HUMAN CONCERNS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

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CONVENE: 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Tasha Kama, Chair Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair (Out at 3:07 p.m.; In at 3:08 p.m.; Out at 3:12 p.m.; In at 3:13 p.m.) Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member STAFF: Jerry Paredes, Legislative Analyst Laksmi Abraham, Legislative Analyst Stacey Vinoray, Committee Secretary Richard E. Mitchell, Legislative Attorney Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk Evan Dust, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Davideane Kama-Sickels, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama Lois Whitney, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama Jordan Helle, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura Dawn Lono, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lāna`i Council Office Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hāna Council Office Daniel Kanahele, Council Aide, South Maui Council Office ADMIN.: Karla Peters, Director, Department of Parks and Recreations Samuel Marvel, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation David Yamashita, Planner VI, Department of Parks and Recreation Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of Mimi DesJardins, **Corporation Counsel** Josiah Nishita, Deputy Managing Director, Department of Management **OTHERS:** Kitty Courtney, Marine Environmental Scientist, Tetra Tech, Inc. Nāpua Hueu, Honomanu Lo'i Restoration Project Additional attendees (8) PRESS: Akakū: Maui Community Television, Inc. _____

CHAIR KAMA: ... (gavel)... Thank you. So the Human Concerns and Parks Committee Meeting of June 27th, 2022, come to order. It is now 1:30 p.m. And I am Tasha Kama, and I am the Chair of the HCP Committee. Members, in accordance with the Sunshine Law,

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if you are not in the Council Chamber, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle or workspace with you today. For example, I am in my office, in my workspace, I am by myself. But just three feet away in my small apartment, there's my daughter, my other daughter, my granddaughter, and anybody else that's going to be coming for PT services for Lena today. So hopefully I'll keep my mic off so you don't hear all of that going on. So please see the last page of the agenda for meeting connectivity. So Members, are there any questions before we continue? Thank you. We're going to do roll call. So aloha 'auinalā, and as our greeting from this morning says, salaam alaikum to my Vice-Chair, Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura, known as the deer, dear lady. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hunter.

- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: That is too funny.
- CHAIR KAMA: No hunter today.
- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Salaam alaikum. And I like that because it's talking about peace, and we need to have peace --
- CHAIR KAMA: (audio interference)
- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- in the world. So I'm here on the 8th Floor in my office by myself, and looking forward to a great meeting, Chair. Thank you.
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. And next we're going to go to the Chair of our Council, Alice Lee.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, salaam alaikum, which means peace be upon you. I am here in my office in the building. And honestly, the only reason why I didn't go to the Chambers, because I have to lug all my equipment, and hook it up in the Chambers, and it's easier to do it in the office. So that's why I'm here. And I don't have anyone here in this section, only next door.
- CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Well, thank you, Chair Lee. We also have with us our Councilmember from the West Side, Tamara Paltin. Aloha.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha 'auinalā and as-salamu alaykum kākou. I'm broadcasting live and direct from Hilo Town, where it's turned out to be a sunny day. With me I have my parents. My dad's taking a nap, family of Paltin, and my mom, I'm not sure where she is, but hopefully she's not getting into any trouble. ...(*laughing*)...
- CHAIR KAMA: Well, we welcome . . . (inaudible). . .
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And we have no testifiers. No testifiers at Lāhainā District Office at this time. Thank you.
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. And we have from East Maui our Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

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Aloha.

- COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha, Chair. And salaam alaikum kākou. We're broadcasting today from the Cultural Center, and I'm here with my East Maui Staff, Mavis Medeiros, and there are no testifiers here at the moment. *(Audio interference)*
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. We also have Councilmembers who are not on the Committee, but they're always welcome to join us whenever they feel they'd like to. Councilmembers Gabe Johnson, Kelly King, Mike Molina, and our Vice-Chair of the Council, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. But we do have with us this afternoon from the Corporation Counsel, the Deputy, Mimi DesJardins. Good afternoon, Mimi.
- MS. DESJARDINS: Good afternoon, everyone. Nice to see you.
- CHAIR KAMA: Always nice to see you. We also have in the Department of Management, the Managing Director and his Deputy Managing Directing, Sandy Baz and Josiah Nishita. Aloha, guys.
- MR. NISHITA: Aloha.
- CHAIR KAMA: Good to see and hear you. We also have from the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Director, the Deputy Director and their Planner; Karla Peters, Samuel Marvel and David Yamashita. Aloha, Parks. Nice to see you all today.
- MS. PETERS: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Committee.
- CHAIR KAMA: And we also have our resource personnel, Kitty Courtney, who's with the Marine Environmental...let me see, it says Marine Environmental Scientist, Tetra Tech, Inc. Aloha, Kitty, and welcome, and thank you for being here.
- MS. COURTNEY: Thank you. Hello.
- CHAIR KAMA: Cool. We also have our Committee Staff. Jerry Paredes, our Legislative Analyst; Laks Abraham, our Legislative Analyst; Stacey Vinoray, our Committee Secretary; James Forrest, our Legislative Attorney; and Jean Pokipala, our OCS Assistant Clerk. Aloha, Staff, and thank you for being here again. So thank you, Members, for attending today's HCP meeting. We have three items on the agenda today. HCP-51, which is the Beach Parks Vulnerability and Adaptation Study Phase 1 - The Executive Summary; HCP-52, which is the Kalama Skate Park Improvements (Contract C7153-1; Grindline Skateparks, Inc.); and HCP-61, Resolution 22-110, Authorizing Distribution of COVID-19 Supplies to the Public, Public Health Agencies, Medical Providers and Non-Profit Organizations. So let me see, do we have any testifiers signed up to testify?
- MR. PAREDES: Chair, yes. We have --
- CHAIR KAMA: Okay, very good. Thank you. So let me continue to read the instructions. Thank you. So all testimony via phone or video conference will be accepted. Testifiers

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wanting to provide video testimony should join the online meeting via the BlueJeans link, bluejeans.com/221418021, as noted on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony should dial 408-915-6290 and enter meeting code 221 418 021, also noted on today's agenda. Written testimony is highly encouraged, and instructions on how to submit testimony can also be found on mauicounty.us/testify. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. At the end of your time, you'll hear the timer alarm. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I'll kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization or are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. But please be mindful of the use of chat during the meeting. Chat should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other testifiers. If you are here to provide testimony, please be courteous to others by turning off your video and muting your microphone while waiting for your turn to testify. I want to remind Committee Members, the Administration, and the public to please be patient if we run into any technological issues. And as a reminder, you may also view this meeting on Akakū Channel 53, Facebook Live, or visit mauicounty.us/agendas. And so, Members, I'd like to be able to proceed with oral testimony. And the Staff has been monitoring today's meeting by phone and video. And we're going to do our best to take each person up in an orderly fashion.

... BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY ...

- CHAIR KAMA: So with that being said, Members, we're going to call our first testifier to testify. Staff, would you please call up our first testifier?
- MR. PAREDES: Chair, the first testifier on the list is Meghan Brotherton, to be followed by Mike Donahoe *(phonetic)*.

CHAIR KAMA: Aloha, Meghan.

MS. COURTNEY: Chair, this is Kitty Courtney. I'm sorry, but Meghan and Mike are both part of the Tetra Tech team. Sorry --

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MS. COURTNEY: -- (audio interference) that confusion. And also --

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

- MS. COURTNEY: -- I believe our other teammate, Gus Orozco, will be joining. So those three are all part of a team that's supporting Parks.
- CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Well, thank you for that. So Staff, can we go onto our next testifier, please.
- MR. PAREDES: Chair, the next testifier on the list is Nāpua Hueu, to be followed by Brenden

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Kennedy (phonetic).

CHAIR KAMA: Aloha, Nāpua, would you like to --

MS. HUEU: Aloha, I'm testifying from East Maui today, Nāpua Hueu, going to leave my video off for connectivity optimization.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

- MS. HUEU: I am here testifying on behalf of the Honomanū Lo'i Restoration Project. I've testified on other items in relation to the area. And I just thought I would share insight on some of the issues we've been seeing as far as beach park vulnerability here at Honomanū. With COVID shutting down the State Park up around the corner from us, Kaumahina State Park, we had just endured over a year worth of, you know, limited access for visitors to our rest stations. And so Honomanū is now relieved, thankfully, that Kaumahina Park has just recently opened consistently, but nonetheless, we endured a lot of contamination issues over the course of COVID. We still see some of these issues because there's a lack of restroom facilities at Honomanu. We do not particularly...we're not advocating for a restroom facility, just because of the nature of Honomanū being very coastal and so near shore to the stream and the ocean. I think it would take a lot strategizing on what type of restroom facilities would be appropriate there. But we do need immediate support with porta-potties. I've spoken with . . .(inaudible). . . at the County Parks Department in Hana about this concern and shared some documentation of, you know, the feces, and whatnot, with the tourist going to the restroom down there at the beach, and a lot of the campers as well. And we're just hoping that the County can put this in their purview and work on getting us some portapotties. Because it is being advertised as a County park, there is County park signage there. And so it's attracting visitors to come down under the impression that there's County park facilities, and there isn't. So if we're going to promote--you know what I mean--it as a site...as a County park, then I think that there has to be the support for the impact that comes along with that. Otherwise, perhaps, maybe we shouldn't promote it as a County park yet until we're ready to be able to have restrooms and trash cans down there to support the impact. So I just wanted to put that on your guys' radar, as far as what's going on at Honomanū, and I appreciate your time and the opportunity to testify. Aloha.
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Nāpua. Members, do we have questions for our testifier? Seeing none. Thank you. Oh, Mr. Sinenci, did you have --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have a question.

