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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION</p> <p>3 COUNTY OF MAUI</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7 REGULAR MEETING</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13 Held at Maui Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau,</p> <p>14 313 Manea Place, Meeting Number 1, Wailuku, Hawaii,</p> <p>15 commencing at 10:32 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2018.</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20 Reported by: Tonya McDade, CSR, RPR, CRC</p> <p>21 CSR Maui, Inc.</p> <p>22 Wells Street Professional Center</p> <p>23 2145 Wells Street, Suite 302</p> <p>24 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793</p> <p>25 (808)244-3376</p> <p>reporters@csrmaui.com</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 (Thursday, May 10, 2018, 10:32 a.m.)</p> <p>2 * * *</p> <p>3 CHAIR HIRATA: (Gavel.) Good morning. It's</p> <p>4 10:32. Let's get this thing going. The first item on the</p> <p>5 agenda is approve the minutes. Review, see if there's any</p> <p>6 changes, additions, corrections.</p> <p>7 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Move to approve.</p> <p>8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Second.</p> <p>9 CHAIR HIRATA: Moved and seconded. All in</p> <p>10 favor?</p> <p>11 (Response.)</p> <p>12 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Minutes approved.</p> <p>13 Public testimony. Anybody here? Seeing none,</p> <p>14 continuing on.</p> <p>15 Introduction of new Commissioner. Kyle, you</p> <p>16 want to tell us a little bit about yourself?</p> <p>17 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: Kyle Ginoza, currently</p> <p>18 work for Hawaii Gas. And I am pleased to be on the</p> <p>19 Commission. Thank you. Born and raised on Maui, so I</p> <p>20 feel like I know Maui.</p> <p>21 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Welcome.</p> <p>22 CHAIR HIRATA: Are you going to do a</p> <p>23 presentation, Jeff?</p> <p>24 MR. UEOKA: Yeah.</p> <p>25 CHAIR HIRATA: Sure.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 ATTENDANCE</p> <p>2 COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:</p> <p>3 Charles Hirata, Chair</p> <p>4 Edwin Misaki, Vice-Chair</p> <p>5 Linda Fernandez, Member</p> <p>6 Jack Freitas, Member</p> <p>7 Kyle Ginoza, Member</p> <p>8 William Kennison, Member</p> <p>9 Gregg Lundberg, Member</p> <p>10 Travis Tancayo, Member</p> <p>11</p> <p>12 STAFF:</p> <p>13 Jeffrey Murray, Fire Chief</p> <p>14 Lionel Montalvo, Deputy Fire Chief</p> <p>15 Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel</p> <p>16 Jill Peterson, Commission Secretary</p> <p>17 Herman Andaya, Maui Emergency Management Agency</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 MR. UEOKA: Just briefly, welcome, Mr. Ginoza.</p> <p>2 I am not too worried, he was a former director, so he is</p> <p>3 probably somewhat familiar with the Sunshine Law.</p> <p>4 A fresher to everybody else. Generally, on my</p> <p>5 Sunshine Law presentations, I avoid going into</p> <p>6 hypotheticals. If a situation comes up that doesn't feel</p> <p>7 right, if you have a specific question, I am available to</p> <p>8 give you guidance on the specific situation.</p> <p>9 It's primarily a self-policing law. So we ask</p> <p>10 that you make your best efforts to comply with the law.</p> <p>11 Open meetings law, it's the intent that</p> <p>12 discussions, deliberations, decisions and actions of</p> <p>13 governmental agencies shall be conducted as openly as</p> <p>14 possible. This means discussions and deliberations should</p> <p>15 primarily occur in the open session portion of properly</p> <p>16 noticed meetings that are open to the public. So this</p> <p>17 would apply to all of you as Members of the Fire</p> <p>18 Commission. You can talk to members of the public about</p> <p>19 board business and all kinds of stuff, I just ask that you</p> <p>20 refrain from discussing board business with each other</p> <p>21 outside of properly agendized meetings.</p> <p>22 There are certain permitted interactions, but my</p> <p>23 general rule or advice to the members is there's so many</p> <p>24 other more important things in life to talk about than</p> <p>25 board business. So please stick to those.