

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

July 24, 2015

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee, having met on June 29, 2015, makes reference to County Communication 15-48, from the Director of Environmental Management, transmitting a copy of "COUNTY OF MAUI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DIVISION, USEPA/DOH CONSENT DECREE, QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT #62, OCTOBER 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 2014."

Your Committee notes the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the State Department of Health ("DOH") sued the County in Federal and State court, respectively, in the late 1990s for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act and other State and Federal environmental laws arising out of the County's wastewater practices. On November 8, 1999, a Consent Decree, establishing goals and plans to change the County's wastewater practices, was entered in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, pursuant to the lawsuits.

The Director of Environmental Management informed your Committee that on May 26, 2015, the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii terminated the Consent Decree, effectively dismissing the lawsuits. The County has shown, to the satisfaction of the EPA and DOH, sufficient controls are in place to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act and other applicable laws.

Your Committee commended the Department for fulfilling the Consent Decree's terms.

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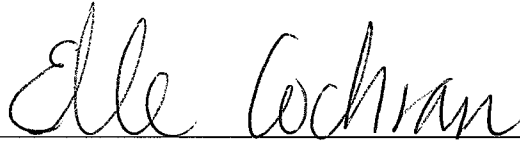
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Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Cochran, Vice-Chair Hokama, and members Baisa, Carroll, Crivello, and White voted "aye." Committee member Guzman was excused.

Your Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication 15-48 be FILED.

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



ELLE COCHRAN, Chair

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