

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 21, 2005

**Committee
Report No.**

05-147

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

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works Committee, having met on October 3, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-254, from Councilmember Michelle Anderson, transmitting correspondence dated July 15, 2005, from L. Lanihuli Freidenburg, Island Sands Condominium Board Member, relating to flood damage at Island Sands and Maalaea Banyan condominiums.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Deputy Director of Public Works and Environmental Management; a Design Engineer, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from Robert W. Riebling, President, Maalaea Community Association. He spoke on behalf of the Association in support of potential County actions that could prevent future flooding in the area. He also submitted written testimony at the meeting.

Your Committee's Chair submitted photographs of the drainage channel and the culvert underneath Hauoli Street.

The Design Engineer reviewed the history of the drainage channel and past flooding events. He noted that past flooding had several root causes involving property that was not under County control, but he acknowledged that the single 48-inch culvert currently in place appeared inadequate. He informed your Committee that the Department would complete their study, and design remedial action that could be included in the Capital Improvement Program and operating budget request for the upcoming fiscal year. He assured your Committee that such design work would complement, but not delay the ongoing design work for a sidewalk parallel to Hauoli Street.

Your Committee discussed the frequency of the County's maintenance of the existing drainage channel, and requested that a letter be sent to the Department asking for an account of all recent maintenance to this drainage channel, as well as the Department's

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response to the two major flooding episodes that have occurred over the past ten years. Your Committee further requested that the Department explore modifications that would protect public safety, such as the addition of guardrails on either side of the roadway where the roadway crosses the drainage channel.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communication.

Your Public Works Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 05-254 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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