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 For the agenda, agendas must be posted six days 2 in advance of the meeting, so if you want something put on 3 the agenda, please let Jill know as early as possible so 4 she can speak with the Chair on whether or not it will be 5 included. You guys are only supposed to discuss matters 6 listed on your agenda at these meetings. So, again, if 7 you want something on, you know ahead of time, please talk 8 to Jill. If it comes up at the meeting, there should be 9 limited discussion on it at the meeting and it should be 10 placed on the next agenda so the public would know if they 11 want to come and listen in or testify. 12 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Oh, okay. So you got to 13 plan two meetings ahead, then, really? 14 MR. UEOKA: Well, one meeting ahead would work, 15 six days in advance. 16 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: What I mean is you have an 17 idea to put on agenda, you gonna discuss 'em at the next 18 meeting, then if it goes on -- if everybody approves, it 19 goes on the next agenda. 20 MR. UEOKA: No. Technically -- well, yes. 21 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: That's what I heard what you 22 say, yeah. 23 MR. UEOKA: Okay. Well, technically speaking, 24 if you know more than six days in advance that you want to 25 talk about Molokai brushfire prevention, you could email</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 personnel decisions, because you guys do hire and fire the 2 Chief and evaluate the Chief, or consult with the board's 3 attorneys. There's other stuff, but just matters that are 4 highly confidential. And, you know, your opinion, 5 embarrassing or personal, unless it fits into one of the 6 eight authorized purposes, it doesn't automatically get to 7 go into executive meetings. 8 Generally, you don't vote in an executive 9 meeting. However, if the vote conducted in open meeting 10 would defeat the purpose of the executive meeting by 11 revealing the matter which confidentiality may be needed, 12 then you vote in executive meeting. For a lot of stuff, 13 you guys wouldn't necessarily run into that issue for the 14 Fire Commission. 15 There's, also, the Code of Ethics that's, also, 16 in the packet. Elected and appointed officers and 17 employees shall demonstrate by their example the highest 18 standards of ethical conduct to the end that the public 19 may justifiably have trust and confidence in the integrity 20 of government. So there's six prohibitions. They are 21 pretty common sense. You guys can take a look at them. 22 If you have any questions, please let me know. Everyone 23 here is familiar with it at this point. And if you ever 24 have a question, contact me. I will likely, for ethical 25 matters, put you in touch with the Board of Ethics which</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 Jill, Jill would talk to the Chair, the Chair would then 2 make the decision whether or not it would fit on the next 3 agenda. 4 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. I see. 5 MR. UEOKA: You wouldn't have to wait the extra 6 meeting. But sometimes on the Chief's report, certain 7 matters do come up and you guys get into a lot of 8 discussion. So it's typically better, if you want to get 9 in depth about a specific matter, to do it at the next 10 meeting under proper notice. 11 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: The key is the six days, 12 yeah? 13 MR. UEOKA: Yeah, at least. Try do it as early 14 as possible. 15 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. 16 CHIEF MURRAY: Yeah, six days is the limit. 17 MR. UEOKA: Yeah, that's the deadline. 18 MS. PETERSON: The deadline. 19 MR. UEOKA: That's for like emergency kine stuff 20 we put on six days. 21 CHAIR HIRATA: If it's too close, Jill will get 22 one more white hair. 23 MS. PETERSON: I get plenty already. 24 MR. UEOKA: So there's executive meetings. 25 Typically, the purpose is -- for this one would be</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 is the -- I guess the body that gives opinions on that 2 type of matter. If you listen to what they say, the 3 County will defend you. If you don't listen to what they 4 say and go on your own, you will likely be on your own at 5 that point. 6 So the main things this body is charged with per 7 Charter are review the Department's request for annual 8 appropriation, so, basically, review the budget, hire and 9 fire the Chief, annually review and evaluate the 10 performance of the Chief, and, knock on wood, receive, 11 review and investigate any charges brought forth by the 12 public against the conduct of the Department or any of its 13 members and submit a written report of its findings and 14 recommendations to the Chief for the Chief's disposition. 