

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
LAND USE COMMITTEE

July 22, 2011

**Committee
Report No.** _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Land Use Committee, having met on June 15, 2011, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-76, from the Planning Director, transmitting an application filed by Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC (“Castle & Cooke”) for an amendment to the Lanai Project District 2 (Koele) Phase I (Section 19.71.055(D), Maui County Code (“MCC”). The amendment would allow for the unrestricted use of up to 150,000 gallons per day of groundwater from the high level aquifer for the irrigation of the Koele Golf Course.

Your Committee notes that Section 19.71.055(D), MCC, prohibits the use of high level aquifer groundwater for golf course maintenance or operation, and requires that all irrigation of the golf course shall be through alternative non-potable water sources, except in limited circumstances.

Your Committee notes that Castle & Cooke filed the application in 2001. According to Castle & Cooke, the irrigation requirements for the Koele Golf Course could not be met by natural rainfall and treated effluent at that time.

By correspondence dated May 5, 2011, Kristofer Baptist, Senior Project Coordinator, Castle & Cooke, informed your Committee that Castle & Cooke is withdrawing its application. According to Mr. Baptist, the application was submitted to supplement the planting of new sod on the Koele Golf Course; however, since the filing of the application, the replanting and growing of the new sod has been completed without the use of groundwater from the high level aquifer.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Carroll, Vice-Chair White, and members Baisa, Cochran, and Hokama voted “aye”. Committee members Couch, Mateo, Pontanilla, and Victorino were excused.

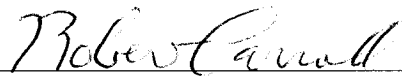
Your Land Use Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 03-76 be FILED.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



ROBERT CARROLL, Chair

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