

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

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Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair (in 9:05 a.m.)
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member (in 9:08 a.m.)
Councilmember Don Couch, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member (out 5:37 p.m.)
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

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Jordan Molina, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

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Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

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David Ching, Deputy Managing Director, Department of Management
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James Buika
Others (5)

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ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (CC 15-41)

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . We shall bring to order the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. This is April 1, 2015.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I no like go there . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, yeah, we are gonna meet today.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair, is there a motion to take the day off?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, you can leave all those decisions to me, sure.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: April Fools, April Fools.

CHAIR HOKAMA: This morning, Members, before we start the continued review of the Department of Fire and Public Safety, we shall take public testimony. For those that are...would like to share their comments on the proposed Budget, make yourself known. As stated in the posting of the agenda, you have three minutes, and three minutes only to speak. We shall assist you with your time. The green light means to speak, yellow means you have 30 seconds to conclude, and red means to stop. So at this time...oh, and please, I need to do it, too. Let's get our noise-making devices either off or silent mode, please, Members. So with that, we'll ask Tara Owens if she would come up for public testimony, please.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. OWENS: Good morning, Chair Hokama --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

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MS. OWENS: --and all the rest of you Budget and Finance Committee members. It's odd being up here on April Fools. I promise this is not a fool. My name is Tara Owens. I think most of you know me by now. I'm a Coastal Geologist with UH Sea Grant, but stationed here on Maui as a partner liaison to the Planning Department. And this morning I'd like to offer testimony in support of the Department of Planning budget item for Professional Services for a study of erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the West Side of Maui. As I think you guys are pretty aware, coastal erosion is a continuing and worsening problem in Hawaii, and on Maui our erosion rates are high compared to the islands of Oahu and Kauai. And we have 85 percent of our coastlines experiencing long-term erosion. We're reaching a point where buildings and infrastructure like roads are, around the island, being impacted by erosion. And we have a particular case in West Maui in Kahana Bay where a multistory condominium, the Hololani Resort, is threatened by erosion. And there's a long history at the site. Some of you may be familiar with it. But the long and short is for now there's a temporary sandbag protection that's been in place since 2007. And as a final solution to the continuing erosion, the owners and applicants are proposing armoring via a hybrid seawall revetment structure. And this has been a common practice historically throughout Hawaii in response to erosion. However, in the more recent past armoring has been discouraged by the State and County because it's well-documented that armoring has a high potential for negative, pretty extreme negative consequences including accelerated erosion in front of armoring structures and along neighboring properties. And because of these impacts, armoring very often results in a domino effect where you have one seawall leading to another and before you know it an entire stretch of shoreline has been armored. And it's this domino effect that's one of the main concerns for Kahana Bay for the neighboring properties. There are potentially alternative solutions for Hololani and Kahana Bay that would involve regional beach restoration, or sometimes called beach renourishment. A sand solution as an alternative to armoring is a regional solution that would provide erosion protection for many of the condos in the bay, not just one. And to that end, we're looking at needing additional studies to quantify the sand requirements, and possibly other structure configurations, and to identify offshore sand resources. The studies would be coordinated through us in the Planning Department, and then carried out by our close partners at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which is a Federal agency. That's the situation in a nutshell, but please if you have any questions either today or later on in your deliberations about the situation or about the study itself, of course feel free to contact me any time. And then on a side note, I'll wrap up by mentioning...I shouldn't fail to mention that there's a separate budget item for my program, UH Sea Grant.

MR. MOLINA: Three minutes.

MS. OWENS: My director...can I continue for 30 seconds, please, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No.

MS. OWENS: Okay, thank you very much.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Questions for the lady? Tell us why this initial request...this study, why is the County being asked to pay and not the State? That's not our property.

MS. OWENS: Well, I think I'll be followed in testimony by Jim Buika and maybe he would be best to address the County's perspective on that. But, you know, in general with these erosion problems that we're experiencing Statewide, it's a challenge that we're all facing and the solutions are really, in our perspective, something that are gonna require coordination among all the agencies in order to solve these problems.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, you're gonna have a hard time with me getting County money.

MS. OWENS: It's a fair question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Questions for the lady on her testimony?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You were completing...I wanted to hear the last 30 seconds because I think it's very important. So I'm gonna ask you to finish...

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, the Chair's not gonna allow that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any further questions on testimony that she's presented already? Okay, thank you very much.

MS. OWENS: Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: James Buika.

MR. BUIKA: Good morning, Chair --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

MR. BUIKA: --Hokama, Councilmembers. My name is Jim Buika. I am a citizen of...or a resident of Wailuku. I'm testifying as a...as a citizen. I am also a County employee and I'm taking vacation time to provide my comments this morning. My background, I have over 35 years of professional geology engineering, hazard mitigation planning experience and currently in my position at the County, I am the Lead Shoreline Planner. And I have two items I'd like to urge your positive unanimous vote on. First is, please vote to support the small funding increase for Ms. Tara Owens who is our UH Sea Grant Geologist here on Maui. She provides vital scientific services to Planning Department, to Public Works, Department of Environmental Management,

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Parks and Rec, many citizens on a daily basis, many citizens' groups. She also teaches Oceanography at Maui College for many years now, and she...so she teaches our next generation about...on oceanography and shoreline issues. So I urge you to...there's a small fund just for a small increase in her salary so that we can keep her on island and keep her vital services alive. My second point is that I'm asking for unanimous support including the Chair's to fund a vital one-time study to fund the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' experts to study beach nourishment options to save Kahana Bay, Napili. Kahana Bay is threatened due to more armoring which will have negative impacts. This regional study will examine the availability of offshore sand for replenishing Kahana Bay. I can't emphasize how important the timing of this study is. It cannot wait. That's why we cannot wait for the State. If we don't get it done in this Budget, we have...in a short time, in our presence here on the island, we will see Kahana Bay armored and we will see the loss of Kahana Bay, the beach and the shoreline. So without this study and without your support, we will...we will lose that. And the reason for funding it from the County is it sends a very strong message to the State Legislature and to the Federal government that Maui County takes very seriously our role in adapting to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise that will have enormous effects on Maui County. So we are stepping up, we need to step up in partnership with the State and Federal government while there is still time and hope for our Maui shorelines.

MR. MOLINA: Three minutes.

MR. BUIKA: Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any questions for the gentleman on testimony provided? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Mr. Buika, for being here. You mentioned that if this...this study wasn't done that there will be shoreline hardening? I thought we had some say in that?

MR. BUIKA: We do. We do have a say in that. It's very difficult to stop shoreline hardening. There are, you know, there are permits before us. You know, I can...I can allow the Planning Department, the Planning Director to talk more about this, but the only option on the board right now in Kahana Bay is shoreline hardening. Whereas...whereas we really need to look at Kahana Bay as a nine-parcel, nine-condo regional problem. It is not...the applicants are saying that...yes, they understand that that is a solution but it's not their responsibility or kuleana to do a regional study...to do...to find a regional solution.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And if nothing's done with that property, then what happens? It looks like that that will lose that whole building or...

MR. BUIKA: Potentially it can continue to be protected with temporary mattresses full of rocks and sandbags. It can continue for some time. Eventually the building would be

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lost if it was unprotected by something, and one way of protecting it is through beaches. Beaches have protected condos for 40, 50 years.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And how many...how many units are in that?

MR. BUIKA: There are 62, approximately 62, 64 units in two eight-story condo...condo buildings.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Mr. Buika, for being here. The study is to see if there's I guess a bank of sand just outside of the reef there in front in Kahana Bay?

MR. BUIKA: Correct. There's been shoreline erosion. The sand doesn't disappear. What it does is it gets caught in channels, goes offshore over time and gets...and we believe it's caught behind the inner reef. You know, it gets deposited as soon as it loses the energy of the wave environment, it will settle in large pockets. And we worked with the Corps of Engineers for last three years to find sources of sand. There are large sources of sand offshore obviously that are not...no longer on the beach. They move offshore and then they settle. So like Waikiki, Iroquois Point, Spreckelsville, we have mined sand from offshore and brought it onshore. So it is...it is like the wave of the future for protecting our shorelines, maintaining our beaches. And as you know, if we lose our beaches, that's...we lose our economy, much of our economy because people wanna come and be on Maui's beautiful beaches. So this is an attempt to look at an alternative to continuing to harden Kahana Bay because as Ms. Owens said one...one seawall leads to another.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right, which most of it is. But how much is this study?

MR. BUIKA: It is for \$320,000, one year study to look at sand sources and to look at options for...various...additional options for protecting this property and looking at it...regional protection of all of Kahana Bay, nine...nine parcels from Kahana Stream all the way down to S-Turns, Pohaku Park.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And State and Federal dollars are assisting in this 320?

MR. BUIKA: No, this...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What part are they assisting in?

MR. BUIKA: We will use Federal resources, Corps of Engineers' experts, coastal geologists and engineers who will do the study for us. Short time they will dedicate their resources and this will be funded right now, one-time, one-year study for Kahana Bay

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by the County of Maui. The timing of trying to get...Corps of Engineers has been attempting to get Federal dollars. It's difficult when you have to go all the way back to Washington, D.C. and fight for these types of dollars as you know compared to all the other issues in Florida, California, the Gulf of Mexico. So competing for those funds, they have been working diligently to try to gain funds. And I think if we show a commitment the Corps of Engineers will be able to get funds, and I think we'll be able to get a lot of funds in the future from the Federal government with people like Senator Schatz and Tulsi Gabbard in Congress who understand these issues.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. And lastly, the increase for salary is 10,000?

MR. BUIKA: Yeah, that's...it's unfortunately all doesn't...it's overhead and everything for UH but it is something...just 10,000 plus, 10,500 whatever it is. I'm not sure of the exact figure.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any other questions? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, and thank you, Mr. Buika. Could you share with us whether there's a private contribution from the landowners that would benefit from this study or is this just County funds you're requesting? Or is...is the amount that you're requesting from the County the total, or is there additional monies coming from the owners?

MR. BUIKA: It...I mean ultimately...ultimately the...right now the funding is solely from the County initially to do this study to understand whether there are sand sources available and the economics of bringing it back up for all nine condos. The Mayor has tasked myself, Tara Owens and others in the Department to work with all nine condos there, the Board of Directors and the owners to help them understand this problem to gain their input. So if we do a regional beach nourishment project, it would be funded by the nine condominiums. Hopefully we could get some State dollars. Hopefully we'll seek Federal dollars to do that type of thing. So it would be a landmark, very important study for saving Kahana Bay, turning it around from the state that it's in right now of coastal erosion to one of a very healthy, beautiful Kahana Bay as the people who all bought units there 20, 30, 40 years ago bought them for the reason of the beautiful beach and bay in front. And we can recreate that, we do believe. The Corps of Engineers is very confident that we can do that. Royal Kahana next door has hired consultants to look at beach nourishment also. And Valley Isle, the one next to them, are very interested in the beach nourishment. Kahana Village to the north, the farthest one to the north, has done a beach nourishment and they are extremely happy with it. It has improved their beach tremendously and we could during the April 15th, Lahaina side testimony we can get some folks from the condos to express their interest in this project to all of the Council. So we're working...we're beginning to work with the condos to --

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. I...we have a...

MR. BUIKA: --look at funding.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We have a...

MR. BUIKA: But the funding would be solely County.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We have long day ahead of us so --

MR. BUIKA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --if you can keep your answers --

MR. BUIKA: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --short, that would be great. The other question I have is have there been beach nourishment projects done on Oahu? I remember some getting funded. I'm not sure --

MR. BUIKA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: -- what took place but is the project on Oahu that's been done in the same general scope of what we're looking at doing in Kahana and how much did that cost?

MR. BUIKA: Yes, the...I don't know the exact cost but Tara Owens probably would know the exact cost because she studied Waikiki Beach for her Master's Degree. But they have...they have just recently renourished Waikiki Beach, major section of Waikiki Beach, and they have done near Pearl Harbor an area called Iroquois Point where they have revived and revitalized a decrepit housing project into pristine, beautiful coastal property. Iroquois Point down by...on the edge of Pearl Harbor, on the outskirts of Pearl Harbor. Two major Oahu projects.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, I think it would help if we could be provided some pictures if you have any kind of access to overhead photos. Thank you.

MR. BUIKA: Will do.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is not Committee meeting of a Department's request. This is testimony. Please remember that. Mr. Victorino?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Never mind. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Question?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Never mind.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, you're right. It's one to ask the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: My questions will be directed to the Department.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much for your presence this morning.

MR. BUIKA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll go to the District Offices. Ms. Lono, Hana, anyone wishing to provide testimony?

MS. LONO: Good morning, Chair. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Fernandez, Lanai, anyone wishing to provide testimony?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez on Lanai and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Alcon on Molokai, anyone wishing to provide testimony?

MS. ALCON: Good morning, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, ladies. Members, that's all the requests we've had for testimony. With no objections, we shall close testimony for today.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Before we continue on the Fire Department and with the Chief, I just wish to share some information with you regarding our sister counties of Hawaii in...regarding their Budget deliberations. As I understand it, Kauai County, our sister county on the northwest end, is looking at a Fiscal Year '16 Operating Budget that is

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only .6 percent, .6 percent higher than Fiscal Year '15. One of the things that they did do of interest is the development of a motor pool, countywide motor pool, as a way to have better control over their vehicles in their fleets and departments. Last year the Planning Department...they presented part of their TVR enforcement bill whereby through that legislation they've shut down 53 illegal/unpermitted rental operations. And they have created a new, for Fiscal Year '16, new property tax class called Residential Investors for properties that are valued over 2 million and used as second home. Their tax rate is higher than residential class. And that's estimated to bring them additional revenue for their County needs. Hawaii County, our sister County to the east of us, is proposing a 4.3 percent increase in Operating Budget over Fiscal Year '15. Mayor Kenoi is proposing no tax increases. He is proposing a...they are reviewing a 81...or let me just round it out, an \$82 million Capital Budget request this year compared to 170 million from the current year. And they're currently working to deal with their debt service also which is estimated at 7.86 percent of their General Fund. Honolulu under Mayor Caldwell is focusing on fiscal prudence. What he has done, Members, is he's presented to their County Council a budget of \$2.28 billion which is 6.5 percent higher than the current budget year, or \$130 million increase. The...Honolulu's, City and County of Honolulu, proposed CIP budget imposes strict curtailment in capital improvement spending and is \$214.4 million or 30 percent less than appropriated in Fiscal Year '15. Overall the main thing that the Administration of Honolulu has been looking at was basing all agencies to use zero-based budgeting. They went from a baseline of...2015 proposed budget, 2014 actual spending amounts as reference points. Then it was scrutinized for fiscal austerity and represented in a frugal 1 percent increase in expenses over 2015 budget. All departments were asked to review costs of non-holiday overtime with an objective of reducing overtime costs. The resulting projected overtime spending for Honolulu is \$37.7 million, or 6½ percent lower, lower than appropriated in Fiscal Year 2015 and 1.4 percent less than actual overtime in Fiscal Year 2014. So that is just a comparison on how other counties are approaching in dealing with their fiscal requirements for their services and operations for their residents in their counties. So we'll be handing out this information sheet that I've just shared from so that you can also have it for your references.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, at this time we'll go back to the Department of Fire. We are now on the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Members, which is 283 on the narrative portion and 7-21 on your Details portion. Chief, if you would please.

MR. MURRAY: Aloha and good morning.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, excuse me. Before I did, I forgot to do one thing for the record. For the record, all Members of the Committee are present this morning. Mr. Carroll, Ms. Baisa, Ms. Cochran, Mr. Couch, Ms. Crivello, Mr. White, Mr. Guzman, and Mr. Victorino. Thank you. Excuse me, Chief, I --

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MR. MURRAY: Not a problem, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --I wanted to take care of home.

MR. MURRAY: Aloha and good morning, Budget Chair Hokama --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

MR. MURRAY: --Council Chair White and Honorable Members of the Maui County Council.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Morning.

MR. MURRAY: If I may right before we start our Operations Program, I wanna go over some of the responsibilities of our Department real quickly if you don't mind.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, proceed, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: We are tasked with emergency medical response and CPR, water rescue craft, confined space, fire apparatus, driver operator, dive rescue and recovery training, helicopter rescue, incident command system certifications, fire ground operations to include live fire, and daily response. We have systems that we train on constantly called blue card command which allows us to remain on the same page as we operate out in the fire ground safely and accountability. Engine operations, ladder truck operations, multi-company operations and fire ground support functions along with recruit training. We do survival and rapid intervention, hazardous materials training to include operations incident command of hazardous operations and technician levels. We do WMD response, radiological nuclear. We also do computer-aided management of emergency operations in the hot zone of a hazardous materials incident, continuous training in that area because it's specialized and ever-changing with the technology and skills. We do facility pre-incident planning for all hazard facilities. We work closely with our civil support team out of Oahu for hazardous and WMD cases. We also do wild land fire, you know, that includes brush fires, rope rescue, boat operations, ocean rescue, vehicle extrication from vehicle accidents, all hazards management positions specific training for our team. And we also do national Pro Board certifications, Fire Officers I, II, Fire Instructors I and II, Fire Inspectors, and we also train on workplace violence policies within the County, the drug and alcohol policy, EEO policy, reasonable suspicion training, and specifically in some areas in our Fire Prevention Bureau, we do fire and arson training where they need to get certified, plans review training, public education and fire inspections. And all of this we do on a daily basis to include our station duties, our grounds maintenance, vehicle maintenance, our quarterly training drills and semi-monthly fire attack wet drills when we run water through our hoses to practice with the pumps, practice preparing for fire. And we have our monthly inspections for buildings where it's called pre-planning for us so that we're always prepared at any hour...any hours of the day.

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So I just wanted to give you a quick overview of some of the responsibilities that our Department does on a daily basis. So thank you for that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: So I will start with our largest program, Fire/Rescue Operations on Page 7-21. If you see in the explanation of reasons for change, majority of those consistently are about the collective bargaining agreement and the changes that were set forth in that. Be happy to entertain any questions that you may have.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, Chief. We understand collective bargaining agreements that we must comply with. Just a general question, please. And I don't know if you're included but I'm assuming not, Chief, so this may not be a really accurate question. But is everybody but you able to receive some kind of incentive pay in your Department, from Assistant Chiefs on down, everybody qualifies for some kind of...whether it's BOBI whether it's collective bargaining increase but pretty much everybody in your Department gets incentive pay or some kind of compensation adjustment to increase the base pay?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, Chair, that is true. Myself and the Deputy are the only uniformed personnel that do not receive anything from that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: And the BOBI is only for our 40-hour personnel.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay, okay. Mr. Ueoka, when you have...I know you're a busy man. We all are. But I'd like to get some comments later, not right now, on what was the purpose of an excluded management class, the EM class. And you can respond back to the Chair later, thank you. Let's see, Fire is part of Mr. Victorino's Committee. Mr. Victorino, questions on this component of review at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, Mr. Chair, are we gonna go through the whole area...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right now the Chief is just...spoke about Category A, all the salaries and wages...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sorry, I'm...I'm...but all the stations, everything?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know, because I would...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, anything within this division.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I would allow the districts their chances to ask their questions on their various fire...

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so...okay...that's that...that we're all on the same page as far as this is concerned. Expansion positions within the Rescue area, how many?

MR. MURRAY: Mr. Victorino, we have in the Rescue Operations area would be three.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Three. Just in the Rescue Operations?

MR. MURRAY: Right, and that's for a tanker that will be...is already in service in Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so that's the Hana Station.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, 'cause I was trying to find it and there's so many stations to look through so...

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And then finally, you know, your statement and from my review, almost all of the increases is collective bargaining.

MR. MURRAY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, so there's no step or anything else at this time. It's just...or promotions that incurred changes.

MR. MURRAY: Well, technically what we had to do in this...this present budget that we have, we had to absorb all the step movements and the collective bargaining raises for those periods. And these numbers reflect as we're moving forward.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, so that's, yeah, very good question. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I just wanted to make sure we were clear. It was just not collective bargaining. It's also the step movements.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Which all compounding the whole issue as far as increases are concerned.

MR. MURRAY: Absolutely true because when we were out of a contract, those things are put on hold. So in some of the cases, we had individuals almost to four years that had to catch up and that was really costly for us in this present Budget that we have today.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And then as far as any expansions...as far as our station here in Wailuku, 'cause it's a small station...I know you guys count Kahului as being the major station. Any changes in that area as far as personnel and/or increase in apparatus?

MR. MURRAY: Not at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Victorino. Mr. Carroll, any questions for the Chief for your area? Okay, Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chief, what is your total staffing? So many pages here to add up.

MR. MURRAY: I believe in our Fire Operations, it's 279.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And that covers the whole County?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, it does.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, thank you.

MR. MURRAY: You're welcome.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Chief, again for being here. I noticed on several of these positions there were positions filled at a higher pay scale. Is that new employees coming in at a higher pay scale than the previous employee that vacated that position, or how did that...

MR. MURRAY: No, it's not.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: There's a number of them.

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MR. MURRAY: Thank you for that question. It's kind of a shell game because there's situations where individuals will move from one station to another, one with a higher step than the other. And on any given month, it changes quite often so what we're doing is trying to allot at a different scale, or a higher scale, so that we can...on the law of averages we can, you know, make it to the end. And that's kinda how it ends up. We have X amount in this so we can look at our personnel and look at the step levels that they're at, and we can adjust it that way. So we have the same amount...so say we have 30 people at L4. We place L4 all throughout the County and we make that adjustment within that program, yeah. So we know we're gonna pay it, 30 at L4, 20 at L3, and so on and so forth, and that's how we justify the numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you and good morning. Thank you, Chair. So I note here you have your Molokai Fire Station just all in one, and not the breakdown of Hoolehua, Kaunakakai, or Pukoo, okay. So, you know, if I look at the...so the rank to rank program is collective bargaining?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, and so your actuals is...do you have a carryover from 2015 and that's why it's...their expansion request is less than 2015? I think about 14,000.

MR. MURRAY: Let me take a moment to look at those numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I don't know how you calculate because it comes out to...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, I think. . .

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah, that's the total.

MR. MURRAY: Let me get a point of clarification. So in one of the areas that you're talking about, I believe it was FY '14 and the difference between '14 and '15? Yeah, it was...it was...it was already brought down during that process. We needed more. We needed to stay at that rate, actually a little higher. But it was already brought down to that number and so what we're asking again and in that overall scheme of things in the Budget amendment that we're looking forward to talking about, is that...that's the whole reason why we're coming back because each and every position we need to stay at that level that it's at right now. So we have to make up that difference. And that's also the reason why it really looks like the disparity on...the change in wages is so high because we took the cuts at a different rate when we should be at the rate we're at now. So there's a...

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, so it's not like they're getting that much of a raise. It's just that we never had it in our budget at the current rate. So it has that disparity.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, thank you. I have another question.

MR. MURRAY: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: In regards to equipment and, you know, when I commute back and forth I come in...

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll take that...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: We're gonna take that up later on?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, the B and C...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: B and C Accounts we'll take it --

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: All right, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --after we finish this portion. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chief. Last year you provided us with a...with the details of the callouts for the various stations, what the, you know, what the callouts were for. Could you provide us with that information again for this past year?

MR. MURRAY: Our response callouts you mean?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Response callouts, right.

MR. MURRAY: All right. Yes, we can, absolutely.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And I would also appreciate if you could provide us the details for each of the Hazmat callout incidents, where it was, what kind of an incident it was.

MR. MURRAY: All right. We'll be able to break that down.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And then I'm...I didn't quite follow what you were just explaining about the increases that are shown on the sheets here. Some of them are 8 percent, some of them are 5 percent. And I didn't quite understand. You said that they weren't...they weren't noted last Budget?

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MR. MURRAY: Right. They weren't funded to the level that they're supposed to have been. So there's...so by...for example, there shouldn't be less funding from Fiscal Year '14 to '15. But there is in the actuals that it's less because that's all that was funded. So when you look at our proposed budget, it is at the rates that it is today and for the next steps that are coming up. So it's a projection of those positions at the rate at its...at its salary or...or at that rate.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, no, I understand that what's proposed is the salaries they're supposed to be at.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What I'm not understanding is 'cause we didn't make, my recollection is we didn't make any changes to any of the schedules in last year's Budget that was presented to us on these sheets. So I'm not clear on...so are these numbers that are shown on these worksheets, the details, do they reflect what was on last year's Budget? And you're saying that last year's Budget was incorrect, what was presented to us?

MR. MURRAY: Right. Okay, so in...as we moved forward, it wasn't put in there because the collective bargaining wasn't finalized so we couldn't have the exact numbers of how that was, but it...if you look at the difference between the two years, this fiscal year's looks a lot lower, and that's not reflective of the actual pay that needs to be in that position. Hopefully that helps.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I do recall that...what was the timing of the...

MR. MURRAY: The arbitration closed end of November 2013 and it wasn't printed till, I believe...they gave us a preliminary electronic document to work off of as we moved forward because there was a step movement that happened on January 1st. So we had to do all the catch up based on the electronic one and then the printed copy--which I have here--came out about three or four months later.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So I recall that maybe what was presented to us in the details last year...so is this...are the numbers here the same details that we were provided last year?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Okay, that's all I have. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No further questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Chief, let's move on to your B and C Accounts, please.

MR. MURRAY: All right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And if you wanna just take B at one time instead of B and C, I leave it up to you, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: All right, thank you very much, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, sir, Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. I just had one question that --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: --for the Chief. I see we have the three expansion positions for Hana and I was to understand that that was necessary because scheduling was very difficult and they needed the extra positions. Could you comment on that?

MR. MURRAY: I will, Mr. Carroll. Thank you for that opportunity. The scheduling in our remote areas is extremely difficult to maintain on certain occasions due to weather or shortages and also our ability to relocate a person to those areas, it takes a lot of time. That three positions specifically is for the tanker in Hana. And one of the real issues is if we have a shortage due to an industrial leave, or injury, or sick leave, or vacation, the regular engine company is down at four. And when they have an incident, they have to take that one person to temporary assign on that tanker, so now you have three people on the engine, one person on the tanker. So it causes a little bit of a problem there. So like how we have it on Lanai, we have a person specifically to drive the tanker and then the five persons on the crew. So even if that crew goes short, there's always enough personnel on the engine and the tanker. Hopefully that explains a little bit.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: I appreciate the efforts to keep us working.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much.

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MR. MURRAY: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Mr. Carroll. Okay, Chief, let's get back to Operations and Equipment, please.

MR. MURRAY: All right, so starting on Page 7-48.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much for the reference.

MR. MURRAY: You'll see some adjustments in Fuel, Diesel, Gasoline, what have you. And those are inflammatory [sic] adjustments based on the Budget Director's --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: --analysis. And the same for Electricity. As you go on to 7-49, it's also for Water, Water and Sewer. And then another item that pops out is...

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sorry. I just...you just hit one thing that triggered something. By chance, do you know what rates you pay for Water? I'm just kinda curious.

MR. MURRAY: I don't know. All I know is I sign a check every month for our whole Department.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Could you have the Business Manager --

MR. MURRAY: All right. We'll do that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --just check with Water, what category they place the Department. I'd just be curious. I mean like Water Department, water is your life for firefighting. So I'd just be curious 'cause you, you know, you use a reasonable amount of water for requirements. And I just thought it...

MR. MURRAY: That's a interesting question. Okay, we'll get that for you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: As a follow up on that, the water that is used is just for what you pull out at the stations, right?

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: When you go on the...the hydrants aren't somehow...

CHAIR HOKAMA: There's no meter at the hydrant.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, there's no meter so you can't...

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, there's no meters.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, if it's...if it's on our property, we pay for that water.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So all this...all this is for just your maintenance of the grounds and living.

MR. MURRAY: Right, it's just our daily use. Yeah, not for...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: You never fill the trucks?

MR. MURRAY: We've made mistakes and filled the trucks at our stations. Yeah, yeah, I'm gonna be honest, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, understood.

MR. MURRAY: 'Cause it looks yellow like all the other ones.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: And here we go, until you get the bill.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, so...so the hydrant at the station is...

MR. MURRAY: Right, if we have a requirement for a property, and this goes for any commercial property, or even private property for that matter, once it gets off of County roadway, then it's metered.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So every hydrant that you go to is metered?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

MR. MURRAY: No, no, not out on a public road.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, on...once it goes...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: In front.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah...to the property.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Then it's metered.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You know how much your tanks carry?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's throwing out 10, 1,500-gallon tanks, they know. They can do the math.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: If you...and if they have to test any of the hotels or any of these facilities, they...they're all metered.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: There's...there's... 'cause I was at Kaanapali Alii when they used to come and it...it exponentially...ho, boy! We got whacked that month, you know. So...but it is a part of the water systems that are metered goes directly to the water supply. And so payments are...are required. And again, remember that's a Special Fund so there is not a connection with our General Fund in that respect, Mr. Chair. So, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Chief, sorry for the interruption.

MR. MURRAY: No, no, not at all. That's a really good question 'cause I'd like to know, too. I never thought about it but I just thought it was a large amount.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Please continue, Chief.

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MR. MURRAY: All right. As you'll see there's areas of Uniform Allowance so we broke that down per station. And those are the same explanations that I provided for you yesterday.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: And if there's anything more that I can elaborate on, please let me know.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Anything that's outside of those general areas, Chief, the collective bargaining requirements, the replacement of uniform whether it's called turnout or uniforms...let's see. Mr. Victorino, any questions --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --so far?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, so, you know, and I got the Diesel. I got the Water Charges and Utility. But Electricity, right off the top, on 7-50, you show a 3,000...oh, \$5000 reduction. Is that...we have photovoltaic or something on that station? Oh, I'm not sure...wait...I gotta go. See, the thing is you gotta go page by page, eh?

MR. MURRAY: Right. You're saying 7-50? That would be Paia Fire Station or...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I think...

MR. MURRAY: Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's Paia, yeah, the minus 5,000.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, Paia, Paia. Yeah, Paia, that's correct. I found the...I'm looking on the computer which is sometimes a little bit smaller. Excuse me. Okay, but, yeah the Paia Station. I see \$5,000 reduction in Utility...oh, anticipated Utility cost for the upcoming 2006...16...2016, I should say.

MR. MURRAY: So it's a reduction of 5,737.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, that's correct.

MR. MURRAY: That was provided...that information was provided by the Budget Office.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Because I see that across the board as I go to each station now I seeing a reduction. I'd be curious to find out because am I correct in saying no photovoltaic or any PV was --

MR. MURRAY: Actually, we do.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --on those stations?

MR. MURRAY: Not on Paia Fire Station. I know Kahului we've had a really good reduction.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, and all of those items that we did through a grant process that took us about four years to complete is helping us out at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So how many stations don't have PV, I guess would be the question? And if you don't have the answer, you can come back later and bring that.

MR. MURRAY: All right, I'll have that for you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I think that's an interesting question. How do they determine reduction in Utility, especially electricity, across the board from . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, every station is different, yeah, Mr. Victorino. If you look at five...7-58, the Lanai Station...Lanai was one of the projects for the solar panel project that the, I believe Mr. McLeod when he was still with the County, was...and Kal Kobayashi was instrumental in getting some of our retrofitting for various County facilities. So if you look at Lanai, Lanai is minus 8,500 for Electricity.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, this is why my question along the lines is, how many stations...if Lanai...gotcha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But you're saying Paia, no. Okay, so why reduce Paia if you're saying they don't have PV. That's my...that's my question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, that's a good question. Yeah, yeah, because every station has a decrease.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right. And Molokai...but then Molokai has an increase. I mean --

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's right.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --and I don't wanna get into my District. I want the District reps to have their chances, but that hit me right away, minus, minus, minus, and then plus. That's why I was asking the question.

MR. MURRAY: Right. That's a really good question and I don't know the exact answer. Sandy would be able to answer that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: I know we've had reductions on some and I don't know if this is a prorated thing for all of our stations together. I really don't know. But he would be able to answer that 'cause it was from them.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: If the Staff would look into that, Mr. Chair. I mean find out why the reduction, or why the projected reduction.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll follow up with the Budget Director and I'm sure he's watching, taking notes.

MR. MURRAY: Hi, Sandy.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sure he's taking notes. But yeah, we'll have him respond to us as best he's able to, Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. And the rest, Mr. Chair, I really don't have a lot of questions on. I mean most of 'em are what I would call within the reasonable rates that...and/or no change at all so I can...I can say I'm comfortable with the overall B Account for the Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Guzman, any questions, sir?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No questions, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. If I look on Page 7-52, Chief, for the Molokai Fire Station. I'm sorry. Go back to 7-51. So the Fuel Costs...do you...how is it charged? I mean you have your own pump, right?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, we do.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So for this Continuation Cost is the 25 from 2015 and the 17? Or again, I guess it's based on the Budget Director's analysis.

MR. MURRAY: Okay, thank you for that opportunity. So basically the Continuation means it's addition to the 25 that we already had and this would get us right to our Operating capability.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, and then on 7-52, on Electricity, 6120. This total cost is all three stations?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, it is. All three stations.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Is the Kaunakakai Station up for PV retrofit? No?

MR. MURRAY: You know, we wanna get all of our stations up to PV. We just don't have the funding right now to do that and the only way we were able to do those other stations, we had a grant to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: And we were one of the first ones to --

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: --you know, do that.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So the 97,000 for 2016 and last year was 95, it includes all three stations?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: So the 2,000 would be added to that.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: We pay the highest rate of electricity so . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. MURRAY: Understood.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah. And then your Water Delivery Charges, again is this something Mr. Baz would explain on his minus?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, that came from their office.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So your Sewer charges too, that would be just Kaunakakai Station? Or do we have...yeah, that's where it ends, yeah.

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MR. MURRAY: I believe...I believe it's...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Do we have Sewer charges in that station?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, Kaunakakai.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: But the other...and so for one station, it's 18,000.

MR. MURRAY: I think it's inclusive of all 'cause in...the Water and the Sewer gets charged for...but this is...would be inclusive of all three stations.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah, but Hoolehua we don't have sewer charges and --

MR. MURRAY: Right, so we don't get charged --

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --Pukoo we don't have sewer charges.

MR. MURRAY: --for the sewer. Yeah, we don't get charged for sewer.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Hoolehua and Pukoo, there shouldn't be sewer charges.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So it's not inclusive. It's just Kaunakakai?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, wow. Okay, and the other...I have another question. Okay, I'm good for now. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, nothing, Mr. Couch? Okay. Mr. White, anything?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, you're going that way.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sorry. Mister...Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch had no questions. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll, anything at this time, sir? Okay, thank you very much, Chief. Why don't we hit your Equipment?

MR. MURRAY: All right. Starting on Page 7-56.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, why don't you start with your Small Equipment request, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: All right. What that means is for a one-time purchase of equipment, and I spoke a little bit about that earlier. It's a standardization project that we have trained on for all of our apparatus in the County of Maui. And that each vehicle or apparatus, response apparatus, will have the complement that is identical to the next one. And we've had it...we haven't had that opportunity in my career to have that type of accountability in our Department, so this was a project that we set forth. We utilized some grant funding to start it off, and now if you have multiple companies that work together at a scene, they're able to have the same equipment and trained on the same equipment and know the utilization of all of the equipment that's assigned. So it's just standardizing basically the equipment that we work with on a daily basis.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, and tell us a little bit about your Maintenance Contracts right below that please, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: This Maintenance Contract is for our mobile data terminals. We've been working really diligently with IT Services to get that whole process and program going so that each of our response vehicles has a mobile data terminal, excuse me, very similar to the Police Department's in their patrol cars.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And when you say you're working with IT, that's the County IT Department?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, County IT.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay, okay. And then this 42,000 Other Services please.

MR. MURRAY: Right, for the Other Services. It has to do with the MDTs as well.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So currently what can the...this new equipment provide your Department or is this information for other Departments like Police, the EMS or ambulance services? Can you kinda give us a little bit more detail about --

MR. MURRAY: All right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --what this will provide your Department with?

MR. MURRAY: The MDTs will provide our Department with quick, concise information right there on the vehicle. So the dispatcher will dispatch the company, the mobile data will

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pop up with all of the information that they're responding to as the dispatchers input that. It'll give the location, then there'll be separate screens that the commander can go to to see what they're coming on so all of the pre-fire incident plans that they've done will be uploaded onto this computer and they'll have it at a touch of their hand. So that our efficiency will be there. Also the layers of where the hydrants will be located and the amount of water that those hydrants produce. So it'll give clear, concise information to the commander and they'll know exactly what their parameters and what their capabilities are as they move forward attacking or defending this type of incident.

CHAIR HOKAMA: 'Cause we still have some areas with substandard-sized hydrants, Chief?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, we do.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So that would definitely impact your flow gallons per minute pumpage, right?

MR. MURRAY: Right, so it would determine on the decision that the commander makes based on what the information is on that Mobile Data Terminal. So if it'd say it'll give you 500 gallons and you roll up and you say, hey, based on my knowledge, it takes 1,200 gallons to battle something like this. I'm gonna need X amount of more resources to show up. I will go on a defensive mode as opposed to an offensive mode. All of those...all that information has to come into play so that they can make the perfect decision as they move forward.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay. Your Department on your equipment, Chief, how many apparatuses are already pre-loaded with, I would say, chemical suppression versus just plain water?

MR. MURRAY: I believe we have five. So five have...oh, I'm not counting the two new ones, so we have...yeah, I believe five with foam capability and that's including our Hazmat truck.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay. Those equipment is based for the more rural...the rural districts more? I think Hana has one of those trucks, right?

MR. MURRAY: We're trying to infuse that whole technology into our fleet. It gives us more tools in the toolbox, per se. It provides foam that the districts are able to deal with fuel spills and fuel fires. It also helps with deep-seated fires where it changes the surface tension of the products that they're fighting whether it be wood or, you know...

CHAIR HOKAMA: But that's a very costly approach to firefighting? . . . *(Inaudible)* . . .