15 We don't have a whole lot of those, so appreciate that. 16 And we always ask that membership of this 17 Commission not interfere in any way with the 18 administrative affairs of the Department. It's always a 19 fine line because there's a certain amount of 20 responsibility as the person or group that hires and fires 21 the Chief to oversee the Department, but you guys are all 22 professionals, you can make that determination. And I am 23 sure we'll all work together and figure out how that 24 should work and move forward. 25 Any questions? If not, thank you, Chair. I am</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 done.</p> <p>2 CHAIR HIRATA: Thank you, Jeff.</p> <p>3 At this time, I am going to have report from</p> <p>4 MEMA. Herman, good morning.</p> <p>5 MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, good morning.</p> <p>6 You have our report in front of you. I will</p> <p>7 just quickly summarize.</p> <p>8 We did have a symposium a couple weeks ago</p> <p>9 regarding mass violence. And Chief Murray attended a</p> <p>10 similar symposium on Oahu. And it was a great event. We</p> <p>11 had FBI there. And they talked about, you know, the needs</p> <p>12 of the victims and survivors after a mass violence event.</p> <p>13 I know Chief Murray advocated for having it here on Maui.</p> <p>14 And so I am glad that the Chief did that because it was --</p> <p>15 it was a good -- it was a good event for a lot of our</p> <p>16 partners in Maui.</p> <p>17 The other thing that is mentioned here, the</p> <p>18 Kauai flood, the landslides that occurred on Kauai. And</p> <p>19 so we got a call from Kauai asking us for assistance. In</p> <p>20 these types of events, they can get quickly overwhelmed.</p> <p>21 Any County would get quickly overwhelmed. So they asked</p> <p>22 us for -- and at that point, we knew it was kind of</p> <p>23 serious when they were asking us for search and rescue.</p> <p>24 So they asked us for search and rescue, they asked us for</p> <p>25 the Incident Management Team as well as EOC support.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Okay.</p> <p>2 MR. ANDAYA: Yeah. So the Incident Management</p> <p>3 Team, they're very well trained and they're able to --</p> <p>4 they're able to address, you know, incidents that occur.</p> <p>5 And so all hazard, you know, type of incidents. So they</p> <p>6 were deployed over to the Big Island, our IMT. They've</p> <p>7 been there for about a week now.</p> <p>8 CHIEF MURRAY: Last week Saturday.</p> <p>9 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Who is heading that up</p> <p>10 and what is the name?</p> <p>11 CHIEF MURRAY: Assistant Chief David Thyne. And</p> <p>12 we got nine total people.</p> <p>13 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: David --</p> <p>14 CHIEF MURRAY: Thyne, T-H-Y-N-E.</p> <p>15 MR. ANDAYA: Chief Thyne is -- he, actually,</p> <p>16 teaches a lot of the classes on IMT, you know. So a lot</p> <p>17 of the IMT members throughout the state, actually,</p> <p>18 probably took a class from Chief Thyne. So that's the</p> <p>19 reason why they asked if our IMT team could go over to the</p> <p>20 Big Island. So they're there now.</p> <p>21 And, also, they're asking for support again from</p> <p>22 our agency. And so we may be sending one or two of our</p> <p>23 people over to the Big Island.</p> <p>24 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Monday, they're pulling a</p> <p>25 20-foot container to send over of supplies for them.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 So I reached out to the Chief. And thanks,</p> <p>2 Chief, for putting your men on standby. So we had search</p> <p>3 and rescue and the IMT team ready to deploy, but, in the</p> <p>4 end, they didn't need them after all. City and County of</p> <p>5 Honolulu sent their teams instead. But we did send two of</p> <p>6 our staff members over to Kauai to help out with the EOC.</p> <p>7 So we sent out Andrea Finkelstein who helped with damage</p> <p>8 assessment and Keanu Lau Hee who helped out with the</p> <p>9 logistics. And they were there at the EOC for about a</p> <p>10 week or so.</p> <p>11 Most recently, the Big Island, that's in the</p> <p>12 news lately, the Big Island, with their lava flow. And</p> <p>13 they asked us, also, for the Incident Management Team from</p> <p>14 the Fire Department.