

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Council of the County of Maui**

**MINUTES**

**August 17, 2015**

**Council Chamber, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**CONVENE:** 1:33 p.m.

**PRESENT:** VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Elle Cochran, Chair  
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa(in 1:42 p.m.)  
Councilmember Robert Carroll  
Councilmember Stacy Crivello  
Councilmember Don S. Guzman(in 1:37 p.m.)  
Councilmember Mike White(in 2:16 p.m.)

**STAFF:** Jordan Molina, Legislative Analyst  
Raynette Yap, Committee Secretary

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)  
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)  
Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

**ADMIN.:** Sananda Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor  
Michael Miyamoto, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Management  
Richelle Thomson, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

*In the gallery:*  
Rob Parsons, Environmental Coordinator, Office of the Mayor

**OTHERS:** Rosemary Robbins  
Plus (1) Other

**PRESS:** *Akaku Maui County Community Television, Inc.*

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CHAIR COCHRAN: *... (gavel) ...*The meeting of the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee shall now come to order. Today is August 17, 2015, and the time is approximately 1:34 in the afternoon. Before we begin, please silence all cell phones or any noisemaking devices. And at this time joining us here is myself, Chair of the Committee, Elle Cochran. Committee Vice-Chair Riki Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Aloha. Stacy Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Bob Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Good afternoon. And currently excused we have Ms. Baisa, Mr. Don Guzman, and Chairman White. From the Administration looks like we have Michael Miyamoto. Aloha, nice to see you. And from Corporation Counsel, Richelle Thomson, and Legislative Analyst, Jordan Molina; Committee Secretary, Rayna Yap handing out some...the PowerPoint that we'll be receiving from DEM. And at our District Offices we have Dawn Lono in Hana, Denise Fernandez in Lanai, and Ella Alcon on Molokai. Members, today we have three items on the agenda. IEM-55 has to do with Definition of "Sustainability" and Implementation of Section 8-15.3(4) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as Amended. IEM-25, Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles Revolving Fund. And IEM-8, Naval Air Station Kahului Airport (NASKA) Sewage Pump Station Fund. At this time, if anyone in the gallery would like to testify, please sign up at the desk in the lobby. And also if you're in the outlying districts please sign up there. And we have...you'll have three minutes to testify. Please state your name, any organization you may be representing and please testify on what's on the agenda today. So at this time, Mr. Molina, do we have anyone looking to testify?

MR. MOLINA: We have no one signed up to testify.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. Let me check in with our remote District Offices. In Hana, Ms. Lono, anyone there to testify?

MS. LONO: Good afternoon, Chair. This is Dawn Lono in Hana and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. Molokai, Ms. Alcon, anyone there to testify?

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

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Ms. Alcon. On Lanai, Ms. Fernandez, anyone there to testify?

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

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, ladies. And seeing no one else approaching in the Chamber...no? Okay. Our faithful Ms. Robbins is here but she doesn't care to testify today. Members without any objections, I shall now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you very much.

**ITEM NO. 55: DEFINITION OF "SUSTAINABILITY" AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 8-15.3(4) OF THE  
REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983),  
AS AMENDED(MISC)**

CHAIR COCHRAN: So let's start with IEM-55, and this is the Definition of Sustainability. The Committee is in receipt of a Miscellaneous Communication dated May 28, 2014, from Deputy County Clerk, transmitting the matter relating to "sustainability," how it is defined, and its relationship to Section 8-15.3(4) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended. And today, we have Mr. Miyamoto to give us a presentation and Ms. Yap has handed out the PowerPoint for us to follow along. And at this point, I will turn the floor over to Deputy Director Miyamoto. Aloha, thanks for being here. And sorry, before you begin, let me introduce Mr. Don Guzman who's joined us.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Good afternoon, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Aloha. Okay, Mr. Miyamoto, the floor is yours.

MR. MIYAMOTO: Thank you, Madam Chair. The last update the Department provided was provided in January 12, 2015, where we presented to Council what our vision was for the entire Department. This is just primarily the sustainability and what's happened since then. This is the current language in the Maui County Charter as Chair had mentioned and it talks about guide efforts to optimize opportunities for environmental, natural resource protection, sustainability, conservation and restoration. In the early 2015 prior to budget we provided this organizational chart that identified some areas of sustainability and environmental protection that we were considering looking at coastal/marine, food resources, environmental resources, landfill diversion, and energy sustainability. In the 2016 Budget deliberations, the Council approved the landfill diversion portion of this org. chart. So I guess the rest of the chart is up for discussion and it's a good segue into the FY '17 Budget when we start doing our proposal for that year. Currently, we have the Recycling Section and the Metals and Abandoned Vehicle Section in this portion of the landfill diversion. The Recycling Section has about 14 diversion programs and grants that we provide. The County's specific diversion, recycling roughly about...greater, a little bit more than 75,000 tons per year. We are working on...we've had one household hazardous waste collection