MR. MURRAY: Not necessarily. It adds a little bit more on the training side of it. But it's a tool that is necessary over time. It's something that nationally people are moving to, you know. There's different schools, per se, that...or schools of thought, you know,

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trains of thought that people think that that's not the way to do it. But it's always an extra tool. It doesn't cost that much more to put it in the apparatus when we order it, and it provides that much more coverage if necessary.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Tell us about this Miscellaneous Other Costs, please, this 85,000, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: That is to...one-time purpose...one-time appropriation to purchase accessories for the portable radios to include cases with straps, lithium ion intrinsically safe batteries. So those batteries specifically we can go into an explosive atmosphere and not have the radio set off that environment with an explosion or fire. Remote speaker mics, all these little components that don't come with the actual radios is part of that request.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then the 73 under Training is to...is for your frontline people . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. MURRAY: Right, so all of the frontline people need to be trained on the MDTs and there's a cost that we incur with that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. MURRAY: So once we have that, then we'll have a, in-house trainers to take care of that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is this from more of a strategic internal document you folks use to see what you folks will consider for budget purposes, or is this a consultant's recommendation on how to move certain frontline apparatuses forward?

MR. MURRAY: It was something within our strategic plan that we've had for quite some time now. And as you know, you know, funding these types of computers and the systems and the services that go along with that is quite costly. So it's, you know, just getting us technologically into the next century.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Chief, for the Committee's understanding, all the things that I've asked you under Small Equipment or C Account that we've touched on...

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mostly regarding the mobile project you requesting, this is to be taken as all, inclusive as one project? Because if we don't give you the equipment, then you don't need the training money and all those other things, right?

MR. MURRAY: Right. It's bits and pieces broken up to give a better explanation but it's kind of a all-or-nothing situation.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you for that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino, questions up to this point?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, not at this time. I mean it's an all-or-nothing thing so either we give 'em or we don't and that's it. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Guzman? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I'm not sure if I'm at the right section.

CHAIR HOKAMA: 7-57 on the Details.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: 57.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, this is where they've broken down their request into the various components regarding their...I would call it part of their technology, mobile communication project.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah, okay, I have no questions at this time for that, Chair. Thank you. Oh, I'm sorry. Not, not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's...yeah, I was...if you needed more time, I was happy to give you more time.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No, no, not in regards to this. I have some other questions for Equipment as a whole.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we'll give you that other opportunity. Mr. Couch? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: The...thank you. Not sure if we talked about this or if it's, the 107,000 to purchase apparatus standardization equipment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: What page are you looking on, please?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Actually I'm looking in the Budget Narrative.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: But it's in reference to this section on Page 289. And so just, I guess, what is that term mean? Standardization...apparatus standardization equipment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: 289?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: 289 under...what is that? 7044? 9110...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, the \$107,000?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, \$107,000, just curious what that...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Chief, if you would . . .*(inaudible)* . .

MR. MURRAY: We have it split up. I believe one is for 145 and the other for 107. And we had to split those and one is in B Account and one is in C Account because of the cost factor of some of the items. It's over the \$1,000. Yeah, so we had to split it up so that we, we're able to purchase that specific item.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: But it's...what...so it's a single item? But I mean I guess what does it do to the...how does it standardize an apparatus or...

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, no, that's for all the apparatus.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, it's collectively...

MR. MURRAY: So for 107 is for all of 'em and the 145 is for all of 'em. So all of the apparatus that specifically needs that equipment, each and every one of 'em will have that and that's for the total cost of all of it.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay.

MR. MURRAY: Right, not...not per engine.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So it's not...

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa?

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Chief, just a...maybe when we look at the narrative portion, I mean lot of the things is turnouts you've explained very well and we understand your responses to the questions on the turnouts including uniform. Tell us about this fuel tracking system request, please, for all...most of the stations.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you, Chair, for that question. The fuel system tracking is so that we can specifically track the fuel. So there'll be a device that's on every apparatus and then when the nozzle goes into it, it'll calculate and give you a accurate amount of fuel that's going into that truck. So our tracking and accountability for that...it will not pump without that two components together. So we're able to manage our fuel and keep it to a real precise number on our usage. And that's something that started with Public Works. So we felt that it was very good to have the accountability and the safety and the responsibility of our fuel for each of our vehicles.

CHAIR HOKAMA: During your discussions I guess with the Budget Director on this, Chief, was there any consideration or comments from either Mr. Baz or others that it should be a Countywide thing on the fuel charge?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, actually so Public Works did everything. They trained some of our people, they provided us with equipment to track on our computers but we just didn't have the ability or the money at the time to move forward with any individual vehicles to have that done. So Public Works actually started the process and it is something...it's no different than the GPS on our vehicles. So it helps to account for every gallon that you're using, keeps it efficient. So it is something that they wanna do Countywide.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so you're trying to move your Department to be GPS and fuel efficient?

MR. MURRAY: GPS we only have that on certain items, but fuel efficient is where the...this fuel process comes through. So we have the accountability, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's an interesting thing. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Along those lines as a follow up, is that implying that we're losing fuel? We don't know where the fuel's going kind of thing? 'Cause I'm trying to...I would think we're trying to justify...we should get at least \$8,500 per station in savings, otherwise why have it?

MR. MURRAY: Accountability...

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Eighty-five hundred dollars is a lot.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's true, Mr. Couch, but I get one engine on Lanai and Wailea has how many engines? You can make up 85 faster than I can on Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I understand that but are we actually saving money for fuel or...

MR. MURRAY: Well, I don't think it has anything to do with saving the fuel. It's accountability for the fuel. I'm not implying anything. I'm just saying that if we have an opportunity to track it at 99.99 precision, I think we should.

CHAIR HOKAMA: My purpose is I want this Countywide. GPS and fuel.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And just along those lines, each station has their own pumping capacity?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, we have diesel.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: At each station?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Throughout the County?

MR. MURRAY: Right. Some of 'em also fuel our emergency generators in line and we keep that tanks...it's checked every Monday for...and, you know, when we have natural disasters it's always good to go and we allow other Departments to come in and share with us just like how Public Works does it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, no, no, I just wanted...

MR. MURRAY: Accountability.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You're asking...yeah, accountability and you're asking for each station so I just...if that's the answer, then I'm comfortable with it.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I think it's accountability, I agree. If you had a central station, then I would have a little more of a question about why each one. But okay, if you got one, I understand each station has their own fueling capacity.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's what you're saying.

MR. MURRAY: So, say for instance if we had to bring our West Side trucks to Kahului --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes.

MR. MURRAY: --we had a big incident, they could fuel at Kahului but it would register under that truck only.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I see.

MR. MURRAY: So they would have that capability of going to any station and taking fuel but now we can track --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

MR. MURRAY: --who took what, where it went, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, I'm comfortable with that. I think that, you know, I guess the word accountability is really pivotal in this...in this project that you're putting forward. And I hope the 85 will help better efficiency within the fuel area.

MR. MURRAY: Absolutely. Thank you, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. And, Chief, is this also to figure out...I mean mileage-wise too. Are the trucks running efficiently? Do you need to...

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MR. MURRAY: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, so I mean it's not just for what truck is getting how much from where or who's using what. It's kind of...I mean it leads to even to give heads up to mechanics if something's just burning way too much than it really should be and just keeping on top of maintenance.

MR. MURRAY: Right. What that does is it'll correlate the fuel usage with the truck computer and we'll be able to pinpoint what the issue is sooner than later.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, to avoid major malfunctions.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

MR. MURRAY: Good one, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's the efficiency.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, further questions in this category, Members? Make yourself known to the Chair. Happy to give you another opportunity. If not, Chief, let us move on to Fire Prevention, please.

MR. MURRAY: All right, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We're gonna take up grants at another time, Chief, so...

MR. MURRAY: Fire Prevention Program, it is...starts on Page, on the Details, 7-71.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, any questions on Category A? As Chief state earlier, it's mostly collective bargains requirements. So if there's no questions on A, we'll go to...

MR. MURRAY: We do have on 7-72, one expansion position for an extra Inspector.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Right there, Chair. Right at the bottom.

CHAIR HOKAMA: The Fire Fighter III?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: Yes, sir.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Give us some comment on the Explanation of Changes, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: All right. As you know, we spend a lot of resources on response. Historically, departments across the nation and the world don't spend a lot of time doing preventive measures. But every year we put in for at least two extra Inspectors to help us to achieve that. And we go into all commercial properties, not annually, but there's a rule in HRS that allows us to check all of these properties and make sure that they're up to Code and what have you to protect our people and our visitors alike. So this will add an extra facet to our Fire Prevention Bureau and inspection to actually achieve that so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there an inspection fee set up already, Chief, in our appendices?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, there is inspection fees. I believe it only happens after, I think, the third visit on an incomplete inspection.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But to do this inspection you're talking about within the two-year requirement. That is not something we can recapture the cost?

MR. MURRAY: Not so much. And that's a typo. I'm sorry about that. We didn't catch that, it went through. It's actually a five-year requirement. It used to be three years. Legislature, the body at the State, changed it to five years. So we have in excess of 6,000 occupancies that we need to take a look at within that five years. So we are unable to do that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then, Chief, after inspection you provide them with some type of certification or a...

MR. MURRAY: Yes, we do.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Approval?

MR. MURRAY: We give them a form that is filled out that they passed the inspection on this date.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: We also do a lot of certification of occupancy, Certificate of Occupancy.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. MURRAY: So for new businesses, and that also stays in their jacket at the...at their location.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. That we cannot capture those costs?

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MR. MURRAY: Not initially. But the only time we capture the cost is through our plans review.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I mean we charge for plumbing inspectors, electrical inspectors. Why wouldn't we charge for one fire inspector that's providing the establishment one service?

MR. MURRAY: Understood. I think the way the Code allows it, you know, the commercial occupancy cannot move forward without the electrical or plumbing and then that's Code. And they never see that person ever again. In our cases, that for us, we're constantly around. So I don't think the occupancies would call us for an inspection, whereas now they call us so if you look on the proactive side of it, yeah, there is cost upfront from our Department. But I think it's almost unmeasurable where we can say our prevention methods have actually saved the County money and lives and what have you. So I mean we talk about this all the time within our Department and how we'd be able to capture that data and it's almost impossible. So knowing that we can actually accommodate that 6,000 occupancies is what we're trying to achieve by that extra personnel.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I understand that, Chief, yeah. My problem is how to pay for it. You know, I understand what you're trying to achieve and I commend you and your Department, but nothing is free in life.

MR. MURRAY: I totally understand.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Mr. Ueoka, if...when you have time again, I wanna know if I can create a fee to recapture costs in this area. Okay, anything else under Fire...I mean in this area? Mr. Victorino, we'll start with you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, thank you. And I would ask Mr. Ueoka, and with your permission, to add to that checking the other counties and see how they do that, if they have any kind of fee for inspections. I mean I think it would be good to see what other counties are doing.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, well, I can --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I mean...

CHAIR HOKAMA: --I can tell you with your Committee's moving forward, I believe we're the first County to get the newest Code updated in the State. Is that correct, Chief?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yep. So...

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MR. MURRAY: Thank you for all your hard work, both of you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, yeah, yeah.

MR. MURRAY: Appreciate it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But, Mr. Chair, I mean it would be good to see, not so much the Code, but if there is inspection fees by other counties, you know. Because, again, when it comes to our builders, our plumbers, our electricians, they go...a lot of that is because that's when they're going to close up the permit for occupancy. And that's why they have to go and that's when they charge. Now, I don't think they go back any other time unless there's a complaint or problem that they go back ever again. This is...oh, every five years, whatever, yeah. So I would say if there's a possibility of capturing some of their cost, I got no problem with that, Mr. Chair. But I would not want to have this where it's a requirement every five years you going around and somebody saying, hey, you require this, now you make me pay for it. I mean it's kinda like unfunded mandate. I mean . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's like driver's license, you wanna drive you pay that for that license.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, yeah, but is there...you know, so but again, Mr. Chair, again it's a philosophical difference and that's all I'm gonna leave it. I'm gonna leave it at that. Let me ask you this, this question, as far as every five years the 6,000 or so facilities that you have to visit, are you able to accomplish that every five years as a regularly scheduled...I don't know, you know. Each year what is that? About 1,500 per year or less, 1,250 per year, something like that.

MR. MURRAY: To be honest with you we've had...we cannot do that. We don't have the personnel to pull that off.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so...

MR. MURRAY: Amongst the other duties that go along with that Division.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So with this additional personnel, you'll be able to make sure that is accommodated and...completed, I should say. Not accommodated...completed.

MR. MURRAY: No, actually we...we were asking for two people. Only one came to this process. So I'm thinking that we could...we could achieve some of it but not all of it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: What percentage you achieve right now? And I'll stop.

MR. MURRAY: Right now we do about 50 percent.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Every five years 50 percent of the 6,000 facilities . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

MR. MURRAY: Yes, and one of the major issues with that is the changing of businesses all the time. So the only time we're able to catch that business and when we return four years later, it's something else. So we've either caught it on the Certificate of Occupancy when they reestablish that area or sometimes we just miss the whole thing.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I guess the other questions begs to be asked, is there a focus area? Such as restaurants and hospitality . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

MR. MURRAY: Yes, yes, assemblies.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, where people --

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --gather --

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --a lot more, where there's cooking facilities --

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --where fire is more prevalent --

MR. MURRAY: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --in that facility than maybe a jewelry store, or --

MR. MURRAY: Right, those...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --something that...yeah.

MR. MURRAY: Right, those...those are absolutely correct 'cause that's our priority. Our priority is assemblies where a lot of people gather and food establishments is huge as well as accommodations. So hotels, condos, things like that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White, any questions?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello? Mr. Couch? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thanks. Thank you, Chair. Are we discussing everything?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Fire Prevention.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: On...in Fire Prevention at this point. I was just looking at Goals and Objectives on 296, and 700 establishments or facilities. And so you just mentioned a lot of the assembly...where people assemble. But, you know, for me I think the real risky and difficult places are perhaps your assisted living type areas. Perhaps where people, you know, need that assistance, and God forbid, something happened to the building, get out...you know, retrieved out of a bed, put into a wheelchair or wheeled out or what have you. So is there a little higher, I guess, standard in regards to those types of facilities?

MR. MURRAY: In most cases those facilities are built to accommodate that so that people are able to shelter in place. But I'm glad you brought that up because that and as well as our schools are one of the top priorities. So thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, I'm glad to hear that 'cause it's not really kinda mentioned here. And also jumping over to Page 297 on your Goal 3, No. 2 in regards to the percentage classified arson cases. It looks like you're hoping to not find any, or is that...I was just trying to figure out the percentage reference there.

MR. MURRAY: The percentage reference there is that we investigate...we have a criteria to...investigators have to go to a fire. So when the company gets there, once they recognize the threshold they call an investigator. What that means is, it gets to a point in most cases where we are unable to determine what the actual cause was and if it is anything malicious or that fits that criteria, it's turned over to the Police Department. So as far as our determination of the thing, it goes undetermined but referenced to the Police Department and their criminal investigation. So we cannot account for the ones that they find that are arson. So we just stay within our parameters at that key point when the handoff is made whether to MPD, FBI or ATF. Those situations do occur. But as far as the disposition of how that ends up, we leave it at where we're at. So that's what that data reflects.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. So you just take it as far as you can and from there it goes into the proper --

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --to proper authorities.

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MR. MURRAY: Right, right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, all right. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: In the area of fire prevention, Chief, I wanna, you know, thank you for all that you guys do and I know you're busier and busier all the time. It seems like every time we turn on the TV there's another mess going on that you're in the middle of. But, you know, for me fire prevention, and I'm not being critical, I understand you keep asking for more people to do this. But I really see a lot of prevention that could be done with clearing out debris and dirty lots and, you know, things that are overgrown and rubbish piled up. And I understand that it's really, really difficult for you guys to get this done, but can you tell me...just describe to us very briefly, what happens when you do an inspection or somebody calls and says, you know, there's a real overgrown mess or house that's derelict and it's just filled up with stuff. What happens?

MR. MURRAY: Thank you for that question. We have that a lot. And our inspectors go out, do an inspection, photograph the property, then they go back and start to do a title search from the tax records. They immediately send out a notification to the owner and sometimes they'll give it to the occupant or the renter or what have you, and we start that process of the documentation of all of that. And usually after the first letter, they have it cleaned up if they have the capability. But then there's cases where you cannot find someone's child, they're strapped financially. Those issues come up all the time. We try to work with them, but they're also on notice. And that's when we go back to Real Property Tax and try to give them the information and work with the Prosecutor's Office to put liens, or we hire a contractor to come out through our fund that we have that is quite cumbersome. So we do everything we can in those process but most of the time if you talk to them, when our inspectors go out and speak with them, they're usually really good about it. And half the battle is notification of the proper person. So sometimes we have issues with that.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It always seems like these are derelict places, you know, where nobody's actually living there or maybe there's a, you know, a person there that shouldn't be there. But it's really bad because I've seen these and I'm just so afraid 'cause one match and a whole neighborhood is in trouble.

MR. MURRAY: Absolutely. But there's parameters that we have to start out with and try not to invade the whole area, right. So we do those processes and hope that it's done before we get to the legal side of it.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So this would be those inspectors that you're talking about --

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --would be doing this?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, I'm...I think it's really a good idea. I'm seeing more and more of them particularly with foreclosures and people walking away from homes.

MR. MURRAY: Absolutely. We see that a lot too.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: You know, and it is something that...it's a community issue.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: And we're part of the solution for that but, you know, we have to get out there. We have to have the personnel get out there, and they also have other duties as well. So that's the whole reason for us to have this ask for extra personnel, and we've always asked and this is the first one we've had in quite some time now that has made it this far. So thank you for that opportunity.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, Chair, it was kind of enlightening to me in meeting with Mr. Anderson from Na Hale O Maui, and I learned from him 'cause, you know, being a country person I don't spend a lot of time in Maui Lani or Kahului. And even those homes which are really new with all the people that have walked away from them, they're all overgrown and not attended to. So I think this problem is escalating. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Baisa. Mr. Carroll? I would agree, but one of the things that we have empowered the Fire Department through the Code is they are able to write citations, okay. Not only Police but our Fire personnel has authority by...from this...from Council to give citations, and so I have no problem with you folks using that authority we give you to also, part of Fire Prevention should be making sure the roadways are open enough that vehicles that we provide your Department can traverse and reach the situation. And not go, oh my goodness, I cannot go through this lane 'cause there's two cars on both sides of the road that shouldn't be there and my truck cannot now go through the lane. So I have no problem with you folks doing a lot more citations of illegal parking, abandoned vehicles, it's something I'll bring up with Chief and of the Police Department. But we got a lot of bad practices that impacting safety, and have no problem with you folks, and I will continue to support you folks to fully do what you need to do to protect the community regarding those areas. So any questions on Fire Prevention?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. So, Chief, you're looking for an extra body in order to conduct more inspections? Is that...

MR. MURRAY: Absolutely, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And so I'm referring then to Page 296, Goal 1, No. 2, complete 100 brush and weed abatement inspections annually. And it looks like you had done double that, though. And so you're looking to downsize the amount?

MR. MURRAY: No, no I'm not. I'm actually trying to up --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: --all the inspections of all the categories Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And this entails what? Like you're...places you're called to go or you just have an ongoing checklist of we need to check out these . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. MURRAY: We have our problem areas, and we try to address that before the dry season. And that changes every year so we have to adjust our force to, you know, mitigate those situations, kinda blanket certain areas. We do have complaints constantly so our inspectors are out all the time doing that. We just...we just need more people on the ground spending time doing that.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And the abatement...

MR. MURRAY: And that's just one area, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right. And so you folks are in charge of mowing down all this grass or is that a Public Works?

MR. MURRAY: No, we're not. We have a fund that we can put a lien on a property but we have to work through the Prosecutor's Office to make that happen, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: There's a process in the Code.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Hazardous...right. The citations you were mentioning, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, the Chief follows the formalized process.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And so on the Details Page 7-75, the Brush Abatement line, looks like your actual was \$15 only. I don't know...how come. But and then now 5,000. So that is used for what?

MR. MURRAY: To actually pay the contractor to mow the place down. And usually the cost is over 50 percent of this 5,000 so over \$2,500 normally, in most cases, even in a residential area. So we lose out the use of other...we...so we lose that use of that 2,500 so we have 2,500 for the next case. Hopefully it stays within that. Year to date we've used 4,200 this year to make that happen. So you're talking only a few lots that can actually get done, and those are the ones that are the worst of the bunch that may cause more issues to their neighbors and what have you. So we try to take those priorities into account as well.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, all right. Well, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Yeah, the Chief cannot win. When it's too dry, everything is flash fire and burnable. When it's too much rain, it's overgrowth of brush and debris.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's a hard position the Chief has in the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

MR. MURRAY: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, and thank you, Chief, for those explanations. Also, do we have in place...I guess this is the question I think we brought up before but I cannot remember the answer. Fire breaks, especially when you talking a lot of undeveloped land in Central Maui, all over, it's just not here, even West Maui. And you have all this residential right within an area and then all this undeveloped land around it, while it's open space. Is there fire break requirements between that open space and the developments or the subdivisions or whatever you might wanna call it?

MR. MURRAY: Right. Thank you for the opportunity for that. The Brush Abatement law encompasses all of those. So fire breaks can be a part of the solution that is agreed upon by the landowner and the Department. So if they provide a fire break then they don't have to clear the land that's within that. But those are only adjustments that can be made for certain areas, and we try to work that with all the big landowners. We work with the State on that, Forestry, all of those people, to make that happen but we...it's almost...not impossible, but it's really hard to get all of the properties on Maui to get that.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Understood. And I just wanted the public to understand there is facets and methods of mitigating fire hazards from open space versus subdivisions or areas of occupancy. And Central Maui and West Maui and South Maui have many areas that abut each other in that respect. And so, okay, I'm glad. I think that 5,000 is not enough and I think that's one of those areas where you and I have talked about and we're gonna have to work on it for sure this year.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We're gonna have to change that, Mr. Chair. We need the capability of going after more of these derelict properties and not hamstringing 'em with \$5,000 and they do two or three and then they no more money. Yeah, grant you, it's in some form of tax...what do you call that? I forgot the word now. I had a senior moment again.

MR. MURRAY: Lien.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. A tax lien. But how long does that tax lien before we collect on it? So I think we need to look at that because I think the safety and wellbeing of our community has been compromised without the proper...and really, really shows this year or the last couple of years, 'cause we've had a lot of rain. You drive anywhere on this island, even medial strips, grass is just...weeds have just *whoosh!* because of the amount of rain we've had. And so come the dry season, the Fire Department's just waiting, just waiting to be called out and I'd like to avoid that call out if I can, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Other questions on Fire Prevention, Members? If not, we're gonna move forward after a recess. Okay, so after recess we'll bring up...and again, before we recess, just be aware Fire Prevention has a Revolving Fund besides a General Fund component. The Revolving Fund is established by Council through the Code, and it's the Chair's plan after Budget to review all Revolving Funds 'cause I'm...my idea is if need be I don't have a problem of having us sunset all the funds and having them come back to be reestablished if appropriate. Okay, so we'll take a recess, ten minutes. We'll return at 10:55. . . .(*gavel*). . .

RECESS: 10:44 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:57 a.m.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(*gavel*). . . We shall reconvene the Budget Committee's meeting for April 1, 2015. Before we hit to the final components of the Fire Department, I will ask Ms. Crivello, I believe she has additional questions, Chief, for you please.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. Chief, in regards to...I guess it'd probably be 7-66 but really going back to Operations with the Molokai Fire Station, Pukoo in particular. I understand you put in a process to receive CDBG funding, and I also understand that probably will not...or the CDBG funding will not come through. My concern is the concern of firefighters who work out at Pukoo. How will we address the need to replace the equipment that needs replacement?

MR. MURRAY: Thank you, Ms. Crivello. Normally what we do is we'll come in for, through our regular budget, we ask for those specific apparatus. And then the ones that do qualify we have another process to go through CDBG, historically. So what we do is we'll prepare two documents, one for our regular budget and then one through that process. And if one doesn't make it, then we'll go through the other and right now I think we're on standby I believe on one of our...the Pukoo engine. So I'm not sure what the status is about that. There's been some chatter, I don't really know.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right.

MR. MURRAY: But it is necessary. We've come in for that several times.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes.

MR. MURRAY: You know, and it's particular to that station because it's so close to the ocean and, you know, I want the...this body to realize that the adjustments that we've made for all of our apparatus as we move forward when we created our vehicle acquisition team and the specs and boiler plates for all of those trucks, we've changed a lot. And, you know, there's been concern about why...why custom? Because we're able to build it the way we need it to fit our needs in Hawaii. And so, for instance, all of our new trucks, stainless steel piping because by the time we get the truck, the truck is rusting from the inside out already in some cases. Whether it be pump piping or you know, building so we've changed all of that whole process so the product that we're getting is a whole lot better than the products that we've had in the past. So I want you to know that there's been a lot of work that has gone into that, and so no different for Pukoo or CDBG or any project, Hana, what have you. All of that thought process goes into that so we've changed the specs so that hopefully as time progresses we can understand that the trucks are lasting longer, then we can extend that life of that truck. And that's been our goal, not only for the extension of the vehicles but the cost maintenance, we're able to keep it longer so our return on our investment is a lot more. So we're not gonna be able to see that data real shortly but that is our goal. So I want you to know that we've been doing that on all of our apparatus, but Pukoo specifically is in a bad spot. So what we...what our plan is to replace that vehicle with something extremely similar to that so we have the capability if we have more manpower we can transport those individuals safely in that trucks. Some of the changes have to do with the NFPA Code. There's a lot of things that got added over the years and some of our new trucks already have that. So, you know, the spike in costs with that is specific to those changes.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I ask you this because if there is the possibility that your CDBG request is not approved through Council or maybe...or whatever may come about, I...firefighters on Molokai is, more especially from Pukoo, or those who work there, really...we're already at the minimal manpower too. And so the equipment allows, I guess, reassurance or confidence for our firefighters out there that they...their safety as well as the public safety is taken into full consideration. So I wanted to know if it doesn't...it...will they be a possibility you will seek some other means or are we gonna have to wait for that next round?

MR. MURRAY: Well, we've had it in the last two to three years, Pukoo. We've been asking for that, and we were hoping either way. You know, for us we'd be thankful no matter what we get, and that was a good comment that you made that, you know, we're in the process. Every part, every equipment, every training, everything that we do protects our firefighters. But our philosophy is that if we're able to protect our firefighters, give them the tools that they need, then we're able to protect the community.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes.

MR. MURRAY: So it's a win-win situation on both sides. But for this particular item, it didn't make it through because I believe Administration felt that it was gonna go through the CDBG process so they took it out. So, you know, it seems a little confusing on our list that we send up, but we're just trying to go for every avenue that we can get.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I can appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much. Let's move on to the last component of Fire at this time under the Ocean Safety Program. Chief, if you would please?

MR. MURRAY: All right. Our last program for today is our Ocean Safety Program. We have worked very diligently. I have here with me Battalion Chief Colin Yamamoto and Ocean Safety Supervisor, Cary Kayama. Our departments have worked really hard together to move forward in pushing this merge to happen. As you see, there's a lot of items that are in this program and I'd be happy to answer any questions for this body as we move forward.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Is it in this budget, Chief, regarding that supposedly promise somebody made to somebody at one point in time regarding pay compensation? Is it in this budget?

MR. MURRAY: Chair, could you explain for me what that means?

CHAIR HOKAMA: My understanding is there was some verbal agreement and so for me, Members, the Chair does not recognize verbal agreements. If it ain't executed, I don't

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feel honored, bound to fulfill it. But is there an agreement to compensate part of this division with additional adjustments in pay regarding jet ski use or other things?

MR. MURRAY: Oh, you're talking about the Supplemental that came to this body about a month ago?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. MURRAY: There's no agreements between us. We did meet with each district area of the officers and that was one of their main concerns. I believe that they're going before this body on their own. I think there was no agreements but if you ask me what I think, I spend a lot of time on a jet ski as a Rescue Captain, a rescue man and also on my own time. I'm not sure what is fair as far compensation. I do know that there was a lot of communication and misinformation that was done for the last decade with the operations of 911 within the Ocean Safety program. I was not privy to any of that information as the Fire Chief. That was something that was going on. I believe that there's something that should be done to compensate the operators. I'm not sure if this is the process. But I can tell you that the risk that goes on with these people is high. The risk for personal injury is high. I think they train very well. They're one of the best in the State and in the world. So I think that at some point in time we need to really take a good look at that, and however the compensation be made whether it's adjustment in positions, whether it's Supplemental Agreements, I don't know what the right answer is. But my opinion is that they should be compensated somehow. I don't know what the amount is, but I can assure you that what they go through on a daily basis, if they're out on a call for that eight hours that they're at work, trust me, physically you can be in the greatest of shape, you still going have issues. And it's not about that day, it's about down the line. We want these people...the protection of our employees because they're doing such a service and it's such a tool that...and they've made numerous saves. I mean countless. I think it's super important that we take a look at that. So I'd be welcome to be a part of that solution. So, you know, at any point in time, please, you know, contact me. I'd be happy to go down that road.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, my only...my comment to you, Chief, is one, give me a executed agreement that I can refer to if you want us to consider a pay adjustment. And two, I really...I would ask the Department clearly define the lines of the jobs because I don't need people doing things they think they should when they shouldn't be doing things.

MR. MURRAY: I agree, Chair. You know, and that's been part of our process with this merger. We've made strides. We're still not done yet. You know, there's so much facets of this merger that, you know, I tried to explain last Budget season and it's necessary. It's no different than a business plan where people trying to merge two companies together and trying to get the best yield for your dollar. And I believe that we're going through those steps now. It's taking, you know, a lot more work and lot more time than expected. And, yeah, I think it...you know, in the end it's gonna be excellent for our community. So I truly believe that we're on our way and I will do

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that, Chair, for you. And I will sit with my groups in the merger as we move forward and try to get you better information.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, very good. Mr. Victorino, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I think I got one word. Hallelujah. Glad to see this finally come to fruition, Mr. Chief.

MR. MURRAY: Well, thank you for that opportunity. You know, I want you folks to know that it wasn't our Department that sat on anything. We tried to reach out many, many times. There was so much underlying things that were happening. But to see us sitting us here today, we've made great strides, great strides since you allowed me to have a point of contact and somebody that could actually make it happen. So I thank you and hallelujah as well.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: But we still have a lot more hurdles to go through and I appreciate the support.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. No, and I said that in all humility. I'm happy it's here. The only thing I notice is across the board all of these Ocean Safety Officers and every...every level was exactly the same as the previous year. So I...because I've seen collective bargaining across the board, this division had no collective bargaining. They're unit did no change so they are going to be exactly the same as they were the previous year. At least it's what's budgeted, okay.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'm meaning what's budgeted.

MR. MURRAY: That's...exactly.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so again I guess that becomes your kuleana along with the union and the division to go work this out. But I see nothing changing as far as salaries are concerned across the board.

MR. MURRAY: Not at this time, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Not at this time. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair, that's all I have.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman, questions? Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. One of the...one of the concerns I have is that we were looking at this initially. I think that many of us said that we'd support this if the

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change did not significantly increase our cost. Can you give us a analysis of what the cost used to be under Parks and what it's gonna be under the Fire Department?

MR. MURRAY: All right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: 'Cause as Mr. Victorino correctly pointed out there's no increases because there have not been any...they're involved in a new bargaining unit, right?

MR. MURRAY: Right. As far as the bargaining unit goes from Unit 3 to Unit 14, that is still in the works. I believe they're gonna pretty much mirror what 3 has now in the conceptual phase as it moves forward, very little change on that area. There is a significant cost of them coming over. You know, as we go through the different accounts, you're gonna see a lot of different items and requests that are either the same or have grown. And that was part of the process that we said, hey, you know, in order to merge the two and advance in a positive direction that there would be some costs incurred with that. So there is gonna be some cost changes, yeah, on the plus side for sure.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You know me, I'm not asking for yes, there'll be changes. I'm asking for what the amounts are.

MR. MURRAY: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Chief?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is what I would recommend for Mr. White and others. We can go through the traditional I write a letter on behalf of the Committee, we send it to...since it's gonna take us two, two and a half weeks to get your response back. If you don't have that information at this time, I don't have a problem with you through a Battalion Chief, one of your Assistant Chiefs, your Deputy or other staff that you have to present that information to us sooner even if it's a verbal thing. And we can follow up with the documentation later because I'm gonna be making my Chair's budget very soon. And the sooner we get this type of information, it'll be very helpful. 'Cause I was like Mr. White, merger meant for me efficiency and less persons because that's why I mean private side, we look at mergers. We're looking at less cost and create a profit.

MR. MURRAY: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not more expenses.

MR. MURRAY: I appreciate that, Chair. I think everything except for one item is in the Details for us.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: So if you wanna go by line, that'd be great. You know, I understand that point about merging and the process of having some savings overall. I think the impetus of this merger had nothing to do with cost savings. It was about structure. It was about accountability and process. And the two units having similarities and being first responders was the whole reason for the merger. Where Ocean Safety and their responsibilities was a little bit different than Parks and Recreation, so the idea of bringing it into a emergency response department like the Fire Department is what the impetus was for that merger. So with that said, there's some changes that need to be made to that division in a positive way. And the reason why I put all of that forward now is because this is our opportunity to take advantage of the merger in a positive fashion. So whether it's upkeeping all of their equipment, so Ocean Safety is not gonna be treated any different than any of my personnel. They're gonna be just a division that is within in our Department. So the maintenance of their vehicles, the maintenance of their skis and all of those things are gonna be at the highest level that we try to achieve in our Department. So we're gonna give them that security for their personnel. 'Cause they're out there in hazardous conditions whether it's flat or 40 feet, whatever the deal is, we wanna be able to provide them with the best resources possible. So our asks in this current budget is specifically for that. And there's one item that's missing and I really don't understand why it's missing. We put in for seven extra OSO IIs because of the shortages that they have now. Like our Department, we need to look at something really serious like minimum manpower or minimum personnel per tower per time that they're gonna be on the beach so that they can execute as best as possible in the safest way because we have some areas that are running one person a day. What happens when that person succumbs to the elements? Who's gonna save our employee? That shouldn't be done in our County. So, you know, as we move forward these things are to get this division up to par so that they can function at the highest expectation. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White, is that...my option for your response acceptable or shall I send a letter?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, it's...I don't disagree with the overall feeling that it's gonna make the, you know, make the...the response to emergencies better coordinated. My...and I don't think any of us were looking at the move as creating cost savings. My comment was that we didn't expect a significant cost increase. And I've been trying to find the numbers in Parks but I...we have 54 individuals in this Department and I...my recollection is that it was around 50. We have the ones that are assigned to Makena which I think were about 10 employees.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, 10.5.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. So I don't know...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is that a contract we can get out of?

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MR. UEOKA: Chair, if I may?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. UEOKA: I believe we're under a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Hawaii and they...I think they reimburse us or they give us the money annually for that, so I think that is an option to...for the County to...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Go get that Agreement for me, please, 'cause I don't have a problem with State employees doing State work.

MR. UEOKA: Will do, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Chair, I believe we get grant revenues from the State to pay for those.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I understand, Mr. White. I'm just tired of doing other people's jobs.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. The other...the other perspective is that, you know, you mentioned you didn't get the additional OSOs and one of the...one of the flexibilities that we lose by moving the Ocean Safety Officers to the Fire Department is that we no longer have the availability of the Lifeguards that are at the pools to fill in when the beach lifeguards are on vacation or on sick leave or need some time off to attend to family matters. So I'm guessing that we're gonna eventually have to come up with the seven, and that's a total additional cost to me. So the question is, are we getting that much of an improvement in the response time and overall coordination by moving them that it's...it's worth that significant additional responsibility we're taking on so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: I understand what you're saying, Mr. White. I understand. It's my concern. It's a big concern for me, how we're moving forward. Ms. Crivello, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes, thank you, Chair. How many lifeguard stands do we man throughout...I guess it's just Maui, yeah.

MR. MURRAY: Just Maui, 11.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Eleven?

MR. MURRAY: Eleven.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Eleven stands. And we are seven days a week?

MR. MURRAY: Seven days a week, eight hours a day.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And if you are to project when the bargaining unit changes over to their new unit, I guess it's Unit 14.

MR. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. Will this salary also go with Unit 14 or, you know, is it...will it differ? Will there be an increase?

MR. MURRAY: We don't know that at this point. They're still in negotiation.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Any of the other counties have Unit 14 for their _____.

MR. MURRAY: No, everybody's in the same...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Everybody's in the same.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah. The whole State is gonna move to 14.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, okay, so that's kinda like an unknown, right?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, I believe the salary schedule will stay the same as Unit 3 as it stands right now.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: As it stands right now.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: DPS would be a better group to ask that question, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Talking about DPS, you don't have the transfer of clerical from Parks. Do you have that transfer coming over?

MR. MURRAY: No.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: You know, initially that was what was said to us when this whole talks began. We don't have anything coming over. Parks feels that they're so short as it is that they cannot release those people. So that's one of the reasons for the...for us asking because, let me give you an example, my Personnel Division, I have two people.

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We have 325 people. If we add 60...I believe it's 62 people, my people are already working overtime. They're overloaded. It's almost impossible for us to pull that off. I get people wanting to leave already. They work too much. And, for example, if you look at Department of Public Works, they have 270 employees and they have three people in that division. So we've been asking for that assistance and now with the possible merger and the extra 60 some odd people, we need that people. It just cannot be done without that personnel.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So that being said, how long does DPS take to actually have the process...for instance, if your...everything passes through and you get your position approved, so how long will you still be without...I mean how long do they take? What's their...

MR. MURRAY: You know, anywhere from four to six months sometimes 'cause you have to go through the process of screening. They have to come with a list. You have to interview, you gotta...I mean it's lengthy.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: I mean you look at, for example, for our Battalion Chief, and this is something we do all the time. But this new position was eight months funding so we had it...all the paperwork ready before November 1st. November 1st happened. We didn't hire him till March of 2014. That's how long it took. That's one person now. So if we're looking at seven OSOs, Ops Assistance, Secretaries...I don't know. So if we get funding from July 1st, hopefully we can fill all of those positions by the end of the year. That would be a goal.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Chair, I have one more question if I may? So because you are not transitioning Aquatic Pool lifeguards, are these additional seven to balance off the --

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --coverage?