CHAIR KAMA: -- a question, Mr. Sinenci?

CHAIR KAMA: Oh, okay. I'm sorry, Ms. Paltin. Yes --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

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CHAIR KAMA: -- by all means. Nāpua.

- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Hueu. I just was wondering...I don't go down there very often, and I just was wondering if you could speak a little bit, if you know, as to the volume of people that go. Like are we talking 10, 20, or 100 or...
- MS. HUEU: Now that we're in peak season, right now, we see hundreds of people come down to Honomanū. I would say it's anywhere within, you know, the 200 range of visitors that make their way down there every day. I can send some of the days in which our volunteers have counted the impact. But nonetheless, every time we go there, there's at least a few different piles of mess needing to be cleaned up and tissue paper. During COVID it was extremely abusive, the amount of desecration that was going on, not only down at the park, but really on the roadsides, on the highway areas. And so I will follow up and send both you and *(audio interference)* Sinenci some of the counts that we've done, and just some of the evidence of what's been going on.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you. That's probably way too much for composting toilets with --
- MS. HUEU: Yeah, it is. We did realize that the composting toilets were not an option, and that it would have to be porta-potties to manage the impact.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

MS. HUEU: Thank you.

- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Ms. Hueu. Seeing as how I see no more questions from Members. Staff, would you please call the next testifier, please?
- MR. PAREDES: Chair, at this time, we have no further testifiers.
- CHAIR KAMA: Oh, is there anyone else out there wishing to testify? Members, I don't see anyone else wishing to testify. So without objections, I would like to close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Members. And if there are, also, no other objections to receiving written testimony into the record.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, so ordered.

... END PUBLIC TESTIMONY ...

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ITEM HCP-51: BEACH PARKS VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION STUDY PHASE I – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- CHAIR KAMA: So HCP-51, we're going to go on, is the Beach Parks Vulnerability and Adaptation Study Phase I - The Executive Summary. So Members, the Department of Parks and Recreation is conducting a study to assess the vulnerability of County beach parks and facilities to flooding and land loss due to sea level rise and other threats. The purpose of this study is to identify adaptation strategies to address these threats and guide decisions on future capital projects in County's beach parks. I'd like to welcome today Director of Parks and Recreation, Karla Peters; Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Sam Marvel; and Mr. David Yamashita, Planner VI of the Department of Parks and Recreation; and Ms. Kitty Courtney, Marine Environmental Scientist of Tetra Tech, Inc., who'll be providing presentation on this study. And so at this time I'd like to be able to invite Director Peters to introduce their presentation. Director Peters?
- MS. PETERS: ... (inaudible). .. --

- MS. PETERS: -- (audio interference) and thank you, Committee. We're here today to provide a summary of our project we're excited about, and have been working on for the last two years. I would first like to recognize our project team and others who have helped us from the beginning. David Yamashita from our Staff is managing the project; Tetra Tech, Inc. is our consultant, with Dr. Kitty Courtney serving as their project manager; Tara Owens and Wes Crile, both from the UH Sea Grant Program, provided advice, and they've been instrumental in what we've produced; and finally, we should recognize Kaya Gibensol (phonetic), who was our planning intern in 2020, and created the first listing of parks and facilities affected by sea level rise. So here we'll have Kitty providing our presentation.
- MS. COURTNEY: Is our... are you able to see my screen? I'm not sure if the --

CHAIR KAMA: Not yet.

- MS. COURTNEY: -- screen share is disabled, it says, for this meeting.
- CHAIR KAMA: Staff, could you please enable Ms. Kitty to share her screen? I saw a presentation earlier, a few moments ago, before Karla was speaking.
- MS. COURTNEY: You did? Oh.
- CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. ... (Inaudible)... do that again, I think.
- MS. COURTNEY: I don't know what happened there, yeah.
- MR. PAREDES: Chair, we don't have --

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

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CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PAREDES: -- any limitation on the --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

MR. PAREDES: -- on the share screen.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Yes.

MR. PAREDES: So if she could try sharing screen again, we could see.

MS. COURTNEY: Okay. ... (Inaudible). .. --

CHAIR KAMA: Kitty, are you trying to do that again?

MS. COURTNEY: I am...I'm clicking the --

CHAIR KAMA: Go right ahead. Thank you.

MS. COURTNEY: -- can you hear me? I'm clicking the screen share --

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MS. COURTNEY: -- and when I click that, it says disabled for this meeting. And you can't see anything of my screen. Then I don't know what . . .(*inaudible*). . . --

CHAIR KAMA: Right, we can't. But the Staff has also said that . . . (inaudible). . .

MS. COURTNEY: Oh, there we go. I think I see it.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MS. COURTNEY: It came back. Yay.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. We got it. We can see you.

MS. COURTNEY: All right. Yay. Okay, here we go.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

MS. COURTNEY: Let's get this going. Thank you. Okay. I think Karla's going to start us off.

MS. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Kitty. One of our most dramatic examples of what we're dealing with occurred about two years ago, when we first had to remove a portion of the pavilion at the Baldwin Beach Park when its foundation was undermined by high wave

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activity. The shoreline at the park has been receding for some time now, but this was the first time that high waves were threatening the structural integrity of the pavilion. It's also not just the North Shore, we've also seen erosion at Puamana Park, which was discussed at our last *(audio interference)*. Although both of these situations are unfortunate, they offer clear evidence that climate change is real, and is happening now. It's at a point we've been making...it's a point we've been making throughout this project, and will continue to emphasize. Next. Thank you, Kitty. Thankfully, there's been more coverage in the media about sea level rise and how it affects beach parks, which incidentally are the most popular destination for recreation, according to our 2015 user survey. We were gratified to see this editorial in *The Maui News* 2020 because it underscored the concern we had about sea level rise. Because of this concern, in *(audio interference)* we initiated the study of our beach parks and how vulnerable they are, not just to sea level rise, but to other coastal threat. David Yamashita, Planner for our Department, will provide a brief overview of the study.

- MR. YAMASHITA: Thank you, Karla. When we started the project, we had four basic goals. These were to assess the vulnerability of parks to coastal hazards and sea level rise; number two, to evaluation the potential for each beach park to adapt to future conditions; number three, provide information to guide decisions on capital projects and number four, then to recommend policies, strategies, and actions to address the short and long-term impacts of climate change. Our work was divided into two phases. Phase I established the foundation for the assessment, addressing the first two goals, and we've completed this work. Phase II focuses on translating this information into plans and strategies, and communicating the information to Park Staff and to the public. And this is what we're now working on. And to get to kind of the key material here, some of the key points that we'd like to make right at the beginning is...and even though we're not done, this is really important. Number one, we're already dealing with the impact of sea level rise, and it's not just an abstract contract for the Parks Department. And Tetra...and as Tetra Tech has told us, we need to plan on this happening sooner or later. As a result, the County needs to start planning and budgeting now for sea level impacts, even though we think we might have 20 or 30 years. Secondly, this is not just a Parks problem, it involves almost all the departments in the County, and some State agencies as well. And as Kitty will demonstrate later in the presentation, responding to coastal threats requires the involvement of all departments in the County. Finally, it's also clear that we need to consider these coastal threats in both our CIP projects and in long-term planning. And as a result of this work, the Department has started to integrate these findings into project planning, or CIP projects, as well as long-term planning. So these three points emerged from our analysis of beach parks. And as you'll see, the process is based on the latest data, and integrates different kinds of information. So now, Kitty Courtney, from Tetra Tech, will describe the analysis, and provide an overview of our app.
- MS. COURTNEY: Thank you, David. I want to start first by making sure we all remember what the sea level rise exposure area or SLR-XA is because this was a primary indicator used to assess vulnerability of the 65 beach parks in this study. Now, this SLR-XA was used in...to assess vulnerability in the Hawai'i State Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report, and the County of Maui has adopted this SLR-XA for the purpose of

