

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 20, 2009

Committee
Report No.

09-29

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

Chair and Members:

Your Planning Committee, having met on March 2, 2009, makes reference to County Communication No. 08-23, from Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, pertaining to the matter of policy issues relating to coastal erosion and sea-level rise.

Coastal geologist Zoe Norcross-Nu`u provided a computer-generated presentation to explain existing problems relating to coastal erosion and sea-level rise and their relevance to the County's long-range planning. She advised that awareness of these issues can help the County make good land use and budgetary decisions, which will minimize future environmental, economic, and social harm.

Ms. Norcross-Nu`u responded to your Committee's extensive questions about coastal geology, global climate change, and appropriate means of preventing erosion and preparing for rising ocean levels.

Your Committee expressed its grave concern with the issues presented and thanked Ms. Norcross-Nu`u for the information and advice she provided.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Kaho`ohalahala, Vice-Chair Johnson, and members Baisa, Medeiros, Molina, Nishiki, and Victorino voted "aye".

Your Planning Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 08-23 be FILED.

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Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.



SOL P. KAHO'OHALAHALA, Chair

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