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event, and we're planning the next one sometime in November. Our Metals and Abandoned Vehicles Section, they've diverted a little over 750 vehicles. Typically we're, on an annual basis we're some, doing auctions for probably around 225 to 250 vehicles each year. We've recycled over 11,000 white goods. By white goods we mean appliances, and removal and recycling of more than 900 tons of material each year. The 900 tons of material, we do collect some metal at our Central Maui Landfill. We have special bins out there for people who have large pieces of metal that they wanna get rid of. So overall, the FY '16 Budget for the Landfill Diversion Section so far is a little over \$5.5 million, that includes grants and some of the greenwaste diversion that they take care of. So in summary, the Department is still trying to fully define this scope of services with the Council's assistance. We've provided the organizational chart. If there's revisions or additional details that we need to develop, we can work on those. You know, the County vision should align with the State's developing vision. The Department is collecting...collating a list of existing County environmental sustainability grants that we currently issue out there. Sustainability impacts many facets of government in the community. All of our operational departments I can say that, you know, energy savings for us is prime because that's, that affects our budget. Energy efficient equipment we've all looked to install that because there's energy efficiency credits that can come along with it. So I think on an operational basis we've tried to do on the electricity side we've tried to be as efficient as possible. We've looked for opportunities. We've installed some PVs at our wastewater treatment facilities. We're looking to install additional PV units elsewhere. I know Parks Department has a great PV system out at the Kihei Community Center. It provides shade and also provides discounted price power for them. So, Madam Chair, that's about all I have for this at this time.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Deputy Director Miyamoto. Members, the floor...oh, I would like to recognize, Ms. Baisa has joined us. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. I apologize for my tardiness. My meeting went late.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Not a problem. Thank you for being here. Okay, Members, with that then the floor is now open for discussion. Questions, comments for Department? Yes, Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Deputy Director. I appreciate your updated comments this afternoon to the Committee. And while I can appreciate what we're trying to do this afternoon from the Committee's standpoint, I took it, Chair, as being very more specific to the Deputy's own Department. I think what's missing is the more broad stroke or the more macro perspective of the term "sustainability" and how the County wants to approach it in a directional manner. I get how this Department through the update today wants to see how their departmental role will be in the direction. I think that's what missing is the bigger philosophy. From what we got earlier, I would say they have that three-circle pyramid between the planet, prosperity, and people and I find it very attractive as a model. But I would say under the summary, Chair, under point two, I think the State would be a lot smarter and

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wiser if they align their State vision with the County's vision. 'Cause I think we listen to the community a lot better and clearer than those that to make these things trying to make a plan for our people from the State level and then have us try and implement their plan. I think we allow it through the community plan process and that they should be respecting our efforts in getting community input, that their vision should be more aligned to our documentation is, would be my position. So stating that, you know, I'm hoping that in the future either the Department of Management or Office of the Mayor would give us something about the more broad stroke definition they wanna see for this County under sustainability 'cause that's what I thought was tasked to this Committee, Chair, and that's my understanding. So I look forward to their recommendations and how they perceive the greater directional language that we need to maybe get squared away to appropriate sufficient funding to make it happen. Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you for your comments, Mr. Hokama. Members, any further discussion? Yes, Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Deputy, for your presentation. I guess my question, you know, when we read what has come out of the Charter is to guide efforts to optimize opportunities. And if I had to look at what the Department is going through, I have to ask the challenges I guess you face on a very simple scale. Since January till just recently I think we did a rough sort of printout to see how often the landfills have been closed. For Molokai, more than 45 times. And this tells me that we're not trying to sustain what's important when it comes to recycling or the provisions of how we provide for our community. Okay, so is that a challenge as far as trying to live up to what we call trying to sustain our environment? That being said, and as our community is working on our community plan at the present time, I cannot help but maybe and a little bit contrary to Mr. Hokama, I truly can appreciate at least some of the pillars that are mentioned in the 2050 plan coming from Hawaii State, and it's real simple. It's based on the culture, the economics, and the social, and all that with just encompassing our environment and how we're interdependent on that. So I guess, you know, the normal challenge would be as the notices go up for simple things like the landfill, we lack manpower due to staff shortages, and that's been affecting our rural area, Hana, Molokai, as well as Lanai. So I'm trying to see what is it that...how...do you see an interrelation with something like our landfills as far as it comes to "sustainability" or to sustain what we should be, you know, trying to sustain in our environment?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Ms. Crivello. Mr. Miyamoto, do you have comment?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Thank you, Madam Chair. For the rural landfills we have been experiencing a lot of early closures rather than staying open till the normal 2:30 time. We've been closing around 1 o'clock and generally that's to provide us the opportunity to...you know, one of the bad things about landfill is wind. Wind tends to blow trash everywhere. And as part of our operating permit we have to pick up all of that trash before we can close the landfill, you know, where everyone leaves the property. That's the part of the requirements. So we have to keep the land clear in and around our