MR. MURRAY: The everyday...the coverage for every day.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: You know, what's...what's the average coverage Parks have to deal with today?

MR. MURRAY: So we're missing anywhere on a daily basis, two to seven people. That's the average. Yeah, and they're already short-staffed.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Two to seven Lifeguards --

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --on a daily basis. Okay, thank you.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and Ms. Crivello asked my biggest question was the Personnel Clerk and the Automotive Mechanic and Operations Assistant aren't coming over from Parks.

MR. MURRAY: They don't have an Auto Mechanic.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Who takes care of their jet skis?

MR. MURRAY: They contract out.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, we'll have to figure out how much a year they spend on that. But the Office Operations Assistant and the Personnel Clerk, they decided not to bring 'em over?

MR. MURRAY: No, they did not.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I believe...do we have an option to do something like that, Mr. Chair, in this budget? 'Cause I mean...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, we allow the departments to make their administrative calls and that is why we always refer back to their organizational structure that they have to run by the union. But there's ways, I mean...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But we can cut E/Ps in one department and add 'em in another, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We can make adjustments. We can zero out funding in one department for certain positions and...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And the reason I ask is because, you know, it's kind of odd to think that you would transfer just the Operations Officers and not any of the personnel backup so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well Thursday is Parks.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: So when we have Parks come before us, you can ask them the question.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, 'cause --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, that's my biggest question . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: --I prefer Parks answer questions for Parks and not have the Chief..

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Where's the support personnel? Okay, all right, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And, yeah, very nice to be sitting here this discussing this. I mean it's the step, first step into getting this merger happening. But, Chair, thank you for bringing up the...I think my number one big question about the Supplemental Agreement as this body passed the reso, I know you were not in favor but, Chief, if I recall I think other counties have already created such an agreement? And so their operators currently are being paid this additional?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And that's...okay, thank you. And so that's why this body, we chose to, you know, urge and also sign a resolution in such favor to somehow move it along and I understand it's in the hands of the negotiations or what have you occurring. So I'm happy to hear that you fully support, and also, Chair, that perhaps there's a way if we can work it through. As far as, if I recall, the monies we were looking at 102,000 total.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: That would be the supplemental dollar amount, per se, to take care of that adjustment. And so just to discuss that a little bit, but I know that's not on the books today. And then also happy to hear that you were hoping to see seven OSO IIs here. If I recall hearing discussions during the reorg stuff, were they...or is there an OSO III position? Is there such a category?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, those currently are the District Captains now. There is OSO III.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, so nine of those were not being sought after? It was seven OSO IIs?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Not nine OSO IIIs?

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MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, I just thought I had heard some stirrings about that amount.

MR. MURRAY: So part of the reorganization plan that was set forth by Parks Department is moving those positions. So we have some delineation and supervisory responsibility amongst that. I wasn't here during that discussion but we were part of building that reorganization, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. And in one of your expansions, the...I'm looking at 7-81, the span control beyond limits along North Shore. This is the Ocean Safety IV. So that would be...we're looking at Hookipa area out towards Huelo or that...is that what you're saying, you wanna...this person to be able to respond to areas beyond North Shore meaning what? Kanaha area or Honolua, that northwest shore?

MR. MURRAY: Okay, so this specifically is for Hookipa having its own Captain as opposed to one that's going from Kanaha, Baldwin and Hookipa to help with the span of control.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. And then in...in your...I guess basically a lot of the additional funding needed is you're replacing a lot of the equipment and vehicles.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Even in Ocean Safety, it looks like.

MR. MURRAY: A lot of those items are in disrepair. Long...those items been too long on the line. They need to be replaced.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. So that's where I see, Chair, a lot of the brunt of the new, added, you know, cost features to this merger, per se. And I'm...I think we had discussed the reference into drug testing in the different departments and what is acceptable use, or I don't know. What's considered, you know, proper...if it's prescription-written drugs, is that okay? Is it medicinal marijuana, is that okay? Is it...so I wasn't...I think we had a brief discussion in reference to Ocean Safety had a different parameter of what drug usage is or isn't, I guess. And so you're looking for additional cost obviously for testing, and so is there a...I don't know...a rift with that? Do you know what I'm talking about?

MR. MURRAY: I understand what you're talking about. This is just so that we can allow the testing to be a little more robust. On the decision of what is done, it has to be towards the County program, the plan and what's acceptable and what's not acceptable. So I think that's already been laid out.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, but is it...

CHAIR HOKAMA: So do we have current employees that have medical marijuana authority?
'Cause if your answer is yes, I got one other big problem.

MR. MURRAY: All right, so I've been advised generally, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, and...okay, well, I guess...

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll...when Corp. Counsel comes up...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Another...another discussion.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran, Risk Management is part of Corporation Counsel. And maybe Risk Management can give you some comment on...'cause I have an issue with any employee that is operating equipment to be under any influence.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right. Yeah, I hear your concern, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Especially when eventually Mr. Guzman's Committee gotta deal with the settlements and litigation of those...from those employees.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right, right. And I have a couple more, Chair, unless you're going on down the line.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm gonna give other Members --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Fine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --their opportunity and then I'll return to you, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa, questions in this area?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah. More questions than answers.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's okay, that's okay.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, we've been at this now I think for three or four Budget processes. And, of course, last year was unbelievable. I mean when we found out we weren't gonna do it all, I mean we weren't ready or whatever, it was kind of a shock. But here we are again talking about it again, and I'm still hearing a whole lot of angst and we're not really clear about whether we wanna do this or not. And I think that bothers me 'cause I think the Council is clear that we wanted to move them and we

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voted for it. I mean we sent the resolution and, you know, we keep trying to do it. But I keep hearing big questions, like cost, which is a big question. Is this financially feasible or sensible? Isn't it...operationally it seems to be. You know, the activities of the Ocean Safety people seem to fit with the lifesaving and all the things that go on in the Fire Department. But I...I'm kinda worried about what I heard about backups not being available because it's imperative. They have to have backups, you know. I can't imagine having one person alone in a situation like this. I mean that's really dangerous, dangerous for our staff and dangerous for the people that they're trying to deal with. And then, of course, it becomes a big cost item, and we have this parameter we're trying to work in of not adding positions unless we really, really need to do them 'cause, you know, the public is telling us we don't want government any bigger. I read in the paper every day and so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: We all get those comments, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, and so to try to justify putting any positions in, we really have to be sure and comfortable that we can explain it. But I think when it comes to life and death situations, it's easier to explain because nobody wants to be the one that has their wife, their child, or somebody that we love drowning or anybody, anybody. But more so, you know, if it's a dear family member or something. So I think it's a little easier to explain why we would...might consider this, but I understand and I'm happy that we've done a lot of the paperwork. We weren't here a year ago and I think we're clearer about positions and the descriptions and we've done more negotiating, talking, whatever. But, frankly, I don't think we're ready to make this decision and it kinda scares me. So I'm gonna listen some more, and we'll see where this group goes. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I think it would have helped us if the negotiations were completed and they had a contract in place, would be a lot more...from a funding we would know exactly where we stand.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah, the timing, you know, is not there.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So again, you know, it's not something we don't have control. Chief doesn't have control. I can tell you just regarding Department of Finance and the movement we had regarding collections, I don't think it's over. And when was that initiated, six years ago? So I understand your frustration, Members, and the Chief's comments very well because some things we just don't do as quickly as we think we should be doing it. But one thing that I think Ms. Baisa and Ms. Cochran stirred in me is, Chief, who is representing your Department in this negotiations? Are you the spokesperson for Maui County?

MR. MURRAY: No, I'm not.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Do you know who speaks for your Department?

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MR. MURRAY: Nobody speaks for our Department. Even though we know we're gonna acquire this division, we were not invited in the process because we have no jurisdiction at this time. So DPS and Parks were part of that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Regarding the transfer to your Department?

MR. MURRAY: Well, regarding the transfer...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, just the creation of Unit 14?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, we weren't involved in the Unit 14. But as far as the merger is, we're in that every week, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So does Fire...Parks and Personnel understand the needs of your Department that they can speak, not adequate, speak authoritatively on your behalf?

MR. MURRAY: No, they...I'm...no.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So it's always interesting . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. MURRAY: And we did make recommendations to ask to have at least a seat at the table. It was decided that we didn't have the authority at the time. So we...we were left out from that process.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's gonna be awhile till we work out this contract I guess, Chief. That's part of the, I guess, concerns of who actually represents the employer or the specific components of employer, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll, questions, sir? Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman, anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I'm good.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. White, anything further?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, I guess along the cost line my concern is that we've gone from I believe the year before...year before last was 2.5 million to operate Ocean Safety...the ocean portion of the Aquatics Division. And now we're looking at 3.6 million and this is prior to us having any idea what the wages increases are...are likely to be. So it's...I would appreciate a line by line comparison between where we...where we were and where we're headed including the...an estimate of the wage increases.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . . One second. We'll follow up on that, Mr. White, for you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I wanna also say that while we're getting information...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, we all read newspapers.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We all listen to TV. I think it'd be very interesting to see the statistics recently. It seems like every time we turn on the TV, there's another rescue, there's another drowning, or another death, or whatever. It's becoming really scary, and, you know, this scares me because, you know, we have to decide and as we delay and there's more and more need, how long can we delay? It scares me.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I believe...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It seems there's an escalation. I don't know why.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I believe the Council make a responsible decision based on the request, Ms. Baisa. I have faith in the body. But I will say, though, the Division needs to concentrate on its current areas of responsibility before they even ask us for expanding the span of area that they want jurisdiction over. So it's hard for me to look at expansion requests when we already hear that they have hard time with their existing span of area of control. They just told us they're short. And a lot of it is not to the Chief. I know...I believe the Chief is gonna have a very robust recruitment class soon and that will take some stress off the Department, but then again that's months away before the Chief can utilize this new personnel resource. So, let's see, miss...did I ask you, Ms. Crivello, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. With your report here on the...on Page 300, we have here Actual 2014 number of Public Safety contacts and I am with the understanding that it's to...has to do with rescues, or does that include presentations only? What I'm trying to find out is, and I don't know where it is, what's the average year ocean rescues that we have. How much of it involves local and how much of it involves visitors?

MR. MURRAY: That's a good question, Ms. Crivello. The 20,819 reflects the actual contact that a Lifeguard makes on the beach with people. So they tally that every day and

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every week and that's the actual amounts of people that they actually have contact with either to prevent, educate, you know, communicate those situations are there. The differentiation between local and visitor, we just started that whole process Statewide in the Fire Department. So we're trying to do that now with Ocean Safety. They weren't able to have that data, neither did we, but we are working on that. It's...it's...we have a process for that now and we're working with Ocean Safety to make sure that we can get that process. A lot of times people don't want to give their information anyway but we'll try to get that data as close as possible 'cause it is very important on those cases, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I believe so and it involves --

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --education too, and are you folks involved with the newest airport --

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --education?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, so through our Communications Division and the Mayor's Office and Ocean Safety in our Department along with the Visitors Bureau and the airport that was a group effort.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Good, good, thank you.

MR. MURRAY: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: That's it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. A question for Corporation Counsel. I think we asked it last year, but I just wanted to see if we got a better answer this year. It is in the Charter that the transfer has to occur. I realize there's no timeline but has your Department ever come up with a reasonable amount of time or...you know, 'cause I have a feeling this, it may get put off again, and I don't think we can or should do it. I think we need to bite the bullet and do what it takes. Now there are some things we can tweak with the funding, but the bodies need to go over and they need to have the appropriate support personnel, just how to get it. So is there an appropriate amount of time?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I can tell you before Mr. Ueoka goes, my experience with the '78 Constitution the State Leg took 20 years to move certain things from the amendments of the Constitution forward because it's the same language. It is not a specific time.

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It's upon the Legislative's Branch determination of funding and need to implement those amendments. State Water Commission took a hell of long time to be established but was created in '78. And it's just the nature of the beast. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I guess Mr. Couch, for the Charter it states the Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety shall provide the time table for the transition. So I don't think it's under the purview of the Department of Corporation Counsel to make that determination. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Very safe answer, Counselor, very safe answer.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Nice punt.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, I believe we got a timetable. Did we not last time, last year from you, Chief?

MR. MURRAY: Right, we did. We talked about this coming July.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: July 1st --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: --of 2015.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So they gave us a timetable. It's up to us to follow it now I guess.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But again, Mr. Couch, there's other factors he has no control over that is impacting this ability to implement.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And whenever it is the negotiations. And he's not even at the table. You know, I mean what can we say, Members? Ms. Cochran, your additional questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, thank you very much, and a real quick brief one. It's on 7-82, the 15,000 for customer service training, and then jumping to the goal Ms. Crivello mentioned, the Public Safety contacts. Is that in reference to that? Are you looking to, on Page 300, Goal 1, are you looking to, I guess, train...is...this is for Ocean Safety Officers, correct?

MR. MURRAY: Correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: In how they...their behavior, professionalism in the public and with customer or clients, whatever?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, that's the perfect way of explaining it. You know, if you look at the data, they have huge amounts of contact, and it's extremely important that they portray our County and, you know, not just our Department but our people in the utmost respect and best communication possible. I think they do a wonderful job, you know. And this improvement also goes for our Department as well. We have a lot of contact with people, but I think the Lifeguards and Ocean Safety Officers do a great job thus far. But I wanna make it basically a protocol that we conduct ourselves in a certain manner because it is hugely important not only at that moment that we impact these visitors and locals and anybody in our community. We wanna have them comfortable that we want them protected properly, we want them to come back. You know, this is our bread and butter. And I think it's highly important that we set forth a program that we can train all of our personnel on that, and we wanna be the model for that. So, you know, some forward thinking. You know, it's no different than hospitality in a hotel. You know, we have that one opportunity, we don't wanna blow it. And, you know, our aloha spirit should always prevail, so I think it's highly important for that. And that's just a cost, you know, for that process. So thank you for bringing that up.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, I appreciate that, and that there should be a standard. And granted, I mean they...everyone knows but it's no harm in reminding everyone just be on the same page and how, as you say, protocol is. Thank you. I'm jumping over to, going back to jet skis, and the operators and on Page 301, Goal 2 in regards to Ocean Safety Officers annually trained to maintain their jet ski operator status. Is that a...is that...as I recall there's no way...you don't maintain your status per se. Don't you just go through a training and then you have the certification of some kind, and so what...is this the new implementation or a new certification need?

MR. MURRAY: Well, we wanna do everything in-house, just like how we do our Department. We have our own trainers. We wanna provide a policy that we can constantly stay on, you know. I mean it goes for all of us. If we had a training 20 years ago, how apt are we to move forward with that training 20 years ago? Even though it applies till today, sometimes we have to have that opportunity to refresh ourselves. So this is an opportunity to stay on top of that. You know, they have parameters that they have to train and fulfill through USLA so this is just a process that we wanna do within the Department, no different than what we do in the Fire Department. We wanna make this a policy within our Department.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, very good. And so the Aquatics people are not moving over to you. It's just the beach.

MR. MURRAY: Aquatics, no, just beach.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I mean, sorry, pool. Pool, I mean, swimming pools.

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MR. MURRAY: Right, Pool is not coming.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, and is it the...and the new Battalion Chief of...is that Mr. Yamamoto?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: These are your new Battalion Chiefs, Ocean Safety Battalion Chiefs?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, he's the Ocean Safety Battalion Chief.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, and is it...so the main...I mean obviously...and the still Ocean Safety under Fire, their main kuleana is the County parks, the beaches? Is that...or will they be now called into Fire 911 assistance calls . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. MURRAY: Well, right now as it stands, we're gonna keep it as is. And then we're gonna research all of the data, research all of the situations and find a way to make it more efficient and even if it's expansion of responsibility but we wanna make it clear whichever way it goes. Yeah, definitely.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, well, very good. Well, I appreciate the good call in trying to making this happen and however we can assist.

MR. MURRAY: Right, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you very much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Chief?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Since the Battalion Chief mentioned about shortage, before we even had this potential transfer, your Department still had the basic responsibility to respond to ocean callouts?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So on this shortage issue with Ocean Safety, why wouldn't a already-trained current Fire Fighter I, II or III be able to respond with your assignment since that's what the Department was doing prior to this?

MR. MURRAY: Right, we would...we would augment the response, so our goal is 100 percent of the time if, regardless of what vessel goes out on the ocean, that there's two of 'em,

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either from Fire, or Ocean Safety, or with Air One, or with a boat. It just has that redundancy of safety for those employees.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And unless a vessel is involved... 'cause my understanding of maritime law is then the Coast Guard becomes a superior agency on maritime issues, right?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, Coast Guard actually on all waterways even if it comes into land, any waterway that comes in from the ocean is overall the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard. As you know, you know, a high percentage of the rescues that are on the ocean is completed by either us or Ocean Safety.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Correct.

MR. MURRAY: And it is a time factor that is hugely important with that. But we do work in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have some kind of working agreement on response and who takes commands of situations regarding water, ocean?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, I don't think we updated it recently. You know, the changes in the Coast Guard happen every three years so every time we have a new Commander come in we meet with our Operations Chief and we get the meet and greet. We go over all of the protocol, we look at the agreements that we've had and how we're gonna exercise that in a real case scenario, and it... their changes happen quite often. So it's all dependent on their Commander that is here so we try to reach out with them as soon as they make a change and the old one's going out, new one's coming in, we have a meet and greet.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. MURRAY: And we try to work from there. They also have other responsibilities like security and what have you, and inspections of vessels. So especially them being only stationed on our South Shore in Maalaea so we are much quicker to make all of our responses even on Molokai, Lahaina, Lanai, North Shore, we're usually the first on. And extended situations is when they bring in all of their assets and resources from Oahu.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay. No, I just want us to avoid a situation like Oahu yesterday where both the State and the City were in gridlock because they couldn't figure out who was in control of the situation on the freeway. So if you guys haven't heard about it...

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, I watched it twice, last night and this morning.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It was unbelievable.

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MR. MURRAY: Lucky we live Maui.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I mean Oahu was in gridlock. I mean locked. People couldn't move. People couldn't get kids. People couldn't get home. I mean it was a bad situation, bad situation. Mr. Couch, Ms. Crivello? Mr. Couch, you first. First question?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. You know, we didn't really get an answer to your question, Mr. Chair. Who is representing the County in bargaining unit?

CHAIR HOKAMA: He...

MR. MURRAY: I did answer that question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

MR. MURRAY: It is DPS and Parks.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: It is DPS and Parks.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. And as far as Bargaining Unit 14, that is your Ocean Safety Officers and Sheriffs?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, there's several State entities involved.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So it's a full-on State...

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So --

MR. MURRAY: Not just Maui County.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --the County gets one vote.

MR. MURRAY: I don't...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: . . . *(Inaudible)* . . .

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, I'm assuming it would stay the same as all other situations with collective bargaining.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: So eventually I'm assuming that Unit 14 contract must come to Council for...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right, for ratification.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ratification and...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So you do attend the negotiations for your firefighters?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But not your HGEA employees?

MR. MURRAY: HGEA, we have...DPS represents our Department because we only have a small pool of that. But now with the inclusion of this division, we're gonna be at the table once they're under our jurisdiction.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, and I can see both sides of this one because Parks has already been negotiating for these guys. I know it's not 14 but...and it will be nice to have at least you hearing what the issues are and discussing. But that...your time is very expensive as well so...

MR. MURRAY: Well, I mean it's just as important, though. You know, as it moves through the Legislature...legislation and the bill passed. We immediately try to inform DPS and HGEA that we wanted to be part of the negotiations just to have some understanding from the beginning as we move forward and how we can add some of our positive things that we have on our side to that process. But we just weren't invited to the table.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: But I believe the other departments, Kauai and Big Island, were part of the negotiation because they're inclusive.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Because they're inclusive?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, they're within the Fire Department, those two Ocean Safety units...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Are already in?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, are already in.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, yeah.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair . . . *(inaudible)* . . . Would you know if there's been any beach closures on the basis that you don't have coverage, existing situation? And the reason I ask is I understand in order to cover for the life...beach guard, you have to have the certification of the USLA. Is that correct?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I also understand that Aquatics have only two Pool Guards with that qualification or certification. Is that correct?

MR. MURRAY: I'm gonna let Ocean Supervisor, Cary Kayama, answer that question.

MR. KAYAMA: Yeah, currently we have two Pool Guards that are trained to work at the beaches right now.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So they can only sub with those two?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes, that is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, so they've been able to provide coverage for...despite all the...

MR. MURRAY: Approximately a 12-month period they haven't been sending anybody over because the pools are short as well.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, so...so we need...

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, so the reason...that's the...so the system that it is today, is the reason why it's short because we don't have the ability to pull and because Aquatics is not allowing the guys to come over. So this would be the operation as it stands right now when we take over. So again we're having people one at a time at a tower for the whole day. So, you know, Cary would be able to answer...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Can you explain? I guess I ask 'cause normally, you know, you would have coverage if there's absence and, you know, no show --

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --from your regular Lifeguard.

MR. MURRAY: Go ahead, Cary.

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MR. KAYAMA: For Ocean Safety on a daily basis, you know, we have guys on vacation, sick leave...workmen's comp. We have two of our Guards just had babies so they're on family leave for the whole month of April, and, you know, we have another person on TDI. He's probably not...he's probably not gonna...coming back, and we have another OSO that transferred over to the Fire Department and we have not filled his position also. So currently if you look at our overtime, it's a lot of money right now.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And your overtime coverage is done by the other Lifeguard...beach Lifeguards and not the Pool Guards?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, just trying to clarify. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any further questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, Mr. Chair? Real quick.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, real quick.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Real fast. In a situation where you have only one Lifeguard for a tower, wouldn't it be safer and less liability on the County--and I don't know if Mr. Ueoka is gonna stop that there--but wouldn't it be safer to close that tower for the day or for the time?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ueoka, you feel to respond?

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, Chair, if that matter needs to be discussed, I think it would probably be better discussed in Executive Session. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. Last question, so for Ocean...current Ocean Safety, I'm just trying to see the crossover 'cause I'm seeing OSOs IIs and IVs but no IIIs. And I believe currently you actually have existing people in this bracket so where are they? What's happening to . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. MURRAY: That's part of the reorganization plan.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What do you mean? To minus --

MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --the III level, number three level?

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MR. MURRAY: Right, so number III will be...there's reallocations of those positions in the reorganization so...is there a specific page that you're looking at?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, no, no. I...it's just from cross-referencing --

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --currently what...I don't have it in front of me.

MR. MURRAY: Okay, I'll let the...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Just knowing that there's I think existing five bodies at OSO number III level.

MR. MURRAY: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: But this new figures are not including any IIIs whatsoever.

MR. MURRAY: I'll let BC Yamamoto answer that question.

MR. YAMAMOTO: So let me try to answer your question. So the...a reorg for Ocean Safety has...was initiated about maybe 2009 or something and it didn't go through. Then it started again in 2012 and it didn't go through, and now we're trying it for the third time. The reason why this reorg is very important is one of the problems I immediately saw when I took on this position was when I went down to the...each beach tower, there was no supervisor working. You would have two or three Lifeguards at a tower but they were all the same OSO 17s. There was no supervisor so that was immediately...I saw a flaw in the system. We needed to have a working supervisor. So for instance, the Captain for North Shore, he's...he has to take care of Kanaha, Baldwin and two towers in Hookipa. So when that supervisor, that OSO, the current OSO 19, who's a Captain, he's in Kanaha doing...in his office and the Baldwin and Hookipa towers are not being supervised by anyone. Well, he can supervise via radio but there's no one present. So that was one of the immediate things I saw. We needed someone at the beach to be in charge so when I went out there, say there's three guys at a tower, my first question is who's in charge here? And their response was, they looked at each other, and they said, oh, I guess him because he has the most seniority. Anyway, so that's why you don't see...you don't see the OSO 19 in our paperwork in front of you because that's part of the reorg.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Sorry, Chair, just a clarification. Is OSO 19 the same as an OSO III? 'Cause I don't...yes?

MR. YAMAMOTO: Yes.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, see his SR rating is 19. Yeah, so it's an OSO III.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So basically I guess in the workers...current workers' minds they've been doing Captain responsibility jobs I guess, but...and now expecting that type of pay?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no, no. Don't get the pay classification confused with the job description title.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: The job description title is OSO III. The pay is at SR 19 which is the pay compensation structure. So there's...and it's not the easiest thing to understand. And I, you know, appreciate your question, Ms. Cochran, but they're doing it the right way.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And it's being presented in the correct format, trust me.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, okay, yeah, all right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah. I understand your concern but it's...it's...they're doing...the Chief's doing their job.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we're gonna take a midday break. Anything else for Fire 'cause I wanna excuse the Chief and all his personnel. I think they did a good job. So this is where we are after a day and a half. We're half a day behind. So you guys can make up your mind but we are gonna start working at night because we have a schedule to stay on pace with. And so for Fire who's done, count their lucky stars.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Chief, any closing comments before you leave us?

MR. MURRAY: I wanna thank you for all the questions. I think it's all very good discussion and realize that we've had those questions internally too for all the processes that we go through. We really diligently work hard at presenting you and Administration with the best product that we can move forward with and keep us on pace to providing the best community service possible to all of you. So thank you, Chair, for your guidance and your experience in moving forward so we look forward to you folks calling us again.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

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MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And we look forward to the...your responses to our questions, Chief.

MR. MURRAY: All right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So sooner, the better, yeah. So, Members, I am a little flexible. You want 1:30 or 1:45? Okay, we will be in recess until one-four-five p.m. this afternoon. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 12:09 p.m.
RECONVENE: 1:49 p.m.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . This meeting shall return to order. We have completed the review of the Department of Finance. At this time, we are going to move--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fire.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Fire. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And Finance.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But we did complete Finance.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You right, so.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But we just completed Fire. That is correct, that is correct.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll move to the Office of the Mayor. Today we have Chief of Staff, Mr. Andaya, to provide some comments as well as to be able to respond to questions from the Members of the Committee regarding the Mayor's proposal and request for his office. So at this, Mr. Andaya, if you would, please.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, Members of the Budget Committee, thank you for this opportunity to present to you the proposed budget for the Office of the Mayor. As you know, the Office of the Mayor is comprised of three programs, Administration, Office of Economic Development and Community Development Block Grant, otherwise known as CDBG. The Administration Program of the Office of the Mayor is comprised of the Budget Office, Communications, Executive Assistants and Secretaries. In summary, the primary responsibilities and objectives of the Office of the Mayor include providing assistance to all non-legislative aspects of County-operated departments, agencies, boards and commissions. The office also

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serves different fields in the community such as business owners, sporting groups and any resident or visitor needing assistance or having concerns or questions, providing assistance and guidance to departmental operations in conjunction with the Department of Management, providing support services to all County boards and commissions, serving as liaison with the County Council, State legislators, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, our U.S. Senators and House Representatives as well as Federal and State departments and agencies, coordinating County communications and disseminating information in order to keep the public up to date and well informed, assisting with economic events that benefit our communities, public forums and venues to receive input and concerns. Each of the Mayor's staff is important and plays an important role in serving our communities. Like with your own staff and as with any other business organization, there are few who get recognized, have their pictures in the papers or get awards. However, the majority of employees don't get the recognition or credit they deserve. Their work is done mostly behind the scenes. They come in early and leave late, work on weekends and deal with complaints with a smile. I believe that the majority of our residents no matter where they work fit into this category. This too describes our staff. As mentioned, our office does their best to serve our communities. In the last four plus years we haven't heard of too many complaints about our Department's services or non-responsiveness. I like to believe that much of this is due to our striving to keep our residents informed and addressing their complaints and concerns in a timely manner. I'll be discussing the Administration portion of our budget which includes the Budget and Communications Office. OED Director, Teena Rasmussen, will be going over the budget proposal for the Office of Economic Development, and Anthony Arakaki, CDBG Program Coordinator, will be presenting the budget proposal for CDBG.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We won't be dealing with CDBG today, Mr. Andaya.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With respect to the Administration Program of the Office of the Mayor, the primary mission of our office is to serve as the community's immediate liaison to County government. Many members of our community demand the attention of the Mayor on issues and concerns ranging from potholes to property taxes. With the Mayor's limited time, addressing these issues promptly requires the assistance of our Executive Assistants and staff. Each Councilmember has as part of their staff Executive Assistants, and so I'm certain that each of you can certainly appreciate the work that these individuals provide in your office. They often serve as a liaison between the Councilmembers and the public. And much like your Executive Assistants, the Mayor's EAs serve as a liaison between the Mayor...the Mayor and the public. The Mayor's Office receives hundreds of calls a day from the public, many demanding to speak to the Mayor. It is impossible for the Mayor to personally address each of their concerns and so the Mayor's EAs are there to assist the public on the Mayor's behalf. Our office has also received inquiries and complaints from constituents through their Councilmembers and so our office has served as liaison between the Councilmembers and the departments in addressing their constituents' respective issues. Last year the Maui County Council adopted a budget which decreased the budget of the Administration Program by about 300,000. These were

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deep cuts for our office, and we contemplated a budget amendment in hopes of the Council reconsidering their decision. However, we instead decided to respect the Council decision...Council's decision and make the necessary changes in our office which included cutting four positions. The decision was made to see if we would be able to operate with such a shortage. It has been difficult. At one point we had four Secretaries in our program, we now have two. We also have two less Executive Assistants to the Mayor. I would like to give you an example of how this has affected us. Just a few days ago a young mother came to our office. She explained that she has little children and that they were homeless. She was desperate for help and didn't know where to go so she decided to go to the Mayor's Office. There were no Executive Assistants that were available and so a Secretary tried to assist her. Eventually I was called out of my meeting with the Mayor to meet with her. I listened and she explained to me her heartbreaking story of how she ended up in this situation. Finally, one of Mayor's Executive Assistants, Joe Pontanilla, whose schedule was already filled, met with the woman and immediately began making calls to various shelters to see if they would take her in. And this is the kind of scenario that happens daily. I know that we want to try and do more with less. In our case, it is becoming more and more difficult to do so. Five years ago, our community demanded that our government be more open and responsive. We heard them and we've operated this program with that constantly in our minds. We are a truly a victim of our own success. We have opened the floodgates by letting people know that we'll assist anyone who calls or comes to the ninth floor and are in need of assistance. Many individuals see our office on ninth floor as a one-stop shop. In light of what I've said, I would like to respectfully request from this body that you restore our budget cut from last year. Our request is not for full restoration but at least two-thirds of our budget cut from last year. Thank you for your consideration. I'm open for any questions, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Mr. Andaya, for your comments. We will consider the request you have made. Mr. Carroll, any questions for Mr. Andaya?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa, any questions for Mr. Andaya?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Not at the moment, Chair. I may have some later. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And so the request is...directly I don't know if you can say how you're gonna use it, but is it to restore the cuts to the E/P, or your...I guess you don't have E/P...to your staff?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

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MR. ANDAYA: Councilmember, I wouldn't necessarily say that we would rehire all four individuals back, but at least it would give us some flexibility in case, you know... 'cause right now I think we need....we feel that there is a staff shortage in our office. So this would give us an opportunity to perhaps evaluate the situation more and then if we need to hire two or, you know, then that would give us the opportunity to do so.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Andaya. Thank you, Chair.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Mr. Andaya, for your comments. I would just like a little bit more of an explanation having been in that office myself with not so...with not much less of a population than we have now and a whole lot less people up there, how things have changed from now and eight years ago that you need as...as more...or more people than you actually have now. And it was lot more than we had when I was up there.

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: During the Mayor's first administration, we knew that there were some shortfalls, some things that needed to be improved within the office, and one of which was having an office that's more open to government, having an office that's more...that communicated better with the public, you know. And so that's the reason why when we came in, we made those changes. We made...we had more staff so we could deal with people's issues. And that was one of the big concerns. I mean you...we kept hearing about it. We kept hearing about people who went to the Mayor's Office or who called the Mayor's Office and nothing was happening, you know. And so that's the reason why we made those changes so that we could...we could address that. In addition, there has been...there's more people, there's more...there's a larger population now, you know. And so again we were trying to address these concerns. You know, we knew that this was one of the things that the public said they wanted. They wanted more...a more open ninth floor and so that's what we provided.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, well, hmmm. That's very interesting 'cause I'm pretty sure we were very open on the ninth floor then and we were all pretty busy but we all got responses and quick responses. So I'm a little leery at the thought of rehiring more folks so you're gonna need a little better explanation for at least on my part. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No questions at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Andaya, if the Administration's desire was to restore the funding, it would normally be done by putting it in the budget. Is there a reason why it wasn't put in the Budget? I mean generally what we're told is that whatever gets into the Budget is what the Administration supports, not just in your budget but in all the budgets.

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: I believe the Budget does reflect an increase. I'm sorry, let me find the page.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White, it's on Details, Members, 11-6 under Salary Adjustments, 191,837.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I'm actually on 11-3 which is the list of positions, and I'd like to point out that there's, at least by my quick count, 5 EAs, 11 Administrative Assistants, 2 Secretaries and 3 Office Operations Assistants. So, but I don't see any...any increases on...in any requests for positions which would normally appear at the bottom of this list.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, I see it here in the...in respect to...where it says Explanation of Budget Changes and the amount is there so I'm unclear, Councilmember White, as to the question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So we are clear, Mr. Andaya, you didn't make the adjustments under the positions that is currently listed on 11-3 and 4. So this would be a discretionary adjustment pot is what you're asking this Committee to consider, and not for specific amounts per position?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Andaya, are you referring to the amount on Page 11-6?

MR. ANDAYA: Yes, yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, that's Salary Adjustments. That's not new positions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Correct.

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MR. ANDAYA: I can't explain that, Councilmember. I can provide a more formal explanation. But, yeah...I can just provide a more formal explanation. I mean a formal explanation.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But the formal explanation generally comes in the Budget presentation in the Details. We have a list of the positions that you're requesting, so it...by the...my read of the formal presentation, you're not asking for anymore positions. You're just requesting an addition of \$191,000 purely for increases. Is that correct?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: I believe so.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, I think that...that explains it. And, you know, to...just to respond to the reasons for the reductions last year. Actually if we were to have made the...made cuts that would be reflective of what we saw as the amounts that were spent in other counties. The cuts last year would have been significantly more than 300,000, so we did eliminate vacant positions and we didn't approve new positions. I don't recall us eliminating any position that was filled, Chair. But I appreciate Mr. Andaya's answer and will give it due consideration. It looks like it's...Mr. Andaya, do you know what that...what the \$191,000 in Salary Adjustments amounts to as a percentage of the total?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair, could...could you please repeat the question?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The...you're asking for \$191,000 of Salary Adjustments on a base of roughly \$1.4 million, 1,392,000 so...

MR. ANDAYA: What percentage is that?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What is the percentage increase?

MR. ANDAYA: I don't know, Councilmember.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Andaya, for being here. You mentioned in your explanation, or your presentation, deep cuts and four positions were deleted or transferred. I guess my question are, what are the four positions that were removed and were there any other positions that were transferred into a different

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department or different area aside from the Mayor's Office, like...what do you have? Communications or Economic Development, things like that.

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: So there were some vacancies in the other...well, for instance, in the Office of Economic Development and so we moved some of those positions, our positions, there. But in our office, as I mentioned before, we have four less individuals now working in our office.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, so did those four transfer, or they were not reemployed?

MR. ANDAYA: They transferred into vacant positions.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: So there were some people that we did not ask to return.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: We eliminated...we eliminated a position in our office, an EA. So, yeah, that's where it stands.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Andaya, for being here. And let me start by saying I agree with my colleagues that I look at this overall, and for the last five years, you know, you guys have done a good job. But I agree with Mr. Couch, you know, in the first Administration I thought you guys did a pretty good job with a far less staffing. And sometimes it means extending yourself a little further, you know. And so I, too, cannot support this much of an addition back when I know the job can be done with what you have. However, with that being said, unless you can show me some compelling evidence that this is necessitated, then I would have to say I wouldn't support this increase, okay. So I'm putting in right on the table, Mr. Andaya, no offense to you or anybody, I gotta be honest. If I don't agree with something, I'm gonna tell you right up front, you know. And I agree with Mr. Hokama, there's times when we're gonna cut. And I'll be supportive of a cut. There'll be other times I may discuss it more in depth, but this is one of those I have no problem. So unless you can show me what really exists to make me put back some of this money, I would have to stand on the fact that I'd probably end up cutting this budget also. Thank you,

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Chair. Thank you, Mr. Andaya. And I do apologize but I just wanted to make sure that that was known. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Victorino. Before we have Mr. Andaya continue more with the B and C components of the Office of the Mayor, I will tell you as your Chair, I'm looking at approximately an 11 percent cut in Operation Budget from the proposal. So every department, even the Council's, will be impacted, and potentially another 2 percent off from CIP. So that is our...my general goal of cutting. And this is about zero base. You don't perform, good luck. Mr. Andaya, comments for B and C Accounts?

MR. ANDAYA: You want me to go to...Mr. Chair? Did you want me to go through the Budget Details line by line?

CHAIR HOKAMA: You have anything B and C in your Administration program that you wanna highlight for us to look at? We'll take it by programs and then after Administration, we'll take up the Economic Development Program. So anything in this area you wanna highlight for us?

MR. ANDAYA: No, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we'll ask...I'll have the Members ask their questions on the B and C Accounts. And that is, if you look 11-8, Members, 11-9, 11-10, 11-11, and then, yeah, it ends there, 11-11. If...so, Mr. Carroll, any questions at this time for the Admin portion of the Office of the Mayor? Any questions, comments? Thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: In light of...in light of the possible not including any of the expansion positions, will these increases that are being asked for expansion requests being asked for be needed?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, again, Councilmember, the question is would we delete the positions that...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, no. If we do not include the positions, you're asking for slight increases in things like mileage, per diem and whatever. Would they still...will the increases still be necessary for the existing people that you have? Are these just cost increases that you're seeing regularly anyway?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

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MR. ANDAYA: From what I understand from these...when we created this...when we created this budget, it was, you know, just based on existing staff, what we have on staff. So it does not include if there was more staff.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Just a clarification of that answer. So if the 191,000 wasn't given, you're saying that the per diem and...and all the rental of vehicles and everything in the B and C Accounts, that's the numbers you wanted. So if you were given the expansion, you would actually need more in those columns as well?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: You mentioned per diems or, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, you know, the B and C, Page 8...11-8, 9. Are those based on the additional...I think Ms. Baisa's question is more of are those based on you getting those four positions back or based on the current staff you've got now?