</p> <p>15 And, you know, I have to say the IMT, we have</p> <p>16 probably the most robust team in the state. The IMT here,</p> <p>17 it's been around for a long time. Kauai just started</p> <p>18 putting theirs together, establishing one. Oahu had one</p> <p>19 and they -- they got disbanded. So now they're trying to</p> <p>20 establish themselves again. The Big Island is trying to</p> <p>21 establish themselves, also, so Maui Fire Department's IMT</p> <p>22 has been around for a while. So --</p> <p>23 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: What is IMT?</p> <p>24 MR. ANDAYA: I'm sorry. IMT is Incident</p> <p>25 Management Team.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 MR. ANDAYA: Yeah, they need -- they're</p> <p>2 overwhelmed as well. And so they're needing help from --</p> <p>3 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: The food container, what</p> <p>4 they call, roll off trucks can pick them up. I donated</p> <p>5 to --</p> <p>6 MR. ANDAYA: Oh, wow.</p> <p>7 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: -- help out.</p> <p>8 MR. ANDAYA: Thank you for doing that.</p> <p>9 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Well, I could be in</p> <p>10 trouble, too, some day, you know.</p> <p>11 MR. ANDAYA: And that's exactly how we feel.</p> <p>12 That's the reason why we help, we go and help our sister</p> <p>13 counties, because there will be a time when something will</p> <p>14 happen here and we're going to get overwhelmed and we're</p> <p>15 going to need support from, you know, our sister counties.</p> <p>16 So that's the reason why we do that. Also, it's good</p> <p>17 experience for us. We like to send people over because,</p> <p>18 you know, we learn a lot of things what's happening over</p> <p>19 there, we learn what kind of operational gaps they have,</p> <p>20 what things we could do differently here on Maui. So it's</p> <p>21 a good opportunity, good learning experience for us.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: We donated our</p> <p>23 helicopter to 'em, too, so -- we're flying things for</p> <p>24 them, we're flying today.</p> <p>25 MR. ANDAYA: Yeah.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Actually, I will be 2 there at the EOC tomorrow morning to meet with Fire Chief 3 and the Mayor, what we can do to help from the helicopter 4 perspective. 5 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: After they come back, are 6 you going to have them kind of go over with the Maui EOC 7 members about what kind of things happened? 8 MR. ANDAYA: Yeah, I think we're going to have a 9 discussion there. When Keanu and Andrea came back from 10 Kauai, then we had that kind of hotwash, you know, and 11 were able to learn a lot of things about what happened 12 there that didn't work, what worked, you know, and apply 13 it there. 14 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: I have a question. First 15 a comment. So I know the team, when they first started 16 off, they did a lot of training, so they used to go to the 17 mainland and participate in the big fires in the mainland. 18 So, Chief, is it the first time they got deployed locally 19 or have they been deployed -- 20 CHIEF MURRAY: This is the first time locally. 21 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: It is the first time. 22 CHIEF MURRAY: Since we've stood up. Like 23 Herman mentioned, Honolulu had a team. They disbanded 24 about six, seven years ago. And so we're the only ones 25 that are Type 3 certified in Hawaii. And he's, also,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 people in the area, you know. And we have that -- we have 2 that system. 3 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Is that federal or state, 4 done by the state or is it a federal program? 5 MR. ANDAYA: So in our case, we use Maka'ala. 6 So that's the County alert system. We contract with a 7 private company to set up that system. And for those of 8 you who have been getting the alerts, the Maka'ala alerts, 9 that's what we use. What we do is we draw a polygon on 10 our map. And that's where the alerts will go to, in that 11 area. 12 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: So can you go outside of 13 the county or only within the county itself? 14 MR. ANDAYA: No. It's within the county. 15 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: So go onto a map and just 16 pull the corners out and then -- 17 MR. ANDAYA: Right. 18 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Okay. Thank you. 19 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: I have a question for the 20 Chief. The IMT wasn't in existence at the 2009 fire on 21 Molokai? 