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facilities. So that's been the challenge that we're having and we've, we're working with the Department of Personnel Services to get that additional operator on staff so that we can, you know, start eliminating these early closures. So that's one of the things what we're doing at the landfill. In a recent article at the *Honolulu* magazine there was a great article about, you know, for City and County they wanted to talk about what types of programs should they keep and scrap. And so we're looking at that article, and, you know, for like Molokai, we have that wonderful recycling, we have the green waste contractor out there taking care of the green waste and we do event-based type metals and household hazardous waste. So we're trying to do what we can for the rural community in Hana. We went ahead and installed the recycling facility out there and we're trying to clean up some of the environmental challenges that we have out in Hana. And for Lanai, you know, we'll be in front of the Lanai Planning Commission later on this week to extend the existing operating, I think it's a Conditional Use Permit, and as part of that the vision for Lanai, I mean we're looking at long-term, what do we do for Lanai? Do we look for additional sites for another landfill? Do we look for waste conversion or waste-to-energy facilities or do we look at shipping it off island to...Oahu has a waste to energy. So we're trying to develop those types of longer term goals like you're saying for sustainability. And what we're doing on Lanai we'll probably look at possibly on Molokai what can be apply there if we do some kind of a waste conversion or...and as part of the evaluation, I mean, you know, as we're gonna...as we're looking at the one Maui, we realized that, you know, some of the positions may be altered in what their job descriptions are. Instead of actually burying trash, they may be in support of these waste conversion facility type things. They may be in support of things that we currently contract out that we now can utilize County staff to take care of. So we're looking long-term for those types of things.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Miyamoto. Members, anyone else have some comments?  
Yes, Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. I'm sorry I missed the earlier presentation, but I just have one more question. Of course, you know, sustainability is very important and we all understand that we have staffing challenges. But I don't know if it was discussed and I'm just kinda wanting to give the Deputy, I mean, the boss a chance to tell me about any safety concerns at our landfills due to our staffing shortages?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Safety is always an issue for us, I mean both for our Staff and the public. And in the rural communities generally we have...right now we currently have three employees, one which is the overall facility supervisor who also does double duty as the lone equipment operator, and then we have an attendant and a worker there. So one of the two attendants basically one watches for the public to make sure the public's safe and the other one watches for the driver of the heavy equipment because, you know, we can't see everything that comes out of these, what people dump at the landfills. And so, that guy needs to spot in case he sees, if he sees a propane tank, somehow it got out in the trash, he needs to tell the operator, hey stop. You're gonna run over a propane tank, stop. I need to take that out or if something were to happen

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to the piece of equipment and the driver needs to get down, well that spotter needs to make sure he's not jumping into something that has some hidden pieces of metal or broken glass that he could get hurt on. So that's basically what we have at the three landfills. We're trying to get, you know, working with DPS trying to get that fourth person in there so that, you know, if anybody, any of those three people take off, generally we have to do some kind of a closure while we get support. You know, whether it...we used to get Public Works, but that hasn't become an option. For time being, Parks Department would support us with labor, but now it's primarily we're on our own. So we're generally trying to bring somebody from Central Maui Landfill to support that type of function. So we're working on that. With the fourth person, we should be good. If we have planned vacations, we can certainly make arrangements with the Central Maui to support them on these planned vacations.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much for your comments. You know, I've been thinking about it ever since that accident on Kauai, you know, and we don't want that to happen here, so I think it's really important that we have this, and I know that this is what you guys do, you close rather than take the risk. But I'm wondering if, you know, that's penny-wise and pound-foolish? Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Ms. Baisa. Thank you, Mr. Miyamoto. Members? Mr. Guzman, did you have a comment?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to get into yeah, the other areas here that are on the chart. I completely understand the landfill diversion aspect of the operations. But under the Charter, it says under Section 8-15.3, the Duties and Powers and Functions, it says in Section 4, guide efforts to optimize opportunities for environmental, natural resource protection, sustainability, conversion... wait sorry, conservation, and restoration which is, you know, basically it's stated here in your chart the different coastal marine food resources. But explain to me your vision of guide efforts to optimize opportunities in these specific areas, energy, sustainability, environmental resources, food resources, coastal marine, what exactly do you envision these I guess subsections or subdivisions of the entire Sustainability Division? What is their function? What are the specific issues that they will be addressing? Are they...or are we looking just at dog and pony show here? You know are we, I wanna see, I wanna know what are the issues, the specific issues and what are the solutions or, you know, findings that you envision that, those particular subdivisions to address?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. Yes, Mr. Miyamoto?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Originally when we developed this org. chart about two years ago, you know, as we, as we've had many a discussion, some of these things already exist in the Administration but they're under different areas. For example, you know, the energy sustainability we had...we have, there's two existing positions, one's a civil service and one's an appointee, and, you know, in the OED Office that does, you know, they helped for our Department. You know, they helped us develop PVs for our facilities and developed some kind of a PPA rate and provide that, they help Parks

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Department. So the thought is, you know, should they still be under OED or should they be moved into this Sustainability so that they can start...continue to work, you know, just beyond just their little area, you know, just do it, take it Countywide, you know, whether it be for the various departments and everything. And the same thing as far as like the coastal marine environmental resources, I mean, Mr. Parsons is back there and he's in the Mayor's...he's out of OED also now, and he does a lot of like invasive species type of work. And so for us, you know, that's something we don't have the technical expertise so bringing that in under this umbrella to make it, you know, it's an overall goal that we do it Countywide. So, you know, that would be added in here. With food resources there are also is an existing ag person in the office of OED. Bringing him into not only take care of, you know, like County type projects but like you're saying expand it into other areas, for example, like in our waste conversion, you know, one of the things we ask the people in the ag industry was, if we develop organic compost, well what is your demand for that compost? Because we have an opportunity in the waste conversion to either develop organic composting which means no sludge in it or we go ahead and just develop, continue to develop the regular compost that includes the sludge in it. So that kind of stuff would help us make a decision which way we're gonna go as far as providing compost. So we would hope, you know, the person in food resources could have that contact with all of the ag industry, the ag societies, and could give us an idea what is that demand then we can make a decision whether to further that development as part of the project.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes? Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: And maybe Mr. Hokama would know this, but I just wanted to ask, is it...it sounds to me that you're basically taking E/P positions from other departments and placing them into this Sustainability Division. Is there, is that a lateral, is that a lateral movement or is that something that...there's some type of difficulty accomplishing or does it hinder or does it increase economics on the part of the County by a unilateral movement? I'm not sure. 'Cause it sounds like to me that you're just taking different positions from other departments and placing them in a more specified division or--

MR. MIYAMOTO: So under...