MR. ANDAYA: It's based on current staff.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Okay, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No questions right now. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. On Page 11-7, Office Supplies, it's a small number but it...is that reflecting that just 3,000 out of the \$20,000 appropriation is being transferred to Finance?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, Councilmember, could you refer to page number again? I...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry, Page 11-7, and I'm sorry I should've given you the line. It's line 6037, Office Supplies. This past year's...this year's adopted Budget is 20,000 and

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the recommendation is for 17 with...it looks like a transfer of 3,000 to the Finance Department. Is that...

MR. ANDAYA: That's correct, Councilmember.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And what is that based on?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Well, the...that's the amount they need for supplies, office supplies, so out of the 17,000 3,000 is used for...was used by the Council...sorry, by the Budget Office.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: To buy papers, folders, binders, you know, things of that sort.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And that's an accurate reflection of what their share of the cost was?

MR. ANDAYA: Yes, Councilmember.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And then how many people are involved in the cell phones? There's an increase...actually there's a...there's a continuation request. But is that...are we to understand that the telephone line is...yeah, it's being transferred up to that line. So how many people have cell phones provided by the County?

MR. ANDAYA: I don't have that figure, Councilmember. I would say about seven or eight. I can't say for sure, about seven or eight.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. You know, Mr. Chair, the one thing that we keep hearing fairly often is when we have visiting dignitaries, they don't get treated like people get treated when they travel to the Philippines or Japan and so on.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So I realize we're in cut mode but one of the things that I think would be appropriate for us to take a hard look at increasing is the Mayor's Contingency Fund for Miscellaneous Other Costs. I know we increased it last year to 12,000, but that's something I think I would appreciate getting the...getting Mr. Andaya's thoughts on. What would be an appropriate and adequate amount for us to place in that so that we're...we're putting our best foot forward when we're welcoming other dignitaries to town.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Andaya, if you have a response, would you share it with us, please?

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MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, I appreciate you saying that, Councilmember White. Yes, we could use monies for things like that. Oftentimes we use our own monies. I mean I've taken dignitaries out for lunch on my own dime. We've asked others to donate, organizations to help out with expenses. So it would be excellent if the County could help, you know, when these dignitaries do come to Maui.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What amount would be adequate?

MR. ANDAYA: I would have to get back to you on that, Councilmember. I have to go and look how much we've spent in the past. But I can get back to you on that figure.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you very much. Thank you, Chair.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that was a very good point you brought up, Mr. White, and I would agree. I don't have a problem cutting someplace else to give the Mayor some additional consideration in this area. But I will say, though, please take it into consideration that I believe the Budget has a request under Sister Cities, or Sister City Foundation so we place money in another pot to assist us in what I believe is what you were trying to address. But I still can appreciate the need of our Mayor being able to extend the level of hospitality that we feel is appropriate and reciprocal of what we receive when we go and visit those sister counties or sister countries. And so I can appreciate the...your request.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I don't believe that the Mayor has control over the spending of the sister cities amounts. So I think it's important that there be a...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, no, no, no, I agree. And that's --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: --why we can look at the Sister City component because this year we have 30,000 in the pot, and I believe the new Budget is requesting 35,000. And it's further down under Office of the Mayor, 11 dash, Details, 33.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Eleven dash what?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Eleven dash 33 at the top of the page.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, at the top of the page.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so I can appreciate you and Mr. Andaya's comments. I just want us to...want you to remember though, Members, we have another pot, and we can make whatever adjustments the Committee feels is appropriate.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Andaya, I'm gonna refer to 11-8, Miscellaneous Other Costs. You were adopted I believe 5,000 in 2015 and now it's...I guess their proposal for 2016 is 18,500. I...can you explain what that is? I see a Budget transferred from 903013-6244 based on anticipated expenditures.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: 18,500. Subject matter is the 6221, Miscellaneous Other Costs, on Page 11-8.

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Councilmember Guzman, I'll have to get the...a written response back to you regarding that.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: I know that we have miscellaneous expenses used for like, parking, or like rent-a-cars, or things like that. I'm not sure why there's a transfer from the computer software to Miscellaneous Expenses. So I'll get back to you on that.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, the questions...most of the questions have been asked so there's not much needs to be clarified for myself. Except, Mr. Andaya, thank you for some of that clarification and again, important, you clarified what we need. I wanted to say one thing, Mr. Chair, that although I agree with Mr. White as far as giving our Mayor a little more money for reciprocal visitations by dignitaries, you know. One of things you don't want to do is make sure that pot's too big so that they can be throwing wild parties either. Excuse me, I mean we'll look at...I'll give you an example, the Mayor of the Big Island. And I'll just leave it at that.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, all right, all right. So, no, no, you guys laughing. It's not a funny matter. It is not a funny matter. And the public is not taking it very funny. So buyer beware. Be careful what you wish for 'cause when you get it, it could actually hurt you. So I'm just saying it just plain English that the public right now is

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very skeptical and that was just one of many in the past. And you're aware of that, Mr. Chair, because many, many others have taken advantage of government funds, and that's something that I'm very skeptical about. I rather use my dime many times and I have, and I'm not ashamed to say it, okay. But, again, a fair amount, I have no problem. Sister Cities is another issue because that relates to our sister cities. But some of these dignitaries, are not falling in that category. So be fair but be careful, and that's all I got to say about that issue. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. I'm sure that the Administration has some policy on how they are to expend the money, and I'm sure they will consult with Corporation Counsel. But if we feel it is appropriate, there is no...the Council can always legislate parameters of the expenditure, or we can place it in the ordinance that...such as the Budget Ordinance as part of the general provisions. There's many different ways we could address it to make sure that it doesn't become an issue in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair, and that's all I was really leading to, is let's make it very transparent as possible. Then I don't want us to get into any kind of situation like others have in the past.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sure all of the officials don't wanna be in that situation.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, yeah, I thank you. Mr. White, then Ms. Baisa.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. In looking at what was...what's actually been spent out of the Mayor's Contingency for that purpose, I don't see any expenditures year to date. Do you know of any that are in the pipeline now, Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: I'm not aware of any expenditures that we anticipate in the next couple of months so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Then the other question that I don't believe anyone has asked is what is the purpose of moving the Budget Department to the Department of Finance?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, in other jurisdictions, the Budget Office falls within the Finance Department. For instance, the City and County of Honolulu, it's called the Department of Fiscal and Budget. The State, that's Budget and Finance. So it appears that these agencies work hand in hand together, and so it was...the Budget

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Office felt that it...we should follow suit. They would probably work best if they were within the Finance Department.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And are you aware of whether or not the people who are currently employed by the Budget Department would have to reapply for those positions? Because I believe they're appointed.

MR. ANDAYA: Yes. Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya, please.

MR. ANDAYA: Yes, they are appointed, and so they would have to apply for the position. And so would the Budget Director.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So the...does that entail the Budget Director's position becoming civil service or would it remain an appointed position?

MR. ANDAYA: I believe it...he would become civil service...the position would become civil service. And so they would all...would have to apply to become civil servants.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And is that how it's structured in other jurisdictions?

MR. ANDAYA: I...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not the top position.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, I'm assuming the top position would be the...I'm assuming the department would become Department of Budget and Finance with one top dog and then the others follow so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, I remember the argument that we...that was given to me by all the sitting Members at that time, why the Mayor should have the ability to pick his own Budget Director. So I agree with that. That should still be remaining with the sitting Mayor at that point in time. And the way I see this Budget being proposed, I cannot see how we're gonna transfer the Budget Office anyway. There's no interim plan that I can see, and so I'm not supportive of this request at all.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Andaya.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. Just wanted to say a little bit about the previous discussion about the Mayor's Contingency.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Please.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Having had the opportunity to chair the Council and therefore being in a position to approve expenditures for reimbursement, I can tell you that I think it's important the public realize that we have a lot of checks and balances built into releasing County money. And as Chair I had to evaluate sometimes a receipt that was turned in, and I'm very strict. I didn't give anybody any booze, sorry. You want dinner I can pay for that, but drinks you pay your own. And, you know, I think Maui County has a real tight rein, and I'm just amazed when I read the stories about what might go on someplace else 'cause I can't imagine it happening here. I think our standards are very high, and we watch the public's money very carefully. I can tell you that if there's no money been spent, it isn't that nothing has happened in the Mayor's Contingency Fund because we've had the opportunity to be at events. And Mayor has stated over and over that he covers lots of that with his own personal money. Those are Mayor's ethics. So I agree with Mr. White. It would be very nice if we could give him an adequate amount, and I agree with Mr. Andaya. We probably need a better figure. And I agree also on the separation, Chair, between the Sister City appropriation and this because that's under somebody else's control. And they do do a lot with a lot of visiting people, and that is expensive 'cause, you know, you don't wanna take them to Tasty...I shouldn't say that. I mean to a local restaurant where people like us like to go. You know, you kinda wanna take them to something fancier. I mean we all love Tasty Crust. I'm right there for my pancakes and Portuguese soup or whatever. But, you know, we wanna take them to some of our nicer places which is how they treat us when we travel. And that costs a lot of money. But, you know, I think we have a pretty good record for keeping a close, you know, eye on things. And so I'm comfortable. I just don't want the public to get the idea that we're out having crazy parties 'cause we're not. I've been here for almost nine years now and I haven't seen any of it. Maybe I'm not on the guest list. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. And again it wasn't anything that I believe we don't have strong moral and strong values. It's just that, you know, whenever we do something futuristically who knows who comes in the future. Yeah, so that's why, you know, I just wanna make sure that whatever figure we put in there it's adequate, but yet not something that could be abused because again when the cookie jar is open sometimes people tend to take more than they should.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And they should be punished appropriately.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And that is what I'm trying to say, you know. So if we know the parameters, if they know the parameters, then there's no ifs, buts, ors about it, yeah. So that's all. I don't want to belabor the point. We have much more things to cover. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. We're gonna move...any other questions you may have, Members, regarding the Administration portion of the Mayor's request for his office? If not, with...oh, I do have one. I wanted to...my understanding, Mr. Andaya, regarding that 50,000 I think maybe Mr. Guzman brought up under Computer Software, my recollection from last year is that this was for a one-time request to purchase grant software. So I'm just wondering the way that the explanation column has this broken down into various components, did we actually secure the grant software?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Yes, we did. We bought the...we got the software. In fact, we have employees that are going through training right now on the software.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, and so is there...I'm trying to understand how the transfer to the various sub objects regarding this software appropriation...do you have some understanding of why it's broken down in this manner, Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I don't and that's the reason why I...as I answered Councilmember Guzman's question, I said I would get back to him in writing --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: --'cause I would have to check with the Budget Office to see why --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: --it was divided up this way.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: It puzzles me as well.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. One more question, please. This is on 11-9, Mr. Andaya, top of the page. This County and our Members are very active at NACo. The Mayor participates with the Conference of Mayors which I'm very happy to see. Why is the dues more than double? You know, for most organizations that is pretty unheard of especially the big seven, or that's what we call ourselves in the D.C. arena regarding Conference of Mayors, NACo, League of Cities, National Governors Association. Do you have some comment you can share why this went from 5,000 to 12,000? 'Cause that's a big jump for dues.

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, sir.

MR. ANDAYA: I can only guess that perhaps the dues went up, but I agree with you. It is a tremendous jump. I'll have to get back to you in writing on that as well.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that would be appreciated, or if in your discussions with Director Baz maybe he can make comments when he gives us some...when he does return from his medical situation and can join us for some of his budget comments, that would be appreciated. Okay, with that, Members, the rest is the *Akaku* subsidy and, of course, like our branch the Mayor does have leased equipment ongoing. Is there any questions regarding those areas, Members? If not, I would ask Mr. Andaya if he wants, with the assistance of Ms. Rasmussen, to go over the Economic Development Program, please. Yeah, yeah, that's fine. No, you're fine, Mr. Andaya. Okay, Mr. Andaya, if you would start off your next program area.

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, I have...I have Director Rasmussen from OED and she'll go over the Budget for Office of Economic Development.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Ms. Rasmussen?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Okay, thank you, Chair Hokama, Members. So just for my opening statements I just wanted to go over some of the highlights for our Fiscal Year 2015 of which, of course, we still have three months left. But...so it's been a very, very busy one for OED as we continue to carry out the important Economic Development work within our County. Some highlights of our year are...we actively manage over 100 grants in any given year plus all the payment requests that come from those grantees. So this is continuous work that we do all year long. Our grant application deadline for the fiscal year was March 15th, and so our grants, we have many, many grants that are still going through execution, in fact, 28 at this point in time. We have worked tirelessly this year with our grantees on improving performance measures and have instituted the first ever performance dashboards as a requirement for their grants. These dashboards are used to measure an organization's strength and effectiveness year over year so the performance measures in a dashboard must transcend any individual project that may not continue from one year to the next. The dashboard should hone in on those things that are at the core of the mission of the organization and can help us evaluate if the organization is getting stronger, gaining support, their quantity and quality of the work, increasing funding from other sources other than the County of Maui, and also increasing their volunteer hours, et cetera. We manage two business resource centers, one on Molokai and one in the Maui Mall. We manage the Workforce Investment Act Federal Funds that Maui is given. We manage the Hawaii Tourism Authority CPEP Grant Program. Our Film Commissioner has been working tirelessly traveling across the country and abroad working every contact possible to bring film projects to Maui. Projects are typically on the...projects are typically proposed a couple of years before they get funded so we do believe that...strongly that within another year we will start seeing some of the projects come here due to Mr. Bennett's hard work. And we'll go over those programs later in the month as

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today is mostly just an overview and our Admin budget. We produced the first ever Made in Maui County Festival which we came and reported the results to you. We sent a staff member to assist six Maui companies to attend the Tokyo Food Ex Show in February. We participated in Hawaii on the Hill in Washington, D.C. which was a promotion for Hawaii's products. This was an invitation by Senator Mazie Hirono. We leveraged our OED program funds with gaining additional sponsorships to the tune of \$154,000 for four different programs this year that we initiated. We have been successful in just finishing a preliminary assessment of Maui's broadband capacity, and this next year we'll work to create a broadband strategy for our County. The Council will be getting a report on that soon as we were just given it...it was just given to us this week. As managers of the Kula Ag Park, we managed a water crisis this year when an EMI ditch flume broke and no water could be delivered to the Kula Ag Park. Over a six-week period OED worked with the Department of Water Supply, East Maui Irrigation and the farmers to manage a critical water shortage. And we're pleased that we got through that without farmers having any significant crop losses. We produced another very successful Maui Energy Conference and through our Energy Commissioner's work 21 County facilities now have operating solar PV systems that save Maui County approximately \$500,000 per year in electricity costs. And I'm very pleased to announce that just this week we have finalized negotiations for the expansion purchase of the Kula Agricultural Park utilizing the \$5 million State of Hawaii appropriation that our Representative Kyle Yamashita secured for Maui County. The County's match for this will be \$1 million which I believe is already set aside. This project will essentially double the size of the Kula Ag Park, and we will be submitting the resolution for the purchase to the Council sometime next week. We have been working diligently with the island of Lanai to assist them in developing plans and strategies as they face the shutdown of the hotels on the island. We have worked with the Lanai Chamber of Commerce to establish the Lanai Fifth Friday Town Party. We have worked with the group Lanai Changes and given them a grant just recently to look for setting up a commercial kitchen on Lanai so they can start producing some value-added products. And we're also working with Maui Visitor Bureau and the island of Lanai and their businesses to assist them in promoting day trips to Lanai when the hotels close. And after working with various County directors and Friends of Old Maui High, we put out an RFP six months ago to solicit proposals that would repurpose and utilize this grand old campus for a higher and better use than its current state. I'm happy to say that the RFP was due in March. We received three proposals. We are currently drafting a report on these proposals for both the Mayor and this Council. I will say that we have a very dedicated team. Our team runs here and there and everywhere throughout our County. They travel to the far ends of our County and our sister islands of Molokai and Lanai. We are all salaried, we do not get overtime. We work weekends, we work many nights. We go to meetings at nights. We have a very dedicated group, and I'm very proud to manage this Department under the Mayor's Office. So I would welcome your questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Rasmussen. Okay, Members, she gave us very good overview of their activities of the current Budget year, fiscal year. So Economic

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Development, I think that's Mr. Guzman's committee, yeah. Mr. Guzman, why don't you start if you have questions for the Office of the Mayor?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, I am the standing Chair of the Committee...or Chair for the standing Committee. I've really enjoyed working with Economic Development Office. I think they're doing a really good job. One of my questions here just...it's just coming down to just looking at the Details, I notice that there is a Clerk II positions that are there. There are two Clerk II positions, and then one of them is reallocation of a position to a higher pay scale. So I'm wondering whether this...I don't recall there being two Clerks in the office before. Is this a transfer from the Mayor's Office to --

MS. RASMUSSEN: We...

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --this Department?

MS. RASMUSSEN: We have...we've asked for two salary adjustments on our...on our Budget. One of them is for a very...well, it's basically just too low of pay. We need to get that position up because it was vacated in January, and it's not...it's not appropriate for what we're asking this person to do because they do more than just clerking, and it may be called a Clerk but they're doing more than that. So that's one...I'm not sure what page you're looking at.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, I'm sorry. Reference to 11-13.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: And I believe the position number is OM-0101, Clerk II. And then above that there's another Clerk II, but I don't recall there being two Clerks IIs in the office before.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes, because we actually have...because we have them at that business resource centers.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh, I see.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I see.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: And so this Clerk II is being promoted to an SR-08G to an SR-22C?

MS. RASMUSSEN: I'm sorry, could you give me the position number again, yeah?

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COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: OM...

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes, that's...yes, that's...

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: OM-0101. The second...there's a Clerk II in the upper category and there's another Clerk II right under it, or subsequently. And then it's being promoted it looks like. In the explanation column it says, reallocation of position --

MS. RASMUSSEN: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --to a higher pay scale.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Is that...that's the same person --

MS. RASMUSSEN: That's the same person.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --moving up to --

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --to a higher --

MS. RASMUSSEN: To a higher pay.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --position. Okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes, because the pay was like 31,000 something like that.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Very, very low. I mean . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: But that's not a new position?

MS. RASMUSSEN: No, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, okay, okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Not a new position.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay.

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MS. RASMUSSEN: The other one that you were referring to I believe is a part-time position, and we're asking to move that to a full-time position. And I will let you know about three years ago our office actually gave up a full-time position. Now we're asking to get back two-thirds of it because we had combined our workforce investment person working with the Federal Funds. It was a two-third/one-third position so it's two-thirds Federal and one-third County. And we were...that was assigned to the Maui Business Resource Center so as the front desk receptionist. But it has become way too difficult for that position to do their Federal work and to do that job because the capacity of the center...I mean the foot traffic in the center has gone up a lot. And so we are moving...and the program will sustain her going to full-time under the Federal program, and so we need to have a full-time person at the Maui County Business Resource Center. We have a full...we have two people in the Molokai Office and we need two people at the Maui Mall Office, and we can't...you cannot do it with one because then they can't even go to lunch or they can't do, you know, they can't leave the office open with no one attending it. So that's why we're asking for that. So again the Federal position goes to full-time, and then we're just asking for the two-thirds position to get that to full-time.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No questions at this time. Just very pleased in what Economic Development has been doing. Enjoyed the conference very much and keep up the good work. I know the Ag Fest will be this weekend. Unfortunately, I will not be here, but it is what it is. Thank you very much and good luck.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: No questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. I just wanna say thank you very much for the news about the Ag Park. It's serendipitous but I had couple farmers visit me last week and they were really begging for this to happen because they tell me that they are a bunch of young people, like eight or nine young men, who really want to farm and they need property and so they were begging us to get it done. So thank you very much for that news.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. Are we just on their A Account then right now?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: At this point.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, no questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, that was one of my questions, too, whether we're gonna go further down. So just the Salaries and stuff?

CHAIR HOKAMA: At this point.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We are...we're gonna delve into B and C.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: What we will not do is talk about the Grant Programs. That we have scheduled for April 22nd.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Separate day, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Ms. Rasmussen, thank you very much for being here.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And I just wanna say fantastic job on the Made in Maui Festival. It went above and beyond what I think everybody expected and hopefully we get even better participation next year especially if it doesn't rain.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Just have to deal with what we can do about the parking. But that was a really good job. The Ag Festival is always a good job and so keep up the good work. I know you've got a lot of stuff to deal with in ag in Mr. Guzman's Committee coming up, so hopefully we can beef up our ag section a little bit. Thank you.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. Thank you for being here. Good to see you.

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MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Did Office of Economic Development absorb employees from the Administration?

MS. RASMUSSEN: We had two transfer in to our Department. We had a position that was open as of the end of December. We had a person leave. So we moved one into that position. The other one is a placeholder until we replace our Energy Commissioner.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So your Energy Commissioner is not there.

MS. RASMUSSEN: I'm sorry. He...I thought most of you knew that he had resigned as of the end of December.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I see. So it's just...so what positions did the transfers from Administration fill . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

MS. RASMUSSEN: Again just a placeholder for the Energy Commission...Commissioner, and by the way, not at that salary.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: And then...and then this, I think it's an Economic Development Specialist II which is that position that was vacated at the end of December and then we filled it from one of the people from the Mayor's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, so the position...is that position number OMF-0192, the Economic Development Specialist we're requesting funding to full-time, is it? An increase of over about 36,000?

MS. RASMUSSEN: It's...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, I'm sorry . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

MS. RASMUSSEN: No, that is...no, that's the one that we're trying to get from part-time to full-time.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I see.

MS. RASMUSSEN: And, no, the other one is...I don't have...I'm sorry, I just don't have the names next to these position numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: . . .*(Inaudible)* . . .

MS. RASMUSSEN: So when you're asking me...

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah, I'm just trying to...

MS. RASMUSSEN: But it's the position that goes from like a \$33,000 salary to like a \$45,000 salary.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: The other question regarding this, are these...these are existing positions, right?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes, we...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: We're not adding new positions?

MS. RASMUSSEN: No.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: We do have it filled by the transfer from . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. RASMUSSEN: We did not add any...any positions at all.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: In fact, like I said, three years ago we gave up a position in our Department.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. And I'd just like to add my kudos for pulling off the Kula Ag Park deal. And you guys do a great job on doing the various events that you're responsible for and I think we all...we all can feel very proud of the work that you guys do. So is it my understanding that we won't have an Energy Commissioner anymore?

MS. RASMUSSEN: No, the intention is to rehire the Energy Commissioner...when the new Budget is...I mean July 1st basically.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And you said that someone was transferred into a placeholder position for the Energy Commissioner.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So that position's taken.

MS. RASMUSSEN: For now, for now.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Could you explain, please?

MS. RASMUSSEN: I'll let Mr. Andaya explain. We...our intention is to replace the Energy Commissioner and then that person would either be bumped out, or we would have to find another position.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Andaya, could you help us understand the purpose of putting somebody in that position if the intention was to rehire?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, we needed a position. The position right now is in Business Resource Center. We need a position to put...we need the person to put that position into until we hire, I suppose, if we hire an Energy Commissioner so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So when...what is the plan to replace the Energy Commissioner?

MR. ANDAYA: We don't...we don't know yet. I'm sorry, Mr. Chair. We don't know yet. We're...we received some resumes and what not. Really it depends on how the Budget goes for us, you know so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, and then, Ms. Rasmussen, the item OM...for the position OM-101 that you show an increase --

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --to the 47,000. What are the responsibilities of that position and the justification for that increase?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Well, first of all that position was vacated because the person that had the position was, you know, she was very educated and highly qualified, but she couldn't live on that salary, and for what we were asking for them to do. So this person does...they do research for our Department, they do all of the presentation work like the PowerPoints, they do backend technical production work for our events, they do graphic design for the Department, they write letters, they...you know, it's a...also, you know, backing up our...our main Administrative Assistant. So as backup, but other duties as well that have a pretty high degree of skill.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. And on the other position, 192, is there any way that a portion of that position could again be Federally-funded or is that...are those opportunities sailed out of the harbor?

MS. RASMUSSEN: If you...so if you go down to the Workforce Development which is a few pages...I don't know if I can find it right now, but if you go down to the Workforce Development Program we are asking for that position to go up to full-time. And that will be fully Federally-funded so that program will be able to absorb two positions.

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And the reason for that is because the Workforce Investment Act has recently transformed itself into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and it is a completely overhauled program. And the problem is is that they now have two programs that are laying over top of each other. And they have to finish and they have to create the new program. So there will be plenty of work for these two people to be under the Federal funds, and so because of that and because she was unable to do both jobs and sit at the front desk with the Business Resource Center that is why we're asking to get that position up to full-time.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Both positions actually, but one is Federally-funded.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, but the Federally...the Federal funds would not spill over to this position that's on the bottom of this page.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Not...no, no. They do now but they won't...they won't once this...if this goes through they will not spill over into that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, and then, Chair, I just have one more question if it's okay. For Mr. Andaya, on Page 11-15 we have the same page where for the Mayor's Office you had shown the \$191,000 Salary Adjustment and I did the calculation and it was about 13.8 percent. Is there...can you give us a reason why there are no Salary Adjustments shown for this Department?

MS. RASMUSSEN: You're talking for Economic Development?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, on Page 11-15. On Page...on Page 11-6 it shows the same thing with kinda the wrap up of the Salaries and Wages, and for the Mayor's Office it shows Salary Adjustments of 191,000 for the list of employees that are in the Mayor's Office. But that same page for the Office of Economic Development does not reflect any such increase. Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: So when I spoke about the 191,000 that was cut, that was for the Administration portion of the Office of the Mayor. So you...I don't believe there was a cut last year for Office of Economic Development. In fact, they got a increase last year, so that's the explanation.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But the...but what was...what was cut were, I think, assigned positions that each had salaries. And then we...I think we eliminated some of the...a portion of the increases so...but it's listed as Salary Adjustments, not position replacements. So there's no planned adjustments for the Department then?

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MS. RASMUSSEN: So on our Budget...on OED's Budget on 11-12, the summary is there where it shows the additional salary request is 49,851. That's on 11-12. I don't know if that's what you're...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, I think that's on 11-14 on our pages.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, 11-12 blank.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But those are the two...those are the two increases for the position adjustments.

MS. RASMUSSEN: The position...yeah, the position adjustments, right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But that's different from Salary...Salary Adjustments which generally addresses increases, not adjustments.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Oh yeah, I...the rest of the salaries are remaining the same.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: That was my question.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Oh, okay. Yeah, in OED the rest of the Salaries are remaining the same, yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: As they are in the Mayor's Budget, but OED doesn't have the same Salary Adjustment as noted on the Mayor's sheets. So, okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Rasmussen, the Chair is a bit confused hearing your...the response to another Committee Member's concern about that Economic Development Specialist II. I heard your response as in regards to...what page do we have that on? Position...11-13, the last item, yeah, 0192, and I heard your response to Mr. White or another Member. The confusing thing for me is when you look at 11-41--and we're not going there...really there today, Members--but it's the same position under Grant Revenue. So please make up...you guys need to tell me it's either General Fund or Grant Revenue. You cannot ask me for the same position from the two funds.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Okay, that's because currently that position is two-thirds funded with the Federal grant, the WIA Grant, and is one-third funded from OED. And that's why you're seeing the position number in both sections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But you wanted the County to make it a full-time position, right? So you wouldn't need the Federal grant.

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MS. RASMUSSEN: So we...well, we wanna make it full-time on both sides so that the Federal grant for...so the Federal portion goes from two-thirds to full.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: And then we want to take the County position from one-third to full. But there will be no more intermingling with the Federal grant position and the OED position. They would be completely separate at that point.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We talking about one individual or two individuals?

MS. RASMUSSEN: One individual. Well, I mean when it's separated, it'll be two, of course, but currently it's one.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, okay. Because I will not agree for one employee to get two different paychecks.

MS. RASMUSSEN: No, no, no. I mean...

CHAIR HOKAMA: That we can do without.

MS. RASMUSSEN: It's...of course, it'll be two positions once they're, yeah, once they're two full-time, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So I just...

MS. RASMUSSEN: We have...I just wanna say on this, I know that it's not your intention to try to grow. I...trust me, I come from a small business world, and I will always do with less if I can. And I have worked this for four years. We have moved people around. I have moved Specialists down to the Maui County Business Resource Center trying to make this work. I've moved our Ag Specialist in there. I've moved multiple Clerks and people down there trying to make this work. It is not working anymore. The traffic down there has gone up because we are now accepting Water payments, we're selling bus passes for the Transportation Department, and I believe we take refuse...is it refuse payments as well? I'm not sure about refuse, but I know that we're accepting Water payments.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And we don't have any issues with collective bargaining? Because aren't we talking about collective bargaining position work?

MS. RASMUSSEN: I don't think so 'cause they just drop it off basically. It's a drop off point.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: So...and this was set up by the Finance Department so...

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, I have my issues with all departments so...Mr. White?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Bus passes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: How far away from the Service Center is the Business Resource Center?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Just the other end of the Mall.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. Why are we mixing the Business Resource Center up with accepting payments?

MS. RASMUSSEN: It was...it was viewed as a public service. But, you know, we have always been selling bus passes out of there. That's been from before we got there. We've been selling bus passes. It's convenient. It's, you know, it's just a service that's been offered there so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I can kinda see that as being tied to helping...helping businesses get more customers or something, but tying that to refuse payments and other payments that can be done at the Service Center, I'm having a hard time understanding why we're watering down the focus of the job that you're supposed to be doing there --

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --which is helping small businesses get started --

MS. RASMUSSEN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --and prosper.

MS. RASMUSSEN: We still do have, of course, the one stop...the State has a person in that office so they still provide all the business licenses and all of the advice from the State side. The manager there is responsible for putting on workshops, for doing the counseling with businesses, setting up the SCORE consulting program with the retired executive program. We have offices there for them. The manager does all the scheduling for that. And the front desk is the person who funnels people off to whichever thing that they're there for. So it's a busy place, but I believe the manager at the time felt that the person at the front desk, you know, could manage it. And so she was very willing to help finance out with, you know, helping them with a little added service. It's not...it's just a drop off place. People cannot pay a portion of their bill, for instance. They can't, it's just a drop off. And then the Service Center comes over every afternoon and just picks up the pouch. So I would say that's a very nominal part, you know, of their...but it has been convenient for people so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Andaya?

MR. ANDAYA: Just to add...thank you, Mr. Chair. Just to add to what Ms. Rasmussen was saying, we also have a County store at the Business Resource Center so this is a great way to bring people into the store. And, you know, possibly purchase things. So that's another reason. But mostly as Teena had mentioned, it is because of convenience.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. Referring to Page 11-14 and this was referred earlier and I don't recall which Member referred that page, but in reviewing it, it has the Environmental Protection there. And was that...was that in our Budget last year? That Administrative Assistant II?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes, that is the...that is the position of the Environmental Coordinator.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh, okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: That has always been there.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: It's always been in there.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any other questions regarding A category, Members? Why don't we take a short break. In the meantime, please review the B and C Accounts under Economic Development and when we return we'll give you an opportunity to ask some questions to Ms. Rasmussen and then we'll move onto Department of Management. So why don't we return at 3:20. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 3:11 a.m.
RECONVENE: 3:21 a.m.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . .come back to order please. Still go through, Members, the remaining two categories of the Economic Development Program, that's B and C Accounts. During the recess I gave you some time to go and review the proposal as presented to us from the Mayor, and I'm gonna go from Mr. Guzman on down and all Members will have opportunities to ask questions of concern or a need of clarification in this program area starting on 11-16. With that, Mr. Guzman, do you have any questions for Ms. Rasmussen at this time?

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MR. GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I have no further questions at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you so much. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And, you know, couple of items stuck out on me when you go through your account, and one of 'em was a...and I see the rationale, but I still don't...you know, this transfer..it was a 10,000, almost \$11,000 increase. Anticipate increase of office rental and CAM. Okay, so you expect that big an increase this time around?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah, and...oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, well...

MS. RASMUSSEN: Get my mic back here. It...no, that is a definite...I mean we've been given the word from the building, you know, owner that that is a very, very accurate projection.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Is this your space at...

MS. RASMUSSEN: One Main Plaza.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: One Main Plaza, okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: All right, I just wanted to make sure that not the Service Centers or...

MS. RASMUSSEN: Well, the Service Centers will also have rent increases and that...but they have separate sections here.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: And quite frankly, most of our Budget increase which is very nominal going from Admin of 215,551 to 233. Most of it is rent.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Most of...most of the increases as I can see here too.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah, is rent.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's just increases in rental space. Okay, okay, that's, that's, that's good. I mean at least you can explain that. Then there was one more...airfare and transportation, budgeted align based on anticipated expenditures.

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You know, you just...you feel like you going travel more or just rate increases in airline tickets?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah, well, it was only a \$1,000 increase from what's the current adopted and...and, you know, we think that's probably reasonable for prices and travel and, you know, and a lot of that is interisland travel.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And then I guess all this time you guys haven't been cleaning the Resource Center that's on Page 11-21? This year you put in for 3,500. We haven't been cleaning the Resource Center all these years?

MS. RASMUSSEN: You're talking about the...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Janitorial Services.

MS. RASMUSSEN: No, believe it or not. They've been doing their own.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: They've been doing their own.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And they don't wanna do it anymore? I'm just asking, just asking. That's a, you know, that's a hike. I mean, you know, that's 3,500 more and...okay, you know...

MS. RASMUSSEN: The traffic warrants it I believe, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh. Okay, I think I'm done, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'll let the others have a chance. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Carroll, any questions? Ms. Cochran, questions? Bobby, any questions, Bobby? Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry, Chair, I meant to ask...and I know you don't want to talk about grants but in her opening comments in regards to managing grants, I was just...sorry, this is in reference back to...

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, you can bring it up about the...from the operational standpoint. We're not gonna deal with grant --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right, I don't need to talk about --

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --the individuals, but then you have just...does she have just one person overseeing all this? 'Cause as we, with our audit and all the other departments we scrutinized thus far, grants has been kinda at the forefront of how it's being managed, and we're looking at an overall person.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right, right, right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So in your Department alone, you have just one individual overseeing all these? And we're giving out, not the coming in and there are reimbursement grants on the Federal level in other Departments. So this is a little different, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ask the question.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So do you have just one individual overseeing?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes, we have one Grants Manager, although we have way too many grants to...for just one to handle. So we spread out the work of the payment side to multiple people in the office.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

MS. RASMUSSEN: And also we all review grants and so our Specialists have to review grants and, you know, we all...I review grants and, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay. So that's divvied up amongst the Specialists?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Specialists and the Clerks for the payments and so forth, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, okay, thank you. Chair, no, sorry, I didn't . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, not a problem.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, just had a question on it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. I notice on the Molokai Kuhao Business Resource Center every year rent increases. Is that a given or is that anticipated? And what does that include? Is that...is there a maintenance? I notice we paid separate for Janitorial and Water. I guess water for everybody...

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yeah, utilities are not included in the rent, but that's rent and CAM. I don't know if there's...if there's a difference but that's...this was based on calling the

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landlord and anticipating what the new rent. I do know the landlord incurred a great deal of expense. They had to completely redo the air conditioning system, and they had to do some roof repairs. So I know they've had a lot of expense, although they're clearly not passing all that along, you know, in one year at all because I know it was tens of thousands of dollars I think that cost her so...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So the repairs and maintenance is passed on to all tenants?

MS. RASMUSSEN: That was...yes, yes, over a period of time, over a period of time.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Was this the initial renovation or was this something that...

MS. RASMUSSEN: This was this year. They had some difficulties with air conditioning and roof...roof leaking and...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: But from...from...I know it's not really that major of an increase, but from 2013, again '14, '15 and 2016 the rent just increases. So I thought maybe utilities were included but like you mentioned, it's not.

MS. RASMUSSEN: It's not. I think it's indicative of the age of the building and the amount of...and the amount of maintenance it's taking. So obviously the landlord needs to try to recoup that over time. So I think that's what's happening. But I don't see that as a, you know, as a huge increase from . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No, I don't but I'm just wondering every year. So you have to renew a contract on a year to year?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Typically it depends...it depends on what our...we have a property manager in the County that does the negotiations on the leases. We don't do that ourselves.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I see.

MS. RASMUSSEN: So he deals with that.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, okay, so thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. Just to point out the rental increase over the last three years has amounted to a 31 percent increase. Has there been any efforts to look for another space on Molokai?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Not since I have been there, no.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. The other question I had was you're increasing the Advertisement line, Line 6101 from 1,000 to 9,000, actually to 10,000, an increase of 9,000. Could you give us some idea what the anticipated expenses are going to be made for, and is this advertising that normally is done by events or...?

MS. RASMUSSEN: This...this is...we are in the process...well, we started this last year of basically branding OED. OED did not have a logo. They didn't have banners. They didn't have material to hand out, so we are kind of halfway through that process. And so we anticipate having to create the rest of our collateral and so forth to continue that branding, and so that's what that's for.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, but where did the money come from before since there's only \$1,000 in that account?

MS. RASMUSSEN: We, you know, as...if we didn't spend something in another Admin area...I mean we've never gone over our Admin budget, but we might pull from something to pay for something else. And that's just where...that's just where it came from.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Nothing further, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Further questions in the B and C Accounts, Members? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Guzman, one more...any last considerations?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I have a question for Ms. Rasmussen. I believe that we...this body was considering Ag Specialist or Ag Inspectors whether it be in RPT or be placed in your Department. Did you do any, like, preliminary research as to how much a salaried Ag Inspector would be employed at?