22 CHIEF MURRAY: No. 23 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: But this -- was just -- 24 CHIEF MURRAY: We started the process around 25 there. We got a grant, we started training some people.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 correct that Chief Thyne is one of the instructors that 2 instructs throughout Hawaii. And we've done classes with 3 each county. So there is -- you know, you don't always 4 have incidents, but it's always great to have them 5 available if you need them. 6 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Great to see. I have a 7 question regarding -- you know, watching the news, I seen 8 that they did a -- I guess when the eruptions happened, 9 what they call it -- anyway, the different points that 10 they're naming and then they said they did a local alert, 11 telephone alert. Do we have that capability here? 12 MR. ANDAYA: Yes. 13 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: That we can do just a 14 local -- 15 MR. ANDAYA: Yes. 16 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: -- alert? 17 MR. ANDAYA: We do. So it's called -- I believe 18 it's called geolocating, but we can alert a certain area 19 if something happened. Like as an example, and this came 20 up during the symposium, the mass violence. So say 21 there's a shooting at a school, we can -- we can alert 22 people around the school area that, hey, you know, shelter 23 in place, don't come out of your home, you know, there was 24 a shooting in the area. And we can, also, tell people to 25 stay away from the area. So there is a way to inform</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 Then we have a budget that rolls with them annually. But 2 we didn't get up to par until about two years ago. And so 3 now we're filling in the gaps so we can do the whole team. 4 And what we're trying to do, too, is bring in Police 5 Department, MEMA, and all of those, so that it's a County 6 team, basically, that goes through this process. But one 7 of the only drawbacks to that is the biggest opportunities 8 to get on-the-ground training and experience is usually 9 the wildfires throughout the mainland. So that's one of 10 the reasons why it kind of just focal points around our 11 Department. But as a whole, it's supposed to help 12 everyone, yeah, and we have the capability. 13 CHAIR HIRATA: Herman, I have a question. Being 14 that, you know, there's some concern about some danger 15 zones on the Big Island, do we still have a danger zone on 16 Maui as far as any current threat of possible eruption on 17 Maui? 18 MR. ANDAYA: Not so much an eruption, but with 19 respect to earthquakes. So we felt the earthquake, yeah, 20 you know. And Kilauea, you know, with the explosion that 21 occurred yesterday, there may be more earthquakes to come. 22 And so that's something that we're looking at. Another 23 one is a locally-generated tsunami. So if there's an 24 earthquake that generates a tsunami on the Big Island, 25 there will be little to no notice for us here. So that's</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 something we're kind of keeping in the back of our minds, 2 you know, as well. And the last thing is the vog. So 3 there's a lot of sulphur that's being generated now from 4 the Big Island. And, luckily, for us right now, the 5 tradewind has been there. So it's been blowing it off 6 to -- you know, to the south. But there may be sometime 7 when the tradewinds may die down. We expect it to die 8 down maybe in a day or so. If that's the case, then that 9 sulphur may end up coming to Maui. 10 So we're having -- we're, actually, having a 11 meeting with our partners today. And DOH is going to give 12 us a presentation, you know, on the effects of sulphur and 13 what we can do to -- you know, what we can do, what 14 message we can send out to the public on what to do if 15 that's the case, if the vog comes over here. 16 CHAIR HIRATA: Thank you. Any questions for 17 MEMA? Thank you, Herman. Okay. 18 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Thank you. 19 CHAIR HIRATA: On to Fire Department, Chief. 20 CHIEF MURRAY: All right. Thank you, Chair. 21 Good morning, everyone. 22 We'll go to VII.a., which is the Department 23 highlights of April 2018. Some of the key things that we 24 want to talk about is our personnel movements and what's 25 the happenings there.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 information gathering as far as reports. Just -- just 2 overall coordination for that aspect, because we have no 3 building people to do repairs within our own Department. 