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --am I correct?

MR. MIYAMOTO: OED is primarily appointed staff other than--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh, I see.

MR. MIYAMOTO: --there's one person that does energy that would be...he's a civil service so he could possibly just be transferred in. Regarding the other positions, those would have to be, you know, the position description, qualifications would have to be developed and then those positions would have to be given an E/P and funding would

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have to be filled...could be filled that way. And whether those positions continue on in OED that would be a decision that's outside of our office would be decided upon.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: So what would be the downfall of, I mean, the negative, the cons of moving these other bodies into this section?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah, Mr. Miyamoto?

MR. MIYAMOTO: The only...for us, you know, being logical minded as far as, you know, the challenge I see is their authority over other departments to implement things. Unless it's a law or a requirement of some sort it becomes very difficult for them to say for example, if they wanted another department to put in a lot of PVs 'cause there was an opportunity and the department says, I don't have the funding to do that, so I can't do it. So they don't have that authority to push them into that area and make it a priority. It's that department director who's making the priorities. That's the only real challenge I see at it. You know, from our side, you know, you get 'em together. We're always gonna look for efficiencies and from their side, they're gonna have to try and sort of give direction to other departments, that's the challenge I see.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Guzman. Any further comments or questions needed? Mr. Hokama, you had further?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I think Mr. Guzman brought up a real good discussion point, Chair, and I appreciate it. And that is why from a, for me from an operational structure discipline I don't see this working coming from this Department. I think this is something that from an operational sense I would think it's better to be placed in the Department of Management. It's one of the things I believe can be assigned to the Deputy Managing Director to oversee how each department and program fits under the overall, again, direction of where the County wants to go with sustainability. Because I would agree with those that brought up the pillars that we should consider, but one of those pillars needs to be under prosperity, finance, and the ability to pay or generate funds to make it happen. And that's why for more specific, I think one of the key things under sustainability we should be asking the Deputy this afternoon to present to you, Chair, is how is those special funds working out? Is it ever gonna be sustainable? If the answer is no and it's gonna take annual General Fund subsidies then is this one sustainable revenue program and should we be looking at something else more specifically from a financial point of sustainability? Because, you know, we can dream all we want, Chair, but unless we can pay for it, it's not going to happen. So I think we need to be very aware and cognizant that there's a price and that we need to make information available on what it's gonna take to make certain things happen. And I would hope that Planning would just because again, Chair, one of my key thing and that, you know, I wish to emphasize is we should be doing everything we can within our jurisdiction. We're not the State. We're not the Federal government. We have our limitations on areas of governance and authority. Let us stay within those parameters 'cause I don't think we can afford straying from those

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principle parameters of affordability. So I just bring this up. I think under the chart provided to us, I would hope Planning Department would give us comment under coastal and marine. I would hope Human Concerns would give us under food resources. Energy again, OED. Environmental resources, the County has responded I thought very responsibly, and the Council has done it through grants to specify groups that address specific environmental concerns. We've done it recently through the budget of our specific funding to address specific environmental concerns. So from one point I would say being sustainable I think the legislative side has fulfilled some of the requirements of the general community regarding sustainability. And I just wanted to make that again, clear that the Council takes its responsibility very seriously. Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Yeah, and I...and thank you, Mr. Guzman, it was more along the lines of what I thought I would see here today. Mr. Miyamoto, I'm looking, you know, at your folks' presentation that was given to us six months ago and there was a quite bit of things that were going to be looked into, perhaps implemented and created. And so for me, the presentation today is, hasn't really addressed any of that in my eyes, and it's basically here we are still I think you're saying, still defining your scope. You're saying County vision should align with State, yes. Collating a list of existing County environmental sustainability grants, we all kinda know a lot of what those are 'cause we fund them annually. So for me, Mr. Miyamoto, there's...I was hoping the Department had gotten a lot further than what I see here today, and I think the discussion couple budgets ago was to put this in Department of Management. Because as you stated the difficulty you feel and the challenge is to, you know, get different departments on board and to, you know, require them to do...take such actions and there'll be challenges, but if it comes from the top dispersed down and that is the job of Department of Management to do, there goes that...it shouldn't have a challenge there. So I mean, hopefully we're...you're looking into that type of structure. You know, Members we do have Mr. Parsons who is our current Environmental Coordinator for the Administration here. I know he...I think did he hand out this sheet here? Oh, thank you. And it's about the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability and perhaps he has a update for us if anyone would like to hear. What I would like to know if he does know though is that the other counties has started working on this. Kauai, Hawaii, and perhaps there's...they've made some headway. They've you know, made...learn from mistakes or gaining ground or not, so anyways, I'm just...I think there's a lot more discussion here. And I'm sorry to see that we haven't really gotten much from Department, but I'd like to receive more. My intent today is to obviously defer, but to bring this up as...but closer to Budget once again, and throughout the year if need be, but basically just to get us back in discussion mode about this because next thing you know, Budget will be here and we're gonna have to figure out how this is going to be implemented. So, just some comments to you folks. Yes, Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. I think in all fairness to the Department, you know, if I had to go back in serving on the Charter Commission when we came about this, there were quite a few of us that was not in favor of this going with the Department. Because obvious, I don't think they're quite prepared or this is part of