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planning land use and development in coastal areas. So there's...first, a few reminders. First, the sea level rise exposure area depicts chronic coastal flooding and land loss with sea level rise. It's a combination of three coastal...chronic coastal hazards. First, passive flooding, annual highway flooding, and coastal erosion. These were all modeled with future projections of 2 and 3 feet of sea level rise. When you overlay these three, the composite of all those hazards with sea level rise give you the sea level rise exposure area. And when you use these two different scenarios, 2 feet of sea level rise and 3 feet of sea level rise...or 3.2 feet of sea level rise, you also get kind of a time frame, you know, near term and long term. So this is one of the primary indicators that we used in the study. We'd like to use Kanahā Beach Park as a case for some of the key findings that David had mentioned previously, why the County must start planning now, why adaptation planning cannot be done in a vacuum and needs to...coordination with other State and County entities, and to illustrate some of the investments needed to adapt to sea level rise. First, you can see the blue outline of the beach park here. And you can see all the facilities are mapped which are in the beach park. They're all rounded. There are different facilities by different entities, whether it be the airport, the County roads, a State wildlife refuge, wastewater treatment plant. So these show you how one beach park may be connected and maybe...you know, have other impacts from other parts of the environment. So we sort of take a 360 degree look around the beach park to see what's there, who's doing what, what other plans are in place. We know that there's existing wetlands. We talked about the sanctuary, and also some of these areas. We know that this area, in particular, and along this coast to the east and south, there are some existing dunes and marine sand deposits, which are important when you think about preserving beaches with sea level rise. You want these areas to be able to be...to withstand rising seas, and have the beach stay available. Now, let's see what it looks like with the sea level rise exposure area, the SLR-XA, for 2 feet. Remember, this was already the sanctuary, but these are all the areas that would be inundated. And with 3 feet, this expands even more. So our future, you know, requires a proactive adaptation, to think about what can we do in this area and...you know, and start moving if we want to preserve this beach park. I'd like to just show you...there's a lot of information here, so I'm just going to say that we used five key indicators, these top five, to assess vulnerability. Each one got an adaptation potential score which resulted overall in a medium adaptation potential for Kanahā Beach Park. We looked at the percent of the park area that would be flooded; the number of facilities that would be impacted; the miles of road that could lose access to the park, around it, adjacent; how much of that park--we saw that pink area--has sand that could be potentially a good source for dune migration or beach migration. And you can see Kanahā has a high rating there, that's good. Green is good, red is bad. And then we have an indicator for timing. We also looked at a few other indicators. More of the event-based flooding and monk seal critical habitat. So these five indicators in particular were what we used to look at future conditions to assess the near-term and medium-term exposure to calculate. And for Kanahā, a medium adaptation potential. That's the rating that says, you know, this beach park has...you know, could withstand...likely withstand some of the impacts of sea level rise with adaptation measures. And together with that...and looking at even these individual indicators and other factors, we identified restore dunes and preserve wetlands as the primary adaptation strategy for Kanahā. It should be noted that for all the 65 parks in the study, each one has been assigned a primary adaptation strategy.

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So for Kanahā, it's this one. Now, just a quick look at the Countywide results, and I'm going to show you more of that in demonstrating the web app. But overall, here's our medium adaptation potential, 39 parks; 12 parks have a low adaptation potential, 8 of those low adaptation potentials are in West Maui. Here's a look at the parks broken down by the adaptation strategies. And you can see, we have 20 parks...almost a third of the parks are really maintain facilities and monitor conditions. That's a good strategy. That's saying, you know, we don't have to do anything right now, we can watch and see. But we have others, like assess park viability based on future access in which this is a very tough environment because we need to depend...work with others...the County needs to work with others to determine access. For instance, on the West Side, where the highway is close to the park, and abuts the park, this is the problem where we...what's going to happen with that highway? If it's moved back, do we keep the park? If it....it's hardened, do we lose the park? That's the...these are some of the dilemmas. With that in mind, though, we identified these strategies as really important ones that we can move forward with; restore dunes and plan for, you know, which ones can we actually start working on adaptation strategy. So we know Kanahā is restore dunes and preserve wetlands, like Baldwin. Ho'okipa is retreat and acquire land from ... relocate structures because, you know, if we look at the results for Ho'okipa, it's very hard to see, you know, what we need to do, but to move some of these structures and, you know, make the park more accessible, and keep the park accessibility. And then there are a few parks, like Kalama, that have this...already have a shoreline revetment. So this...none of these adaptation strategies promote hardening the shoreline. But where there is already an existing revetment or hardening, we want to look at it, should that be...you know, need some studies? Should we raise it, should we fortify it, and et cetera. So that's that. Out of this work, we identified a number of policies that the Parks could...would adopt...or recommended to adopt. They involve protecting public safety. You know, we saw the Baldwin Beach Park. You know, pavilion half...only half of it was left there, but maybe in the future we just have to remove the whole thing because it's not going to get any better. There's also things like ironwood trees that are...you know, sitting there, almost falling in. And so these are all things we need to plan for. We know this is going to happen, and so those are some of the public safety concerns. We know that many iwi kupuna and other cultural resources are in our shoreline areas and are exposed, Puamana is a good example. And so part of it is to really work with, you know, Native Hawaiian community, lineal descendants, to develop protocols for these areas in advance, so that they can be applied, if needed, when something is exposed. So applying, you know, appropriate cultural protocols for some of these areas. Prioritize nature-based adaptation. So we want to look to making sure that we don't build up more structures in our beach parks that really don't have...aren't related to the ocean or ocean uses. And also, that restore our coastal ecosystems. This is also telling us...the results is telling us that we should limit any new construction in that area exposed to 3.2. If there are areas of undeveloped park land outside of the future, let's make sure we retain those. Maybe we'll need those in the future. And, of course, the last is coordinate with County and State agencies on adaptation planning. Now, I'd like to quickly demonstrate the app for you. This is not public yet, and so...but we're close. But this is what you'll see when you get to the home page. And at the top, these are the different pieces...the different sections that you can go to. So project overview, when you click that at the top...oh. And I'll just remind you, over here there's a tutorial that

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you can take to help you maneuver...or through this...navigate through this app. So project overview, you can go down and see the study objectives that David talked about. You can remind yourself what the sea level rise exposure area is. Tells you about the indicators, et cetera. You can also click that executive summary that you received here. And now, I'd like to go to the adaptation and mapping tool. And the first thing you'll see is a lot of colors on here. And what those colors are, are the outline of the park based on its adaptation potential rating, right here. So if it's green, it's a high adaptation, that's good. If it's orange, like we saw for Kanahā, that's medium, and red is low. At the dashboard, you'll see the total acreage of parks in the study, in the 65 parks, 1,009. Almost 300 of the acres of those parks are in the SLR-XA 3.2. Of the 65 parks, there's 250 facilities. A hundred of them...over 100 are in SLR-XA 2.0, so earlier time frame. And this shows you that adaptation potential that we saw before; medium, 12 low, 14 high. This also shows you the different number of parks by adaptation strategy. And if you click one...like if you just wanted to know which parks were for restored dunes and preserved wetlands, you could click that. And what would happen is, it would show you the location, it'd give you a list of those parks, so you could go to it, and you can see the changes in the dashboard. So a lot of cool things that we can help look at. And, of course, we can look at the data by the district. Here's Central, East, South. You can see all the numbers in the dashboard, all these numbers change as we go along. And the West, Moloka'i...not to forget Moloka'i. We have a few here. And back to all districts. So lastly, I just want to take you to the park we were looking at before so we can take a little closer look at the mapping tool. So here you see that same outline of Kanahā. You see the acreage, the number of facilities, its rating, its primary adaptation strategy. And if you go...by the way, there is a tutorial here for the mapping. You can go and click some of the layers. So if you want to see how much area is covered in the sea level rise exposure area, you can see it. If you want to see the facilities, you can click that. So pretty much anything that we want to look at that we've analyzed. We can also look at the roads that are flooded. If you want to get a closer look at that, let me blow this up just a tad here so we can see it. So let me turn this one on for a moment. And you can see...see, this blue line is telling you this is the flooded roads in this SLR-XA. And you can tell that matches because when I put on the SLR-XA 3.2, that blue line stops here and, you know, continues in this little spot here and this little spot here. So it tells you about things like access and, you know, another entity of the County, like County...you know, DPW, the County roads and so forth. So that's our web app. And it has...we have also some other resources that you can look at about the project and a feedback survey. So let me stop here, and go back our presentation, and turn it over to Sam on the current slide. Okay.

MR. MARVEL: Great. Thanks, Kitty. So to summarize where we are in the study and what our next steps are, we've completed Phase I, which provides the basic strategy for all of our beach parks, established an informational foundation for the strategy. A key task of Phase II is to develop conceptual adaptation concepts for several beach parks, starting with Kanahā, all the way in Ho'okipa, Waipu'ilani, Hanak'ō'ō, Puamana and Kalama. These adaptation concepts will provide a starting point for community outreach activities. As Kitty mentioned, one of the highlights of our Phase I work is the web app, which should be available for the general public in July. Over the last two years, we've established a solid foundation for the Department to address sea level rise. It's an

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ongoing process, and we know that we'll be dealing with all the time in the future. *(audio interference)* help us in this effort, we will be exploring whether Departmental Beach Park Adaptation Fund could help us focus on near-term priorities, ensuring public safety, adaptation planning, and cultural site preservation. As we said at the beginning, climate change is here. The Parks Department is gearing up to meet the challenge. Mahalo for your time and your interest *(audio interference)* project.