4 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Facilities. 5 CHIEF MURRAY: Zero. So everything is 6 contracted out. And he's the key person for every of our 7 18 facilities. 8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Thank you. 9 CHIEF MURRAY: You're welcome. 10 Another thing in community service will be 11 playing against our brothers and sisters in blue tomorrow 12 night. If you're not doing anything, please come out 13 there and cheer for the guys in red. 14 CHAIR HIRATA: I am so torn. 15 CHIEF MURRAY: That's okay. You can wear one 16 blue and red shirt. Just thought I would bring that up. 17 Any questions on the highlights? This past 18 month was extremely busy. 19 CHAIR HIRATA: I heard Kekaa tower positions 20 were cut, didn't make the final cut. 21 CHIEF MURRAY: They didn't make the final cut. 22 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: Are you going to go over 23 kind of the highlights of what happened with the budget, 24 the full budget? 25 CHIEF MURRAY: Yes. Yeah. So if no questions</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 We were fortunate to get Jeannie Adams who was a 2 DPS person, in the Personnel Services, to take a position 3 within our Department. So she started on April 1st. 4 We, also, have our 22 recruits in our recruit 5 class. They will be graduating at the end of September. 6 And three State air crash rescue fire fighter recruits as 7 well. 8 We have vacant positions in our Fire Prevention 9 Bureau, which can be sometimes problematic with our 10 inspectors and what-have-you. 11 And that's kind of where we're at right now. So 12 we're looking to make some promotions shortly. 13 We, also, interviewed three applicants for the 14 Fire Services Officer's position. And we are awaiting 15 paperwork back from the Mayor's Office to make that 16 announcement. 17 And, also, we have one Ocean Safety vacancy at 18 this time. 19 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, what is -- what 20 does a Fire Services Officer do? 21 CHIEF MURRAY: So Fire Services Officer has 22 multiple responsibilities. One is to help coordinate all 23 of the repairs and any construction items that are going 24 on throughout our whole Department, on all three islands, 25 does the PIO work, also helps with assisting with</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 on a.i., we'll go to VII.b., which is the number of 2 incidents responded to by the Department. So if you go to 3 your spreadsheet, take a look at that, I'd be happy to 4 answer any questions. 5 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Incidents was down and 6 the total losses was down, which is great. 7 CHIEF MURRAY: Yeah, that is great because it's 8 hard to do budget and that stuff at the same time. So it 9 was perfect timing. Any questions? 10 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: So we will eliminate the 11 cane category now? 12 CHIEF MURRAY: No. 13 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: That's going to stay? 14 CHIEF MURRAY: I am sure it's going to stay for 15 a while, you know. I think all of you noticed that this 16 wet season has been much longer than we've all grown up 17 with and it will, at some point soon, become either 18 problematic in this year or the following year. So it 19 kind of always goes into cycle. And there's, you know, 20 brush growth on top of brush growth which will make it a 21 lot hotter and sustain fire longer. So let's enjoy this 22 downtime. 23 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: The comment on that is 24 flying in, like we always do, you definitely see the 25 difference on the borders and the roads where it's not as</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 defined as it used to be. You can see the overgrowth on 2 the roads, so -- 3 CHIEF MURRAY: Good point, Chief. 4 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Chief, I don't know if 5 this is the proper time to ask this or not, but like 6 Piipoholo Road, they took down all the trees and they just 7 got it all laying on the side of the road. You get a fire 8 there, you're gonna have a long, long, long fire. I 9 thought the log was going to be removed, but it's -- 10 it's -- it's a problem. 11 CHIEF MURRAY: Okay. I will take that into 12 account and I will speak to Public Works. 13 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Thank you. 14 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, in regards to the 15 cane category, is it your responsibility if there's a fire 16 out in the cane field somewhere? 