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their objective. I have to agree and support Mr. Hokama as far as his suggestion as far to maybe we need to make an amendment that it not be part of this Department but go back to maybe Management or what have you because I, guess as you call Mr. Parsons down, you know, is he part of this Department? Is he...is...you know, does he fit in here in this chart under the Environmental Management Department or is it a separation as far as it coming part of Administration or Management, but what have you. And if that's the case then we're really not following what we're hoping that they would have charted some sort of course for us to understand what's going on with the objective of sustainability and, you know, guiding efforts, whatever. But I would hope coming from this Committee maybe we can consider some sort of amendment to put forth out there that it doesn't belong with this Department. I mean, they've got...it's just a different mantra as opposed to what is expected from Environmental Management. So Mr. Parsons is gonna come down here but is he gonna speak on behalf of whose kuleana this is? And I think what you're saying or what Mr. Hokama is saying it's every department's responsibility, but who has direct oversight is what we have to make some determination on.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Right. Thank you, Ms. Crivello, for your comments. So, Members, do you feel the need to perhaps have some discussion with Mr. Parsons who happens to be here in the gallery? Yes, Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would like instead, Chair, that Mr. Parsons talk to his reporting, you know, structure and be prepared the next time you bring this item back to be able to give us a position and comments that the Administrative is supportive on. Especially, if possible, to give us a more broader stroke County perspective of the general direction of sustainability, and then he can then fit in how his role is...has been so far regarding fulfilling that direction. I think it would be more constructive for us. Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, okay. That's fine. And Mr. Parsons is here and he heard. So, I guess the Committee, it sounds like we're feeling that this isn't the appropriate Department to sort of carry this through, but, you know, the Charter states what it does that it belongs here. So, in the meantime, because the Charter states it is DEM, then...I mean, we need to see something put forward. Something implemented and something to try and reach this end goal. And as they progress, I mean we learn as we go, you know, we improve upon what we need to and subtract what doesn't work and that kind of stuff, but again, I was hoping to see six months later a little more traction, a little more movement on this, so we're kinda here with what we got, but, Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chair, first I wanna thank you for taking this up in a timely manner within the term. 'Cause I think one of the options for the Committee is what Ms. Crivello presented which is a Charter amendment. This gives us enough time to make a consideration of that option and place it on the next general elections ballot, enough time to make that change if the community wants to make that change and the reasons why we feel it's more from an operational and implementation standpoint the better option to make this revision. 'Cause I again, would hate for the Department

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to go through exercises that within two years it's gonna be under possibly someone else's kuleana that it might be more appropriate for what we're trying to implement --

CHAIR COCHRAN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --with this definition.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So I just wanna thank that we have the time now to make that kinda important decisions because you took it up timely, so thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah, well very good. That's kinda one of the ideas for bringing it up now, put it on the table, let's discuss and see what actions we might wanna take in the near future. So, Members, any further discussion needed on the subject? Department, any closing comments at all? Do you have anything?

MR. MIYAMOTO: No, I've heard the comments and I've written down a lot of notes.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay. Well, thank you for your time and efforts too, Mr. Miyamoto. I know it's a lot. So I appreciate that. And, Members, like I said, no action today. This item shall be deferred without any...and I intend to bring it back up as many times as needed prior to next Budget and also, as Mr. Hokama mentioned, we do have a lot of time to do a Charter type initiative too. So thank you for that. So without objections, this item shall be deferred.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (EC, RH, GB, RC, SC, DG)

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you very much, Members.

**ITEM NO. 25: HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION AND DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES REVOLVING FUND(MISC)**

CHAIR COCHRAN: So moving onto the next item, it is IEM-25 and this is we are in...Miscellaneous Communication, receipt of a Miscellaneous Communication dated May 28, 2015, from the County Clerk, transmitting the matter relating to Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles Revolving Fund. And today, we may consider filing this communication. And it looks like we have Director Baz here with us and also continue to have Mr. Miyamoto too. So at this point, I shall turn the floor over for opening comments from Director Baz and Deputy Director Miyamoto, if any.

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MR. MIYAMOTO: Thank you, Madam Chair

CHAIR COCHRAN: You're welcome.

MR. MIYAMOTO: The Highway Beautification Fund, you know, the purpose of the fund basically was for disposal of abandoned vehicles. The fund is basically utilized...sorry, a little confusion on which one. You know, with the portion that our Department receives, we use...we do a lot of related highway beautification related activities. Some of the funds are used for animal management which program for carcass removal. Community Work Day does a lot of highway beautification type activities. The abandoned vehicle portion of it, we have along with abandoned vehicles you have towing contracts of which we work with Maui Police Department on tagging and identifying the difference between abandoned versus derelict vehicles. We have a storage yard where we store the vehicles so that we give the owners one last chance to pick up the vehicles prior to us sending them out to auction. We hold an auction and whatever isn't sold we pay a fee for it to disposal at our service provider there. We also have through our Refuse Section we have appointments for residents for us to pick up appliances alongside the road. We ask them to make an appointment so that they're not leaving their appliance on the road for an extended period of time. We try to let, we'll let them know probably about two weeks before we're anticipating picking up of that appliance we let them know to put it out, to identify it with a address number on the house so that we know we're picking up the right appliance and not someone's appliance that they may have left out for some other reason. And we go ahead and disposal, dispose of those appliances. And that's pretty much what we're using it...the Highway Beautification Fund for. We do have some challenges with that...with some excess funds there and getting access to it. Something I guess Mr. Baz can, can further discuss.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Miyamoto. Mr. Baz, you had some comments?

