

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
**PUBLIC WORKS AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

December 6, 2002

Committee
Report No.

02-195

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

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee, having met on November 13, 2002, makes reference to County Communication No. 02-157, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20.30, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO REUSE OF RECLAIMED WATER FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to expand the requirement for R-1 reclaimed water utilized by commercial properties for irrigation purposes to include Central Maui.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, the Deputy Director of Water Supply, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Director provided your Committee with an overview of the matter. He stated that Section 20.30.010, Maui County Code, currently requires the use of reclaimed water for irrigation purposes by commercial properties in West Maui and South Maui, wherever economically feasible and where reclaimed water distribution systems have been installed. The proposed bill would include the same requirement for commercial properties in Central Maui. The Director indicated that the matter was originally discussed during your Budget and Finance Committee's discussion of the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget. He noted that the Committee was considering funding for the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Treatment Plant and during its discussion, requested that a proposed bill be drafted requiring Central Maui commercial properties to use reclaimed water.

The Deputy Director stated that the Department of Water Supply supports the proposed bill.

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In response to an inquiry by your Committee, the Director stated that the current level of wastewater treatment is R-2. However, in order to expand the usage of reclaimed water, treatment must achieve R-1 levels. The Director stated that he currently did not have a schedule for when the County will achieve the R-1 or tertiary treatment of wastewater. However, he indicated he would research the matter and provide your Committee with the information. He noted that passage of the proposed bill would help to accelerate the process for meeting these treatment levels.

Your Committee voted to recommend the passage of the proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication.

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2002), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20.30, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO REUSE OF RECLAIMED WATER FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES", be **PASSED ON FIRST READING** and be **ORDERED TO PRINT**; and
2. That County Communication No. 02-157 be **FILED**.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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