MS. RASMUSSEN: I haven't because I think we'd have to see what the duties would be required of that person and, you know, what their knowledge base would have to be, you know. So if we are asking...I think the intention of the Agricultural Working Group was to have bona fide farmers meaning that they have actually had farming experience. And so I think that we just have to nail down the extent at which they need to know farming, you know, how long do they need to be in farming or that kind of thing. So I think it will come down to a qualifications situation, but I wouldn't believe that you could hire anyone to do that position for under 50, 55,000. I would think that that might be in the ballpark.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. One last time for all Members in this area. If not, Ms. Rasmussen, thank you very much for attending and participating with us today. We appreciate your assistance.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair, thank you, Members.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Andaya, thank you very much for your participation. We will now move on to the Department of Management.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department of Management has three programs, the Management, Information Technology and the GIS Programs. Today we welcome Mr. Ching, the Deputy from the Department at this time. The Director did explain to the Chair that, and the Chair is aware he has a personal family commitment that he's taking care of, and that I understand his need to be with his family at this point. He will join us upon completion of his commitments. With that we have Mr. Ching. So, Mr. Ching, why don't you give us some opening comments if you have any, please, and we would be happy to hear them.

MR. CHING: Thank you, Chair. I'd be glad to. Good afternoon. Good afternoon, Members. I'm not the last option, but I'm the best option for our Management.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll mark that on your performance evaluation.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for teeing it up for us.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ching?

MR. CHING: Well, thanks again for allowing us this opportunity to come before you and discuss our proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget for the Department of Management. Chair and Members, our Department as you just said, consists of three major programs, that being our Administrative Program, our GIS Program, and our Information Technology Services Program. Right now I'm gonna leave the GIS and ITSD details to our very capable managers for those programs, and we'll discuss our Management Administrative Program. We are responsible for oversight of pretty well all of the operating departments within the County. That comes out to about 15 and one agency, that being Civil Defense. We are the management arm for the Mayor, and we do oversee fiscal as well as physical operations throughout the County. We oversee our County's GPS Program for our vehicles. We've recently launched our pilot motor pool program. We administer our vehicle use policy Countywide. We have Americans with Disability Act oversight. We have veterans' grants that we administer. We do Countywide security and that's physical entry, door locks and pass card locks as well as video at a number of sites throughout the County. We are responsible for the Violence in the Workplace Action Plan, and we are also responsible for Equal Employment Opportunity issues. We do have some Energy responsibility and we do provide annual review of all of our departments and their operations. A big part of our Administrative operations is also, believe it or not, conducting Capital Improvement Projects, and their mainly brick and mortar Capital Improvement Projects that come from either other departments that don't have the project management capacity or are projects that do not belong in a particular department and are really a Countywide project that we end up taking on with our Project Engineers. So I've just outlined a little bit of what we do and what we're responsible for every day, and I'll get into a little bit of our actual 'Budget proposals. For our Fiscal Year '16 Budget, in our Salaries and Wages you're gonna see an increase, and the increase is primarily due to us asking for two expansion positions. One would be a Civil Engineer V to help us keep up with our Capital Improvement Project in the brick and mortar side of the house. And secondly, would be for us to transfer our County's Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Officer from the Department of Personnel Services into our Department so that we could provide Countywide services under that...under our office.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Here comes the cavalry.

MR. CHING: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Here comes the cavalry, right?

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MR. REGAN: I apologize, Chair, for my lateness.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, we understand, and so not a problem. So you can decide if Mr. Ching finishes the initial overview or if you wanna take over, Mr. Regan. We leave it up to your decision.

MR. CHING: Thanks, Chair. I'll just finish the Salaries and Wages part and then we'll...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that's fine, thank you.

MR. CHING: Then he can continue. We also do have a small amount of increase in our Salaries and Wages, about 34,000, for...that are due to collective bargaining agreements. So you'll find that in there. Other than that, that's the broad overview for Salaries and Wages and we're open for questions at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Victorino, questions on this opening comments in the A Account component?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I don't see anything that...no, I'm okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair, no questions at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, thank you. Mr. Carroll, any questions for Mr. Regan or Mr. Ching? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, not at this time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Department, for being here. Mr. Ching, I was intrigued by your comment in regards to a pilot motor pool program, so and I know, Mr. Chair, you mentioned how one of our counties had consolidated to alleviate costs. Is this...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so if you wanna talk about it as...from a position standpoint, now's the time. If you wanna talk about from an operational standpoint, I would wait till we hit Category B under Ops.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But just to follow up, yes, Kauai County did pass and started implementing a fleet program. And that I believe I shared earlier and in my notes that I've shared with you my understanding is they developed the motor pool last year and as a result retiring 12 vehicles from the current fleet. And I believe it is what Mayor Carvalho and the Kauai Council has worked on to try and bring efficiency to control their vehicle situation. So that's as it regards to Kauai County.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, and so I guess expansion has no bearing on this pilot project. This is on a different level.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Gentlemen, whoever chooses to respond.

MR. REGAN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. We're...the expansion positions that are currently in the Budget do not impact this motor pool project. They're not part of this motor...we're not requesting them to help us with the motor pool project, if that was your question.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, and I guess I heard primarily CIP . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. REGAN: Correct. The CE V is to assist us with our CIP and the EEO is a transfer from DPS. The EEO Specialist is a transfer from DPS.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And, sorry, what is EEO stand for?

MR. REGAN: Equal Employment Opportunity. It's part of the Federal program that we're required...we are required to comply with.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. That's all, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Can you...and thank you, Mr. Regan and Mr. Ching, for being here. Can you go over a little bit more about the Civil Engineer V that you want to add?

MR. REGAN: Sure. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, if you don't...if I may?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Please proceed.

MR. REGAN: The CE V is to assist in supervising the design, construction and maintenance of a number of our complex engineering projects that we have. We currently have a significant number of projects that we're working on. I think Mr. Ching mentioned it in the opening remarks. We've got nine projects that we're assisting other departments other than the Department of Management with. We've got five projects that were directly assigned to us by the Mayor and then we've got two projects that we're playing more of, I guess, a coordinating role in. But this CE V is going to help us to expand the services that we're able to provide. Right now I will tell you that my staff is extremely stretched in terms of providing services for these projects. These are significant complex projects that we're working on. We've been before this body talking about it a number of times, and, you know, these are vertical...a lot of vertical construction projects that we're working on. We've been helping, like as an example, Housing and Human Concerns does not have the internal expertise to be able to do some of their projects, and so we're now helping them do the Kulamalu Affordable

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Housing Rental Project that's gonna bring 56 affordable rentals to the Upcountry community. And that one is...actually we're getting ready to go out to bid for the construction so that one's moving quickly. The Lanai Affordable Housing Project, we've taken that project on. We're working on that for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. And as well as looking at, as a good example, the Kaunoha Senior Center lobby improvements. Kaunoha currently has...they're not automatic doors, right, so and there's some issue with that in terms of our seniors having access. And so Housing and Human Concerns reached out to us to help with the design of that project. And so that's just a few examples of some of the projects that we're working on. Another one is the Molokai Baseyard Project, that's a big one that we're assisting. That is something that we were asked to help the Department of Public Works with, and it might sound, you know, kind of odd. Why are we helping Public Works when they do these projects. But this is, again, a vertical project, right. So it's a little bit different than your typical roads, bridges, those types of infrastructure, and so it is more complex. It does take more time. It does require more expertise and this CE V position is going to help, you know, our existing staff be able to be more productive and take on more projects.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Regan. I noticed that all of yours are actual E/P...all your positions are actual E/Ps. How is that...or why is that different from, let's say, the Mayor's Office where everybody's appointed and the positions are just there in a lump sum salary, as opposed to civil...it looks like these are all civil service and bargaining and union too so...

MR. REGAN: Yeah, thank you. Chairman?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Thank you. The only appointed positions in my office, non-civil service positions I should say, are myself, my Deputy, and my Secretary. That's it. The rest are all civil servants within the Department. So that's why you see that. We're not exempt from E/P restrictions as the Mayor's Office I believe is. They don't have that same restriction that we do. So we are required to operate within the bounds of the E/P count that's been given to us, right, through the Budget ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, gentlemen.

MR. REGAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I would like to understand why from Personnel you're transferring the EEO Specialist? Why is it coming under your Department and not remain with Personnel?

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MR. REGAN: Thank you. Chairman?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Thank you. A great question and thank you for asking that question. The responsibility of Equal Employment Opportunity and that program, the Federal program, actually falls on my shoulders, believe it or not. It should...actually that's where it should fall within the organization. And it was, in fact, at one time in my office, in the Department of Management. However, sometime between...I don't know when that was...2007 maybe? Between 2007 and 2011 that responsibility was transferred to the Department of Personnel Services, and at that point in time I think the Director was handling it. And then it became very obvious to the Director that it was hard for that individual to handle all of their responsibilities and this responsibility of the Equal Employment Opportunity requirements. So they created the Specialist position. In talking with Lance, our DPS Director, he actually approached me and he asked if we would be willing to consider transferring that responsibility back to Management because Management sits on top of all these departments, whereas DPS is really just kind of a, you know, it's...it's, yeah, it's an associated department. It's a comparable department to the others. And so when they have things that they need to do like implement Countywide policy or, you know, or investigations, thank you, David, it's hard for them to do it, right, from where they sit because it's like you're...we're on the same level, right, each of the directors. Whereas in the Department of Management, we sit on top of these directors. And so we can, you know, more effectively carry out this Equal Employment Opportunity mandate that we're...that we are required to do. So he came to me, he asked if we would consider doing that. We looked at the program. One of the concerns was that it was being transferred without that EEO Specialist, you know, on top of everything else that we do, who in our Department is gonna do that, right. It would end up being myself or David, and it really requires a lot of attention, this program does because, you know, we have to make sure that we comply with a huge amount of requirements are involved with Equal Employment Opportunity. And I had printed out a list, but they include things like age discrimination, equal pay, you know, different things that we're required to comply with. We have to prevent discriminatory practices that are occurring. We've actually got a really excellent individual right now who is part of that who is our EEO Specialist. I'm not sure if you had a chance to meet him or not, but he's extremely knowledgeable. And I think he brings a really, you know, great attitude to this position. And he's been actively working with the departments and making sure that they're in compliance, right, doing trainings, and meeting with the Departments because this program, you know, does have some pretty strict rules, right, that we have to follow. I think it's like the Title VII, I think it is, right, or Title...yeah, it's a Federal title that...what is it? Title VII? Yeah, so, you know, like the Civil Rights Act, the Equal Pay Act, age discrimination, Americans with Disabilities, Rehabilitation Act, you know. And it continues to grow, like in 2008 they added the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act, you know. And these are pretty complex things.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah. So, Chair, if I may ask couple more questions. And so the Specialist position existed within Personnel Department.

MR. REGAN: Currently, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: But...so did that head count come with the body?

MR. REGAN: Yeah, so the transfer that we show in the Budget is reflected with the dollar amount for the current wages and the E/P. Yes, as part of this, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, so, okay. So for clarification, so when we have employees...so...well, let me back up a bit.

MR. REGAN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So you're the HR, you're human resources.

MR. REGAN: Me, no. DPS is Human Resources, right.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So Human Resources comes under DPS but you're the human and resources for EEO?

MR. REGAN: I am the...I am the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the County. That's...yes, that is my responsibility as the Managing Director.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And you also have oversight over the department directors.

MR. REGAN: I do, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So if an employee...

MR. REGAN: As assigned by the Mayor. I apologize for interrupting.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes, yeah. So I'm just trying to...the flow. So if employees have concerns about your particular Department, they go to you still, or...

MR. REGAN: There are...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I know there's unions, there's this and that. But actually they go to you as the HR for EEO.

MR. REGAN: If it's an EEO, yeah, complaint, yes, it would come to me, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Can be conflicting, yeah, at times.

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MR. REGAN: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, no, that's fine. Thank you.

MR. REGAN: Oh yeah, I apologize. Chair, if I can just clarify?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Proceed.

MR. REGAN: If there's a challenge with the EEO Officer, there's...there is someone above me, you know, at a State level that would then step in and, you know, take over that investigation, let's say. Let's say David lodges an EEO complaint against me. I obviously can't, you know, investigate that so it would go above me, and it would go to...I believe there's a State Director who would take over that investigation. And, you know, we would, you know, we would go that route obviously.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, thank you.

MR. REGAN: Yes, you're welcome.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. Just to clarify, is the person's responsibility more of an administrative educational responsibility or is it a responsibility to interface with the aggrieved or possibly aggrieved employee and handle the investigation and work with the employee and you or the department head to resolve whatever the issue is?

MR. REGAN: Yeah, Chairman?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Actually you've just described everything that that Specialist does in terms of EEO.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But if you were to...my one concern taking it out of Personnel, and I think it makes some sense in some respects, my one concern is whether or not the employees throughout the various departments will be comfortable coming to the Managing Director's Office as opposed to the Personnel Services Department to lodge a complaint.

MR. REGAN: Chairman, if I may?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Actually every complaint that's filed, it comes through my office, yeah, right now as it exists. It's just that, you know...I understand what you're saying in terms of comfort level.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, but who initiates? I mean the employee is gonna initiate and if I'm an employee, I may not know that I have...that it comes to you. I'm more likely to go to Personnel if I'm not comfortable going to my own department head or my own supervisor. So maybe you can share with us what the normal process would be.

MR. REGAN: Yeah, so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I know they end up with you, but where do they...where does an employee generally start the process?

MR. REGAN: Well, currently, I mean the employee would reach out to DPS I would think, if they can't...well, I guess it depends on where they are in the organization. Let me back up a little bit. So if they have a supervisor that they have an issue with, then they would go above that supervisor perhaps. If it is specifically an EEO complaint issue or related to something with regards to discrimination or any one of the protected classes that are listed in that program, then they would go directly to the EEO Specialist. Sit down with the Specialist, talk about their issue and see how they can proceed to resolve it, and what are their options. That's my understanding. I also know that, and I apologize, Chair White, but I see the DPS Director in the audience who might be able to provide a little bit more detail in terms of what exactly the EEO is doing...EEO Specialist is doing currently. But I don't see that changing if that's your question. I still see employees being able to comfortably speak with the EEO Specialist and reach out to the EEO Specialist, and this individual by the way is going throughout the entire County conducting training sessions, sharing with employees, how can you go through this process of reporting these things. If you think there's something going on, there's some issue that you need to report, by all means, you know, that door is open. And I know that he's been doing a very good job going through and talking about it so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you.

MR. REGAN: You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You know, Chair, as you know, we've always...I've always encouraged the Administration to transfer people where they feel they're best suited or best...creating the best fit, so I'm certainly comfortable with the transfer as opposed to a creation of a new position.

MR. REGAN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino, further questions, B and C Accounts in this area?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Not any, really any questions, but I'm very grateful for the very concise way he explained everything today. Being knowledgeable on what he was talking about on particular problems, I appreciate the direction that you're going. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Did you just say for the B and C Accounts?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I made a mistake.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any last on A, I should say.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Regan, why don't you start off and giving us your comments that you may have regarding B and C Accounts in your Department?

MR. REGAN: Thank you, Chair. Moving on to our Operations Budget request, in Fiscal Year '15 we received \$455,000 and in Fiscal Year '16 we're requesting \$558,500 which is \$103,500 more than we requested...or we received in our Fiscal Year '15 Budget. This additional amount includes a reduction of \$6,000 in the Other Services Sub-object Code which is 904011-6129 which would bring the request down from...or from 31,000 to 25,000. The \$6,000 was transferred to our expansion request in the County Facilities Security Index Code which is found in the back of our Budget Details, and that Index Code is 904037, and more specifically into the Electrical Parts and Supplies Sub-object Code 6016. \$105,000 additional funding was requested to support, \$20,000 to purchase 60 additional GPS units which are estimated to be approximately \$300 per unit, plus the installation, shipping and whatnot, \$70,000 to expand the motor pool project, \$15,000 to fund our E311 initiatives. And we also have a reduction of \$2,000 in our Mileage Sub-object Code which was transferred to our expansion request for County Facilities Security Index

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Code which I mentioned earlier, specifically into that same Sub-object Code for Electrical Parts and Supplies. We did request an additional \$2,500 of funding for Per Diem, Reportable, Non-Taxable Sub-object Code which was set a zero in the prior Fiscal Year, and \$5,000 additional funding to support our membership into the Alliance for Innovation which is an organization focused on helping to transform local government. The Alliance is part of the ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, and membership into this alliance permits us--when I say us I mean the entire organization--may have access to research, knowledge base materials, webinars, training and many other resources that are specific, specific to local government like our own. Chairman, that's what we've requested in our Operating Budget.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, appreciate those comments. Mr. Carroll, any questions on the B Account comments that Mr. Regan shared with us? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just something that pops out at me. The...under the Maui County Veterans Center.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Decreasing the...decreasing the funding.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, this is on Page 10-7.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: 10-7.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Comments?

MR. REGAN: Mr. Ching might be able to elaborate a little bit more on this, but...yeah, maybe we'll have Mr. Ching elaborate a little bit more on this one.

MR. CHING: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We can't give him a free ride here.

MR. CHING: For years our Budget has held a \$9,000 grant place for...\$9,000 for the Maui Veterans Association and \$9,000 for the Molokai Veterans Association. Last year the Maui Veterans Association asked for an additional funding amount so they could do some improvements to their memorial. So an additional \$9,000 was appropriated. So far this year, they haven't come and talk to us about continuing that additional appropriation so we haven't appropriated it, and we're hoping they'll come and talk to this body before the Budget's set. That's why it hasn't been put in there this year.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, you know, I think all of us have this immense aloha for our veterans. We always wanna make sure they're taken care of so I just thought I'd ask. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And I had that highlighted on my page also. But I guess jumping...this is where the \$70,000 for motor pool project implementation occurs, correct, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And that is...is that...what is that?

MR. REGAN: Chairman?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Thank you. You know, we've been before this body in the past and we've talked about the different things that we've been doing with regards to vehicles. We've talked about the Vehicle Use Policy that we've implemented which, by the way, has been extremely beneficial to this County. And we also talked about our GPS Program, right, that we implemented thanks to your support, and we have been talking about this concept of a motor pool. And you heard the Chairman talk about that briefly in other counties that are doing it. It's not a new concept. It's something that a lot of large organizations like ourselves are doing, and they're doing it because they recognize that not every department requires vehicles. And it's really a waste to have these vehicles sitting around, you know, maybe they get 1,000 miles a year and yet we're spending, you know, 20, \$25,000 to acquire these vehicles and other departments, you know, may need a vehicle, they don't have access to it. This really provides access to it, and it also helps us to control our fleet a little bit better because now what is happening is it's like a rental car, right. So let's say, you know, our Department which has no vehicles assigned to it needs a vehicle to do something. We can then sign up through this motor pool program, pilot program that we talked about, and basically rent a car for that day, our own cars. So we have already identified, through the GPS system by the way, vehicles that were extremely low mileage, 1,000 or 2,000 miles or less on an annual basis. We felt that those vehicles could be identified and targeted specifically to enter into this pilot project for this motor pool. We did have some funding that we were able to utilize to try this out, see if it works, yeah. We found a organization...we actually did an RFP to see if there was anything out there, what's available to us, right, what's out there. And we were able to contract with a company called JUMPSmart Maui. Are you familiar with JUMPSmart Maui? Sound interesting, right? This is an organization that we've been working with on other things and for a nominal cost, basically just the cost of the equipment, they provided us all this...these tools that allow us to, you know, try this pilot project out,

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see if it works. We believe based on our preliminary results, this has been in place now since December 22, 2014 that it's been live. We have 163 users that are utilizing it. We took 15 vehicles away from departments that had very low utilization on these vehicles. The feedback so far has been excellent. Those users that have been using it, they love it. It doesn't require us to, you know, you basically use your access card, yeah, this card that we have all been issued. It's very similar to this. You make a reservation, you go to the car, you touch the car, it unlocks the car, you touch another thing, I think it releases the key or something like that. I haven't...I haven't used it so I apologize. I'm just going on my memory. And then you can use the vehicle. And then you return it, and when you're done you lock it up and you walk away, and that's it. And it's all using GPS and the internet and, you know, communicates to the server and allows our employees to have access to this resource, this shared resource. We think it's a great idea. We would love to expand that idea and open it up to other areas within the County where there are, you know, a...there's like a synergy. There's these people that are there. So as an example, the Service Center. We've got vehicles down at the Service Center. We've got some for Real Property Tax, we've got some for DMV, you know. And then when we build the new Service Center, there's gonna be other operations that are gonna be there, right. We've talked about that. And so wouldn't it be great if there were two or three vehicles there that everybody could share? You know, or maybe it's four vehicles. I don't know, but, you know, based on the usage this is gonna prevent us from having to give vehicles to RPT and DMV and who knows who else, right. OED or Housing and Human Concerns, whoever is there, right. So we're asking for some additional funding. We had requested 70,000 and this 70,000 that we're asking for is going to allow us to buy some additional equipment to outfit additional vehicles, to actually...and this is the other thing. The vehicles that we got, they're kinda old vehicles, yeah. The oldest vehicle, yeah, it's...the average age of the vehicles in that motor pool currently is 10 years old so, but the oldest vehicle is a 2003. They run, I mean they're safe. I mean we're gonna use them, but we'd like to try to replace them with maybe something more efficient possibly an electric vehicle, maybe one or two electric vehicles. But that's gonna cost, you know, some monies and that's why we're asking for this additional funding to allow us to incorporate, you know, some of these, like EVs into that motor pool fleet. Then you don't have to have gas, right. You're not using gas. And right now our staff is actually monitoring it, right, so I've assigned some of my staff members to make this pilot project happen, you know, as part of their duties. And so they're going down there making sure that there's gas in the vehicles that, you know, in fact the users are returning 'em the way that they should, right. 'Cause like when you rent a car, you know, if you really leave your car a huge mess, the rent-a-car company's gonna basically...they might charge you, right, if you leave it mess. We're kinda taking it from the same approach. We want our employees that are using these vehicles to respect them. They might be old but we want them to respect the vehicles too. So but we would like add a couple additional vehicles to the fleet, retire some of the really old ones, and, you know, specifically EV vehicles into the fleet, plug-in EV vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. So the brunt of this 70 then is for a couple EV cars?

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MR. REGAN: Yeah, and to assist us in adding...if we need to add additional vehicles in other places throughout the County. And I don't know if Dave has some additional information that you wanted to share. No? Oh, and maintenance, that's right, too. So these vehicles, we need to now cover the cost of making sure that the tires are good, and right, other things that normally the Department would take care of. So now we're kinda taking care of these things.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you.

MR. REGAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I...thank you. Chair, I pictured a motor pool being like a one-stop-shop garage for all County...whether you're Fire, Police, or Public Works, or...and having like a centralized...you know, your whole fleet of mechanics, your whole fleet of...oh, people who maintain all our vehicles no matter what they are from heavy equipment down to cars and EVs. So that's kinda what I thought more so, but this is interesting.

MR. REGAN: Yeah, and, Chairman, if I could just elaborate just briefly?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Quickly.

MR. REGAN: Anybody can sign up to use these vehicles. By anybody I mean any County employee can have access. So all they need to do is go in and sign up and, you know, they can get a card to be able to utilize the service.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So that means, Director, the various departments that the vehicles are being pulled for will have those adjustments to decrease their expenses then since you're gonna eat expenses?

MR. REGAN: Yeah. That's a great question, Chair. I'll have to check with Mr. Baz on that if that reduction was made. But I will tell you that, you know, as an example the 15 vehicles were pulled from the following departments, Public Works, Planning, Prosecutor's Office, Corporation Counsel, and Finance Department. You know, and I apologize, I don't know specifically if there was a reduction made on their side.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We'll follow up with that. So where are we in the overall...you know, I like the concept you shared with us, Mr. Regan. You're asking for 60 more units for GPS. So where would this take us in the overall...oh, couple of things. For you to do this, I'm assuming one, we're in compliance with every department taking care of the inventory of equipment including vehicles. Is that a good understanding of the Committee? For the Committee?

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MR. REGAN: The question is are all departments in compliance?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Compliance, with the inventory, yeah.

MR. REGAN: With the Vehicle Use Policy?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Correct. As in regards to the State statute.

MR. REGAN: I'm not clear as to the question. Could you...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Every department must certify the inventory.

MR. REGAN: Yeah, as far as I'm aware the Finance Department does that on an annual basis. I believe they're in compliance.

CHAIR HOKAMA: 'Cause I believe earlier through your Department I believe we had issues of some departments not willing to sign off 'cause they couldn't verify the actual count.

MR. REGAN: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But that's all squared away at this time?

MR. REGAN: Yes, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so with this additional consideration where would this take us in the overall County vehicle component, 50 percent with GPS? 60 percent? What would your estimate of completion be?

MR. REGAN: You know, Chairman, there are 700 vehicles that have been identified that are covered by the Motor Vehicle Use Policy. Of those currently 504 are now outfitted with GPS units. So, you know, we're looking at an additional 60 units so that would, you know, push us up to, what, 80 percent maybe, or somewhere around there, or 75, 80 percent of our...of our vehicles covered by the policy that would then be outfitted with GPS units.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, very good. With that, the Committee heard this morning from the Department of Fire their request for...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The fuel.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, for every station, is a fuel tracking program, I believe, of checking efficiency whether there's a actual loss due because of mechanical issues, whether a line leak, or actual theft. So is this something you folks are gonna do Countywide with all the vehicles and making sure this potential fuel efficiency or fuel accountability type of program? Is that something you're considering or you're just

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waiting for Fire to see what their results are and then make a determination? Can you tell us...give us some comment, please?

MR. REGAN: Yeah, thank you, Chairman. The ultimate goal for us would be to tie that...what is it called? FuelMaster?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The FuelMaster.

MR. REGAN: The FuelMaster software into our Networkfleet. Networkfleet is, by the way, the name of the GPS program that we utilize. To tie those two packages together so that they give us a very firm number on our usage of fuel. That is kind of like the end...end goal. We're not quite there yet, right. We would love to see all of our vehicles that we have in our fleet outfitted with GPS units because then it allows us to really get a hold on accountability and that's what I think you're talking about, Chairman. Is holding the departments accountable for every, you know, gallon of fuel that they purchase and making sure that it's being utilized to carry out County business. That is our goal. That is what we wanna see. And I know that the Fire Department was in here. And I was watching a little bit of that where they're requesting the \$8,500 I think approximately --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Per station.

MR. REGAN: --per station to implement that. I would tell you that if it's possible, if this body, you know, would support that, it's going to go a long way to creating accountability on their...for their systems. I believe every...every station that we have--and by station I'm talking about fueling station that's out there within our County system--should be outfitted with that FuelMaster software or something like that. Whatever we go to in the future if we still use that FuelMaster, it should be on those tanks. We witnessed, and I'm not gonna say that...we just came from a...we were at a site visit yesterday. Otherwise I would've been down here. And we were visiting with one of the departments, in fact, Wailuku Fire Department right down the street over here. All they need is a key to go in and use...and get fuel for their trucks and their vehicles, you know. And I'm not saying that they're doing anything wrong, but unlike other stations where FuelMaster is...is actually been implemented, you need a card. You need to be, you know, you need to type in what you're there for, and what time, and who you are and, you know, I mean and it tracks that. So I'm just saying that it's really good from accountability...from an accountability standpoint to have these systems in place. You know, in speaking with one of your Members earlier outside, you know, we were talking about, well, what's the savings going to be? I don't know what the savings are, you know, would be, but I think it's bigger than just savings. I think we're talking about accountability, right, and preventing that from becoming an issue wherever it is, whether it's in Parks or Fire or whatever, whoever has these gas tanks, they need to be held accountable. And we need to make sure that we provide that resource. And, Chairman, I mean I hope that we can move in that direction. I think it's a really...I think it's the right direction, personally. That's my thoughts on that, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, we appreciate your comments, Mr. Regan. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. And thank you for channeling me and asking all the questions I was gonna ask.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, no, that's okay. That was perfect. I got the answers for half of my questions. The other half, I wanted to talk about, real quick, kinda didn't get to, or at least I didn't quite hear the answer, if we get all these vehicles in the pool and working, how many less vehicles would we have? Do you have a percentage-wise, a number? I know you said a few are getting old. Instead of replacing them, wouldn't this program allow you to not have to replace them?

MR. REGAN: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So do you have a ballpark figure, how many vehicles we'll save?

MR. REGAN: We don't have that number yet 'cause we just literally started this project in December. And so, and by that I'm talking about the motor pool pilot project. I'm not talking about the GPS program. I mean we've been doing that for...we've got some good data on that. And that's why we're able to identify those 15 vehicles. What we might end up doing is saying, okay, now the threshold initially was--and I apologize, whether it was 2, or 1 or 2,000, I can't really remember--we might say, okay, now the threshold's 5,000. Let's look at all the vehicles in our fleet that only put on 5,000 miles a year. Let's carve those out, drop 'em into...drop a percentage of them into the motor pool, right, because even though you have...let's say we take 100...let's say we carve out 100 vehicles out of this, out of the specifically allocated vehicles to the departments and we drop them into this motor pool. It doesn't mean that every day 100 of those vehicles are gonna be used.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

MR. REGAN: Right. So maybe we only need to keep 50 of those vehicles, or 40 of those vehicles. But we're gonna have to collect some data, right, on usage first for the motor pool pilot project. But I foresee us making some drastic changes in the way that our County's...our County employees utilize vehicles. The specialized vehicles, we can't really touch the specialized vehicles, right, because the departments, Water Department, Public Works, I mean, DEM, they've got these specialized vehicles. But I'm talking about the sedans, the SUVs, things like that that any department can utilize. Carving those out and dropping them in there and reducing the fleet. I wish I could tell you a number right now. I can't. But I can tell you that my gut feeling is once we go forward with this and we start carving these vehicles out that you will see a reduction in the number of vehicles that we have in our fleet. And the reason I say that is because of what I've witnessed and experienced through our Take Home

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Vehicle Policy which you have been extremely supportive of since we implemented this. Take...I'm sorry, our Vehicle Use Policy. Take home vehicles, as an example, we've talked about this, right, in the past. 165 take home vehicles prior to the policy being implemented, yeah. Right now, 67, 67 vehicles. That's a 60 percent reduction. That's significant in my mind. Simply by...through policy. And I really appreciate the support that we've gotten because I believe it's through the support from you, the Members in this Council, that has allowed us to really take these actions. So just based on that example, I mean I...my gut tells me we're gonna see some really significant reductions. I don't know if it'll be 60 percent but...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, that's still...that's...at least that's the target, a good target to look at. Mr. Regan, on...when you discussed the 105,000 increase in Professional Services, and you started naming...first thing you said was 60 additional GPS units for 20,000. But it only says 5 in the justification. And if you make it to 20,000, then that should be 120,000 extra.

MR. REGAN: Yeah, I apologize. Actually that's an error and we've subsequently corrected that on our side prior to the Budget...I mean, actually what it should...should be is that...it should be \$20,000 to purchase additional 60 GPS units. It shouldn't have been 5,000. 7,000 for motor pool project implementation and expansion and 15,000 for the E311 project.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, okay.

MR. REGAN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So that's the extra 15.

MR. REGAN: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. REGAN: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Then you talked about the 70,000 for the motor pool project was to purchase vehicles. Shouldn't that be in your C Account?

MR. REGAN: Well, Mr. Ching is telling me we thought it was the whole program. So, you know, I mean we could shift it there if it needed to be shifted.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I was just curious 'cause usually we put vehicles, if it's for the vehicles, down in the C Account. I just am curious about that.

MR. REGAN: Yeah, we could do that. I mean we could carve that out. But...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: That's...

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CHAIR HOKAMA: It'll be our job.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah. And lastly, you mentioned this Alliance for Innovation. It sounds very interesting. I just am curious how that differs from some of the stuff we do at NACo. I mean it sounds almost exactly like the kinds of services we would get from NACo.

MR. REGAN: Chairman?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Yeah, NACo is a great resource. I mean don't me wrong. But there are other organizations out there that also focus more on specific things, like this one is all about helping local governments innovate, right, specifically innovate. And it's through ICMA and through some of their partners that they have done white papers, they've done webinars, they've done different seminars. I encourage you to take a look at transform.gov, and just kind of explore it a little bit. Actually it's transformgov.org is the website, transformgov.org. And you can see some of the things that we can have access to if we're allowed to join and become members of this organization. And they're just a very innovative counties and other municipalities that are members of this. And I think it's more of an enhancement to what we're doing through NACo and the U.S. Conference of Mayors and it provides...it provides us with, you know, some additional resources that we can have access to.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Crivello? Any questions? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. I have a couple of questions. Of the 700 vehicles, you said that we got 504 now. With this appropriation would go up to 564 or so. How many more of the 700 of the remaining amount would you say are critical to put GPS on? Because I...you know, as you've been able to tell, we've been very, very appreciative of the work that you guys have done in the motor pool and the GPS in particular. But are the ones that will not be outfitted with GPS with this appropriation, are they simply not that critical or not that often used, or what is the reason for not investing in the remainder?

MR. REGAN: Chairman, if I may?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: I believe that a number of those vehicles are of the age where they're...they may not be able to be outfitted with these types of units. If you're familiar with these OD...what is it? ODBC ports or something...I can't remember what they're called

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exactly. But these ports that are on your vehicles nowadays which I think have been installed since...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: '96.

MR. REGAN: '96, thank you. We can add GPS to those units but anything older than that, we can't. So I'm not sure if it's because there are vehicles in there that simply cannot...we simply cannot add the GPS units to. I'll have to be a little bit more research on that for you, Chair White. I think also it may be that we didn't wanna come in and ask for, you know, another \$60,000 or whatever it is to outfit every single one of those 700 vehicles. I gotta check on that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The reason I bring it up is that I have a hard time supporting additional vehicles when you're suggesting that they're gonna be...if you increase the criteria to 5,000 miles a year that that would pull more into the motor vehicle. So I have a difficult time...I mean it would be nice to have some electric vehicles but that's a feel good more than a sensible decision. So I...but I would support if the vehicles that remain in the balance of the 700 are fairly well utilized then GPS makes some sense to me for a number of reasons. The other question I had, you've explained what the increase, the expansion increase is gonna be utilized for, but what have you spent...I see we have a prior year encumbrance of about 61,000. Do you know what that is...that was used for?

MR. REGAN: Chairman, Chairman?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: I'm sorry, Chair White, could you just point that out specifically?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: It's on the...on the same...well, maybe it's not on the same line. Oh, I'm sorry...yeah, it is, the 6132. It's not on this list. It's on the IFAS printout.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's Professional Services?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

MR. REGAN: Chairman, if you could just give us a second to quickly review that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Oh, I'm sorry. It was 32,000. I was looking at the total. It was 32,770.

MR. REGAN: Chairman, we'll have to go back and take a look at that, and then we can communicate that with you. I apologize. We just don't have that detail with us.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, no, not a problem. I'm...the reason I'm asking is that we've...you've got this...a similar amount encumbered for...out of the allocation for this year. But of the 160,000 that we budgeted last year, we still have a balance of 117,000, so if you wouldn't mind, Chair, I'd like them to identify what, you know, what the encumbrances are for and what the other...the remaining balance is anticipated to be used for.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we'll do that. We'll follow up.

MR. REGAN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Victorino, anything at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: All the questions have been asked as far as I was concerned. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry, I got...I forgot the other one. And we really appreciate what you've done on the take home vehicles. Of the 67 remaining, where are the bulk of them?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Chair White. So I'll give you a breakdown of the...specifically the take home vehicles that have been approved at this point in time. Public Works Highways has seven. The Parks Department has six. And the Department of Water Supply has 54 take home vehicles.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And Environmental Management has how many?

MR. REGAN: I do not have them on this list. They have zero take home vehicles assigned.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And what seems to be the hang up with the Water Department?

MR. REGAN: Well, that's a great question, Chairman. And, you know, they have gone through this process where they have...they have justified why they believe they need these 54 vehicles. A lot of it is based on coverage in terms of being able to respond quickly to issues that may come up and that's been pretty much been the explanation that we received from the Department.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And are you satisfied that the situation in the Water Department is significantly different than Wastewater and Public Works where they all have to respond to things from time to time?

MR. REGAN: I think that based on the explanation that we received from the Department for the requirement to have these additional take home vehicles which appear excessive as compared to other departments, we didn't feel that we had the...well, let's just say, they justified it to us. They explained it pretty well to us why they needed those vehicles.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. So you're satisfied?

MR. REGAN: Yes, sir.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Are those vehicles with GPS, Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Yes, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Under the Parks Department, is the Ranger vehicles part of this category or that's part of the specialty vehicle classification?

MR. REGAN: Chairman, I would have to get a specific listing of these six take home vehicles for you. But I believe...I don't...you know, let me just get, if I may, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure, thank you.

MR. REGAN: I'll get you a more specific list.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We appreciate that, Director Regan. Okay, any comments for C category, Mr. Regan? I know Mr. Couch brought up about the cars. But the vehicles component normally in C, but since the Budget is in our purview at this time, it's...I think it's part of my responsibility to make those adjustments at this time.

MR. REGAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So let me see, any additional comments on C category items, Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: The only thing is that we did shift some of our funding as I had mentioned previously from other categories into the County Facility Security Sub-object Code 6061, Electrical Parts and Supplies, that \$8,000 item which is to replace some of our recorders that we have. We have these digital video recorders that help to, you know, capture the video and so we can go back and review it in case there's an issue that comes up. These things do degrade over time and they're not cheap, unfortunately,

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because of the number of units that they're actually recording, right, cameras that they're recording. So they're fairly robust and we do need to replace some of them. It's just normal wear and tear on these pieces of equipment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

MR. REGAN: Oh, and Chairman, if I may?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. REGAN: I just received the report that none of the six vehicles from the Parks Department are Ranger vehicles.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Okay, Members, any questions on this area? Mr. White, we'll start with you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Just one comment. The Director brought up the FuelMaster idea for the fuel pumps, but another option you might wanna look at is there are cameras that will...that cost about \$1,000 that you can put...like looking at the fuel pump and anytime there's motion detected in the camera's range, it'll take a picture and send it in a file to your cell phone. And it might just be interesting to see who drives up and fills up the...fills up their personal vehicles after we install something like that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Something we can consider, something we can consider. Any questions, Members, for category C for Mr. Regan under the Management Program? One last opportunity, any questions for the Members under Management Program?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Oh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: One last one. You've utilized your entire amount of our Miscellaneous Costs down at the bottom of Page 10-7. Can you provide us just some reference as to what the funds were paid for?