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: You're welcome.

MR. BAZ: Members, good afternoon. Sandy Baz, Budget Director. There are...yeah, Highway Beautification encompasses what's appropriated in the fiscal year budget for the activities of the program. We do have provisos in there specifically for certain items. So access to the general pot of money is restricted as he mentioned because of those items that are, we have in positions and certain salaries for salaries and wages, two positions, and then \$100,000 for salaries and wages, and 738,000 for the operations and services, and all of the Community Work Day functions, excuse me, not Community Work Day, Highway Beautification functions and abandoned vehicles have been moved into the new Environmental Protection and Sustainability Program that was developed this past budget session is, was previously discussed this afternoon as well. There's a grant to Community Work Day for \$170,000 and a grant to Teens On Call for maintenance of the Paia Bypass for \$10,000. So those are pretty

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much the funding operations of that. It also funds the tree trimming that is managed by the Parks Department in relation to roadways as well.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Director Baz. And I'd like to recognize the presence of Chairman Mike White. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Welcome. And, Members, the floor is open for comments, questions for Director or the Department on this revolving fund. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Director Baz, Deputy Miyamoto, you feel the fund is fulfilling its purpose and intent for what it was created? Do you or you feel that revisions or amendments should be considered?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Right now we're experiencing some staff challenge, but we're achieving our goals that we set in the budget of trying to respond within a specified time when someone reports a vehicle being abandoned or derelict within the County's right-of-way. The challenge for us is we can't tow it until the Police Department tags it because they're the one that makes the decision whether it's abandoned which means it can be moved, someone could drive it away or whether it's derelict where it just has a major...major parts missing that make it un-drivable. And for us that triggers different procedures. If it's derelict, we can go straight, you know, contact the owner, it goes straight and we can get rid of that vehicle. If it's abandoned, we contact the owner, he's got 30 days to go ahead and come and claim that vehicle, and then if he doesn't claim it then we head towards auctioning it off. But derelict ones can go straight to scrap if I'm not mistaken.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes, Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So thank you for making us understand the difference between derelict and abandoned. So this 30 days grace period is that by Code that requirement that we give this grace period? 'Cause assuming they're on the County's easement or a government easement so that's not even their property this vehicle is on.

MR. MIYAMOTO: I'd have to see, I'd have to check that. I'm not 100 percent sure. I know the challenges that we have is having...when I was in Public Works was that a lot of times people forget to transfer that title and we do it...we end up doing...we're chasing people down. For example, if you sell your vehicle you need to get that title into DMV, Department of Motor Vehicles to transfer that ownership. What I remember finding back in the...right around 2007 time period, a lot of those vehicles have sold and the people just didn't turn it and, you know, they would call us and say, hey I sold that

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vehicle two years ago, and then it becomes a challenge trying to find out who actually has a right over the vehicle.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so why don't we...so can the Council through the Code just go on record now what is the owner of last record because somebody's gotta be held responsible? And if I'm selling the car, I'm gonna make sure that the other gets the responsibility, so maybe it would entice me to make sure the paperwork is filed because if not, I'm on the hook.

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yeah, and that's what we did back when I was in Public Works is, you know, we told the people it was your responsibility to transfer that title and all we have is evidence that you own it and you are responsible for that vehicle. So...and that's how we approached it then and...

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, I'm just looking at ways to using this fund but shorten the time it takes to get the vehicle off of the right-of-way or easement. I mean, you know, 'cause most of 'em, you and I know, if they got weeds enough to go through the tire wells, it's been there more than 30 days, okay.

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yeah, I agree 100 percent. And we have a storage yard that we contract for, and it should be removed. I mean if a vehicle's not being removed we need to be notified so we can go after our contractors 'cause we have contractors who are, you know, once Police tell us that it's okay to tow that vehicle 'cause I think generally they do like a 24 or 48-hour grace period for someone to remove it once you see the tag, and then we should be able to tow it. So I think it's two to three days after the Police puts that on that we tend to tow the vehicle. If it hasn't been towed, we need to be, our Department needs to be notified so we can get after our contractors to get out there and tow these vehicles. Like you're saying if there's weeds growing up in it, then we need to...

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So are you collecting those costs, departmental costs? Are you recapturing costs or you are just having this part of your operational expenses?

MR. MIYAMOTO: If they wanna claim the vehicle they have to pay the cost for it, yes. If not, then it goes to auction and then that's how we try to balance it out.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, okay. So you know whether or not we breaking even, losing money on this program?

MR. BAZ: Thank you--

CHAIR COCHRAN: Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: --Madam Chair. Thank you, Member Hokama. So revenue comes into this program when you go and register your vehicle. They pay a fee for that Highway Beautification Fee, and then also looks like in the past year we've received revenue from auctions, not a whole significant amount, but about \$5,500 total. So if you're

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looking at specifically does the removal of abandoned vehicles and either the recouping of the costs from the owner or the auctions that's not gonna make enough. But the money that we're getting in from the DMV, you know, when you register your vehicle that does provide sufficient revenue to keep this in operations.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Hokama and Department. Members, any other questions or comments needed of the Department? Seeing none, it looks like we all enjoy this...

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just one quick one?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes, Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Highway beautification that would include a CIP project?

MR. BAZ: We'd have to look the Code up for that, hold on.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah, well good, yeah, good, good question to ask if...

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: On a County road. If it's...let's say we wanna do a safety project.

