you know, again I appreciate the Council. You know, if you can just... 'cause we've had the meetings, you know, in the last year and, you know, we've gone to different, whether it's your meeting, my meeting. You know, not everybody shows up all the time so we've been kind of getting questions, you know, separately and stuff like that. So, and some of them are kind of redundant at some of the meetings. So, if you can just, you know, just one big, you know, put everything that you need, the Council questions, and we can just answer it one time and be done already and just make an informed decision based on that, so yeah. So, I mean like right now, I just have the calls for service, but if you want to let me know if there's anything else so I can just do it one time, and you guys can make a decision based on that, so yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Wait, are you asking us to vote on this right now?

MR. OKAMOTO: No, I asking you to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh okay.

MR. OKAMOTO: --send me...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: To put all the questions and --

MR. OKAMOTO: So, yeah, put 'em all together --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --then send it.

MR. OKAMOTO: --at one time, 'cause right now I'm hearing the calls for service, but, you know, like I said, you know, we keep getting questions and stuff like that, so just put 'em all together. And like I said --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. OKAMOTO: --some of the questions redundant, we've already answered them so just anything else just put 'em one time and send 'em to us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will. Mahalo, Captain. Okay, any final questions, comments? Okay, if not, Members, the Chair will...oh, Member...if there's no objection, the Chair will defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Mahalo, Assistant Chief Lopez. Did you want to...

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, I did want to say thank you for the Councilmembers, all your support, we really appreciate you guys coming out today, the community for coming out and giving testimony. We really appreciate it because without you we really are nothing. So, we're here, we should be able to work together. And again, thank you for coming out and expressing how you guys feel. We do take it into consideration and it does go a long way. So, thank you very much. We do appreciate that. Again, thank you for time, appreciate everybody. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo for flying over here from Maui. Okay. Members, would you like to take a quick break before we take up the next item? Okay. Let's see, it's...what time is it? Three eleven, so how's a ten-minute break? Is ten-minute break okay? So, we'll be back at 3:21. Okay. Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 3:11 p.m.
RECONVENE: 3:23 p.m.

**ITEM 57: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (KAUNAKAKAI
DRAINAGE SYSTEM B) (CC 19-394)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 3:23 on January 28, and we are on our next item EDB-57, Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Department of Public Works (Kaunakakai Drainage System B). As I mentioned, we do have Deputy Director Molina available by phone if any Members have a question on this item. Okay. This project as testifiers mentioned is about my age, over 20 years old, and there was an appropriation in the FY 2019 Budget for \$2 million in bond funds. However, the Department recently opened bids for this project and the lowest bid was \$3,200,000. And so, this was submitted to the Council to request additional funds of \$1,200,000 to cover the shortfall. This would be for the design and construction of drainage improvement to complete the last segment of the drainage system located in Kaunakakai, Moloka'i which will outlet to an existing wetland, including preparation of construction documents, environmental permits, and construction management. So, that's the proviso that was in the FY 2019 Budget for this project. Okay. Let's see, I think all of this is also available on Granicus, you can also see all the bids that came in to see how much it is. And the Department asked if the Council could make a decision on this as quickly as possible, whether we're going to approve the overage or not, because the bids

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were not...this bids...these bids were from August 2019. And so, there's no guarantee that the bid would stay at this amount. And so, I guess I can kind of pass this down whoever doesn't have this document. Do you guys have this document?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, I'm inclined to file this. For the public that means not approve the \$1.2 million to cover the additional cost it would take to complete this project. As it was explained...and I also have the drawings if people want to see, but basically as the testifier explained, initially it had...the plan was for the outlet to go along the wharf road and down, you know, past Malama Park area. And then there was found to be...that's where the oil tanks are located, and I think there was an expectation of rehabilitating that area that never happened. And so, because the oil company was not going to rehabilitate that area that the outlet was planned for, they had to reroute and it would go along the highway along Makoa Trucking and down alongside the yacht club which is where there's pickleweeds and mangrove which as one testifier pointed out is not an example of a healthy wetland that would actually sequester the chemicals that would be coming. And there...I don't have any evidence of there being a test to show what kind of chemicals would be routed in that direction and then into the ocean. Here it is, if you want to pass that down, if you want to open that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, that's just one copy of the project site and that's on Granicus for anyone that didn't see it. Okay. So, Members, if anyone would like to ask Deputy Director Molina questions, I can have him on the phone.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, sure. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: My only concern for this community would be is any of the monies Federal dollars that we would be able to spend on another island project?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina *[sic]*. I will call Deputy Director Molina so that he can answer just in case, I don't want to misspeak. Any other questions while I get Deputy Director Molina on the phone?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And then the backup would be...are there any MS4 Federal requirements regarding Kaunakakai's drainage that we need to be aware of before we make a decision?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, we have Deputy Director Molina on the phone. Member Hokama had a question regarding Federal dollars. Are there any Federal dollars that's allocated to this Kaunakakai drainage project? And please start with identifying yourself. Mahalo. Or I did already, yeah? No, I did, I identified you already. You can just answer the question.

MR. MOLINA: Okay. No problem. This is Jordan Molina, Deputy Director with Public Works. Can you guys hear me all right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. MOLINA: Okay. No, there is no Federal funding associated with this project, it's all County funds.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: ...*(inaudible)*... if there is any MS4 requirements ...*(inaudible)*...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are there any MS4 requirements that would impact not completing this project?

MR. MOLINA: No. Moloka'i is not within an MS4 designated area at this time so we are not under those requirements.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: How's it, Mr. Director. What is the reason for the cost overruns?