MR. REGAN: Yeah, thank you. Chairman?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: That is actually the annual Security Maintenance Contract that we have with our vendor to provide services to cover that system. We have a pretty extensive system.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so that's just that one provider?

MR. REGAN: Yes, sir.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Any other questions in this area? If not, Mr. Regan, why don't we move to your IT Program area?

MR. REGAN: Okay, Chairman, if I may, I'd like to call upon Jacob Verkerke, our Chief Information Officer to...Chief Technology Officer to come on down and discuss that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. So, Mr. Verkerke, why don't you go through your A Account which is your Salary and Wages in this program area, or the Director, either gentleman, please?

MR. VERKERKE: Mr. Chair, thank you for the opportunity to provide you some information on our Budget request. If you will allow me, I'd like to make some opening comments because the Budget that we present to you or the request that we present to you this year is quite a bit different from what we've done in the past, and those differences affect both the A, B, and C Accounts. So if you'll allow me, I'd like to kind of explain the whole thought process and that hopefully will answer some of the questions you may have on the specifics. Thank you. As I mentioned, the Budget request before you is quite different from what you've seen in the past. I've come to you asking for resources necessary to accomplish our task and fulfill our abilities to our organization and as you have acknowledged in the past the results have been less than optimal. We've come away with less equipment, less staffing and less funding than we need to do our job. And finding ourselves in, year after year, in a bit of a no-win situation, we looked at how can we change that. And the way to change a no-win situation is kind of...accomplish a paradigm shift, you know, change the rules a little bit. And the way we want to do that this year--and I've hinted at that in appearances before the IEM Committee last month, it's April now--is to look at a comprehensive life cycle approach for a lot of repetitive hardware and maintenance tasks. So most of this year we have been in negotiations with three groups of vendors. One group in the desktop PC area, one group in the Police Department mobile data terminal area for the Police vehicles, and the third area is for network equipment. And we are about to complete these negotiations and execute agreements that will provide replacement, upgrades, maintenance, management of those pieces of equipment so that we have the ability to maintain a level of technological currency. In the context of the PIA Committee, we talked about cyber security and we try to recognize that cyber security, of course, it's a pervasive problem and one of the key elements in improving your ability to deal with that threat all the time is to maintain currency, not have a ten year old equipment sitting around that is no longer being patched or the security patch is being provided. We need to update and stay current with that. So we believe that these agreements that we are about to execute will help us provide that technological currency, provide the ability to maintain an inventory of equipment that is reliable, that supports productivity, that protects the data, that is appropriate to have an effective, or as effective as possible, posture for cyber security. What we also hope is that it will, or we expect I should say, is that it will address the issue of staffing. Having fallen short

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each year in my request for staffing, what can we do about that? Well, perhaps we can shift some of the work to outside vendors and part of this comprehensive support agreement is exactly to do that so that the repetitive task of provisioning equipment, or repairing equipment, upgrading, updating, reconfiguring equipment, we want to hand that off to the vendors. They're in the position to do that. They have staff on island to do that, and hopefully that will allow us to use the staff we have to do forward looking activities so that we can test newer technologies, see how it fits in with the objectives of the County, so that we can work with users better to improve their productivity, improve their comfort with new information systems that we introduce, and new ways of doing business that departments are looking for. Also we, as I mentioned, you know, it should really have an impact on our ability to provide proactive cyber security measures and put them in place. So what does this mean for the Budget? It means that as you look through the pages you won't see any request for PCs in the C Account. You won't see any requests for network switches in the C Account. You won't see any request for mobile data terminals in the C Account. All of that...the provisioning of new equipment or the replacement on the life cycle basis will be taken care of within these comprehensive agreements and that then will become part of the everyday cost of doing business in the IT arena and it puts those costs in the Operations Budget through these agreements that we have. It will also allow us to create a more stable and predictable funding picture for all those agreements and for those needs because as you have suggested in the past, we've looked at, you know, how do we structure this over the life of the equipment. Typically we're dealing with five year, perhaps for the network it's five to seven years. How do we spread that cost out over the life of the equipment? So we've worked with these vendor groups, and that's why there's groups, to come up with a lease type structure for these agreements so that even if there's a higher upfront cost in the first year, we can spread that out over the five years of the expected life of lot of the equipment so that it becomes predictable and steady and easier to manage and we don't deal with spikes at various points. And like I said, if we can shift some of that work to the vendors then the pressure on staffing requests will go down quite a bit. Does it mean that there's no hardware in the Budget request? No, we still have a server farm, we still have data storage to deal with, we still have, as I mentioned in my appearances before PIA, cyber security measures to implement and that involves appliances and hardware and what have you that we need to do. So you'll see that in the hardware C Account request. The bottom line is that, yes, we're asking for more money this year but if we back out about three and a half million dollars specifically for the MAPS project which is to replace Permitting and Land Use system, KIVA, then we actually have a lower net IT budget than we had in the past. And we're very optimistic that this is gonna be a workable approach and we hope you will support that so that, you know, from year to year it'll be much more predictable and hopefully a bit less painful to make sure that we can provide the IT services to the organization that we are expected to provide. Thank you for the opportunity to explain that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You have a list of the potential vendors, Mr. Verkerke?

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MR. VERKERKE: Yes, I do. We have...one group of vendors is an existing vendor arrangement that we have specifically for the mobile data terminals. For the desktops we are...a Dell shop. We have the expertise developed over the years so we're working with Dell's vendor team here in the islands 'cause...of course, a requirement is that they have a local presence and there's not too many national/international vendors that have a shop here so that there's a vendor that we are working with. And for the network equipment, as I've mentioned to you before we're working very closely with the radio shop in the Police Department to blend our infrastructure so the vendor for that happens to also be the vendor for our network equipment. So we're at a single vendor opportunity here where we leverage their local presence. There's a channel partner for the national manufacturer who has a presence in the island. They work with the Big Island. They work with our Police Department. They work with us. They...I believe they have a presence on Oahu also. So we're we don't have the wide range of vendors to choose from because our requirement is if something breaks, somebody needs to be here to come it up and swap it out with something that's been preconfigured and then we can restore productivity for the affected users in the shortest possible time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So these are pretty much, what, sole source approved vendors already? We're not into a competitive program then?

MR. VERKERKE: These vendors are all qualified under the _____ program so there is a price list and a bundle of services already been competitively established. The specific...the final details of these agreements are still being worked out so at this point we haven't been able to start up the sole source process, but we expect to do that momentarily.

CHAIR HOKAMA: How long before you feel that it's appropriate to have another vendor come in and, with fresh eyes, to take a look at our system? Three years? Five years?

MR. VERKERKE: If you're talking about perhaps changing brands for the desktops for instance, the arrangement that we have is with the vendor who's a established partner for Dell right now. But the vendor also has the same relationships with other brands. So the beauty of this arrangement is that we are not going to be constrained with our ability to support a different brand of equipment, perhaps because the efforts that's required to develop the expertise and the ability to maintain it, but now that we are expecting to be able to rely on the vendor's competencies in that area since they support a number of brands, it would be much easier for us to say, you know what, the quality or the cost or other aspects of the line of desktops that we have right now is not such that we're very happy with it, let's see what else we can do. And the impact on the organization would be much less as long as it provides the functionality. A lot of these equipment is so similar that we should be able to run the same software on it without any problems. And we can leverage that multi-faceted expertise of the vendor for our benefit and be more flexible in how we target particular brands of equipment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, I understand you're willing...trying to accomplish I guess standardization of equipment. It's easier to maintain. I mean airlines try to do that. I

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mean other companies try to do that. So I understand what you...one of the possible advantages you're sharing with us this evening, would this also move into the areas of cell phones and potential things like the smaller iPads that we're gonna just recommend everybody have the same cell phone, the same iPad, the same PC? Is that part of the Administration's direction that you folks looking into to consolidate regarding costs of...

MR. VERKERKE: I think it's the direction that we accept the fact or embrace the fact that there is so much opportunity out there for consumer computing products. As an IT manager would love to be in a position where I can tell everybody what they have to use and there's no options because it makes my life easier. But that will never fly so that's not the policy that we're after. But what we are looking for is a level of compatibility and, of course, a level of manageability especially from a security perspective because cell phones and mobile devices like tablets and laptops are enormous concern from a cyber security perspective because they get lost. They contain data now and they don't just call people, but they have a lot of data. And so we need to make sure...

CHAIR HOKAMA: You need to make sure you lock that equipment, right, Mr. Verkerke?

MR. VERKERKE: Excuse me?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I bet you right now if we do one test in this room, more than 50 percent does not lock their equipment.

MR. VERKERKE: Well, it probably be worse than that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no. I know I thought I'd be conservative but it just goes to tell you where our normal brain thought processes are with our own equipment.

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah. And we hope that through these arrangements that we're setting up with vendors for these repetitive predictable tasks get that off our plate that we can focus on those issues and focus on managing the technology rather than just manning the pumps all day long is kinda what we're doing now.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Let's see, Infrastructure. Ms. Cochran, you're our subject matter Chair. Questions for Mr. Verkerke on as far as what he's currently shared with us?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, I think I like his fresh new approach with us this go-around. And, yeah, I'm hearing the changes and I think I'm willing to give it a shot to see if it's, again you know, the definition of insanity. And I think you're realizing that year after year you walk away with what you walk away with and here's a chance to kinda switch it up. So, yeah, I'm looking forward to it. But, Chair, I'm trying to recall during the audit discussion in regards to programs we were using that are...I don't think they used the word "obsolete" but it was commented that they're just old and kind of a dead-end street at this point. So I think, Mr. Verkerke, are you looking

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to get...go off into different I guess products or companies and what have you like you're explaining because of this fact?

MR. VERKERKE: Thank you for the question. And I think perhaps in the Budget deliberations with Finance that issue may have come up. And so Finance has an allocation for upgrading our IFAS system to ONESolution. I don't think at this point it's necessary to walk away from that. I think we have an older version of the product but the vendor has developed a new version that is, we believe, able to meet the needs of this organization in a technologically current fashion. Again, that will help us improve security. We have an allocation in our Budget in C Account under Software for upgrading the database that sits underneath that application. So the first step we have to take is upgrade the database, go to a more mainstream...well, we're looking as a policy to move away from Oracle into Microsoft SQL server, and that's for a number of reasons. Microsoft SQL server is clearly for the mid-market that we are in, the preferred option because Oracle is getting too expensive, and it's very hard to find talent that we can afford to manage that. So that's the first thing we need to do and we're doing that in a number of areas already. And then the appropriation that Finance has asked for to bring in that new version of the accounting software that can sit up top of that new database will hopefully get us in the position that we can address the concerns that were expressed.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, very good. I'm glad that you're aware and steps are being taken. But I guess you have...or you're looking for one expansion, 1.8 I guess to be exact. The General Management Project Manager is what in regards to...

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah, so the 1.8 is kind of an interesting story. The 1 is that General Project Manager. One of the things that you may remember, you may not, that came up in the comprehensive IT assessment we did a couple of years ago was that we need to institute IT governance. IT governance means that we don't get to do whatever we want, not that we really can do whatever we want, but it means that we align our project list and our priorities with the strategic objectives of the organization and that we have a structured way of doing that year in and year out. And the same comment came in the audit report, you know. One of...there was four somewhat IT-related recommendations and the last of those four was exactly that. Deal with IT governance and build a steering committee or however we gonna do that. So we have a project to deal with that. What we're looking for in this position is to have help with that, somebody that can look at a high executive level at the project to-do list, if you will, to see, you know, what makes sense with the strategic objectives for the organization, what makes sense for the sequencing 'cause as I explained with the accounting system, you gotta do certain things before you can do other things. And also this person can help us with providing a high level project management that manages the multitude of projects that we're always dealing with. We have people assigned to particular projects but it's important to have somebody that has that experience that has that enterprise vision that can help us make sure we manage those and manage the resources and manage the priorities of our organization. So that's the 1. The .8, and you haven't gotten there yet, but there is a companion .2 in the Prosecuting

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Attorney's Budget. We have a position right now funded through the Byrne Grant for criminal justice needs. And we had been told that that is a renewable grant, and it is. But for some reason the Prosecuting Attorney decided not to renew the application for this particular position. Now I don't wanna go into why 'cause I can't really 'cause I'm not sure that I really understand why the decision was made because the job isn't finished. And the job will never really be finished because the purpose of that position was to help the Prosecuting Attorney and the Police Department, but primarily Prosecuting Attorney, to work on integrating their needs, the information flow from an arrest situation at the Police into a prosecuting situation at the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, into the courts, through what the State is trying to build, is a integrated justice information sharing system. You've heard me talk about that before. And this particular position was dedicated to support these needs and help the totality of criminal justice information management. That job will never be finished because it always changes and she...the person in the job has made great strides. So we hope that you will support converting that from a grant-funded position to a General Fund funded position because without that position a lot of work will be unfinished and a lot of work will never be able to be started because the net results for our operational support staff will be the reduction of a position. And I think we all realize that that's not something that we can afford to suffer very well. So that's the .8. And then the .2 comes from the fact that the grant extends into about August so that gives us a chance to convert the position and then when the grant funding expires, General Funding can kick in to complete the year for this position.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. I guess...and that was...I guess you led into I was trying to figure out why this position was coming from Prosecuting Attorney's but I guess it's the funding mechanism is coming via that department as you're stating with this grant that no longer has been applied for.

MR. VERKERKE: They applied --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

MR. VERKERKE: --for a different purpose than this one.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Okay, Chair, that's all I have for Salaries.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We're just going with Salaries right now?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Or are we all three accounts?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, just A.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Just A, okay. No, I'm fine with that, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The question I would have is, we have people currently working on KIVA I would imagine, and you're asking for a Project Manager for the MAPS Project. What, in addition to what the people working on KIVA do now, what would...what do you see the MAPS person doing over and above what the...you know, the KIVA people obviously are gonna have to learn the MAPS program very thoroughly. And what are we doing to get them up to speed with what they're gonna need to know as we convert?

MR. VERKERKE: Mr. White, the project plans for the three proposals that we are evaluating--and tomorrow will be the final round of evaluation and we'll make a selection next week--all these project plans start off with a round of training for the various subject matter experts, not only in IT but in all the departments affected by it. So the purpose of the training is to expand the knowledge that they've gained about these projects through the evaluation process to a level that they understand how it functions 'cause then we'll need to go into how do we adjust our business processes, how do we go about converting data, how do we set up new policies and procedures if necessary, and how do we train the rest of the staff in the use of the new system. So the first step will be for the subject matter experts to become familiar with the system to the point that they can say, okay, this is gonna change how we do business, this is gonna be a big enhancement. And there's a lot of new functionality that we looking in the system so that will a new experience for both the users and the public in the system. So all the vendors recommend and recognize that the first step is to make sure the subject matter experts understand the new product and then can participate in the implementation project. The expectations range from 12 months to about 20 months to complete and so that would be a lot of learning going on during that whole process. So by the time we go live we anticipate that everybody will be very ready for that. And then the Project Manager will of course make sure that all of that effort happens, that all the resources are available at the right time, keep the vendor honest, and all these things. And there's enough skills sets that exist with the subject matter. They know how to process permits and land use changes whatever, and IT staff we know how to support the system, but project management is a skill set that is quite specialized.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So do you see that as an LTA?

MR. VERKERKE: No, because we will always be doing projects and we will always have the need to look at project requests and funding requests in the context of what is the overall strategy, what is the overall capacity of the organization. We have about, I think, 100 projects cued up. There's no way we can do 100 projects at the same time. So decisions need to be made all the time. This goes first, this goes later, this is...has a greater impact, greater benefit to the organization, to the public that we serve. And

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so this position is going to play a key role in helping to manage the prioritization and the alignment of projects with strategic objectives.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I'm gonna...I'm referring to 10-14. The Small Equipment...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: C Account.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I believe it...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we're just working on A Account.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh, we're still on...okay, sorry about that. I wanted to get . . . *(inaudible)*. . . Okay, I have no further questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'm not going ahead of myself. I have no further questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Bobby, any...anything, Mr. Carroll? Thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you, Chair. It's been well-explained, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. So, Mr. Verkerke, comments for your B and C Account? You already gave some earlier ones, but if you have additional comments, please share them with us.

MR. VERKERKE: Mr. Chair, as I mentioned in my explanation earlier on, we're moving a lot of what would traditionally have been C Account requests into B Account, specifically the Repair and Maintenance, 6138 I believe it is. We also have normal growth in cost. Maintenance contracts are the lifeblood of the manufacturing and the software vendoring...vendor industry and they are in the habit of increasing the cost, you know, somewhere between 10 and 20 percent every year so that keeps growing. We have, of course, a lot of...technology is getting cheaper in many ways so we have a lot of purchase that fall in the Small Equipment account in 6060. So that keeps growing and there's lots of attachments and various things that we need. If you have any specific questions about items, I'd be happy to get into that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Cochran, questions for Mr. Verkerke?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. And going to that Page 10-14 in regards to the two big ticket items, and I guess Mr. Guzman was going there with the

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Small Equipment line, and then I'm jumping down at the very bottom to that 2.8 million. And so this...I guess the lifecycle maintenance agreement does not take care of these, the bottom line items or...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Verkerke?

MR. VERKERKE: Mr. Chair? Yeah, actually that's where the annual costs of these agreements is included. So instead of having a C Account post for PCs now it shows up in this category under Contracts, you know, for the five-year duration. We had to take an estimate at it and in your conversations/negotiations we have with the vendors, they're flexible. So we can encumber in the current year what we have available, we can encumber in next year what you make available, and then the last three years can be used to smooth out, you know, the balance over three years because it's...was hard for me back in November to really know what the final numbers. But in general, this is very much in line. There may be a little bit fluctuation but...so the reduction in the C Account is almost the amount of the comprehensive services on a year-to-year basis. We get more services. We don't just buy equipment, but we get a lot of that support and so there's a little bit of a difference between that. But that translates in benefits to us being able to direct our staff to work on more productive tasks.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. I guess that was what I was leading to, is what with this initial investment, where are we, you know, recouping benefits in the long term I suppose 'cause it's still a nice chunk. But I understand it's putting towards...and you said I think the initial investment is going to be higher and as we progress through and it rolls out, the savings will start happening. And again, like you said, you can alleviate the work that would normally go to this to other areas. So, okay, I guess kinda answered . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: I guess the one advantage we can look at in a sense is if we're unhappy, we can fire these vendors.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, exactly.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And get another vendor.

MR. VERKERKE: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's hard to fire one bad employee.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, true.

MR. VERKERKE: And we expect that agreements will have an annual kind of reevaluation option so that we can see, you know, you folks are really not keeping up with the work that we agreed to. If you don't fix that, there'll be service levels agreements incorporated in the agreement. So, you know, there are consequences for not being

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able to deliver as promised. And it's not like they have a free ride for five years, but every year we'll look at that and we can change...

CHAIR HOKAMA: So you're telling us performance standards will be built into the agreement that they need to comply and implement on our behalf?

MR. VERKERKE: Absolutely.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Very good. No, no, that's good. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I'll leave the Small Equipment question to Mr. Guzman since he brought it up.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No, no, go ahead, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, well, I was gonna ask the same thing. The increase for the Small Equipment, you had kind of a good explanation but can you give us a little bit of an example as to what you would buy with that?

MR. VERKERKE: We have a post in the C Account for printers, and that's intended to deal with departmental printers or large scanners, you know. More and more people go scan equipment and stuff like that. But if you have a need for like a DPO in a department to have a printer dedicated to that position because there's sensitive information be printed, you don't want to have that, you know, down the hall and everybody reads it walking by. That's under \$1,000. The whole purpose of this category, 6060, is to catch everything that costs less than \$1,000. So if you need to add a monitor, we need to add a small printer, there's a whole bunch of things that fall in that category. You need to replace keyboards, somebody sits on a keyboard and cracks it, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, I've seen Mr. Ueoka do that. Just to make sure he's awake. Okay, so 55,000 on top of the 70,000 that you had last year, you anticipate that as being your...

MR. VERKERKE: Well, in putting the Budget together what I really have is the 2014 actuals and in that category for booking purposes we spent 124,000. So I figure we might as well acknowledge that that's a reasonable amount.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. And you...I wanna echo the comments of Ms. Cochran and even Mr. Hokama about the lifecycle thing. And I think that's a great idea and it frees up the folks that would be going around and fixing everybody's computer with little issues that they can actually do other things that have been lagging. So it in

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essence saves...’cause you’ve been always asking for extra bodies, always been asking for extra bodies, so you kinda get the extra bodies by freeing them up. I like that. I’m sure Mr. Hokama may have some issues with you not using Oracle at least until his affordable housing gets done on Lanai. No, I’m just...

CHAIR HOKAMA: I am...whatever provides the County the best possible program at the best possible price.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But I...everything looks good. The 1.394 million that was in 2015, you still anticipate using that much? I’m assuming that some of that was for...well, no, ‘cause that was C Account. So what was that 1.394 million in 2015 and how much of that have you spent so far? And I know this is the time of the year that you start to really spend that down because of the...some of the service contracts. So if that’s the case, let me know.

MR. VERKERKE: Mr. Chair, I have a report dated I think it’s February 28th that shows that we’ve spent about \$500,000 out of the 1.3. So we have a number of posts coming in for renewal. There’s a \$200,000...am I looking at the right...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, you are.

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah, I’m looking at the right one. So we have a bill now for \$200,000...for directory structure. We have a bill for \$200,000 for the police system. We have a bill for \$134,000 for the IS system. And so all of that will add up and there is...there is the expectation that some of that money will be used in these managed services ‘cause we have the need and the intent to make a first year encumbrance out of the current fiscal year for these new agreements. So we’re looking at somewhere in the order of \$3 million all in all, 3½ million dollars perhaps, in first year encumbrance for these maintenance contracts. And we still have, you know, 800,000 salaries and stuff like that. So...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. VERKERKE: It all shifts around and we just need to, you know, use the funding we have to accomplish our goals.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: You did mention the Police mobile terminals? The Fire Department was just in here talking about doing that too. Do you service the Police mobile terminals? Does your Department serve those...service those?

MR. VERKERKE: Yes, we do.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Do you anticipate servicing the Fire Department’s as well?

MR. VERKERKE: Yes, we do, and we will insist that it’s same. And we have worked with the Fire Department over the last year to establish that indeed, the same platform, the

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same vendor can be used so we don't end up with two disparate systems. And actually the Fire Department will be able to use an extension of the CAD system that the Police uses to get that kind of dispatch information in their apparatus

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So in putting that in their apparatus, does that justify another position? . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. VERKERKE: Well, you put me in a difficult position 'cause I'd hate to say no. But we will roll that into that managed services contract for the devices. So we will have...we anticipate having the same arrangement that if it breaks, we call the vendor, pick it up, bring a new one, put it in, and then go fix the broken one.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, and the reason I'm asking that is 'cause they asked for an extra position in their Department to handle all that. But if you're handling all that, then I can see where we wouldn't need that in...

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah, I'm not familiar with the justification.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No questions at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. You mentioned a bill for \$200,000 with respect to the Police system. Is that for support for the mobile devices or a support for some other...or for the overall Police system?

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah, that's for support for the dispatch system, and there is a mobile component to the dispatch system that is installed on these mobile terminals. But the agreement that we're working on with the vendor of those terminals is more for standard configuration, not specifically for the software that ties into the computer aided dispatch system so...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MR. VERKERKE: So that's a separate vendor and a separate cost.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And then on the...last year we allocated money for the mobile devices in the police cars.

MR. VERKERKE: Right.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: My recollection was that your recommendation was to replace all of them because it was, you know, because the new dispatch system required all of them to be upgraded at the same time. Is that correct?

MR. VERKERKE: That's correct, and that's the seed money for that lifecycle agreement with the terminals. Because we recognize that we don't have the additional staff to support that because we recognize that past practice resulted in having mobile data terminals in Police cars that have outlived their useful life and their compatibility with things and recognizing that we need to be able to turn around faster than we were in the past and so set up kind of a pre-configuration capability, if you will. We looked at the vendor to provide these services and extend it over the anticipated life of that. So the money you provided last year will help us to get out of the gate this year. And then over the life of five years, we expect the total cost to be over a million dollars. And that will provide a lot of these services that we're just not in the position to provide ourselves.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, I guess my confusion is that we provided funding for 130 I think last year and that was supposedly all of them. And yet the lifecycle number now is 175. So does that include the Fire Department as well?

MR. VERKERKE: No, it includes units that were overlooked. There's a number of those units that are being used by Vice. They're not necessarily mounted in cars but they are needed to be used in a mobile environment so our count last year was low.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, but I guess we still need to replace all of them --

MR. VERKERKE: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --quickly, not on a lifecycle.

MR. VERKERKE: Right, and so the beauty of the agreement I believe is that we kind of execute a lease. So we get 'em all replaced now. The cost of that plus the additional services will be spread out over the life. And then if we make that our, you know, cost of doing business then when the units are ready for replacement, we don't necessarily have to do it all at once. Perhaps we can phase it in towards the end of the life, but then we can make sure that we don't have that spike again and as far as the funding picture goes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so we haven't moved...we haven't moved ahead on that project that yet?

MR. VERKERKE: We have...we haven't replaced any but we have spent quite a bit of time determining which is the proper model...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I'm sorry I used the wrong terminology. You've been working it.

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MR. VERKERKE: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Sounds like you've been working very hard on it.

MR. VERKERKE: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We just haven't bought the units.

MR. VERKERKE: Right. So we haven't bought 'em and once we execute the agreement in the next couple of months we expect before the end of this fiscal year, then we're looking at about three months to replace the whole inventory.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The whole 175 and you need...

MR. VERKERKE: Three to four months.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So you need the 500...520 we gave you last year plus the 225 for this coming fiscal year?

MR. VERKERKE: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So I guess I'm trying to get my arm...my head around what is the...what is the initial lease cost . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

MR. VERKERKE: We're looking at \$1.4 million. So if we take the 500,000...550,000 I think it was out of that, we're looking a little over 800,000. So my estimation back in November was...is pretty good for the balance of the remaining four years. So it will be an ongoing cost.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Just so that I can understand it. I would appreciate it if you'd just kinda line that out for us. Just a very brief this is where we...this is the first payment, and then these are the ongoing payments each year.

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah, I'd be happy to do that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I agree that it makes sense to offload the responsibility. Then the other question I had was on Professional Services, I see that we've spent, year to date, we've spent about 273,000 which was covered by the previous year's encumbrance at 100,000. It was budgeted, but we've got an additional encumbrance of 337,000. Do you know what...is that for one project or is that for a variety of things, under Professional Services?

MR. VERKERKE: I don't recognize the numbers that you used in my printout. I'm looking at the February 28th printout.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: On the first page under material...the line is 6132.

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MR. VERKERKE: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The first number...well, it should be 257178.

MR. VERKERKE: Right, that's prior year, right, right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, and then \$100,000 budgeted. Then my...my statement is as of 3/31. I'm not sure that...if everything's posted. But then there's a \$273,000 year-to-date expense, and following that is an encumbrance of 337,000. It may be a recent encumbrance. I'm not sure, but it basically overspends that line item by about 250,000.

MR. VERKERKE: And the explanation for that is that the way we have to book certain expenditures in the accounting system. So the funding you have provided last year as an initial funding for the MAPS project, we've used that for Professional Services to help us with the RFP process and to help us with the vendor selection and coming up with contract negotiations. So the original funding was all provided as a software for the MAPS project, but elements of that project end up getting booked in Professional Services. That's just how it...the various expenditures break down. So in order for us to be able to do the job we have to do in selecting a vendor, we...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Are they part of the \$1.3 million that we set aside for the KIVA replacement?

MR. VERKERKE: Right. But it just shows up in a different category in the accounting reports.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. That's one of the challenges with budgeting.

MR. VERKERKE: That's a challenge with managing the money every year too.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so that entire 330,000 is, you think, KIVA related?

MR. VERKERKE: No, there's other similar efforts, we've had to bring in vendor consulting services for a number of challenges that we face. Cyber security is a part of that. Capacity planning as far as storage and server capacity, so there's a fair amount of technology that we bring in that there's a hardware cost and software cost and there's an associated Professional Services cost, either for training or for consulting services to our staff so that we are ready to use new technology. And so that all ends up in this category even though perhaps the initial appropriation was a C Account appropriation for a lump sum for hardware.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I guess the question for the Managing Director is how can we...how can we get the expenditures to go into the right...against the right account?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: What I would recommend...I know, Mr. Regan...that's a good question, Mr. White. I would say I think we need to have Mr. Baz give us comment on that along with consultation with Director Agsalog 'cause I don't know if this is a booking issue, or this is a process issue regarding the ledger. But it's a good question and I see both sides for Mr. Verkerke and your side, Mr. White. I don't think we've got the right people to answer that question at this time, unless you would like to give us a comment, Mr. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Chairman, I would rather defer to Mr. Baz and Mr. Agsalog.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's why you're the MD. But that's a great question. I don't understand why we don't put it in the . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I only bring it up because we see it in other areas.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, I understand, Chairman.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: It's really...it frustrates our budgeting process and I'm sure it frustrates your budgeting process to some degree as well. It's just, you know, you think you're...you've got the balloon in your hand. When you squeeze it, it comes out on this side, sometimes it comes on this side, and you never know where the hell the money's gonna pop up so...

MR. VERKERKE: If I may make a comment on that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Verkerke, sure.

MR. VERKERKE: When we put together our projection for projects for an upcoming year, we look at the total cost, hardware, software, training, other expenditures, Professional Services, what have you. And so the cost of that project is X amount of dollars. If we...if you ask us, you know, don't tell me X amount of dollars, tell me hardware this much, software that much, then we lose the connection between those pieces. And then we risk that we get three out of four and we can't do the project. Or we have to make adjustments and then you go, hey, there's 50 cents difference in these postings. And so for planning purposes I thought you'd might be more interested in what's the total cost of this effort, and how the accountants book it may be interesting to accountant types. I mean one thing that I'm dealing with...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: It's not so much the booking, it's for us to understand where the money is...you know, where it's coming from. And I totally agree with you. You know, to bring in KIVA in four different pieces...well, I think we could probably understand that and try to keep them together, but the reality is that we gave you 1.3 million in this line. Now it's popping up in various places.

MR. VERKERKE: Right.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: It's just that it's just a tracking issue and a level of trying to keep . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. VERKERKE: The earlier questions about the \$125,000 for the Small Equipment, that's just a mechanical thing because the cutoff is \$1,000. If I expected a PC cost \$1,100 and I ask for a \$1,100 PC, it shows up in the C Account. If it costs me \$990 it gets booked on the Small Equipment under \$1,000. That's just the . . . *(inaudible)* . . . that are hard to predict, so...and I really don't have time to get too concerned about that when I'm trying to figure out how much money do I need to do my job.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right. Then my last question is, are we looking at the same kind of a situation with the Computer Equipment line on the next page, 7031, that we haven't moved ahead with the replacement of...I believe we gave you \$700,000 for computer replacements last year. Have you held off on that as well waiting to look at whether we can do the...

MR. VERKERKE: I'm looking to use that as the first year encumbrance for that comprehensive managed services, and then smooth it out as much as I can over the subsequent four years.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, and with that as well, if you wouldn't mind giving us the...just the flow of money and what the...what services we're getting and how they offset our, you know, own internal costs, because if we have...we have other people coming in to take care of all these projects that...we use...we've had people taking care of the Police computers before. We've had people taking care of all the laptops. So there's gotta be some...some slacking off of what your staff is responsible for doing. It's hard for us to judge whether that's going to result in enough of a backing off of responsibility on your staff that maybe you don't, you know, maybe you don't need these additional positions. But if you could give us some sense of how the...how that's gonna balance.

MR. VERKERKE: I may have to borrow a line from Mr. Regan that's it's perhaps too early in this to have solid numbers how this plays out. What I intend is that that freeing up our staff from these repetitive non-productive tasks is that we can finally tackle things we haven't been able to get to. And cyber security being one of them, you know, being able to prepare for upcoming technology should be another. So I don't think there is going to be a time where we say, you know, we don't really have anything to do for these people. So I don't know how I quantify --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm not...I'm not saying --

MR. VERKERKE: --new work that they can ____.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --not having anything to do for them, but simply shifting their focus.

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I realize that contract management or the project management is a very different set of...a very different toolset. Okay, thank you.

MR. VERKERKE: You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I'm okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. So I'm just trying to cross reference Pages 10-17 with all the Computer Equipment being asked for proposed expansion positions in other departments. So obviously this would only be needed if these other departments actually get these expansion positions 'cause it's still riding out through this Budget process whether these are gonna happen or not. Right?

MR. VERKERKE: Member Cochran, that's correct, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, and so also looking at this comprehensive lifecycle maintenance agreement on Page 401, the Materials, Small Equipment again, under 1,000, these...all these equipment and software what have you, are all over 1,000 except for one item at 500. So why are these type of equipment not covered under this comprehensive lifecycle agreement?

MR. VERKERKE: Again, I may have to borrow a line from Mr. Regan and this is something that really should be answered by Mr. Baz.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, okay. All right, those are just...Chair, trying to cross reference --

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, that was a good question.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --how things are working out here. Okay, that's just...we'll follow up I suppose with that.

MR. VERKERKE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Verkerke. Oh, one last...

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And so having noticed Department priority numbered items from Fire on 10-17, it looks like you lucked out pretty good here in getting pretty much all your top priority items 1 through 16 in this Budget? Versus Fire submitted 47 items and got a 33 and a 29 number items. So it looks like your 3, 5, and 6 were not submitted. Just curious 'cause I mean you got all but those three, were those also computer software equipment type items? It just seemed like you got pretty much 1 through 16 except for those three and thought maybe you just sorta be the similar to what's already here. But anyways, if you don't have it off the top of your head, it's okay. It just...it just struck my curiosity.

MR. VERKERKE: I suspect that there is just perhaps some challenges with the numbering because my Item 3 is shown here as Item 10...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay.

MR. VERKERKE: 4, 5, and 6, so all the things I've asked for and submitted to the Mayor have been included so I'm not really sure --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. VERKERKE: --how to account for numbering.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, well very good.

MR. VERKERKE: I didn't have 16 items in this category so...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: You submitted 16 and you pretty much got all.

MR. VERKERKE: No, I submitted...in the C, I submitted ten. So again, the numbering is something that's part of --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, all right, just --

MR. VERKERKE: --budget production.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --started noticing the priority numbers. But, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any further questions for Mr. Verkerke, either on the Equipment or Operations? Okay, any closing comments, Mr. Verkerke?

MR. VERKERKE: Yes, Mr. Chair. I really appreciate the fact that you've indulged me for all this time. I hope I've answered the questions and I hope that we're ready to change the approach to IT support that we can mitigate the risk that we've been running, and

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I ask for your support. And I'd love to come back to you during the year and let you know how it's going and how this is all working out so that we can fine tune this approach.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, we appreciate the fresh perspective and a fresh way that you're approaching your Budget request. So thank you very much, Mr. Verkerke.

MR. VERKERKE: Thank you, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, before we take up the final one which is the GIS component, it is time for our evening break, Members. So the bad news is we got a lot of more work to do tonight. The good news is I've reduced it by excusing two departments that will...that I will bring forward...well, maybe I'll change it. I gonna make the adjustment so we won't stay completely late tonight. After we finish Department of Management, and we only have one more component which is the GIS, then I'm gonna bring up...I would like to finish Prosecuting Attorneys and Corporation Counsel. I would prefer you be fresh when we deal with the Planning Department because we have a lot, I know, questions from all Members regarding the Planning Department. So I'm gonna push that for tomorrow, Members, the Planning Department's review. But I would like to finish the two attorney components of the County before we adjourn for the day. So any questions on how we're gonna proceed for the rest of the evening? Okay, we shall be in recess till 6:45, Members. I'm sorry, Mr. Regan, any last comments? I'm sorry, I didn't give you an opportunity.

MR. REGAN: Chairman, thank you so much. I just wanted to apologize to all of you for coming in late.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not necessary, Mr. Regan.

MR. REGAN: My son was recognized for "Be A Jerk" slogan today and so that's where we were prior. . . .(applause). . . So I sincerely apologize and thank you for indulging me with that Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Congratulations on your son's achievement.

MR. REGAN: Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so 6:45 which means you got slightly more than an hour, Members. Okay, recess until 6:45. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 5:37 p.m.
RECONVENE: 6:46 p.m.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . We shall return to order. Review of the Department of Management, we have one more program area to review this evening. Members, that is under the Geographic Information Systems Program. Present with us is

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Mr. Bill Medeiros who has been our long time County GIS guru and so I'm gonna ask Mr. Medeiros if he would give us some general comments if he has any, and then we go straight into his A Account request for the upcoming year. Mr. Medeiros?

MR. MEDEIROS: Thank you very much. And thanks for hanging around. I'm gonna do a quick overview for the folks looking in since most of you already know what we do, and then we'll get into the actual Budget. First of all, we provide geographic and cartographic services to the County, to State agencies, to the public, pretty much anybody who walks in the door. We have provided services in the last year to 17 agencies, 13 departments. It includes like printing like 900 maps and documents. It includes projects like, we're working with Fire Department on their wildfire preplanning for the West Maui Mountains, Molokai and soon to be Lanai, my understanding. Election maps, we work closely with the Clerk's Office. In fact, we're starting up a project with them since this is the off year for elections, we're gonna do some updates this year getting ready for the election next year. And Pictometry Online, we administer the project for the Finance Department. We are up to 350 users, just went through another round of training. Usage remains high, you know, 11,000 images viewed on average every month. Something like 850 or so logins. And that pretty much gives you an idea of the kinds of things that we do. In terms of the A Account, there's a 4.7 percent increase that's due to payroll increases through the collective bargaining agreements in the last time around. No change in E/Ps so no increases and that's pretty much the A Account. No change.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Any questions for Mr. Medeiros on A Account or category A, Members? No? Okay, fine, thank you...yes, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Medeiros, for giving us your run down. You...so you're doing GIS as well as Pictometry? You run the Pictometry section, too?