- MS. COURTNEY: Thank you, Sam. That's it.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You're muted.
- CHAIR KAMA: Sorry. Yes, I was trying to mute myself so that you don't hear all that noise over there. But, yes...so thank you very much for that presentation. That was quite impressive, I was so taken by that. So, questions...did I see Member Paltin's hand up? Oh. And Member Yuki Lei Sugimura, and then Member Lee.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I have questions, but Member Sugimura had her hand up first --
- CHAIR KAMA: Okay.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- so I'll yield.
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura?
- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, in general...I mean, this is fabulous. Congratulations, Parks. I think you have tackled a really big project. And for it to take two years to get here, what an accomplishment. You know, kind of...I believe that all of our coastlines have impacts, not only the Parks Department, but right down the street. And I will tell you that I am concerned about Pā'ia Mantokuji, which is down the street from Baldwin Beach Park. And as you know, by reading the paper, they are having the graves that are at the Mantokuji property float away. And it is because of sea level rise. And there's a...they just got a permit from DLNR to look at putting in what I call...like, you know, sand bags, but it's not called that...but to help them, and they have the summer to work on it. But is the Parks Department also expanding out towards other communities that are our neighbors to assist them? David?
- MS. PETERS: *(audio interference)* thank you, Vice-Chair Sugimura. I can defer that question to David. I know he did have some conversations with the Pā'ia area. So, David, would you like to share some of that?
- MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, we...actually at Councilmember Sugimura's request, Tara Owens and I went out to talk to them.
- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, good.

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- MR. YAMASHITA: And at that time....yeah, we didn't have our app. But she did show them information from the sea level rise viewer. And she offered some advice, but it might have been preliminary at that point. I'm not sure how...I guess it depends on how much information people need. But I...you know, the...using the app...and once you see it, and it's available on the County website, it's something that anyone can go in and use. And all the information and the maps that Kitty showed will be available to people. And, you know, it's not going to provide answers for every site in terms of a strategy because we develop strategies only for our beach parks. But it's still...it's pretty amazing to look at the information on where our sand dunes are, because sand dunes are really instrumental in providing a foundation for, say, dune restoration projects. So it's good to know...you know, and what Kitty's team has done is to have a map layer that shows where all the sand deposits are. But, you know, if you don't have the sand, then it's really difficult to do dune restoration. But anyway...so the information is there, and I guess if we have an opportunity to help people use the app that aren't...you know, that aren't part of a County beach park, then I think we'd be happy to do that.
- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. This is great progress. And just a connected question, then, by the maps that you showed us, is Pā'ia Youth and Cultural Center okay where they're building their new building? It kind of...want them to be okay, but --
- MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, if you look at the maps...well, when you go...get into the app, their new site is actually outside of the SLR-XA --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: -- 3.2, so their site was carefully chosen.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good.

MR. YAMASHITA: ... (*inaudible*). .. I could show you that. Okay. And this is the app. Again, this is something that, you know, people will be able to get on, take the tutorial, and just begin to navigate like this.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Where is their site? Oh, there. That area. Awesome.

MR. YAMASHITA: It is...well, it's to the left of that parking lot.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay, thank you. This is great.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: When is it going to launch? ... (laughing)...

MR. YAMASHITA: We hope to get it launched in July. We're working with County GIS and...to go through the protocol to put it on the County website.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. No further questions. Thank you, Chair. Probably

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went over my time.

- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Ms. Sugimura. I think...Member Paltin, you had some questions for our resource personnel?
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks. I just was wondering...you know, when the shower fell in, and then the storage fell in, and then the pavilion is falling in, where did the money come from to remove that? Was it the Emergency Fund? Because I proposed a Managed Retreat Fund for the Maui County Transient Accommodations Tax, like a 20 percent, but it didn't pass in the budget, but it did get referred to Budget Committee. So I just as wondering, the structures that you've already had to remove, where did the funding come for that, and what you're dealing with. Like are you budgeting separately for that, or is it emergency funds, or how are you paying for these things?
- MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. So we absorbed that cost for the removal at Baldwin Beach Park from our Maintenance Division Funding. And we were able to get emergency permits and have a contractor help us, along with our Staff, in that partial removals. As far as the other items that we've been working on, again, we've been absorbing that within our Maintenance Division funding. So that's kind of why we had brought up that...Sam had mentioned at the very end of the presentation that we're looking at getting some cost estimates based on the adaptation plans to see how we can maybe ask for that type of funding for our Department in the upcoming, maybe, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And so you think that's a better way than creating a Managed Retreat Fund or...just wondering.
- MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. I believe if it was a Countywide fund, we just don't know what the logistics would be as far as utilizing the fund. So we were trying to look more at our Department, and having that line item within our budget to be able to, you know, provide that funding source. And then, you know, we could provide monthly reports to the Council to see what we had been using it for and that type of thing. I think either one would work, we just wanted to just highlight the fact that there needs to be some sort of fund because we're not going to be able to always absorb the cost in our current budget.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then as far as the permitting, and things like that. Having, I guess, gone through it at least once now, do you think there's a way for the County to standardize it, not just for Parks, but for anybody that's coming through this? And then did you do an EA or EIS as well? Like what was the extent of the permitting to remove the structures? And do you believe that there's a way to standardize it so it's not like, oh, this one's falling in, and like starting from scratch. And, oh, now this one's falling in. Like if we know that things are going to start falling in and they need to be removed, whether it's a EA, or a SMA, or whatever the permit is, that emergency or nonemergency, do you think that there's a way to standardize that? I don't know if that's a Mr. Yamashita question or what?

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- MS. PETERS: I can start with it, and then turn it over to David. So years back, we did work with the Planning Department on a estimate when we had a lot of ADA transition plan projects. So we were able to have...streamline that process for SMA permits. I mean, it would be a great idea if we could work on something like that, for sure, to help fast track...or you know make it go faster. What we did was...we just did for Baldwin Beach Park similar to Puamana, we did emergency SMA permits, and then we went back...we have to go back and do the actual permits...the SMA permit and the shoreline certification. So...and actually, Tetra Tech is helping us with that process. So I'll turn it over to David, he might have some more insight on it.
- MR. YAMASHITA: Yeah. No. Thank you for the question. And I'll just...also would like to hand it over to Kitty at the end, but I think...as a planner, I think it's important to have systems set up, and to approach this in a systematic way. And so it might be...I'm guessing...and I this is maybe a Kitty Courtney question...you know, a way to kind of identify areas that are especially vulnerable, and areas that will take a lot of time and money. And I'll give you one example. I mean, if you go to...I think it's Kanahā Beach Park, you'll see a lot of ironwood trees, and they're the ones that are falling into the ocean. I think same, perhaps, with Baldwin at some point. But I remember our maintenance staff talking about how it costs thousands of dollars to remove one ironwood tree. So I think we could begin to create a system of identifying these areas, and then projecting costs so that we know how much money we're really...we're looking at. But I'd like also to just get the expert's opinion on this idea. So, maybe, Kitty, do you have something to add?
- MS. COURTNEY: No, you said it well, David. And I think part of our Phase II in developing these adaptation concepts for...we're trying to do as many parks as possible, is...it's an opportunity for us to actually, what I would think, is an inventory of those...you know, we could inventory those trees and structures that might be the most, you know, vulnerable and start projecting out, you know, the cost for that. And I'm not totally sure about, you know, environmental assessments or reviews for that type of activity. But if we had all of that inventory, I could...I mean, one could imagine doing some kind of programmatic EA permit process or something that would help, you know, lay it out, think about it all at once before it happens. And then, you know, as funding becomes available or something happens, like a high tide flood event, where we've got an issue, came in and so forth, you could act on it a little bit more rationally and more systematically. But I really appreciate that idea of systematic approach. I think that's really...makes sense. Thank you.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And to follow up on that programmatic or systematic approach, you know, for our parks, it's probably much easier than, say, our fire stations, or our houses, and things like that. And I just was wondering, is there any room, I guess at least for the Parks, for some sort of public-private collaboration on that? Because it's not so much of buildings that, you know, in the idea of managed retreat, where do you retreat to? And so just wondering if you've explored that concept of relocation of, you know, just open space, or eminent domain, condemnation, or whatever have you?

MR. YAMASHITA: Thank you. I guess...yeah, I can answer that one. And short answer is, we

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haven't gotten into that level of detail. That's really a pretty significant issue to deal with, and we just haven't gotten to that point. The one thing that I think as a Department we've talked about, and mentioned this to Council a few times, is because we know we will be losing some of our beach parks in South Maui, West Maui, it's important to hold on to whatever open space we now have. So if we have undeveloped park land, our point is that it's important to make sure they remain as potential park sites and not be used for something else, ideally, because you're going to need these parks. They may not beachfront access, but they're still going to provide some open space that people need. So that would be one thing that...you know, it's not, maybe, a direct retreat strategy, but it's a part of the whole question of what do you do when you lose beach parks? You have to develop other places that you have.