MR. MOLINA: So, there, at this time, it's not a cost overrun per se, it's just high bids. Several factors for this particular project, one, everything is more difficult on Moloka'i, even just getting concrete is an added cost. The second part is part of the project will occur in groundwater which makes construction significantly more difficult and limits the time when construction can also be performed. I guess the third factor would be just the general construction industry is at a higher point at this time so all prices are higher.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

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MR. MOLINA: Those are, those probably the three primary factors driving the cost of this project.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Director. I guess because things are booming construction-wise, we just kind of have to...at their mercy. The cost of materials, transportation, and everything yeah, so okay, it is what it is. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Hello, Mr. Molina, how are you doing? Can you hear me?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, I can hear you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, I'm just wondering since this is a 20-year-old project, I assume that probably had something to do with the fact that it's a lot higher than you originally anticipated. But what is the consequence of not doing it at this point, and can the drainage issue wait until we get this plan going, the, you know, there's an RFP out for...or soon will be an RFP out for a climate action and resilience plan for Moloka'i? So, the drainage issue I'm assuming would be part of that, and do you see any problem with waiting until we have a better plan for that that's more updated and can address things like climate change and sea level rise?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, thank you for the question. I guess just some history, back in the '90s, there was a drainage master plan developed, and I believe there's, you know, five or six different phases throughout Kaunakakai. This, what we're talking about today is the second half of only the first phase, and so it's taken us this long, you know, 30 years just to get to this point. So, that plan is likely outdated at this time. As far as the physical drainage, right now what is happening is the drain line outlets right at that intersection below the highway through an existing grate that's in the ground. So, as with drainage projects, it's only a problem when it rains. As far as we're aware, the primary property that gets impacted is Makoa Trucking. They'll get flooded out partially when the rains get real heavy. Our understanding is it's kind of accepted, that condition. And otherwise, we're not aware of any real catastrophic or hazardous conditions that will persist if this project does not proceed. So, you know, we're comfortable if the Committee chooses to defer this project, that there will be no health and safety concerns.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. All right, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member King. Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And aloha, Mr. Molina. So, my question was just a general question, I don't know if I missed it or what but it was about just what's the general scope of the project. It just is...was it just to move earth around? If you could speak...

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, so currently what happens is whatever drainage is collected in the town comes out through that grate that I referenced, and the way the topography in the area is, the water will flow across the street and down towards the wetlands on the west end of that intersection. And so, what this project will do is to extend the existing concrete box culvert under the roadway and just direct that flow into the wetland and prevent it from flowing over the private property where that trucking company has their operation.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm also showing him the map that you provided to, so that he can see alongside the highway, Maunaloa Highway and then down along Makoa Trucking and yacht club into the ocean.

MR. MOLINA: So, yeah, so the flow is essentially going to go the same way, we're just containing it within the culvert so that it doesn't flood out into the neighboring property.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, the cost of that is building...it would be a cement berm, right, so it's not just earth being moved but it's the construction of a cement berm you said?

MR. MOLINA: It's a concrete box culvert so it basically is a concrete box and it'll be placed underground and then...and once it's buried on the top, there's going to be earthen berms to help contain any drainage that comes from the highway and just surface runoff. And that'll help keep it contained above the box culverts and it'll drain into the culverts and then eventually outfall into the small retention basin at the end.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. I just had a question, are there efforts to kind of slow down the water so it doesn't just directly flow right into the outfall? Are there are some ways to kind of mitigate it and have it...I mean I don't...I know we don't want to have sitting water but any way to kind of slow it down before just taking it right into the bay?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, so that would be the function of that basin that's at the outlet.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

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MR. MOLINA: One, to help sort of retain some sediment but also to slow the velocities so there's more of a sheet flow out as opposed to a concentrated flow.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Member [sic] Molina. I don't have further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, Members, any additional questions for Deputy Director Molina? Okay, none. None? Okay. Okay, mahalo, Deputy Director, for being on the, on-call for us. That's all the questions that we have at this time.

MR. MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any final comments before I let you go?

MR. MOLINA: No, nothing further.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, great. Mahalo. Aloha.

MR. MOLINA: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, any other points of discussion? So, I think I wanted to address one comment I think...oh, Member King. So, basically what the studies have shown us where the sea level will be, that whole area that is being proposed to be the drainage will be underwater. So, basically it's kind of poho to do this at this time. I did want to disclose to everyone that about a million dollars was already spent to get this project to where it's at right now. So, what was presented to me is either, you know, that basically that million dollars that went toward planning and permitting, you know, kind of goes to waste because this project won't be completed. Or we spend additional 3.2 million so that that \$1 million don't go to waste. And so, you know, I feel that it's...it would be better to just not spend the \$3.2 million with the sea level rising at the speed it is. And that a project like this project for \$3.2 million would really only be good for about, you know, anywhere from 10 to 30 years, 30 years being super optimistic I think. So, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend filing County Communication 19-394.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member King, seconded by Member Molina. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing...oh, Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, seeing no other comments or questions, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed? Motion passes unanimously. One...two...three...four...five...wait, six, six "ayes," three excused, Member Sugimura, Member Kama, and Chair Lee. Is that everybody? Okay, that's everybody.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King,
and Councilmembers Hokama, Molina,
Paltin, and Sinenci.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama, Lee, and Sugimura.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **Recommending FILING of communication by C.R.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Members. Okay, so that was all the items on our agenda. And if there aren't any final comments or questions, we'll adjourn. Okay, it looks like there isn't. So, the Economic Development and Budget Committee of January 28 will adjourn at 3:41. Meeting adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 3:41 p.m.

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APPROVED:



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
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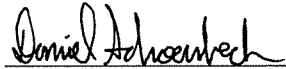
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CERTIFICATE

I, Daniel Schoenbeck, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 7th day of February, 2020, in Kula, Hawaii

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Daniel Schoenbeck