MR. MEDEIROS: We...actually may. But we administer Pictometry Online, the application, for the Finance Department. And there's like 350 plus users in 12 different departments. And basically the idea was when we convinced the Finance Director to invest in the application, he felt he wanted his staff to do what they do best which is assessing properties. And that if we would then go ahead and administer the program, assign the accounts, make sure everything's working, those kind of things. And so our thing is keeping the application running and making sure that they can have...get access to it.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And doing the training too, yeah?

MR. MEDEIROS: Yes, in fact, we just went through another round of training within the last few months. We just...we did I think 110 people since December.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And you do all that through your Department without...there's no other special funds for that? It's all part of your GIS?

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MR. MEDEIROS: Yeah, we pretty much handle the training. It's...we've been...we've been able to have them provide the training at no cost. So they flew out the trainer from New York and did the training. So we're pretty good at getting them on board in terms of trying to make the project work.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, and how much of that...of that work, the Pictometry work, versus the GIS work does your Department do? Is it 50/50?

MR. MEDEIROS: Pictometry, just the application itself, it averages out to probably less than 20 percent of my time. It kinda peaks up so when we're doing training, we get a whole bunch of people wanting accounts right before training. And so then it takes more time is all. In terms of cash money, we don't...we don't spend any money on the online application. That's paid for out of probably Real Property Tax, out of Finance. And so our job is just to make sure that the application's working, that if anybody's got any problems logging in. It also integrates with the Real Property Tax systems, Tyler and ESRI's assessment analysts and qPublic. And so sometimes we'll get a call asking about the data that needs to be uploaded, and so those kind of things.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. And then on your GIS side, how much of the work that you do, or that the Planning...I know Planning has quite a big GIS Department as well and they do a lot of GIS work. How much of the work that you do is any kind of...or is there any kind of duplication of services between you and the Planning Department's GIS?

MR. MEDEIROS: Generally, not a whole lot. The idea was when they created GIS in Planning, we had come from the Planning Department originally. And we were moved up to Management to become a Countywide agency. But all along we knew that because Planning is so map oriented that they would have to either do one of two things, train Planners to do the GIS work, or bring in GIS people. And so the decision was, and this is early in the 2000s, was to put GIS people in Planning. In fact, when we were created, one of the positions that my staff came out of was left in Planning and they found another position for her, a vacancy, moved it into Management. And so we actually left a mapping position in Planning and so we didn't actually...they didn't lose any E/P in the change, and it was just a matter of doing that. In terms of GIS folks, as you know I've lobbied before about...for Real Property Tax, their GIS, and they have GIS staff, so does Environmental Management. So the idea is that to give them _____ person that has direct access to the people with the experts in their kind of data, and to produce the data just within their thing and so our aspect is more Countywide. So we then take data and make sure that people can share it, use it. So we set up standards. And also then in the agencies that don't have, so much like CIP, if they don't have GIS people, we'll then do projects for them.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, okay.

MR. MEDEIROS: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. MEDEIROS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Ms. Crivello, any questions for Mr. Medeiros at this time? We're on --

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Not at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --A Account. Anything? Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, all the questions were asked. Sounds good.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Carroll? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, I guess, if this...just wanting to know if there's any bearing with the discussion earlier with Mr. Verkerke with the comprehensive lifecycle maintenance agreement, and if that any of that is affecting your area?

MR. MEDEIROS: No, again, many years ago it was found that we use equipment that is unlike most of the equipment in the rest of the County. And so when we get to the Equipment budget, you will see that there are...there's money in there for us to buy computers and it is separate from the MIS purchase. Now if they were to go into a leasing program and if we had access to it, I wouldn't have any problems provided that they could, you know, deliver the same kind of machines we get now. I don't care whether they're leased or we purchase, we just need workstations, real workstations, not just the average computer.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. So are...well, we're not in Operations yet, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I just wanna finish this up and then we can --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: That's fine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --concentrate on Ops and the Equipment. Okay, anything else on the A Account, Members? If not, let's move to the B and C Accounts. Any comments, Mr. Medeiros?

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MR. MEDEIROS: Basically just to point out, it's basically the same. I think there's like a \$28 less than last time around. We've moved some money around to more closely follow the way expenditures are going. And so there's not a whole lot of change on the Operations. Similarly, in the C Account under Equipment, last year we got 15,000, this year we're asking for another 15,000. And basically last year we went through the whole list of all the computers we have, and yes, we have some old machines but because they are workstations, they do have a long life span. But we do have to move out of Windows XP, get into the new versions, get into 64 bit. So at some point we need to replace all the machines we have. And so that's...that's why there's still money in the budget for computers. So there's 15 and they, that'll account for three workstations.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Very good. Mr. Couch, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. And so the decrease in funding due to decrease in demand for consultant services, that has no bearing with that comprehensive lifecycle blah, blah, blah people?

MR. MEDEIROS: No, in the past occasionally we would have to do...we'd do some kind of consulting work. Last year at Budget there was a little bit of discussion about that money not being used and whether it could be cut. But in reality that money's being used up now on the licensing side. So what I decided just to make it easy, just to move it over to R & M - Contracts because that's the...that's the pool of money we use to pay for our GIS licensing. And we're always short because that always goes up a little more every year. And so what I did was I pulled 15 grand out, put some money for rent and then some money into our Contracts. And that, like I said, that pays our maintenance on software. And we expect to have more people wanting software as they start to get into more GIS-based applications. They're gonna be asking to develop more data. Most of the GIS applications that people use, so like Pictometry Online, you can view the data and you can query and you do all this kind of things. But you can't create the data in it, you need something else. And so we're expecting that we're gonna have departments coming in and say, hey, we want our data on here too. And we're gonna say, okay, let's get you some software, let's get your people trained, we'll work together to develop the data, and you can maintain it. That kind of a thing. And so that's why we moved that over to basically the maintenance for our annual software contract.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa, questions in the B and C areas?

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah, not really a question, but thank you for biting away at the need for a big expenditure. It's better we do it that way if you can, and thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Carroll, questions? Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Not at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White, we are in the GIS Program area at this time. Mr. Medeiros will entertain questions regarding any of the B and C Accounts. You have any?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No questions at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: For your Chair, gosh, I wish more budgets came in like this.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Flat.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So I have one, I appreciate how you've tried to stay within existing financial resources as well as being, showing initiative in adjusting some of your categories like your licensing renewals under R & M. So we see that. We see your reduction in Professional Services. I understand your request for the new workstations. So all of the requests for additional licensing or be a part of the license like another additional users, you screen that and ensure that it's an appropriate position that is requesting access to these types of software programs?

MR. MEDEIROS: Absolutely. And normally it ends up being folks that are like engineers, planners. So in Water Department in their Planning Division, they don't have GIS people but they have Planners that are trained in GIS.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MEDEIROS: And so the idea is to make sure that professionals that have...that experts in that subject matter have the tools to create the data.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And as we get additional information, the ability to input onto our software, whether it be a new flyover map that's more current, you have only...you have the protocol of only so many...certain positions or certain employees that have access to input onto the program? Or is that something you contract back to the vendor or the Pictometry people?

MR. MEDEIROS: Yeah, so the idea being is we try to, wherever we can, train people in the Department that has the authority over the data. So when we discussed Real Property

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Tax several years ago, we didn't say oh, give us staff. We said give them staff, and put them there, and they would produce the data. Now we established standards so that the data can then be used later on when we get Pictometry Online or when Tyler becomes on line. Then we can put the data right in and it's not a problem. So if we have it then integration is automatic. And where we can we always try to get people who understand the actual function of the department, right, to actually do the data. In some cases it doesn't work and we end up having to do the data. But, yeah, it's so much better if you give the tools to the people that actually do this stuff day to day because they can see an error way before we would in terms of, you know, whatever that system that they're designing. They would be able to visualize it and say, you know what, this is wrong, and fix it. You know, because no data set is 100 percent, right. It always has to have some what's called, QA/QC, going through and actually checking it to fix it to get the errors out.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. All right, that's my only concern is that you ask us for a sufficient safeguards and pro security measures, you know, I'm into pro security right now. I have a issue with cyber penetrations and I've seen it upfront at the national level. It is an issue for me. We maintain a lot of confidential information. And so access to information and the ability to modify records is a concern, yeah.

MR. MEDEIROS: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And that's why protocols insuring whether we need to have certain employees go through verified safety levels or security levels to ensure the protection of our sensitive information. You know, those are the things that we look at you as professionals to...for those appropriate requests 'cause I'm not willing to jeopardize that sensitive information.

MR. MEDEIROS: And some data sets are restricted, so after 9/11, water system data became restricted and so we do not give out any water system data. You have to go to the Water Department, they have a form you have to fill out. And they have to approve before any data gets given out for water systems. So internal...you know, if they have authority over the data, they can restrict it if they need to. But, yes, especially since two things because we have a lot of information, the Real Property Tax system which is accessible at various levels. But, two, when 911 went to GIS based, this is, you know, about 10 years ago that...yeah, 911 systems, now they have Police data. And so we do...that's another reason for us to keep out of the department datasets and just provide expertise so that the data is not sitting on two locations, our machines and theirs. It stays within their system. And, you know, our assumption is that the Police will protect the quality...the security of the data, and our job is to make sure that they can create the data they need to do.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MEDEIROS: Yeah.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Your division currently has the capacity or capabilities of doing dashboard development and presentations for other departments? Regarding the...regarding the GIS? And I just ask that because I just came from the ESRI Campus in Redding [sic].

MR. MEDEIROS: Oh yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Their ability to provide entities like us as a customer, you know, whether it's...you call it the cloud space or dashboard capacities, there's a lot of providers now of services that weren't available to us even two, three years ago.

MR. MEDEIROS: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So can we make use of this because what I have learned from the ESRI people is they're willing to even do some initial things regarding customizing the software to our needs instead of having us buy something off the shelf and we're gonna have to change our process and practices to fit the software requirement. Now they'll make the software fit what we do on a daily basis, you know.

MR. MEDEIROS: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So I'm just curious if we're at that point, or we're not there yet, or yes, we're there and...

MR. MEDEIROS: Oh, absolutely, and in fact one of the first things that we ran into in certain other systems was the idea that in Hawaii parcels are called TMKs. And that certain systems, it's APN and you gotta pay for them to change it. The first thing we did was, no, we wanna call it TMKs and they said, yeah, no problem, here you go. This is how you change it to TMK, and so we went ahead and did it. And you know, obviously it's the State of Hawaii and all four counties, so yes. The second thing, let me, I don't wanna be a ESRI salesman, but we need to recognize both them and Pictometry, but early on, this is...we talking in the mid-90s, ESRI made a commitment to come to Hawaii every quarter and provide user meetings and have their staff from the regional office at that time out of Redlands on every island and to provide service everybody four times a year at their cost. Since then we've got it so that they have user meetings in every county, right. So we have quarterly user meetings, Big Island, Kauai, and Oahu. And since that time they've actually had so much business that they've created an office in Honolulu. Part of the reason they got so much business is that they were willing to invest their time and money and resources to make sure everybody who uses ESRI software was successful in the State of Hawaii, okay. What a business concept, you know, what a business model. And so, yes, we do everything we can and every conference you go to, right, you're gonna see the ESRI guys there and you can go up and just ask 'em, and say, you know what, can we do this? And they're willing to show you how. You know, we've both gone to NACo but same thing with all of the other, URISA and GITA, and all the different other conferences, the assessment conference, you know. They're there and they're willing to answer questions so they're...

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, if Google is willing to give up Google Maps to use ESRI Maps, it says something.

MR. MEDEIROS: Yeah, also, I don't know if you heard but Intergraph is now going to integrate ESRI mapping into their system and those were two huge competitors for the last 20 or 30 years. And so that...I think that tells you something so that'll be good.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Medeiros. Questions for Mr. Medeiros, Members, regarding B and C Accounts? I think you did a very good job, Mr. Medeiros, so thank you very much for the time before the Committee and continue the good work on the County's behalf.

MR. MEDEIROS: You're welcome and anytime you have questions, just give me a call. I may...I may have long answers, but usually I have answers.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I understand, I understand. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Medeiros. And thank you, Mr. Ching, from the Department of Management. We appreciate your presence.

DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, we shall now bring up the Department of Prosecution. And mister...we have Mr. Kim joining us this evening so thank you, Mr. Kim, for your patience and waiting for your Department's opportunity to share your comments with us. You have two program areas, Admin and General Prosecution so why don't you start with the...any comments regarding Salary and Wages or A Account for your Administration Program, please.

MR. KIM: Currently the...well, first of all, thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, good evening, Councilmembers.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good evening.

MR. KIM: As far as the A Accounts, we have not asked for any expansions in the Administration for positions or E/Ps.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. KIM: Basically we're staying...staying the same. We did lose our Accountant III position to retirement and it's been a little bit of a struggle in the last three months or the last...this first quarter...well, third quarter with the staff having to double up and do double work.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That's it for your...this area?

MR. KIM: For the Administration, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Victorino, any questions for Mr. Kim at this point regarding A Account for Admin Program?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I mean, thank you, Mr. Kim. I mean I...you know, after going through and listening to the people, you know, I kinda hoped that you'd come back...come here this year maybe looking for one more position. But if you think you can handle with what you have, good luck to you. Thank you very much, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll, any questions for Mr. Kim under the Administration of the Prosecution Attorney...Prosecuting Attorney?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: No, reviewing what we have, nothing jumps out at me. So not now.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you, Chair. Very straightforward.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, a responsible budget once again. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I love this. Mr. Kim, let us please move on to B and C Accounts, please. And you can if you wanna highlight certain components of the Budget, please do so. You know, you have a pretty straightforward request which I thank you very much for. But anything you wish to comment on regarding your B and C in Admin Program?

MR. KIM: No, basically we've been able to use grant monies to get our...purchase major equipment. Our copy machines we switched over to leasing instead of buying so we're

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phasing out all of the older machines that we've bought and have to maintain. The maintenance cost of leasing a machine and the cost of leasing the machine is much cheaper than having to buy the machine and then repair and maintain it throughout the years. And this way we worked out a situation where when the machine gets old, we get a new one for the lease and I believe that works out better. With respect to the...there's one cost that went up and that was to upgrade our records management system. We've fallen probably three or four steps behind and we had...basically that's just to keep track of all our statistics as well as all our cases. And so that's one cost that went up.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, the Committee has heard from various components of the Administration...we received various types of comments regarding records management. And I can tell you I had a good conversation with Mr. Mateo, the Clerk of the County, who has responsibility of records of the County to see if we need to update the records management policy of the County and what we would need to consider whether to expand the definition of what would be allowable for....what is the word...destruction of public records appropriately, what is to be appropriately retained in its original form even if we back it up with a digitized format, there's certain things that maybe for historical purposes need to be maintained. So it is a subject that I feel that, by the way I think Mr. Victorino's committee who has jurisdiction over this subject area, that the Council may in the near future make at least a review of the records management program for the County. And we would appreciate your comments since you have a lot of records to deal with.

MR. KIM: Thank you. We've integrated receiving police reports basically through I/LEADS the Intergraph system that the Police purchased and went online in June of 2010. There was an issue initially with how the Police reports were numbered as well as how each count in an incidence that occurred would be kept track of. So in Hawaii...in the State of Hawaii on our Criminal Data Justice System every count that's been arrested and charged is tracked through the system from the beginning when it first occurs and the person is arrested to the charging decision when it comes to our office and then through prosecution, whether or not it's dismissed, pled down, or plead as charged and what happens to the sentence. And so initially when, and this goes back to the prior Administration, I believe they were asked whether or not they wanted to get involved in designing or helping design what system that was gonna be coming through the Maui Police Department. The Maui Police Department at that time had a...their own records...not records, report writing system called Report Warrior. And they've used that for a long time and that was developed by a patrol officer and I believe it was licensed. The County actually licensed it. There was an issue on whether or not it could keep data or data points through the computer and so they were counting by hand those things. When Intergraph came in, they introduced a new record management system and how to keep track. The problem was they issued numbers for each and every arrest. So on January 1st, your...on 2010...I mean 2011, the first case was called 001 but if we decided not to charge and we had to release the defendant or there was enough evidence at that point and we indicted, say, in February 1st, a new report number would be issued on that second arrest. And so

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when we went to prosecute in March and convicted the guy, or the defendant, the criminal justice system, the data tracking system, could not keep track because they said, wait, January 1st when he was initially arrested for this offense, it was 001. February 1st when he was arrested on your indictment, there's a new police report number. And so we had to design or assist with the Police Department, design a system where it wouldn't cost them an arm and a leg to renumber or get a new numbering system. And it worked out. And so we get that through their computer on a level three that is, after it's gone through all its process, we get a...we can get an electronic copy. We print it out because we need to work through the paper. Once we get that report oftentimes we will get a FOIA request. We don't give it out because that is not our original documents. We did not create that. That goes to the Police Department. After the case is processed and disposed whether or not we charge or whether or not we dismiss the case, we take those written documents, we scan them, and we keep them in electronic form and get rid of the paper. And so we do not have to have a warehouse stacked full of police reports. So that's the current system we have. The records management system that we purchased, gee, must've been 14 years ago, which we upgraded in 2011, has a capability of now storing those police reports as PDF files. And we're looking into trying to get them out to the defendants through their lawyers through electronic discovery instead of giving them the paper, either handing them a disk or getting them the PDF files just to manage that. Now once the case is over and there's no appeal, those reports, the written reports like I said are destroyed and we keep a virtual copy of that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that explanation. Members, questions regarding the Admin Program B/C, Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And again I think you going, you know, this was based upon the Budget Director's analyst, but I wanted to ask you in '13 you guys...I'm on Page 16-16 just so everybody knows what page I'm on. Electricity, 906156...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Hold on, Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I wanna finish the Admin Program first.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, I thought you went into...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah. And then we'll move right into General Prosecution.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, I apologize. I thought we were done with that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no. I'm hoping we can finish the Admin portion.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, I'm done.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. And so, well, I'm not sure if this applies in this section, but as we had just spoken to Mr. Verkerke in regards to...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Next, next division.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's under General Prosecution.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Got it, okay. Okay, that's why I was asking.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And then in, I guess, Department Summary. I can go here?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, okay. And so on the bottom of Page 584, it references Hawaii Leg law that was passed establishing environmental courts as divisions of the circuit and district courts to hear I guess environmental type of things.

MR. KIM: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Has that been implemented? And then it says that they wanted the Judiciary to convene a working group. So has that occurred and what's...how is it...

MR. KIM: There has been a working group initially to roll it out. Currently, it has not been established. We do have a plan. If that happens, we will probably need two support staff to do the paperwork and probably two attorneys so that we could staff that. Currently, when it was initially rolled out and announced by I believe Associate Justice Wilson, he had some statistics for us. At that time, you know, that Randy Awo was the Deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Enforcement Area. We had a lot of programs that came to Maui and so the stat that was quoted by Justice Wilson said that Maui County alone in last fiscal year did 1,523 cases with our population, counting all of the DLNR prosecutions. And that mostly occurred in the

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District Court, hunting violations, fishing violations, all that stuff, camping violations. Honolulu County...City and County of Honolulu did 1,583 so virtually we did the same amount of cases as they did. So when they open up Environmental Court, it will have jurisdiction both over the misdemeanors, violations, petty misdemeanors as well as any of the felony cases that occur. And those usually are handled by the Attorney General's Office for, say, pollution, ocean pollution, land pollution, and that sort of thing.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you.

MR. KIM: And so, it hasn't been established. The Judge, the Administrative Judge, the Honorable Joseph E. Cardoza has named his two judges to start that up once they get going. And I don't know if they have the budget for it at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. Be interesting to see how that pans out. That's all I have at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you, and thank you for the comments on the environmental court.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll, any questions for Mr. Kim? Okay. Any further questions, Members, for Mr. Kim on the Administration Program area? If not, let us move on to General Prosecution. Mr. Kim?

MR. KIM: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Changes in your A Account in this program area, please?

MR. KIM: The changes in the A Account, we've asked for one more position to assist us. We asked two last Budget season and we got one and that worked out pretty well. And we put that person into our Drug Screening Division. He's a drug attorney. We asked for one more position probably to assist us in District Court. And if not in District Court, it'll have to be addressed somewhere along the line. We have an increase of cases in District Court for misdemeanor violations at what not, and Traffic Court. I think that's the only increase we have.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Let me see where is that.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, I don't see that in...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I was just gonna say, I don't see anything.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Unless it's in the Details, I don't see any increase.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yet, I see 72,000 increase and I would imagine that is...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, the position he's talking about is on the bottom on Page 16-13.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: 16-13.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, but the component that Ms. Cochran has questioned about would be under the grant revenue portion since I believe it's a grant funded component under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. So, Ms. Cochran, if you wanna...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, thank you, Chair, I know you didn't wanna talk about grants, but I think it crosses over.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, we not...I don't have a problem because it's not really a...well, I mean it is but it isn't.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, but since it was already brought up by another department regarding the position which is --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --the A Account, I don't have a problem with us bringing it up now.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, yeah, so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Because it is a position.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And that's...yeah, I just wanted to go towards that point that was mentioned by Mr. Verkerke. Mr. Kim, in relation to I believe it was for Information Systems Analyst V position that had been previously funded via grant through the Edward Byrne...whatever...Memorial Grant of some kind. And I guess you folks decided to use...to apply for that grant for something else rather than this position that it had been used previously for. So he's now asking us for General Fund money.

MR. KIM: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And so just wanted, you know, more information.

MR. KIM: Yeah, the...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Let me first just say that I made a mistake.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, I brought up the Edward Byrne Justice Program grant and the Department is announcing their decision not to get the grant money. The .2 position is from another funding source, and for Mr. Kim that comes under the Criminal Justice Information System.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Could you give us the page number?

CHAIR HOKAMA: 16-21, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: 16-21?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, sorry, Chair, was confusing because .8 and a .2.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Of one --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --E/P and they were funded in different ways.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So it's the second component on that page that shows the minus 8, .8.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Minus .8 and the remaining of the point 2. I think that Mr. Verkerke was referring to...yeah, he incorrectly stated the funding source.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Got it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So automatically I looked at the Edward Byrne because there's already a deletion of position. Yeah, but that was incorrect on my part, so my apologies to everyone.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, I heard that too, though. Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: So please proceed with your question.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, sorry. So just in reference to this, and I guess the reason for switching out the usage of the grant money and not funding that...the

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Analyst...I guess it's in that Department but the monies had come through your Department.

MR. KIM: That's correct. We initially applied for the grant the year prior and we needed someone to assist us in analyzing/integrating our computer system, not only with the Police Department because my goal was to go through electronic discovery, but we also had to face electronic filings with the court system. And so you need to appreciate that the court rolls out the programs, they basically tell us this is what's gonna happen, we make noise. I said we'll accept your electronic filing system so long as your system allows us to do electronically what we can do manually. It's like the Chair said before, we don't want to have to bend our ways because your technology says you have to do it this way. And we tried to get that across to the courts saying, look, if we can file a document using two defendants on the same indictment, we should be able to do that...we do that manually, we should be able to do that electronically. We're getting cases spit back to us because, oh, you can't do that because our system won't accept it. Well, that's unacceptable, because we got two people committing the same crime, you cannot tell me I have to file two separate indictments or two separate complaints. And then the court won't join this up and put it in two different courtrooms. That's ridiculous. And so there was a external battle going back and forth. The second thing is because of our Administrative staff and support staff learning how to do the electronic filing, when it came...when they rolled it out for District Court in the Second Circuit, we were the only circuit that was able to keep up and do the work. As a matter of fact, we burnt out their computers because their computers were a little bit old. I'm not talking about the Judiciary. They could not handle the load. Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu in the First Circuit gave up electronic filing because they had too many cases and the system could not handle it. And so we believe they went out too early. We needed somebody in the know of how these systems work and so we could integrate it. We're not only looking at the electronic filing with the court system, we're also looking at the backend of records management with something called HIJS, Hawaii Information Justice System, which is...they call it a portal system. Basically we keep the records but we allow people to come in and look at them once they're vetted. And so we're looking at the HIJS system which will give us data through firearms as well as criminal information, records information from the various circuits. Also hook into driver's licensing and once we get it, into the Department of Health for mental health records and so we know who we're dealing with. The other final step would be to get into the Juvenile Justice System so we know if a individual coming from a different venue, say First Circuit or Third Circuit or Fifth Circuit, they're not to own, possess, or control a firearm until age...after they pass age 25. We don't have that information. If they come into our County, go hunting and they're holding a gun, but was adjudicated as a minor, and having committed a felony offense, we can't even charge them properly because we don't have access to that information currently until either the law change or the courts say we can. And so the Computer Analyst that was hired to do this, has years and years of experience with working with the criminal justice information systems. And so we asked her what we needed to do, she was more comfortable and I guess it was better housed with the IT system and so they could integrate. So we

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wouldn't have the same problem we had with MPD when they chose a records management and report writing system which we could not work with all the other various agencies that are involved in the keeping track of criminal offenses.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. KIM: And with respect to not going...the Edward Byrne grant back in the day when I was first started out, they had millions and millions of dollars to go around, and that was the Federal monies. Slowly but surely that shrank. Right now we have the discretionary awards of grants of \$2 million a year, it used to be 8 or 9. And so we compete for those grants, and so it wasn't a sustainable grant and we understood that and we believe...or we had asked that it be picked up later on by IT. That's what's going on.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Okay, well, thank you for the explanation. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, you know, I do have one question and we still on the A Account, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, it shows here that your 2015 Budget you had 65 E/P. I go 2016 you still have 65 E/P, and you're telling me you're adding one.

MR. KIM: Well, I...I'm sorry, I misspoke. We are adding one but it's like a limited term appointment. We have a one-year grant from the Edward Byrne's Foundation --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, okay.

MR. KIM: --to do drug screening.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. KIM: And so that's what that is.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, just because you said you adding one and I cannot get the number to match so I was like --

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MR. KIM: I'm sorry, that's the addition.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --what. No offense, Mr. Chair, I apologize, you know.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's getting late and I'm still catching things. That's bad. Thank you, Chair. That's all.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White, anything further for Mr. Kim --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --on this A Account? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No, nothing further.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch? No?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa? No?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll? Okay, let us move to your B and C Accounts, Mr. Kim, under General Prosecution.

MR. KIM: Again, the B and C accounts are...probably remain the same. We do a lot of our Equipment purchases through the forfeiture money that we get through General Prosecution. And so year to date, it was slow in the first quarter. The Attorney General's Office who...runs the 712A Hawaii Revised Statutes Forfeiture Program, in the first quarter they weren't moving anything, and now they're moving stuff. I believe we're up to about \$37,000 in forfeitures for this fiscal year, out of, I believe, 170,000 that was forfeited in Maui County alone.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. KIM: Oh, I misspoke. We're 31,000 currently out of 139,000 that was forfeited.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Kim, you know, in the last expense run we have, under Other Costs which is 6218, that's your Meal Allowance, Miscellaneous Costs, Other Costs, 6221, and then you got 6225, your Publications. Can you tell us how...what happened to your requests for these expense areas?

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MR. KIM: I'm sorry, Chair, our what?

CHAIR HOKAMA: My question here is that part of last year's Budget, you came in for a \$500 request--and you know, 500 is not a big amount, we understand--but at this point in time, you're 504 percent over budget.

MR. KIM: That's correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, you know, I mean something must've happened for your Miscellaneous costs so can you kinda give us an understanding of what occurred that made you have you to incur all those additional expenses.

MR. KIM: If you take notice on 6240, Retirement and Service Awards, we had a lot of retirements, and so we are facing staff who have to work overtime and to keep up with the work until we find staff to replace those retirees. And that's been an issue with movement, retirements and people leaving.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, no, as long as you can explain it, we appreciate that, Mr. Kim. Mr. Couch, I'll start with you. Questions for Mr. Kim under the General Prosecution Program for B and C?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll, anything for Mr. Kim? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, and I guess the question I was asking earlier was under the Sub code 6120, the Electricity.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I can see where you guys have only used 3,558, at this point about 8 percent of your...excuse me, excuse me, go back. Electricity, I correct myself. You've used 72, 77, 76, no, I'm sorry. Okay, I'm trying to...you know what, I'm trying to read the actual versus current month and anyhow, it shows that you guys have actually used up to this point, \$8,143. And you guys are budgeted for next year 4,635. Okay, this is the first time I've actually seen an actual versus what is projected by your Director. And I've been getting the same answer from all the various

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departments when I say, how come the big reduction. And I've heard that it was, and it says here, inflationary adjustments, but it's a minus.

MR. KIM: Which line are you talking about, 6120?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'm talking about a line 906...this is on Page 16-16.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right in the middle, Mr. Kim.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right in the middle, 906156, Electricity. And as of right now, you've used under this report we've gotten from you, 8,143 thousand...8,143. So my question is, I guess the Budget Director made these adjustments, but it's not panning out, Mr. Chair, to what we have sitting here in front of us in the actual.

MR. KIM: That's...you're correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, you know, we're putting them behind the eight ball right off the bat, you know. And I don't understand what...and maybe when Mr. Baz come back he can share with us. You don't have photovoltaic, you don't have PV on your building, do you?

MR. KIM: No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, just asking. So, Mr. Chair, I just...I'm very worried that we keep coming up consistently these big minuses or these big changes and when yet the actual for this Department, 'cause I have it, is \$8,100 as of this point.

MR. KIM: That's a good...that's a good point. I'm gonna have to follow up.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. So, I mean, that's...and that was my real bugaboo.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I've been making that a bugaboo all day, Mr. Chair. But I think now that I finally saw one actual, you know, I can actually see that there may be some problems. I don't know how Mr. Baz is coming up with this...these figures and saying that these electrical rates will drop tremendously. Even though it was budgeted for 4,200, I guess 2014...last year you guys were budgeted for 18,160 and so I'm curious why. But anyhow, Mr. Chair, something that I would look forward to seeing when Mr. Baz comes back and ask him why he decided to go across the board because it's basically all said, inflationary adjustments based upon the Budget Director's analysis. So I'd like to know how he was making those various analyses so we can make sure the departments don't have...get stuck someplace along the line. We wanna go zero-base budget, but I mean if we're starting 'em behind the eight ball with certain areas, I'd be concerned, Mr. Chair. So that's all I have to say. That's enough. Thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And I...just make a little correction. It was budgeted at 18,000 last year as shown in the Details, but on the IFAS report it says \$8,100 is the budgeted amount. They've actually spent 15,800.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, excuse me, you're right. I was reversing.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So I'm wondering if Mr. Kim is picking up all the Electrical charges for the charging unit outside his door.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I apologize. Thank you for that correction.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch is charging is his car at Mr. Kim's expense.

MR. KIM: I believe the Electricity charge that we have here on the budget is to pay for our lease agreement, the building that we're leasing on the 2103 Wells Street.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The Prosecuting...the main building is covered by this building?

MR. KIM: By Public Works.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, the Ueoka Building?

MR. KIM: Yeah, the Ueoka Building.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Oh, okay.

MR. KIM: So that's...that's...I don't understand that either.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. KIM: 'Cause I mean I...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The way it looks...it looks like that's a...that allocation of \$4,600 isn't gonna make it.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I understand your questions, Members, and you know, again we need to await and let Mr. Baz be able to give his responses when he returns.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Chair, we're getting a response from him as we speak.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sure he's rolling around stretching the stitches.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I wanna apologize upfront to Mr. Baz but we really do need...I mean what we're looking at 15,000 versus 4,000 is really putting . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Baz I can tell you wants to be here, Members. He wants to be here.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, 'cause he may wanna stay out till May. Ms. Crivello, any questions for Mr. Kim?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Not at the moment, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll? Okay, I think it's pretty straightforward. We'll do the General Grants Program...actually most of your grant revenue is just for salaries and wages, correct, Mr. Kim?

MR. KIM: That's correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. So any comments, additional comments you wanna give on your grant revenue on your positions, Mr. Kim? You made comments already, Justice, Criminal Justice, Edward Byrne, any other components you'd like to share comments on regarding your grant revenue for positions?

MR. KIM: There was an announcement I think after we put the Budget together. Maui County...or actually the State of Hawaii Victim-Witness Program will be getting a substantial increase in a grant from the Federal government. And I think Maui County's share is, what...six? Six? 300? 250,000? 350,000 of a \$6 million grant, conditional grant from the Federal government, Statewide.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, great.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, sir?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Before we move on...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And thank you, Mr. White, for correcting me but now my question is, and, you know, I hate to bring up another issue but why is we showing that we adopted 18,000 and we just go back to the Electricity again. It says we adopted 18,164, right? And then you're saying, no, it was amended to 8,143. Should that not be shown there because that's what we adopted at the very end?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, that the two of us were both confused.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We were on...because we were looking at the Admin electricity bill.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, please don't look at the wrong division's numbers, Members.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And on the Details we were looking at the General Prosecution. So Mr. Baz's adjustment looks appropriate because if you look at the General Prosecution number, it's the 18,164 and they've only utilized 2,045. So the 4,000 adjustment seems to be in line.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That would be a correct --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Michele.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, thank you, Michele.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --adjustment.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know, Mr. Chair --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --we're lucky we have Michele 'cause she catches us all the time. Thank you, Michele.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's why we are fortunate to have her with us. So one question just so we can be clear on your grant revenue for positions, Mr. Kim. What I wanted to ask you is regarding those grant revenues for your positions, do you...you know, I was just

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reading the increase...16-21, Mr. Kim, 16-21, bottom of the page. This comes from grant revenues and it's under the Special Needs Advocacy Program. So these two positions, your Witness Counselor II positions, both of them are funded by grant revenue and yet the comments. Is this civil service positions paid for by grants?

MR. KIM: I believe so.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Because if the grant funding disappears, why would I have to pick it up? They're grant-funded positions.

MR. KIM: You won't have to pick it up.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I don't have to pick it up?

MR. KIM: That's the quandary Hawaii County is facing.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But if they're civil service, they don't have contractual protection even if they're funded from the Fed's?

MR. KIM: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Make sure that's on the record because if your grant funding disappears, I don't wanna see one General Fund request. Okay, other questions, Members?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: For Mr. Kim on the General Prosecution? B and C Accounts? Mr. Kim, any closing comments? I thank you very much for your patience and presence here this evening.

MR. KIM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My only closing comments is to remind the Council that we're actually part of law enforcement but we're on the...normally on the end 'cause we seek retribution for our victims. And we're also on the front end where we seek to educate our law enforcement officers to make sure that we're following the Constitution in everything we do. And so we've had reach out and assist as well as try to collaborate and cooperate, collaborate with other law enforcement agencies. We were probably the first to put together DLNR Coast Guard Maui Police Department to protect our swimmers and divers to get that information so that the tragedies that you see that occur to our citizens that are using the waters that they're safe. We've prosecuted the negligent homicide cases or negligent injury cases where swimmers are being run over by boats. And other jurisdictions have said, oh, that's not our kuleana. That's a crime so therefore we're not gonna do it. Or, that happened in the water, we don't wanna do it. We've actually had them pull together to make sure that we do prosecute. And so that's been part of our philosophy is to try to reach out and work together.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, it's one death too late for Lanai regarding ocean water. But I appreciate your efforts, Mr. Kim.

MR. KIM: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any other comments for Mr. Kim? If not, thank you very much, Mr. Kim.

MR. KIM: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, I'll give you a short break and then we'll bring up the last Department for the evening which is the Corporation Counsel headed by Mr. Wong. So I rather give a short recess so we can go home earlier, Members, so five minute break. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 7:50 p.m.
RECONVENE: 7:58 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Okay, we shall bring this Committee meeting back to order, Members. We have the final department for the evening. That is the Department of Corporation Counsel. I think we can do this very well. It's basically just a General Fund consideration. They have one program area under Legal Services, and so at this time I will ask Mr. Wong, our Corporation Counsel, and also joining us is Mr. Kushi, our First Deputy, joining us this evening. So, Mr. Wong, your comments? Let's start with category A Accounts and any comments for your salaries and wages portion.

MR. WONG: Thank you, Chair. As you can see from our document, there are changes, some of which are reflected changes relative to increase and collective bargaining agreements amounts. Those are pretty straightforward and self-explanatory. There are proposed changes that I have in here that are different from the past that probably peaked most, if not all, of your interests. And I'm more than willing and capable of addressing it. First of all, there's a Environmental Compliance Officer which is a new E/P count and a Law Tech position relative to that. Mentioned earlier in the discussion with Prosecutor John Kim was referenced to the Environmental Law Court, and as you well know by State Statute, the Environmental Law Court was created and is being implemented this year. I did attend, as Mr. Kim did, presentations by Justice Wilson and we do anticipate that this year will be the implementation of the Environmental Law Court. In anticipation of that, I, and also knowing historically how our departments have operated, I have been looking for the opportunity to have a position within our Department to oversee environmental compliance, not just in Department of Environmental Management but all departments in anticipation of perspective claims that may be brought against the County before the Environmental Law Court. There's really only, in my view, the biggest target in environmental

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compliance would be the County. There are private entities out there that may from time to time have environmental issues but none of which are of the magnitude that the County's confronted with. So from my vantage point, I thought that the most reasonable method to be sure that we're ahead of the compliance issue and also in anticipation of increased litigation before the Environmental Law Court I'm suggesting a employee count increase for an Environmental Compliance Officer and a Law Tech I. Earlier I and may have had in a previous draft also a provision for a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the same topic. It's not reflected in this proposed budget but I know I did have a discussion with the Administration about that possibility. Is there any questions so far on that topic? Or do you want me to continue?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Just finish up everything under A Account, Mr. Wong.

