

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# PARKS AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

March 5, 2004

Committee  
Report No.

04-46

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

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Agriculture Committee, having met on February 19, 2004, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-38, from Councilmember Michael J. Molina, relating to drainage infrastructure for the Wailuku swimming pools.

Your Committee notes that a resident of Pakahi Street in Wailuku raised concerns regarding the ponding of water at the intersection of Pakahi Street and Market Street. By correspondence dated January 2, 2004, the Director of Parks and Recreation stated that ponding occurs when the Wailuku swimming pools are drained.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

Your Committee notes that the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation informed your Committee that the Department of Parks and Recreation is aware that some water is collecting at the intersection of Pakahi Street and Market Street, adjacent to the Wailuku pool facility. He stated that the ponding was worse when the County was required to "dump and fill" the pool every two weeks. Since a new filtration system was installed to recirculate the water, the pool is now backwashed once a week. This new process flushes 4,000 gallons of water versus 90,000 gallons of water with the "dump and fill" process.

The Deputy Director explained that the ponding is caused by: (1) a collapsed drain line that was intended to divert water from the pool to the canal at Wells Park; and (2) a clogged French drain that was built to accommodate the backwashed water. He stated that over time, the French drain becomes filled with sand, dirt, and other debris, which causes the ponding.

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The Deputy Director stated that the County has held discussions with the State Department of Health (DOH) regarding the ponding. The DOH says there is no health issue because the water is chlorinated and dries by lunchtime. It is more of a nuisance for residents that have to drive through the ponding.

Your Committee expressed concerns regarding the ponding, and requested the Department to provide estimates for repairing the collapsed drain and unclogging the French drain.

Your Committee authorized your Committee's Chair to forward correspondence regarding ponding at the intersection of Pakahi Street and Market Street to your Budget and Finance Committee for consideration during the FY 2005 Budget session.

After a brief discussion, your Committee voted to recommend filing the communication.

Your Parks and Agriculture Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication No. 04-38 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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