- MS. COURTNEY: David, could I also provide the example of the Baldwin Beach Park and the surrounding area, the Dune Restoration Design Project which UH Sea Grant led, and we were also their consultant on there. And there is a story map that you can go to and look at it. One of the things that, sort of, struck me is that took a broader perspective than just the beach park because it looked at dune restoration, you know, from...within a littoral cell, really, from Wawau Point out to actually, you know, Pā'ia Youth Center, that whole stretch, which has more different landowners, right, it's not just a Park parcel, but also A&B properties on the West Side, and so forth. So thinking more from a regional perspective, with a park as kind of a great catalyst for that, is it would be a really neat way to think about doing that public-private partnerships, and thinking in a more holistic manner. And I would just add that the State of Hawai'i's Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is also--and we're involved in this one as well--exploring a regional shoreline management strategy, and how to frame that for the State. So again, public-private partnerships will be really big in that, especially when we see so many...like, you know, West Maui has that going on where the private sector is actually taking a lot of the lead in shoreline management. So I think these are all good things that are starting to come together, and great ideas. Thank you.
- CHAIR KAMA: (audio interference) Chair Lee, you have a question for our resource?
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I'm not sure...maybe Karla...I'll start with Karla. Karla, are most of...do we own most of our beach parks?
- MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair Lee. Yes, we do, and if not, they're on a lease agreement that we have.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, for instance, Baldwin Beach Park is owned by A&B, and we...are on a long-term lease with them?
- MS. PETERS: Yes, we are. And, you know, ideally we'd like to acquire these parcels. So you know, there has been discussion working towards that process.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you ever use Park Assessment Funds to renovate the parks?

MS. PETERS: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. If it's available, then we would utilize that for capital

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improvements.

- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you think we should review how we charge for park assessments, and perhaps increase that fund, and increase the...how we charge folks? New development actually pays for that fund, that Parks Assessment Fund. Do you think it's time to upgrade that, in terms of asking for more funding?
- MS. PETERS: Yes. Thank you, Chair Lee. We have been looking and reviewing that part of the Code. And we will be working on...with Corporation Counsel on some revisions, especially when it comes to the way the language is regarding the assessment process, and just the criteria for land dedication as well. So that is on our list of Code updates that we are going to be working on.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So who in your office handles that?
- MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. That would be our Planning and Development Division, and Sam Marvel is our Deputy Director, he's on the call. So he would be spearheading that with that Division.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Uh-huh. So you mentioned people have the opportunity to donate parcels instead of cash. Is that what you just said?
- MS. PETERS: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So the Code...it's for every residential unit per lot in excess of three, there is that formula that Finance provides us for the park assessment cash requirement. And then there's also the...it would be 500 square feet of land for every lot or unit in excess of three, that would be for if you're doing like land dedication. And then that agreement does come to the Council for review and approval, so it...you know, and David does a lot in Planner...Planning Development Division to review and ensure that the parcel...or land dedication will be a benefit to the community. and that it'll make sense within our park district planning. And then we work with the developer on that dedication, and then they...it would come for final approval to the Council.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So...and then every district has a different rate structure, right?
- MS. PETERS: Yes, that's correct.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think Kihei is the highest? Is Kihei the highest?
- MS. PETERS: ... (inaudible). ...-
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It used to be.
- MS. PETERS: Yeah. Between Kihei and West Maui. I'll turn it over to Sam. I'm not sure what the current rates are right now.

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- MS. PETERS: Oh, our Deputy Director Marvel. Actually, I can pull that up too.
- MR. MARVEL: Thanks, Karla. Yeah, West Maui is actually the highest right now. They're 18,825.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Per unit for . . . (inaudible). . . --
- MR. MARVEL: Yeah, per unit...per unit. Actually --
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So in other words, if it's an affordable housing project, it's 18,000 per unit?
- MR. MARVEL: Affordable housing projects are exempt from the park assessment fees.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Oh. Well, maybe we should review that too. Because, you know, they don't have to pay the full amount, but maybe something. So are you the person that once you have this master plan, you could initiate private-public partnerships [*sic*] using the Park Assessment Fund, additional other funds plus lands...you know, lands that have been donated to the County? Or have you done any public-private partnerships? Sam?
- MR. MARVEL: Yeah, I'll defer that question to Karla. I think she might have better knowledge.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Karla?
- MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So are you referring to park dedication as far as private partnerships . . . (inaudible). . . --
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Yeah, let's say there's a development...a housing development in Pā'ia area, and they donate X numbers...hundred of thousands of dollars to the Park Assessment Fund, which is probably minimal in Pā'ia/Ha'ikū because there aren't that many big subdivisions, yeah. So...but you have this one developer, and they're donating a lot of money. And then you also have probably maybe an inventory of some lands that have been donated over time, maybe from A&B or other people. And then now you want to do a public-private partnerships in that you want to start to retreat from the shoreline. And so you work with developers to come up with a partnership so that the County is not bearing all of the funds, and that the private developer can contribute. Do you folks work with private people that way?
- MS. PETERS: *(audio interference)* I'll have to defer that to Corp. Counsel. The Code is pretty specific on the park dedication and what we can do with those...with the funds. And so if funds are donated or allocated to a park, then we would have to go through that donation process to...where it would be accepted via reso, and then we would be able to implement what was...or, you know, designed and approved, of course, by Council. So I'm not sure if Mimi might have more insight on that.

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- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, you know, when are you going to actually complete the vulnerability study?
- MR. YAMASHITA: Yeah, I can answer that one. Thank you for the question. We are scheduled to finish it over the next, I would say, year...around a year. But we do have some answers right now. It's just...and over the next year, we're going to go into a little more detail for some of the parks and see if we can come up with more information on costs as well.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, because that's what we need. Because we all are very familiar with the problems, so we don't need more information on that. What we need is what's the plan to resolve the problems and how much it's...is it going to cost. You know, that is something that we absolutely have to have, especially as we plan...before you know it, we're going to be planning the next budget. Because in the fall, that's when you guys...the Administration starts working on the new budget, and shortly after that, we get it. So, you know, it'll be very helpful that we start to look at things in a...you know, a systematic way. And rather than fix a pavilion in every park, let's fix the whole problem in the entire park, and then move onto the next park...you know, instead piecemealing this thing. And so the budget is going to be really important because we do want to support you, and we...but we would need to make it work. And to make it work means money, so...but thank you for the update, you know, Karla and Staff, appreciate it. Thank you.
- CHAIR KAMA: Mr. Sinenci, do you have any questions for our Department or resource people . . . *(inaudible)*. . . --
- COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, thank you, Chair. Yeah, I was just wanting to mahalo Ms. Kitty and ---

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

- COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- Mr. Yamashita. I think *(audio interference)* what's amazing about the drone technology is when you're looking at these maps from the air, you can really see the topography and where a lot of that water is going to go. And so my question was, you know, like the Kanahā Bird Sanctuary Pond, do we have those...I don't think that...it is not County land, or maybe working with the State or those private agencies, you know, as far as having flood go into these areas, or these natural muliwai areas where the water is going to collect. Is there a process to making those partnerships, you know, that the State *(audio interference)* for access into those areas?
- MR. YAMASHITA: Yeah. Thank you, Councilmember Sinenci. I'll take that one. And, you know, we didn't have...we don't have the time and the money yet to get into that level detail because...I think one of the things that, you know, we said at the beginning, and Kanahā as an example, and that's why Kitty chose that one, is because, as we've said, this is not just a Parks problem. And so, at so many of these sites, it may not be the State, it could be other County departments that are part of the solution. And so at many of these other sites, all these County departments need to start working together

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because, you know, if you look at many of the...in South Maui...the beach parks in South Maui, South Kīhei Road is a County road, and you have a lot of utilities. It's also the...it's a point of access for our parks. So the options that we can come up with have to involve Public Works and DEM. And so, that's a whole...you know, each park, again...or many of these parks have that same problem, like the one you just mentioned. So at this point --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right.