MR. BAZ: 3.25.030 which is the Highway Beautification Fee, Revolving Fund, B says, the money so assessed and collected shall be placed in the Revolving Fund entitled, the Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles Revolving Fund to be used and administered by the County for the purpose of beautification and other related activities including but not limited to animal management program, carcass removal, Community Work Day, Highway Beautification Fund concerning highways under the ownership, control, and jurisdiction of the County, and to defray additional costs in the disposition and other related activities of abandoned vehicles as prescribed in Chapter 290, HRS. So that's our Code. There may be overriding State laws that limit it as well, but...'cause it is a State law enabling it as well.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: So, Director, this fund is...so it's not just utilized through, I guess we give grants such as to Malama Maui Nui, Community Work Day, and as you said, Mr. Miyamoto, we have contracts for the pickup of the abandoned/derelict vehicles. So it's not just utilized via DEM 'cause carcasses I know talking to Public Works, they run around and they pick that up too. So I mean are different departments, animal...Humane Society, whoever, are they reimbursed from this? Like who is able to tap into I don't know, utilize this besides the grants, grantees, and then yourself, DEM? Is...does this type of fund work this way or no?

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair, I'm not aware of any reimbursement of expenses paid out of this fund to Public Works or animal management programs at all.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay. All right. Yeah, I was just wondering. 'Cause I guess there's different departments that do such equal services too and within their job responsibilities on a day-to-day basis sometimes, so.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, sometimes it will be joint jurisdictional. I mean, let's say we get...Oahu...a cow is hit and dies on a County road, well, we got County highways, but that's not under Mr. Miyamoto. He's got the landfill and the disposal thing regarding the carcass, so, you know, it's I would say discretionary up on the lead agency, but I can see multiple departments funding it different ways, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Right. Thank you. And the other question is obviously this only pertains to as in abandoned vehicles and what have you to County roads not State, not private?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yes.

CHAIR COCHRAN: We don't assist in other land ownership I guess, areas?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yeah, we don't go on private property and that's one of the benefits of having someone like Malama Maui Nui who can go on private property and assist, and by providing them grants they can pretty much help the private citizens out. And the State has their own system to take care of it, but obviously we only have one metal provider so it goes to the same place.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Right. 'Cause it's unfortunate our church has a property and people purposely abandon vehicles on it and that's costly for a nonprofit to go ahead and take care of it, but, you know, I'm not saying for anyone to do this, but if it was drug ten feet to the County road, now it's the County who would do it at their cost. And as everyone our taxpayers, you know, so but that's just one of hardships I think for private owners and large tracts...ag, a lot of ag lands people will out of the way corners dump things and now it's the responsibility of that private landowner to go ahead and clean someone else's opala, but always challenges. Yes, Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just for the Committee's information, HRS 290 provides very specific rules in what we're allowed to do with abandoned and derelict vehicles and it requires notification to owners, and it does to Member Hokama's question, it does make...hold the registered, the last registered owner will ultimately be responsible for it. So it's really important, you know, for the public's information, when you're out there, if you're selling your car there's that little thing at the top of your title, it's really important that you fill that out and send that to DMV so that they have a good record of who the new registered owner should be. And that, you know, I don't know if it's gonna release you from liability completely but at least there's that notification there ahead of time that you're not gonna be the owner anymore. So those are important to fill out. But yeah, the State law does kinda override what we do with this.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you for those comments, Mr. Baz, helpful for ourselves and the public. So, Members, any further need for discussion on this item? If not, then without objections this item shall be deferred also.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (EC, RH, GB, RC, SC, DG, MW)

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you very much. So ordered.

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

**ITEM NO. 28: NAVAL AIR STATION KAHULUI AIRPORT (NASKA)**  
**SEWAGE PUMP STATION FUND(MISC)**

CHAIR COCHRAN: And lastly to the final item which is IEM-28, Naval Air Station Kahului Airport, aka NASKA, Sewage Pump Station Fund. And this in particular is the County, is a receipt of a Miscellaneous Communication dated May 28, 2015, from the County Clerk, and this is transmitting the matter relating to Naval Air Station Kahului Airport (NASKA) Sewage Treatment Fund, and we may consider filing of this communication. So we have again, Budget Director and Deputy Director Miyamoto here to have comments in regards to this fund. So, gentlemen, whoever would like to start?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Thank you, Madam Chair. Basically this revolving fund is for us to operate and maintain this wastewater pump station generally just serving primarily the airport area. The pump station is owned by the State and they pay us to operate and maintain it. The money that they provide us is used for pay for what little labor is involved in sort of maintaining that facility, going...some of it goes to vehicles, equipment, and minor parts for the pump station to keep it running. Recently we did have a challenge and we brought it to their attention and they've gone ahead and budgeted a major upgrade of that facility to make it even more efficient.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Miyamoto. And, Members...looks like, Mr. Guzman, you have comments?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. The Deputy Director mentioned that the State pays us the County to maintain and operate is that on an annual basis and how much is that?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Mr. Director of Budget?

MR. BAZ: So...Madam Chair, thank you. It looks like the, we bill the State and they pay us for the actual cost of whatever repairs we did. So it would happen to be whenever those repairs are active. I'm just looking at the last two years' worth of transactions. It looks like we repaired, I don't know what an elevator is, but I'm sure it has nothing

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to do with the actual elevators we ride in a building, it cost us about \$1,800 and then we got...that was in August, and then we got the reimbursement in January from the State for \$1,800. So it was pretty much the last activity of that.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Is it manned by County employees? I mean, do you need County employees?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yeah, there's no one really that's stationed at the facility.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh, okay.