MR. WONG: Okay, very good. And as you move down to...through the A Account, you see that within my budget I have proposed in here three Deputy Corporation Counsel expansion positions. If you recall during my confirmation proceeding, the topic of appropriately providing this body with adequate, unbiased counsel was raised several times. And it did not fall on deaf ears from where I'm sitting. As far as I'm concerned, I had thought of in this budget process my response to your concerns collectively. And I'm not suggesting that it was the entire body's concerns but it was certainly at the very least were concerns raised that I felt needed to be addressed. I did discuss with the Administration the prospect of bringing on new deputies to provide the Council with dedicated deputies solely to it. The discussion with the Administration was a back and forth discussion. The suggestion was made that...and I may be causing some nervousness and some concern when I say that the suggestion was made that Council Services currently has legislative deputies or attorneys on staff. I did meet with Council Services Director to discuss this topic with him, and he listened and didn't take a position one way or the other. I brought it to your attention in this mechanism because the way I see it, if you currently have staff on Council Services that are licensed attorneys that can certainly provide you with legal counsel but they're prohibited by doing that per Charter, why not rectify the Charter issue without having the Charter amendment? But instead moving not just the bodies but the positions and having those Council Services attorneys be deputies with all the privileges and all the obligation, be a full-fledged deputy as Mr. Ueoka here sits with us in the responsibility in providing guidance and counsel to the Council. Therein would be, in my view, no different than in a private law firm that has a satellite office with a managing partner that oversees those attorneys. They would be authorized by Charter to provide guidance and legal advice to this body. They would be Chinese walled from the rest of the attorneys that represent and could represent the departments. The apparent or implicit conflict that was referred to in my confirmation hearing would, in my mind, be cured. The need for independent advice and the need for Special Counsel in the event the Councilmembers have a disagreement with the Administration would be foregone. The attorneys that are hired are licensed from what I understand. Their licensure is paid for and maintained. I did review the County Code. There's nothing descriptive in the County Code that provides me any insight into their duties and responsibilities. So I'm making the suggestion from a

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budgetary standpoint that the bodies and the positions would be housed in my Department with a working relationship with the Council Services' Director. My only concern would be...my primary concern would be proper supervision of the deputies assigned to Council Services and under the Rules of Ethics, as the supervisor, I am responsible for the oversight of that work. But if you truly wanna look at the prospect of creating independent counsel for this Council without increasing the overall County budget, you have built in that process already. The alternative would be a Charter amendment or a Code amendment that allows you to create a position where the Legislative Attorneys can provide advice and counsel and be subject to the same rules of ethical responsibility that we are, and also provide you with the confidence of attorney/client protected communiqué. So I struggled through looking at how do we develop a process to provide you with the confidence and opportunity to have a separate core of attorneys that are equally licensed and equally dispatched with authority under the Charter. That's my answer. It may not fly and it may not be approved, but at least I gave it a shot. And my view is at the end of the day I think that if there's differences in opinion about whether or not the Legislative Attorneys can provide that counsel, I don't see why that Department and our Department cannot have a more closer working relationship such that they are freer to provide advice and counsel. They're lawyers, so are we, they're licensed and so are we. The only difference is the Charter allows us to provide representation and not them. With that said, I'll move on unless...and I'm sure you'll have further questions in that regard. But the numbers are a direct transfer of those. It would not require a Charter amendment. It would not require a Code amendment. It would require, in my view, a clear line of authority and as I discussed with Director Raatz that unfortunately the component of supervisory capacity would fall directly under my Department, under me. And I've spoken with First Deputy Kushi about this briefly and I think certainly we can identify a second First Deputy in the Department to be the supervisory attorney that would be responsible directly for the work. So with that said I don't think I have anything further in that regard. If there's any specific questions about our A Account, I'm ready and able to answer those questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Wong. First I wanna say thank you. The Chair appreciates you coming up with a proposal at least for us to consider regarding concerns you've heard over time serving as Corporation Counsel regarding some of the concerns that Council itself has presented regarding representation or who could give us appropriate advice upon disagreements with the Administration. So I wanna thank you that you gave us a proposal. It's much appreciated. And so saying that, let me ask a few...under the...regarding Act 218 and the creation of additional Compliance Officer and whatnot, why aren't we receiving State funding to implement their mandate? Or is this not a mandate? 'Cause I feel I'm very knowledgeable about the State Constitution.

MR. WONG: Chair, that's a very good question. I don't believe the State has sufficient funding to properly create their own Environmental Law Court. Quite frankly I asked those questions of Justice Wilson, and my questions were whether or not a additional judge and support staff would be created and placed in the County in order that they

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can properly address that topic. The answer was no, that they're creating a court based on one jurisdiction out of the East Coast that has operated such a court for ten years and has been, in their view, successful. Quite frankly, I believe the inception of the court was pressed by the Maui Legislative contingency and, you know, operationally the Judiciary doesn't have additional monies. But the judges will endure additional responsibility. I don't have any hesitancy in looking towards the State for funding for this type of position, but quite honestly, my thoughts were to propose this position even prior to the creation of the Environmental Law Court because in my view we as a County should be more progressive in keeping above and on top of our environmental issues. And we currently don't have one individual locale where we can review all our environmental issues for all departments. Each department has assigned to it items within their own department. But my concern is whether or not we have permits that may come to close to being lapsed, or there's areas of compliance that need to be reviewed and dealt with in anticipation of any fines and penalties. And I only bring it to you...my intention was to bring this forward sooner but I didn't have the opportunity last go around. And I thought that with the Environmental Law Court now in its inception, it's the appropriate time for us to do that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, well, I appreciate...I have issues with how the State just assumes the county's gonna pick up their tabs. This is Corp. Counsel, Mr. Victorino. This is under your Committee jurisdiction.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, thank you, Mr. Wong, and again I agree with you, Mr. Chair. Great proposal. I guess we're gonna have to vet through it. But I do have a question as far as this Environmental Court. I...God, many years ago, went to a seminar for which this Environmental Court, this one judge came and he was really into this Environmental Court and sat there and kinda explained everything to what they were doing. And I forget the state...was it Massachusetts? I...yeah, Massachusetts, right?

MR. WONG: I believe so.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I believe so, yeah. And, you know, the conception was great. And he also said that one of the things is, was for minor cases, not for large lawsuits and things of that nature. It was to take care of the regular every day, like guy leaves a car on the side of the road or somebody's piling rubbish. You know, things that really go untouched by the courts because it's...unless it's a dispute between neighbors or something that gets into, quote, physical confrontations. So, and all of us that sat there that day and listened to him, felt like, wow, that was a great idea, you know, to have a separate entity take care of these issues so we can move on and we're not sitting there tied up in litigation because this would be what I call the simplistic approach of taking care of our environment, especially all these little items that sometimes build up to be major problems. But am I hearing you right that this is maybe going to even further than that? And I stand corrected if I'm wrong and I apologize.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: Chair, thank you. Mr. Victorino, yes, this court as you may have heard referenced by Mr. Kim earlier, the Judiciary has identified two judges to head up the court. One will be at the District Court level and as you heard Mr. Kim describe, his prosecutors have the highest Statewide average of cases that were prosecuted. Those deal with items before the District Court. The actual...the actual creation of this court is for the Circuit Court --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. WONG: --to have a area of specialty. And, yes, the area of specialty will be environmental law which will include all clean air, clean water, and permitting issues. My concerns that I raised with the visiting justice was whether or not this court will reach back into administrative areas where we have current boards and commissions that have quasi-judicial roles that currently hear administrative hearings. And his answer was it is not the intention of the, at least in his interpretation of the law, to reach back and to dismantle any of the current boards and commissions that we have in play, for example, Board of Variances and Appeals. I told him that my concern would be if they did dismantle these boards and commissions, we would have more litigation than not, and that's certainly not what the Environmental Law Court was intended to do. What's intended to do is to create a judge that has greater expertise in the area of environmental law. So all topics environmentally related would be heard by the same judge. And the visiting judge that came in--I'm not sure if it was Massachusetts--but visiting judge did suggest that they're a unique court that does site inspections, that have done things on site when there's an allegation of a pollutant either nearshore, or adjacent stream beds, or what have you. The court would be able to do a site inspection to be able to determine whether or not there's a violation, and then deal with it quicker than the current process. So, yes, it's the creation of more than what you I think were exposed to, and yes, it's going to address all aspects of environmental law as far as I'm concerned.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you, and that's what I was afraid of. I mean we start with a concept and then it gets morphed into something much greater. And, you know, we'll see how it all pans out, but it seems like we're gonna have to spend some money in that respect which I think it's good. I mean I have no problem; however, the concept that was brought to us versus what we're ending up with is really, really different. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, it's funny how the State can have the best of intentions and we end up having to clean up the mess. No, but other than that, I don't have any questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Crivello?

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes, thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here. So when it comes to most of our environmental laws, it's regulated by Feds and State, right? And the oversight, it depends mostly if it's State land or waters, and so the jurisdiction to me in my limited knowledge is why aren't they providing the kind of compliance assistance or technical assistance that the County will need? So should we approach them that way instead of...'cause you would still have to work with these regulatory agencies, wouldn't we?

MR. WONG: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: When it comes to...I'm just trying to understand...like you have your environmental laws and it will affect our State lands and of course if we have our County lands. And the ocean side is State, and then you have your Federal oversight with the EPA, and so why are we providing the compliance officers?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: The Compliance Officer in my view as I envisioned it is for our benefit to be able to be sure that we're ahead of any allegation that we're in violation of any of our environmental laws. It is for ourselves to audit ourselves on a regular and consistent basis rather than wait for a citizens' group or for the Department of Health exercising its authority conferred upon it from the EPA to act. I would prefer to avoid a lot of time in the Environmental Law Court by creating a program in anticipation of it to have steps in place that if we end up there, that we can at least show that we've made a positive effort to mitigate any damages that may exist. So it really is a policing aspect on our own part, to self-police.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So...Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And I...we're...we're looking at additional two employees which, you know, I think it's worth for us to look into, but we have our regulatory branches that releases the permits. And the permits are processed so whether it's the...having to do with the minor/major SMA, the EIS', and even when it comes to building or even with the Department of Health, we have a process that we go through that the issuance of the permit will not be issued until we meet all the regulatory requirements. So we need a Compliance Officer to do that to oversight for the departments to see that we are in compliance on that level? Or are we looking at Solid Waste Department, for instance, to be in compliance?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: Chair, yeah. Actually, Member Crivello, it is all of what you just described. The opportunity for the Compliance Officer would be to look at Environmental

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Management, to look at Department of Water, to determine what permits to have in play and whether or not they're compliant with those permitting requirements, and to determine when we can close out those permits. Currently, there's...each department kinda does oversee, and my concern is there's no one depository of all those permits that the County's exposed for across the Countywide system. And the County itself has never undergone what, in my view, is an environmental audit to determine whether or not we have across the board, in all departments, areas where...may be questionable as to whether or not we're compliant with an environmental law or not. And it's the questionable ones that are difficult. You need to first identify it for what it is, provide insight as to what the requirements are and to determine whether or not certain steps need to be taken to be compliant. That is not a function that currently occurs. We currently are responsive in most times to circumstances, and so I believe that we should get ahead of the ball, ahead of the curve. And it doesn't hurt us to look at ourselves and to determine whether we are good stewards of the environment.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Boy, this is one interesting conversation. Before I recognize Mr. Couch, so, Mr. Wong, part of my concern, and I understand your preventive or in advance of potential issues your request for this compliance component, I am more concerned about the level of middle and top management of the departments who should know better in their professional areas of responsibility given by the Charter. That I really gotta think about you oversighting them which would be oversighting their ops people to see if we are in compliance of things they've applied for and should know better of 'cause that's what the bottom line is coming to me. The level of management and their level of competency in these areas...maybe we need to go to nomination and confirmation processes. If we gotta through all this type of prevention compliance considerations, it's making me wonder how we're running certain programs. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Are we just doing the --

CHAIR HOKAMA: A.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --Environmental...

CHAIR HOKAMA: A Account...any position...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, anything in there, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any position . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Because I agree with what my colleagues have said about the environmental positions so don't need to beat that one.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so you can talk about any --

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm gonna go to the...

CHAIR HOKAMA: --Corp. Counsel, they can talk about deputies, risk management . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: That's what I wanna do is to talk about the three expansion positions. You're proposing to take three positions from Council Services and move 'em over to yours, and have those three folks do all of the stuff that your Corporation Counsel guys, deputies, do for our committees. We have eight attorneys that deal with our committees. If I...I know we have eight committees, but I'm not quite sure. I think some people double up. The question I would...would think would be...would have was we should have the same amount of attorneys, if you're gonna replace your deputies with the Council's deputies, we should have the same amount that you have assigned to us. And now I understand your...like Mr. Ueoka just doesn't do Council stuff. He also does the department, whatever department he is fortunate enough to have to deal with when they have their things. And I know Mr. Hopper was Planning Committee and also Land Use, I think, and Planning Commission. And you have all your boards and commissions they have to deal with. How would you reconcile that? I would think three...assigning only three to Council might not be enough.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: Chair, I think that in order to answer that question I think you...I should provide to you the listing of assignment areas that we have for counseling and drafting attorneys because the areas of law that each deputy is assigned to is pretty extensive. Not just the committee but also the department, multiple departments, and then within the departments there's other areas that each are assigned to. For example, a department may have a certain contract that needs drafting. Well, what we've done internally is the department that has that attorney assigned to it, that attorney is responsible for drafting that contract. And for some departments, they're more active than others. So depending on the attorney and the deputy, the volume of work, it's actually overwhelming. On the other hand, if Mr. Ueoka was relieved of his duties solely as it relates to this Committee, removing him from every Committee assignment is not going to cut his work in half. It's not even close to half. He still has a voluminous amount of work because there's things that come up on a daily basis. And depends on what area of topic the question may be from the Council or from the Administration, it goes to a particular deputy assigned to an area of law. I believe that if the four attorneys, or three attorneys are solely responsible for the Committee appearances and the Committee work, without taking on any of the other responsibilities that the counseling and drafting attorneys have, I don't think that that's an unbearable request. I think that...I'm not able to speak to all the work that they currently perform within Council Services, but I'd like to think that a large component of it is doing research and writing assignments for this body anyway that would be consumed within their role in advising this body. On any given day you could have in a Committee meeting the attorney, the deputy from Council Services

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sitting to represent this body, and Mr. Ueoka sitting to represent the Department. The two attorneys can have a conversation, they can agree or disagree respectfully. But at least you have the opportunity to have a vetted question where the current perception, at least for some, is a awkward bias towards one entity or the other, in my view should be cured because of the separation, the pure physical separation, of work and responsibility. So I don't believe that, and I'm not minimizing the work that the committees are required to cover, but at any given sitting I don't think that the three assigned deputies could not divide the work amongst eight committees.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, I'm assuming that you're also having...you would...your thoughts in this is that they would be doing the same work that they've doing now for it.

MR. WONG: Correct, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, they're kind of overwhelmed on that already, then you're adding the committee work so I...that's my only concern with doing something like that, and I mean it's something we can discuss, of course. But if we were to do something like that, I'm not sure that three would be enough. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: If you're lobbying me for more positions, Mr. Couch, it's the wrong night.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, I'm not. I'm just saying...I'm just saying, Mr. Chair, that...I don't know, the system we have now, while it has some perceived flaws, I don't think it's that bad. I think it actually is working well. It's worked well for the County for a long time. It's just an interesting concept, and if we went that far, then we may have to discuss duties and job description kind of thing. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Well, at least Mr. Wong gave us a proposal for at least consideration and discussion which the Chair appreciates. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And, yeah, thanks for your comments too in regards to the Environmental Compliance Officer. When I had brought up the subject with Mr. Kim, my thought and reasoning behind this was to vet through a lot of the, I guess, DOCARE officer type issues through this court system versus have to go through Oahu or wherever they normally do because they're mostly State type infractions. But yet you've created this position which is solely looking at us, the County, for environmental issues which I didn't even gather this out of what the intent to me was with Act 218 when I was speaking to Prosecuting Attorney's Office. So it's kinda got switched around in the sense where I see perhaps Prosecuting Attorney's Office should move forward and he claims two more...two staff and two attorneys in his area to sorta comply and get this kinda up and off the ground. And in your end, you're saying three attorneys, the Compliance Officer and Law Technician in Risk Management?

MR. WONG: No.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay, well, sorry. Oh yeah, three attorneys are what Mr. Couch is referring to.

MR. WONG: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, sorry. The two...you're saying in Risk Management and...so I'm looking in the Risk Management. I don't see the bodies there, but you have in the top --

CHAIR HOKAMA: The two positions are...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --section.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran, is under his Legal Services Administration component of his Salaries and Wages so that would be on Page 2-4 of the Details on the top.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, yeah, I see them there. So anyways, Chair, I just...you know, I was more looking at this whole court thing, Environmental Law Court thing more for the broad, general public and not really focusing on what are we, the County, 'cause I agree with you. We the County should have our act together and knowing that we're in compliance or not and how do we become compliant if not and so on. So those are just my thoughts for now in this regard.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Exciting ending to a long day.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And really a meaty thing to talk about. The Environmental Court intrigues me. I think I must've gone to the same meeting that Mr. Victorino went to because I was there where this judge came down and they showed all of the movies of what he's done on the mainland, and one of the things that he showed that really caught my interest because, you know, I have this problem about people with rubbish in their yards. And he showed...he showed these houses that were just piled up with stuff, and one of the things that the Environmental Court did was, you know, they would go in and take these people into this court and they'd get rid of it. They'd order it cleaned and done and gone and it really helped a lot with getting slum and blight out of communities. And so that caught my interest and I thought it was great. And obviously an Environmental Court will look at larger issues like, you know, we have a lot of environmental issues here in the County that are large. But for me that

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idea of just having a place where you could go and say, clean up that neighborhood would be wonderful because it would really help us. So I like it and I think it's a good thing. I don't know how we're gonna staff it or whatever, but so who doesn't give us unfunded mandates? We're flooded with them. And so it's our decision, you know, about how we handle it. And somebody smarter with numbers, then we will figure it out so I'm not going there. But I wanna comment on this idea of your proposal. You know, essentially what I'm hearing is we have three Council attorneys that would physically move their offices into...where're you, third floor?

MR. WONG: Yes, we're on the third floor.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, so we would actually move 'em out of Council Services, 7th floor, no?

MR. WONG: No.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: They would still be on the seventh floor?

MR. WONG: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, so the bodies wouldn't move, only the people, or the position, or the authority, or the oversight.

MR. WONG: The oversight and the authority.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, would move to you. So that won't help Council Services at all. We need...we need the space. Take 'em. You have better nice offices than we do on the seventh floor. I'm just joking. But, you know, when our attorneys come to these meetings, Council meetings, committee meetings, many times they are here, but they sit over there. And so when the discussion is coming and we need some kind of legal assistance, they're kinda...they're not asked and they're just there. And should there be some real contentious issue, then we have a conversation and a recess and whatever. What I'm seeing or hearing is that they'll be sitting, like, by you and would be participating actively in this discussion. And is that that...that's what you're thinking? I'm trying to think the scenario out in my mind.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: Chair? Yes, they would be replacing Mr. Ueoka over here who would be moving one seat over, and they would be sitting here and should there be a legal question from the body, then that attorney would answer it.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So the Council Services' attorney would be the one who would answer and your...the other person, or the other attorney who represents the department would be there as a...like a reference or somebody to help or.

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MR. WONG: In the event the department requires an attorney to be present. Otherwise, more than likely I don't anticipate having a deputy sit here to represent the department. The department in most circumstances can directly answer your questions. It's only in those awkward moments where they feel uncomfortable and you're feeling uncomfortable that those situations would require another deputy.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, most of the time in committee meetings, and now I've sat through I'm going on my ninth year of committee meetings, there are not many meetings where we get into heavy duty legal questions. Most of the time...in fact, we may not even talk to the Corporation Counsel person for the whole meeting, but every now and then we do and they become the star. So I agree with you...I agree with you that, you know, it would happen but, you know, not all the time. So I'm just trying to figure out in my mind how this will allay the concerns that we've heard from some of the Members who feel uncomfortable about the representation. I don't know if this would do it. I really don't know if this would do it. And for me I don't have a problem with the system we have right now because I've always had tremendous cooperation and, you know, I was Chair for two years and anytime I ran into something that I felt uncomfortable about or I knew I should ask, I always got Corp. Counsel down and I got tremendous advice, and I have to say I never got into trouble. So, you know, to me the proof of the pudding is eating it, right. And I was able to survive with the advice that was given to me. So I think it's a, you know, interesting proposal, and I don't know where it's gonna go. But I just wanted to, in my mind, kinda figure out more clearly about how this would actually work. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll? Mr. Victorino, any questions further on A Account?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I think we've discussed this fairly thorough so I guess we're gonna have to look at this proposal and, like I said, I'm kinda torn because I agree that it seems to work even though there is some challenges, but I guess I'll just wait and see what we come up with. But thank you, Mr. Wong, for at least listening to the concerns of the Members here. I appreciate that. And I think, Chair, that's something that I can honestly say in the past maybe that wasn't always the way it was with Corporation Counsel.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And again, we're at a point where the Council from earlier, earlier decades had similar concerns and that is why through the Charter be...with the provision of special counsel. And I think it really crystallized during the Mayor Lingle's era because that's when the Council took Admin to court. And Council won but it was a...and for those of us that were around this area in various situations can tell you that it was difficult times for the County. But that is our option. If we can't...do not agree with Mr. Wong at this time, the current Charter allows us to go and seek special

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counsel to get another adviser for the body which we've utilized at times. So again, Mr. Wong has given us another option for consideration and we can have additional discussion, Members, but I'd like to move on to have Mr. Wong bring up the Ops component of his Department. So, Mr. Wong, if you got comments for B and C, we are very much interested in hearing those comments. Or if Mr. Kushi has anything to share, we are happy to have his comments also.

MR. WONG: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. WONG: There is, as it relates to expansion in the Budget, an area that I have proposed for the attendance of the annual Municipal Attorneys Conference which I understand preceded my employment with the County. I've had numerous meetings with my counterparts and the discussion has been that the County of Hawaii will have its annual Municipal Conference this year in August. The suggestion from, of course, Hawaii County was to see how many deputies and/or staff can attend. I understand the issues were very broad and allowed all the department attorneys to interact between the various counties. Also I understand that it had opportunity for the Administration and Council to attend. And that my view of the agenda is that it covers many areas that the counties are dealing with across the board. And in my view attending a conference of this type rather than having the attorneys go to different national conferences, this is a municipal conference among our sister counties. So in as much as we have almost identical issues, their methodologies in dealing with it may be different from ours, and we could learn from them and so too they could learn from us. And I've sat through several meetings with my counterparts and I guess historically this conference moved from different counties, and I don't know if Maui County ever hosted it. I do know that they wanna reinstate it this year to have Hawaii County revive it and I've suggested that if we're gonna do it, I would want to have that conference in our County also. I've spoken to different deputies who attended it in the past and I understand that most of the deputies did attend and it was well worth it. I also spoke to other department heads that have attended the conference in the past. And I understood from department heads, Tax for example, found that it was beneficial because other Real Property Tax Officers were also there at the conference and they also had their own type of meeting. I suggested to Council Services Director that we could conceptually have Council Services issues also on the agenda and the other municipal attorneys were, of course, very open to that concept. I put in a proposal for most of, if not, the entire staff to attend. They will have administrative training for staff also. And I understand that the Department in the past did attend and they, although most of the attorneys and some of the staff attended, they were still able to operate. So I think it's a...I don't know if this is just a one-shot deal. I think that it's worth it for the collaboration of thoughts with our sister counties. So that's the only other, I believe, area of expansion in my proposal.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Wong. And, of course, we are part of the State association and I'm sure since Maui is hosting this year's State conference in

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June, I'm sure Mr. Victorino as our State representative and Mr. White as our Council Chair might be able to see if there's opportunities to have a component at the conference to allow attorneys such as yourself of the various counties to have a workshop or a component at the conference. But this is trying to be...trying to reestablish as an annual conference as I understand it, Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: Chair, yes, I understand that this is...this would be the eighth annual Municipal Attorneys Conference.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So stating that I would say that I can be very supportive, but if it's gonna be an annual, I don't have a problem with you only taking half the staff every year because would be our good luck that when you guys are all gone, something's gonna hit the fan here, and we're gonna need legal counsel advice. And then they're gonna go, they're all at the conference. I...I'm gonna make sure we avoid that scenario. So again I'm just suggesting that that may be one way for us to be supportive and yet you still can take your staff and it's gonna be every other year, but they get to go every other year at least to the conference, and not impede operational requirements of the County at home. It's just something that I would ask for a consideration. Ms. Baisa, any comments on B and C? I know he highlighted the conference component.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just to share some manao. You know, I do understand the value of getting together with one's peers and colleagues. And I think, you know, I don't have any objection to the idea. I think it's great. I don't have a problem about you guys going. Thank God nowadays with tablets and telephones and computers and Skype and whatever, we can find you. We can even find people in the hospital for people like Sandy who's watching this thing tonight. Hi, Sandy, I hope you're doing well. You know, we can find you anywhere. But cost, of course, is always a concern, and you mentioned something, Mr. Chair, which I think is very relevant. If all these conferences happen at the same time, it's a drain not only on the participants but also on putting the whole thing together. Unfortunately, the well gets kind of dry to pay for all of it. So I like the idea. I'm just, you know, worried about adding one more thing. But, you know, it is good to maybe...you know, I know the value of the national opportunities that I had in learning about the rest of the nation and making contacts and the types of colleagues that you can say, hey, send me a copy of your grant proposal, or you know, how did you deal with the auditor on this or whatever. It's good to have those contacts. It's kinda sad, how did they...why did they stop doing it if this is the eighth annual?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: Chair, I understand from former Corporation Counsel on County of Hawaii that the County of Hawaii was last to host it and I'm not sure why it fell through, but it did. That one last year and the group never did come back to revive it again. And from my first date of joining the County and my first attendance and my colleagues' meeting it was discussed back then. And every year I guess they got too busy and every year they kept putting it off to the next year. So I didn't get any real direct answer as to

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why they stopped it, but they still had the plans to do it and I think this year they've actually made an active effort by scheduling the location, by scheduling the topics, and by taking the issue on directly to have it.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So somebody just dropped the ball and it didn't happen. But you do meet on a regular basis like we have HSAC where we meet regularly and, you know, keep things going.

MR. WONG: I actually meet with just my counterparts. We try to meet every like three or four months to cover topics of general concern. We were supposed to meet actually this week, but we couldn't coordinate the dates. So we still have yet to meet again in this calendar year. But otherwise there is no other interaction with the municipal attorneys across the State.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah, Chair, I have no real opposition to it. It's just that, you know, I voice my concerns. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No. Thank you very much. Mr. Carroll? Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I'm okay with it and I'd like to, you know...even if all of them went and once every whatever years, I wouldn't have a problem. Like Ms. Baisa said, there's some way to contact them. And we're only an island away.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not when you need a signature.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, today...never mind.

CHAIR HOKAMA: On certain documents.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You can do a lot of things, but okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, I agree that it's an important thing to do and I like your solution of half at a time, or a third at a time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. I support training and, you know, networking though I'm not one who really likes to travel, depending where, and...but I believe in inoculations. I believe you and your staff will need, you know, that shot in the arm to get rejuvenated and just that networking with your peers. And I think what's much more impressive, it's within, you know, it's not...it's the different counties here and if you have resources that come from away, better yet, you know. But just to have that networking. So if we can find the means, mean and the greens, hopefully.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I fully support that kind of networking and that kind of discussions...those kinds of discussions. My concern is the wording. It says one-time appropriation to go to an annual conference. So does this mean you're only gonna go one time? Or, do you plan on doing it, as it kinda been discussed, every year even if it's half-half?

MR. WONG: Yeah, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: For example, on the year that it's hosted here, we certainly weren't gonna...we're not gonna have a budget...budgetary item in there for those values. But I appreciate the suggestion of alternating years and splitting up the group. That's certainly something worth looking at. Mind you, again, this is essentially the four counties and I think it's more than just networking because there's gonna be direct legal issues that I think not just Administration would benefit from, but this body would benefit from because you're gonna have, quite frankly...just take any area of topic, finance for example. We're gonna have the deputies that advise each body in finance sitting in the same room talking about the nuances of what they're confronted with in dealing with finance issues. Same is true for land use, same is true for environmental management. You know, City and County has a wealth of environmental management deputies there. They certainly, in terms of number, just sheer numbers, outpace our department like threefold. And so there's a lot of information that can exchange hands in one of these types of meetings. And I do know that our deputies do contact the sister counties on certain occasions to have brief discussions. We already do that. But the intent of the annual conference is to have big topics that the minds from the three different, or four different counties, the legal minds that provide guidance to those bodies weigh in on it. In my view, that's something a developer would want to pay to attend, is to listen to the insight from the four different attorneys that guide each county council. And that's not a component that the municipal attorneys conference has explored, but I certainly pitched it. And I see it as eventually a money-making opportunity that can be split to, I think, fund the annual expenses, and so my hope is that I ask once and I, you know, hopefully don't have to ask again. But in the event I do, it certainly will appear proportionately so to the numbers that would be attending the event.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I wanna bring up an area that is important to me, Mr. Wong. Can you tell us regarding the Risk Management Division that's within your Department now...you know, one of the areas that we keep hearing about and I hear about some sister counties issues across the country, so under our insurance portfolio regarding claims and settlements and whatnot, our riders, excess rider provisions, is there anything that you need to make us aware of at this point in time as it relates to the

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Budget regarding self-insurance or other components of that Risk Management is responsible for?

MR. WONG: Chair, as it relates to our excess coverage, I believe, except for workers comp in excess coverage we have renewed a flat policy, and the increase, I believe it was maybe 3 percent for excess work comp, was a direct result of our unfortunate event that occurred last cycle. And if you look at our numbers from...comp numbers for the past several years, and you go back to 2011 to the present, the numbers were incrementally coming down every year in claims and expenses, costs for claims. And we got greater coverage I believe for a lesser dollar value. We've been able to keep our excess carriers from doing what has occurred across the nation in other counties and that is a across the board incremental increase. So I'm pretty satisfied with the current coverage we have and the values that we've acquired. Our individual policies as it relates to motor vehicle coverage is something that I pushed for several years ago. And quite frankly, given the policy value versus the loss recovery, our loss recovery outpaced the policy value so we got back more than we paid in which resulted in the carrier this year kind of being concerned about issuing us a similar policy, but they did. We just changed the deductible a little bit and we have the same coverage, and I think that it's a valuable coverage because we recover our premium paid on an annual basis. So I think it's a valuable tool.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, very good.

MR. WONG: Also, if I may....

CHAIR HOKAMA: Please.

MR. WONG: In the process of handling our workers compensation claims, we last year went out for another RFP on the third party administrator and so effective, I believe, today, Sedgwick is our new workers compensation third party administrator. They were the successful bidder in the RFP that we issued and with Sedgwick comes a nationwide company with a vast experience, and I'm really looking forward to working with that group. And lo and behold, their bid was the lowest bid and outpaced, so we got a lower bid on a third party administrator with greater services. So I think we did a very good job. At least I would've...I appreciate our Risk Management staff in their efforts to explore the new third party administrator.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that. One last question and I'll have the other Members see if they have additional questions, Mr. Wong. Does the current Risk Management Officer of our County did any environmental review or something that you would have the potential compliance position handle since that would already part of Risk Management's general responsibilities?

MR. WONG: Thank you for the question. The direct answer is no. But her current role and duties are consumed daily by the amount of claims and issues that we currently deal with. So to add that to her responsibility I think would tax her even more. She does

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spend a lot of time and she's one of the last ones to leave the office on a daily basis. So she's a hard worker, and I don't want to burn her out, quite frankly. But I think that overall if we had another body to be able to explore these areas that she could provide some good guidance and some good direction.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for those comments. Ms. Baisa, anything else you wanna ask Mr. Wong?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you, Chair. It's been very...a good discussion.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Carroll? Mr. Victorino, any last questions for Mr. Wong?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, Mr. Wong, you know, I guess I was looking over the report that was given to us about the workers comp that was as of February 28, 2015. It has the forecast for 2016 which I agree. When I looked at the numbers, excellent. But I was curious in one particular area under reserves. If you look down, all the way down to Planning, you have 8,500 in reserves. That's it? I'm looking at the report now.

MR. WONG: In terms of planning?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Planning, yeah. I guess that's the Planning Department, right?

MR. WONG: Yeah, and...

CHAIR HOKAMA: You referring to the Risk Management report, Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, that's the one you gave us.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, yes, all the Members have that report.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, and you don't have...I apologize if you don't have it. I'm really sorry.

MR. WONG: That's okay. I'm familiar with it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. So just was asking a question in that respect.

MR. WONG: Yeah, yeah. I haven't had a specific discussion with Lydia about that number.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. WONG: But my projection is because the amounts that we've already paid out, we've exhausted our self-insured retention value and so we're well into our excess insurance company's coverage.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. WONG: And so there are a few things that may still remain and, but as it relates to those major claims they are I think currently 100 percent covered by our excess carriers.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: 'Cause I would've expected a lot...a lot larger number in the reserve, knowing what I know. And that's --

MR. WONG: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --what I'm trying to get to.

MR. WONG: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's...but I mean I trust that what is in this report is as accurate as the date it was produced and maybe there are other aspects that haven't come out to this point. So that was my only question. Thank you very much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. With the insurance program that you put in place, what is the net hit that we've seen on the self-insurance line?

MR. WONG: The net excuse me?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What has been the impact on the insurance program and self-insurance program line item in the Countywide expenses?

MR. WONG: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: If your question is whether or not our self-insurance program has experienced any value-added given our insurance policies...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, I'm assuming that since we have insurance it has covered some of the significant items this past year. I'm...we had budgeted \$8 million for the self-insurance line in Countywide expenses. Do you know how much of that has been utilized?

MR. WONG: Currently as I sit here, no, I don't. But I believe majority of the values are still there, except for several large claims that we had from that one event that has

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exhausted our self-insured retention on each claim. So, you know, it's a half million per claim.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right.

MR. WONG: But otherwise I believe most of the values are still there except for the settlements and judgments that we've paid out based on approval by the Council.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No questions. Thank you.

MR. WONG: Sure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, Chair, thank you. So just to recap in reference to the Hawaii County Corporation Counsel's annual conference, I guess the total bill looks like at about 125,000?

MR. WONG: Oh, no.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: If I add up all the separate line items together for airfare, for all the different areas, that's what I'm totaling. So that's not...sorry? No, I'm just...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: The increases.

MR. WONG: Yeah, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: I don't believe that's the accurate value. If you add the numbers up for the attendees and the airfare and such, I think the number is, as Mr. Kushi has provided me including risk, would be around \$43,750.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, okay. I was just totaling up the wrong numbers then. 'Cause I'm just totaling up the 2016 proposed dollar amounts. In each area it says one-time appropriation, so that's where I got my 125,000. But if that's not the case then...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we need to just add up the expansion requests instead of the . . .(inaudible). . . proposal.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay, okay, got it. And are these types of conferences open to the public?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong?

MR. WONG: Chair, I don't know but I would believe that it would be open to the public. I'm pretty sure the Hawaii County would certainly love to charge an entrance fee for anyone from the general public that would wanna attend that. And that's why I mentioned earlier that comprising a panel of four attorneys that advise four different councils on the topic of land use would certainly be an event that a developer's representative would pay value to attend. But in my view, our deputies would not only learn from that event but also be able to contribute to that event. So that's my mindset on it.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. And in reference to...we were talking about Self-Insurance Fund on Page 2-9, the Claims, Settlements, and Judgments, that line item, that doesn't have any bearing on the 50,000, that whole section on...why does...what kinds of...what is that for?

MR. WONG: Those...Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Wong, proceed.

MR. WONG: The Self-Insurance Fund and the amounts that we've held in that fund deal with any values over and above authority by Code I'm allowed to resolve and that's \$7,500. So anything above \$7,500 that is not covered by insurance that is in excess of...well, that is covered by insurance but is in excess of half a million, the first half million comes out of that fund. Anything above that comes out of our insurance company coverage if it's a covered claim which from time to time is also a dispute that we need to deal with.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So this section here is for under \$7,500 claims, settlements, judgments and what have you?

MR. WONG: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It seems that basically the Code...we, the Council, through the Code, has authorized Mr. Wong to make certain settlements up to a dollar amount where then he needs to return back to the Council for Council's approval.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Baisa?

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll, any last questions? Okay, Members, one last call for Mr. Wong in B and C Account? Okay, Mr. Wong, you and Mr. Kushi, any closing comments you wish to share at this time?

MR. WONG: I wanna close by saying that as it relates to my proposal relative to the transfer of Council Services attorneys, I don't mean it to be a slight towards Council Services at all. I also don't mean it to be an overly aggressive move, but I believe that a method to address and allay if at all possible those concerns, there's one, create new positions, two, move positions, or three, rely upon the current process we have in place. And for those that have raised the issue of bias as a possible concern, I refer you to the Rules of Professional Responsibility specifically as it relates to an attorney acting as an intermediary where two clients have adverse positions, and it is a responsibility of the attorney to follow the Rules of Ethics to best represent both in the event that both cannot agree. It is the attorney's responsibility, as the intermediary, to provide as unbiased as possible and as clear as possible, the best advice for both. And if you look at the rules, and I can read it to you, it says at the end of the day, if the attorney cannot get the parties that he represents at both times, then all he can do is the best he can, quite frankly. And at the end of the day, they may still disagree. But I think my effort was to try to figure out a way to empower the legislative attorneys by making them deputies, to not increase the overall budget, and to provide you with an opportunity to have what may at least in practice be a separation to some extent, as much as can be done, in a large law firm that has more than one practice site. Private firms do that across the board. Private firms have managing partners in two different locales that all falls under one hat though. That's my...that's the best I can think of at this juncture. So thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Wong, and thank you, Mr. Kushi, for being present. Members, we have completed the task for the day. Tomorrow we'll start at 9 o'clock. After testimony, we'll bring the Department of Planning forward. We will try and catch up and get back on pace with the schedule as I have proposed. We also have tomorrow night a district meeting to receive public comment on the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget in South Maui. And Friday is Good Friday so it's a State holiday. And so we won't be meeting on Friday. Sunday is Easter Sunday so to all of you a good...have a good Good Friday, and enjoy your Easter. It's a time of family and of sharing with one another. It's a special time for many of those in the Christian faith so for those that practice it, I continue to share the message of love and brotherhood. So with no further business, Members, thank you for your patience and again, Mr. Wong and Mr. Kushi, thank you, and Mr. Ueoka, thank you for your presence. This meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

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CERTIFICATE

I, Reinette Kutz, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED this 28th day of April 2015, in Wailuku, Hawaii.


Reinette L. Kutz