- MR. YAMASHITA: --- all we know is that we need to start working together more, and we haven't really looked at individual sites unless we're going to be working on a plan just for that one site. So I hope that answers your question. But it's...as we've gotten into this, it has pointed out how complicated and how complex this is. And we're just...we're just, I think, at the beginning. Even though we're getting to the end of our study, it's really just the start.
- COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I think...it sounds like you guys have already identified and prioritized those high-risk areas already. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.
- CHAIR KAMA: You're welcome, Mr. Sinenci. So, you know, I would just say that, you know, I agree that this problem doesn't belong to just the County either. I think it belongs to all of us, especially when you think about all of our neighbors that are in this area, and yet, you know, this discussion is only about the parks. And maybe at some future time, we have to figure out how to...how do we inform our community about what the County's plans are, and that if--maybe at some point in time when the community--if they feel like they want to come alongside because their property happens to abut, or is adjacent to, that they think that, oh, we like...they like the plan that the County has, and maybe through that form a collaborative partnership so that they, too, you know, can come in and develop those relationships that we can actually help one another. Because this is expensive, but I think just...I don't know what the cost is, but I just...this is an island. We all live on an island, you know, and water surrounds an island, you know. And I just kind of feel for all of our people who have properties. I mean we deal with that, you know, on the West Side. So, you know, I'm hoping that in future that, you know, in the next phase, that maybe we can figure out, you know, who else is in that area that we can...that we probably need to reach out to and let them know, you know, that this is what's...what the County is doing about the problem, and if they'd like to participate, then we should help them or allow them to see what you're doing, what we're doing so that maybe we can help them at the same time. But that's all I wanted to say. But thank you, Karla, for your team and the work that they're doing. And I think we're going to be looking forward to Phase II, that next report coming out. So I have no questions, so thank you. Members, do you have any other questions for our resource people regarding this issue? Yeah, we're all excited, looking forward to Phase II. So thank you very much, Director Peters, and Deputy Director Marvel, and Mr. Yamashita. And thank you, Ms. Courtney, for your presentation. It was very impressive, and I'm so happy we have a copy of it so we can always refer to it, and that there's a map that we can tell our people that if they're not sure where they're at, go look at the map, and then maybe we can talk story later. But thank you very much. And Members, if there are no objections,

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I would like to defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Members. So thank you very much, everyone, for your presentation.

ITEM HCP-52: KALAMA SKATE PARK IMPROVEMENTS (CONTRACT C7153-1; GRINDLINE SKATEPARKS, INC.)

- CHAIR KAMA: And we're going to go onto HCP-52, the Kalama Skate Park Improvement contract. And again, I'm going to welcome back the Department of Parks and Rec, Director Peter [*sic*] and Deputy Director Marvel, who's going to be doing a presentation on the status of the contract of the Kalama Skate Park improvements. So Director Peters and Deputy Director Marvel, would you like to do your presentation?
- MR. MARVEL: Aloha, Chair. Thank you, Councilmembers.
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.
- MR. MARVEL: I am going to share my screen and pull up my presentation.
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.
- MR. MARVEL: (audio interference) everyone see that?
- CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Yes.
- MR. MARVEL: Great. Thanks for the opportunity to speak before you today. Like I said, we are here to provide an update on the Kalama Skate Park Improvements Project and the County's contract with Grindline Skateparks. I'll start with a summary of the project. Grindline Skateparks was selected through the RFP process to rebuild the two wooden skate ramps at Kalama Skate Park. So this is a photo of what it look like before we brought Grindline in. You can see the pretty extensive damage to the ramps. Guard rails were missing, wooden structural members were pretty badly deteriorated, and the majority of the skate surfacing material had been removed. And the ramps were simply no longer safe to use. Due to safety and liability issues, the entire skate park was closed during the design and construction of the ramps. Here's a couple more photos of what it looked like before To the right over here is the concrete portion of the skate park, and then the ramps are here. So the scope of Grindline's work was to design the renovations to the existing wooden skate ramps using the original design, but with modern materials. Grindline is an international expert in skate park design, who has designed and constructed over 250 skate parks worldwide. And we've also worked with them on other projects (audio interference) Maui County they designed and constructed the Hāna Skate Park and the Lāhainā Skate Park. Also, their project team included

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local structural engineer Adam Rixey, whose father, George Rixey, was the original designer of the park...of the skate park. And their scope included the planning, permitting, design, and construction administration. The design was completed, the project was bid, and the project was awarded to low bidder Norrie Construction earlier this year. Norrie started construction and completed the project this month. Ten days ago we had the blessing and grand opening for the project, and Kalama Skate Park is now fully open for the community to use. We're grateful to the South Maui community for their patience during this project, the Council and the Administration for funding and providing support, and the hardworking construction and design teams. Here's a couple more photos of the grand opening and the blessing. These are the...so this the ramps now. So this is before and after. So that's a quick overview of the project. That kind of concludes our presentation, and we're happy to answer any questions you have at this time. Thank you.

- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Sam. What a difference. What a difference. It's just beautiful. Members, any questions for Mr. Marvel? I guess start with Ms. Paltin, and we'll go to Mr. Sinenci.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering if you had the chance to test it out? . . . (laughing). . .
- CHAIR KAMA: Yourself.
- MR. MARVEL: I haven't tested it out yet. *(audio interference)* took my daughter down there and she tested it out. Good to go.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, cool, cool. Main thing.
- CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. Mr. Sinenci.
- COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Mahalo, Mr. Marvel, for the update. I was just curious about...I guess the difference between wood structure and the spraycrete that they...the same company did for the Hāna Skate Park...difference in...extreme difference in cost, yeah?
- MR. MARVEL: Yeah. Yeah. I mean, there's...actually, the design of skate parks is a lot more complex than I realized *(audio interference)* first got into this, I didn't realize everything that goes into it. And Grindline was great to work with since they've worked all over the world. They've done parks in Israel and, you know, countries all over the place, so we took into account that. And plus, these ramps have a lot sentimental value in the community. They're *(audio interference)* over 20 years old. And, you know, a lot the...you know, like I said, the structural engineer, his father is the original designer of this ramp. He grew up skating the ramps, and so we really wanted to keep the original design, keep everything as it was, and just...you know, just restore it so the next generation could enjoy.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Probably wood has more give than concrete too.

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MR. MARVEL: Yeah.

- CHAIR KAMA: Easier to fall down on. So Michael [*sic*], I just have a simple question, so how much is that contract, Sam?
- MR. MARVEL: So the design contracts with Grindline *(audio interference)* little over \$36,000 [*sic*].
- CHAIR KAMA: Not bad.
- MR. MARVEL: That included the design, the permitting, everything that...and also the construction admin. So they had people coming in to inspect and make sure the work --

CHAIR KAMA: Right.

MR. MARVEL: -- was done properly. The construction contract...the original contract was \$343,000. I think there was a couple change orders, but that was --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

- MR. MARVEL: -- (audio interference) the amount, yeah.
- CHAIR KAMA: Manini. Okay. Well, thank you. Thank you for that. Chair Lee.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just wanted to let you know that...everybody know that Member King and I attended the blessing. And we were going to try it out ourselves, but then we found out that our medical wouldn't cover any accidents for, you know, old Councilmembers trying it. But, you know, I was concerned, Sam, when we were watching the kids, some did not have helmets, and it was...made us really nervous watching that because they're pretty rambunctious. And those...the ramps and so forth...pretty risky too. I mean it's fun, but you have to know what you're doing. You can't be a beginner and then try some of those moves. Is there a requirement for the kids to wear helmets?
- MR. MARVEL: Yeah, I don't believe there's a requirement to wear helmets at the park, but I know it's definitely highly encouraged and we just, kind of . . .*(inaudible)*. . . --
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Have we had any accidents over the years?
- MR. MARVEL: I don't know...I don't have the data on that *(audio interference)* maybe Karla could jump in here. She might know better than I.
- MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So we have not seen a incident report for at least the last four years with any type of injury there. We would have to go look back to see if . . . *(inaudible)*. . . that there were injury that . . . *(inaudible)*. . . --

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- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, knock on wood. Because you were there too, so you saw how they were speeding around the ramps and, you know, it just made my heart drop a few times when some of the kids fell down and they didn't have, you know, helmet. And, you know, much...you saw the wooden structures, but much of the rest is concrete. So anyway, knock on wood, nothing ever happens. But good job on that, that was...it's a beautiful set up, beautiful structure.
- CHAIR KAMA: ... (inaudible). ..
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.
- CHAIR KAMA: Member Sugimura.
- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So that goes into my question. Based upon my experience with Pukalani Skate Park, that at the very end, we added security. So I wonder what kind of security is there with Kalama? And it's not cheap either. I mean it was, I think, 200,000 or whatever. Of course, it depends on the size of the skate park too, but just wonder what kind of security or...is at the Kalama Park?
- MR. MARVEL: Yeah, Kalama...so the park itself is fully fenced around the perimeter. That's kind of the first line of defense. And then we always have our park security officers that, you know, do their rounds through the park too. At lease so we're aware of what's going on there and, you know, if it needs to be...if there's issues there that need to be escalated to MPD, then they are from there. But we do have eyes on the park, in general.
- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. So you are watching, very good.
- CHAIR KAMA: I was just thinking that maybe one of the reasons why we don't have incident reports is if the kids go home and they complain the parents, you know what the parents going to tell them? Then you not going back. So whether they go home, I think, and complain, you just take your licks, like we all did when we were kids, and just suffer through it so that we can go next time, do them all over again. But I think that's...you know, local kids, that's what they do, right, they don't want to say anything or do anything because that means they probably won't be able to go back. But it is what it is and, you know, children are children. And, you know, when you're young...hey, when you're 10 and 12, oh, my God, you know, you're Superman. But then again, you're right, Chair Lee. When you're 70 and 80 that's totally different story. But thank you. Thank you, Karla and Sam, for that presentation. And we're so glad that you folks are there watching out for our kids and making sure that our kids have some place to go and something to do, you know, when they're not in school, like this summer. But, Members, any more questions for our Department and our Director? If not, thank you very much again, Sam and Karla. And, Members, if there are no objections, I would like to be able to defer this item also.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Defer?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: No objections.