MR. MIYAMOTO: Generally what we do is on a daily basis, we just do systematic checks of all the pump stations that feed into the Kahului Treatment Plant. So we have someone who's on pump station duty, he just goes out checks everything, makes sure every things working, and there's nothing, no problems. The issue with the elevator was...and you can imagine you have this can facility and you're going down towards the bottom of the facility to check on electrical and pumping equipment. And so that's basically the challenge that we had. It wasn't safe to go down in that elevator. We told them we need authorization to fix this. They said, go ahead and fix it and then we repaired it and billed them for it.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: So do we...now in doing these checks though, can we not bill those, those billable hours to the County? I'm sorry, Chair.

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yeah, generally I think it's, you know, it's under like ten minutes at a facility--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh.

MR. MIYAMOTO: --if that at all. I mean, they drive up, make sure the gate's still shut, then they open up, go in, check the facility, everything's still running, they check the gauges and everything and periodically they exercise the backup generator to make sure that gear, that the switchover can occur when you shut the main power off that that pump will...the generator will come on so you can continue to operate that facility. So that's about the maximum amount of time they spend, but I think there's about 10 or 15 facilities throughout from Kuau all the way out to Waiehu Kou that they have to do the same thing at.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Adds up.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Guzman. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We are indemnified, right by the State for this service?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yes we are.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And this is part of the integrated system for the Central Maui pump sewage waste operation?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yes it is.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So this is still a critical component within the system then?

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there any revisions you would ask us to consider?

MR. MIYAMOTO: No, none at this point. I mean, they've been...initially they were kind of hesitant when we wanted a new pump station, but, you know, when we pointed out the safety issues and we told them we were no longer comfortable with sending our staff out there, money came available and they're renovating the facility, so just a little arm twisting, we get them to do what we need to get done.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So we have a two-way termination clause in the agreement? We can initiate and terminate the agreement?

MS. THOMSON: I need to take a look at the agreement itself and get back to you on that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Very good. Thank you so much for bringing the matter up, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Hokama. And, Members, any further need for discussion? And I think Mr. Baz brought it up a while back that never really knew what NASKA stood for. Just thought it was the actual word but it's an acronym for Naval Air Station Kahului Airport. And I'm not sure, but so was this just an agreement who knows when it started kinda thing and just because County has this Kahului treatment facility and the State just thought well it would be nice if we could just tie in with you and you folks just take care of us while you're running your rounds kinda idea or agreement?

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair, thank you. It was executed in 1983 was when this ordinance was created and that I'm assuming when the activities started. So being that it was, what is that, three decades ago, I'm not sure what the intent and purpose of it was, but it seems to have been working out fairly well over these last 30 years and we can get them to replace it when they need to then that's a great thing.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah, well thank you very much. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That was the time period the County made a decision because of Federal funds availability that we really convert it to a treatment plant operation and got rid of cesspools. That was the big push to get rid of cesspools if people can recall, and that is why for us now the challenge is planning to replace a 30-plus-year-old system.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But that was the beginning of the conversion from cesspools to treatment plants.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. Thank you very much for the historical insight, Mr. Hokama. And so with that, I know it's in another subject matter, but in regards to the Kahului treatment facility we've discussed relocation of it. If, Mr. Miyamoto, you've ever had discussions or thought to run it by State to help assist in perhaps this relocation and funding, cost sharing ideas with the State? I know it's something that I would like to discuss further on another day, but...

MR. MIYAMOTO: Yeah, we haven't had that discussion with the State at this point. For them, basically the sewage is still gonna come to that one location and basically we're gonna replace that if, should we move the facility we would replace it with a very large, very well armored pump station that would then pump the sewage that's collected to a new location. 'Cause you can imagine there are one, two...there's four force mains that currently pump into that sewage treatment plant. And if we were to try to relocate all of those force mains to the new location you can imagine the cost and the length of those force mains would be.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Miyamoto. Yes, Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chair, you brought up a good point and at the appropriate time I think that's a great discussion including the fiscal impact 'cause this County cannot afford to have the airport and the harbor shut down. We won't...you know, for us to make a comeback after a disaster or anything else, those are two key infrastructural transportation points that will help the County be able to rebound from a natural situation. So it's things we, you know, we gotta plan and talk about. It ain't sexy but it's infrastructure that's critical to the County's health. Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. Very true, Mr. Hokama, it ain't sexy. Members, any further need for discussion on this? Thank you for the update, and thank you, Mr. Hokama, I know it was across the board, just submit all the resolving funds to pertinent standing committee and so this is a few of the revolving funds that have come into Infrastructure Environmental Management. So it's I think a good thing for all us to be aware of what these are, what they're used, its purpose, intent, and how it's being utilized. With that, Members if there's no objections, this item too, I shall defer.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (EC, RH, GB, RC, SC, DG, MW)

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you very much. So ordered.

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

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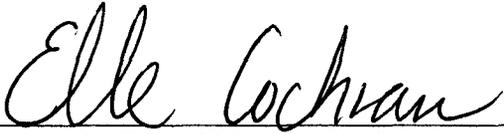
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CHAIR COCHRAN: And also, it looks like there's nothing else left on my agenda, so, Members, with that if there's no further discussion, this meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN:** 2:38 p.m.

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ELLE COCHRAN, Chair  
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DATED the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2015, in Makawao, Hawaii



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