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CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You don't want to file? You don't want to file this?

CHAIR KAMA: Well, we could. You guys want to file?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR KAMA: ... (inaudible). .. file at the end of the year, yeah? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: File.

CHAIR KAMA: Then if you want to file...okay, then let's go ahead. Is there a motion to file?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So move

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to file.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So moved by Chair Lee, second by Member Sugimura, to file this item. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor. Just do head count...roll call, no need? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Roll call.

CHAIR KAMA: I see a...look, all five of us, we're all voting to file. Thank you. Thank you.

VOTE:	AYES:	Chair Kama, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Lee, Paltin, and Sinenci.				
	NOES:	None.				
	ABSTAIN:	None.				
	ABSENT:	None.				
	EXC.:	None.				
MOTION	CARRIED.					

ACTION: Recommending FILING of the communication.

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CHAIR KAMA: Okay, Jerry, you got that? Everybody voted to file. Thank you.

ITEM HCP-61: RESOLUTION 22-110, AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 SUPPLIES TO THE PUBLIC, PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- CHAIR KAMA: Okay let's go to HCP-52, Resolution 22-110, Authorizing Distribution of COVID-19 Supplies to the Public, Public Health Agencies, Medical Providers And Non-Profit Organizations. So, Members, the purpose of this resolution is to approve the donation of COVID-19 goods to the public, public health agencies, medical providers, and nonprofit organizations on an as-needed or periodic basis to December 31st, 2022. At this time I'd like to invite Managing Director Sandy Baz or the Managing Director Deputy Josiah Nikita [*sic*], to provide us an update on this item. Hey, and there's Josiah. Welcome.
- MR. NISHITA: Hey, aloha, everyone. Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, Committee Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Committee Members for allowing me to speak to you today. My name is Josiah Nishita, I'm the Deputy Managing Director for the County of Maui. I did provide comments on this proposed legislation back when it came up before the Council for referral to Committee. So I won't reiterate that for you today, but just, really, to provide an update to the Committee.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

MR. NISHITA: From approximately January through March 2022, we distributed approximately 50,000 County-purchased at-home test kits to the public, public health agencies and nonprofit partners. And then approximately 25,000 Federally-obtained at-home test kits were distributed as well, and that was through a partnership with our Maui District Health Office. In roughly the past two months, we have distributed approximately 90,000 at-home test kits, and those were all Federal assets that we've obtained through our partnership with our Maui District Health Office. We anticipate receiving almost 200,000 test kits in the next few weeks through a partnership with our State Department of Health, Maui District Health Office, and Malama I Ke Ola Health Center that we'll be working to distribute to the public and community partners. So all those are not County assets that we're talking about here today, but in the event that it's needed. And I think we brought up at the previous Council meeting...I think our understanding is that this isn't required, but for the purposes of transparency, and to make sure to keep the Council informed, and answer any questions you have, you know, this is the route we wanted to take to ensure that level of transparency to the public. Those are my...kind of my brief comments for you today, Committee Chair Kama.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

MR. NISHITA: I apologize, I wanted to kind of have a whole presentation and whatnot for you

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guys, but I did just get back from my surgery earlier this month. A real minor procedure, but I apologize, I didn't have time to put something more elaborate together. But appreciate your folks' consideration today. Thanks.

- CHAIR KAMA: Thanks you, Mr. Nishita. Chair Lee, questions for Mr. Nishita?
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Thank you, Josiah, for your presentation. Did we have to...not return, but did...was there any spoilage with some of the supplies that we received...test kits, and so forth?
- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Council Chair Lee. No, the County of Maui did not have any tests that...I think what you're referencing is go past the expiration date, essentially.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right.
- MR. NISHITA: And no, we did not. I think the closest we've ever gotten to the end of the expiration date has probably been about a month or two before they were utilized.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So the kits that we purchased, were they all purchased with ARPA funds?
- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Chair Lee. So the test kits that we purchased, we purchased through the County COVID General Funds. And I think Budget Chair...I mean, I'm sorry...our Budget Director had provided comments to the Council previously about our...kind of our strategy on the whole thing, is that the Federal Government will be reimbursing the qualified jurisdictions for certain COVID-related expenditures up to June 30th of this year. And one of the stipulations of that is that, basically, it has be expended with County resources. So if the Federal Government...we're going through that process right now for reimbursement from the...FEMA. And if FEMA ultimately declines, it is eligible to be reimbursed through our ARPA funds.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. So the answer to that was...is --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- well, not necessarily but it could be.

- MR. NISHITA: Essentially, yeah. We're trying to maximize the amount of Federal resources that the County of Maui receives.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.
- CHAIR KAMA: ... (inaudible)...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you know what the balance is of what we have left to spend?

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MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Council Chair Lee. When you talk about the balance of resources to be spent, are you talking about CARES Act funds? What funds are you referring . . .(*inaudible*). . . --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Any funds that we would use to pay for supplies, such as test kits.

MR. NISHITA: Okay. The CARES Act funding has all been spent and accounted for. And I believe here shortly, the Finance Department is going to be, like, officially closing that out with the State and Feds. So those resources have all been expended. We did not expend all the General Fund resources that the Council did provide related to COVID. And the ARPA funding, my understanding is we still have not received the second tranche of funding, but I believe most of the first tranche has already been essentially spoken for with the revenue replacement. I think there was the credit union program for small businesses and a couple other projects.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Was that 30 million?

- MR. NISHITA: No, I believe the first tranche that we got...I'm sorry, I can't remember exactly offhand, but I thought it was around 16 million or so, but I could be wrong on that.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, but totally...the total would be, what, another 14 million...the second tranche?
- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Council Chair Lee. Yeah, I defer to the Department of Finance on the exact amount --
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: ... (inaudible). .. --
- MR. NISHITA: -- but I believe it's around that number somewhere, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Around 14. Okay. Thank you. Thanks for the information.

- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair Lee. Mr. Sinenci.
- COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And aloha, Deputy Director Nishita. I just had a quick question. We been getting a lot of calls at the office about the...what is...for clarity, what is the protocol for quarantine? *(audio interference)* five days?
- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Councilmember Sinenci. Yes, Department of Health recommendations at this time...and just to clarify, when you say quarantine, you're indicating exposure to COVID. Isolation would be --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Isolation.

MR. NISHITA: -- if you actually have COVID.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MR. NISHITA: And isolation...yeah, the recommendation right now is five days. And then following CDC guidance, an additional five days, wearing your mask both indoors and outdoors, for a total of ten days before, you know, kind of resuming back to "normal life."

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MR. NISHITA: From...yeah, from quarantine perspective, it just depends on...based on the recommendations on your vaccination status and a few other factors.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So whether you're vaccinated or not, five days.

MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Councilmember Sinenci. Yeah, for isolation purposes, yeah, if you test positive, whether vaccinated or not --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

- MR. NISHITA: -- they recommend you stay at home for five days before leaving your house.
- COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thanks for that clarification, Chair.
- CHAIR KAMA: Member Paltin.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Nishita. I appreciate you and the Administration distributing the supplies. I think it's really within our role of something that we should do. I just was wondering what protocols or procedures are being put in place to ensure that they're used as intended and there's not, like, hoarding, or scalping, or anything along those lines. Because stores, I believe, are still selling these products. So if we're giving it to health *(audio interference)* agencies, public health agencies, medical providers, and nonprofit organizations, we're not expecting them to then go and sell it. We're expecting them to make it available to the public as sort of a passthrough. And so I just was wondering, what safeguards are being put in place to ensure that that does happen as intended?
- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Councilmember Paltin. It's specific to...so basically entities other than qualified vendors wouldn't be able to legally sell test kits. So the, you know, entities that we've given that, you know, potentially have the ability to sell would be...and I'll give one example, like Rainbow Pharmacy on Lāna'i. You know, they potentially could sell test kits there. But we do have a lot of...and they're...they've been really great partners. When Lāna'i had their, you know, high case rates, and testing shortages and whatnot, them and other providers on Lāna'i helped us distribute test kits to the public for free. And we have a lot of community members, as well as, you know, Councilmember Johnson and others on Lāna'i that, you know, are able to kind of be our eyes and ears on that sort of thing and in those areas. But those are...you know, those entities are actually legally allowed to sell test kits.

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it's kind of few and far between that we'll provide. It's primarily the nonprofit partners that serve our underserved communities who may have, you know, insurance issues or difficulty in obtaining testing resources and things like that that, you know, we would provide test kits to to help those populations.

- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And just to follow up, would it be appropriate and allowed for them to utilize these test kits for their own employees and volunteers that are helping the community?
- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Councilmember Paltin. Yes, you know, we've worked with the Department of Health on kind of appropriate uses and entities to receive them. And yes, for a lot of them, they're providing, you know, essential services to our community. You know, whether it be mental healthcare resources or, you know, childcare provision or, you know, feeding our homeless or underserved communities, things of that nature. You know, we do view those as essential services, and making sure that their employee base is healthy and not spreading it amongst them so that those essential services can continue would be viewed as, you know, appropriate uses of that.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. So when we do give these, and that is appropriate use, do we also give guidelines and...you know, so that there's no question of what is allowed, what isn't allowed and, you know, if there's something that hasn't been listed and comes up, then to come back and ask the question, or something like that? Or are we providing, like, these guidelines in writing to the people that we are distributing it to?
- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama, and Councilmember Paltin. The Department of Health has, basically, guidelines that are provided in terms of what to do with your test kit; what to do, you know, if you test positive; when you should use the test kit provided; and things of that nature. The general guidance --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: ... (inaudible). .. guidelines, the --

MR. NISHITA: -- then the general guidance given to each entity or agency is that, you know, it's to be utilized for their...the communities in which they're serving. So that can include, you know, testing the employees to make sure that they can keep their doors open or services provided. And it includes, you know, providing test kits to those community members that receive services from them. But beyond that kind of general guidance, you know, we haven't provided anything further to date.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. I kind of asked a lot of questions. Thanks.

CHAIR KAMA: So I just have a question. I think...as I'm reading the distribution of COVID-19 supplies to the public...so our public health entities and the medical profession and nonprofit organizations, are they the only ones that you will use as distributors for these test kits? Because I'm just...you know, I'm thinking about how many times I've taken...or have I gone to a doctor or a medical profession [*sic*] or taken...you know, you

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got to get your labs done and all this kind of stuff in the past 30 days. And not one time was I offered a test kit or given the . . . *(inaudible)*. . . so how does that work? I mean, do you have to ask for it? Do they give it to you? Do they offer it? I mean, do we have it...and how do people know that these things are available to them free of charge? I mean, is there something that guides the nonprofits or the medical providers about that?

- MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Committee Chair Kama. Specific to, you know, the public health agencies or medical providers. You know, the primary, I guess, public health agency we're identifying is our Maui District Health Office. So there have been times during testing shortages that we've worked through them because, you know, the County of Maui, as a whole, is not licensed to be, you know, like a medical provider or anything like that and to --
- CHAIR KAMA: Right. Right.
- MR. NISHITA: -- obtain certain resources --
- CHAIR KAMA: Yes.
- MR. NISHITA: -- there are certain licensing requirements and whatnot. So, you know, there may be community needs on their end in which they may need resources that we have when their public health nurses go out into the field or service, you know, our residents in need. And like one example is, maybe in the past month or two, you know, we've sent shipments over to Moloka'i for the public health nurses there for their ongoing work with our residents in Moloka'i. In terms of medical providers, their biggest need was primarily during the testing shortages when the Federal Government kind of, you know, took all available resources to, you know, distribute for Federal programs or other needs throughout the country, and in which case it was very hard for them to obtain --

CHAIR KAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. NISHITA: -- certain types of equipment, or test kits, and whatnot. And that's when...you know, we knew that that was on the horizon --

CHAIR KAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. NISHITA: -- and so we had...you know, I don't want to say stockpiled, but we planned ahead to...in anticipation that there may be that type of shortages, especially for our small community health providers.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. NISHITA: And so, you know, luckily...especially, I think, the biggest impact was during the Omicron surge --

CHAIR KAMA: Right.

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- MR. NISHITA: -- the initial surge, you know, there was a lot of entities that...and during the Delta surge, that couldn't get access to test kits --
- CHAIR KAMA: ... (inaudible). .. --
- MR. NISHITA: -- you know, machines and things of that nature. And so, you know, we did have a supply that we were able to provide to them so that they could continue their services out in places like Hāna, and especially our rural areas because those are --
- CHAIR KAMA: Yes.
- MR. NISHITA: -- primarily the smaller, you know, medical providers that don't have large purchasing power.
- CHAIR KAMA: Right.
- MR. NISHITA: So they can't, you know, swing the market, so to say --
- CHAIR KAMA: Right.
- MR. NISHITA: -- to get large orders.
- CHAIR KAMA: ... (inaudible). .. --
- MR. NISHITA: So those are primarily the ones that we assisted. In addition to...like Hale Makua, you know, they provide a significant resource for our hospital in allowing them to discharge patients for long-term care --
- CHAIR KAMA: Great. Yeah.
- MR. NISHITA: -- which also helps to protect our hospital's existing resources for providing other types of services to our community. Not just COVID-related, but, you know, car crashes, and heart attacks, and things of that nature. So, you know, it's kind of...there's additional benefits to helping to protect even our small healthcare providers and long-term care facilities.
- CHAIR KAMA: Yes, absolutely. Thank you. Thank you for that. Members, do you have any other questions for Mr. Nishita? If not, Members, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 22-110, entitled "AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 SUPPLIES TO THE PUBLIC, PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS."

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So move, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

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CHAIR KAMA: It's been moved by Member Sugimura, and seconded by Chair Lee. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor of the adoption of the resolution, please raise your hand and say "aye." I see all five of us again. Look it, I love you chickadees. You see. ...(*laughing*)... Motion is now passed and carried.

VOTE: Chair AYES: Kama, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Lee, Paltin, and Sinenci. NOES: None. **ABSTAIN:** None. ABSENT: None. EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 22-110.

CHAIR KAMA: So, thank you, Mr. Nishita, for coming and sharing with us. And thank you, Members, for your fabulous vote and passage of this motion. And so we have 5-0, yes, 100 percent attendance today. So proud of you guys. So, Members, if there are no objections I would like to defer this item so we can bring it back again. So hearing no objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, everyone. So this item is deferred. Yes, Ms. Paltin.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just was wondering why we're bringing it back again if we're going to . . .(*inaudible*). . . --
- CHAIR KAMA: Oh, that's right, we don't need to bring it back. Yeah. You're right. Okay, motion to file.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll move to file it.
- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you very much, Ms. Paltin.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.
- CHAIR KAMA: And thank you, Ms. Sugimura [*sic*], for seconding it. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor of filing this motion, please say "aye"...filing the item, please say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR KAMA: And I see five hands up and five ayes.

- VOTE: AYES: Chair Kama, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Lee, Paltin, and Sinenci.
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAIN: None.
 - ABSENT: None.
 - EXC.: None.

MOTION TO FILE.

ACTION: Recommending TO FILE Resolution 22-110.

- CHAIR KAMA: Thank you very much, Ms. Paltin. I certainly do appreciate your help and your support in getting this Committee to do its work. So, Members, thank you for attending today's meeting The time is now 3:19, and I know you didn't have your break, but look --
- MR. PAREDES: Chair. Chair.
- CHAIR KAMA: -- you get the rest of the afternoon . . . (inaudible). . . --
- MR. PAREDES: -- my apologies, Chair, for interrupting.

CHAIR KAMA: -- yes, Jerry. Yes, Jerry. Yes.

MR. PAREDES: Chair, the motion should have been a motion to adopt, not a motion to file.

- CHAIR KAMA: Oh, that's right. Sorry.
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no. Wait, wait. No, no. Okay.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Reconsider issue.
- CHAIR KAMA: So can you --
- COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Wait. You said...we already voted on that motion to adopt. We already did...that was the first thing we did.

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CHAIR KAMA: Right, the second was to file. Jerry, did you get that?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Corp. Counsel wants to say something.

CHAIR KAMA: Oh, Mimi, yes.

MS. DESJARDINS: I was just...no. Thank you. But I was just agreeing with Chair Lee. There was a motion to adopt, and then the question of whether to file or defer, that was the second motion --

CHAIR KAMA: ... (inaudible). .. yes.

MS. DESJARDINS: -- the second motion.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Yes.

MS. DESJARDINS: ... (inaudible)...

MS. VINORAY: There was no filing necessary. This is Stacey, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes, Stacey, I hear you. Go ahead, Stacey.

MS. VINORAY: There's no motion to file, it's not necessary.

CHAIR KAMA: You coming in garbled, Stacey.

MR. PAREDES: Chair. Chair, I apologize. This is Jerry again.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

MR. PAREDES: Stacey is saying that there is no motion to file that is necessary.

CHAIR KAMA: Oh, we don't need a motion to file?

MR. PAREDES: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: I don't...okay. Thank you. So if we don't need a motion to file, and we're not going to defer this because we're not going to bring it back up, right? Jerry?

MR. PAREDES: Yes, Chair. We are just adopting the resolution.

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CHAIR KAMA: Oh, okay. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Member Paltin. Thank you, Chair Lee. Thank you, Stacey. Thank you, Jerry. Thank you, Mimi. Thank you, everyone. . . . (laughing). . . So the time is now 3:21 p.m. Today's Human Concerns and Parks Committee is now adjourned, so you all can go out and play. We'll see you all tomorrow morning. . . . (gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 3:21 p.m.

APPROVED:

TASHA KAMA, Chair Human Concerns and Parks Committee

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DATED the 19th day of July 2022, in Mililani, Hawai'i

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