17 CHIEF MURRAY: Yes. 18 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: It is, even though it's 19 private land? 20 CHIEF MURRAY: Yes. 21 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Thank you. 22 CHIEF MURRAY: You're welcome. 23 MS. PETERSON: There is one note, just for the 24 acreage burned, I had to put an N/A because, for some 25 reason, it disappeared from my software program. So IT is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 Because at no point economically, geographically that we 2 would be able to attain all of what they need us to do. 3 But we did take the recommendations from the auditors 4 and -- not just the auditors, but the accreditation team, 5 and made adjustments as we moved forward. So the goal is 6 that the Department will mirror what accreditation does 7 and stay ready in case that opportunity opens for the 8 Department to move forward. Because that's the national 9 best practice. So even if we don't attain that, it's a 10 smart thing to follow those guidelines because it's 11 national best practices, you know. 12 So that's it in a nutshell right there, Chair. 13 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: So can I make a comment? I 14 think for me, as a Commissioner, knowing that the response 15 time is the thing preventing, that's the main -- that's 16 one of the -- 17 CHIEF MURRAY: Yes. 18 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: One of the main things 19 preventing accreditation because of our unique situation. 20 CHIEF MURRAY: Uh-huh. 21 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: For me, even if we don't get 22 accreditation, if you can maintain that those are the 23 problems because, to me, as a Commissioner, I feel really, 24 really good about that. 25 CHIEF MURRAY: I agree with you. Thank you.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 working on it. There were nine to 10 fires that were 2 wildfires, little ones. So I wasn't able to pull that for 3 you, so that's what the N/A stands for. Okay? 4 CHIEF MURRAY: Thank you, Jill. Hopefully, we 5 can input that next month. 6 Okay. So the review and discussion of the 7 Citygate Auditor's presentation. You know, there has been 8 some time that you were able to read through that, I will 9 be happy to answer any questions that you have about that 10 subject. And that's perfect timing because it will kind 11 of move right into our whole budget part of it, too. Be 12 happy to answer any questions. 13 CHAIR HIRATA: Chief, want to give us an idea of 14 what is the future for accreditation for the Fire 15 Department, being that we just had this report? 16 CHIEF MURRAY: Okay. Thank you, Chair. So in 17 that report, there was mention about Maui being tri-isle 18 or four islands encompassing of our jurisdiction, that it 19 is somewhat problematic based on their -- their parameters 20 that they look at as far as accreditation goes. So we're, 21 actually, reaching out to them to see if they would make 22 some concessions on what we actually are up against. And 23 the auditor is, also, helping us go through that, because 24 of his networking with those chiefs in that area, to see 25 if it could make some kind of adjustment to what we have.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Yes. And, you know, once that was brought up, it always 2 stays, you know, as a priority for us to address. And 3 then we -- every month, we have meetings with IT to go 4 over those items. 5 Chief is sitting in the back, observing, but 6 he's a big part of that whole process of, you know, 7 fine-tuning -- fine-tuning those needs. 8 Any questions on the auditors specifically? 9 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Has there been any comments 10 or input from the County Council? 11 CHIEF MURRAY: Actually, very interesting, 12 because that's what I was just going to bring up. So 13 that's the perfect segue to Item d. County Council 14 actually put aside \$250,000 to deal with some of the 15 issues that the auditor brought up. One of it is making a 16 backup fire engine fully capable so that somebody could 17 come in, in 20 minutes, respond to where they need to be. 18 So that portion would have to be figured out as far as 19 cost. And there's some other items that they want us to 20 look at. 21 The majority of the recommendations was actually 22 for the whole County as a whole. Lot to do with payroll, 23 lot to do with coding of how you allow overtime or where 24 that specific dime is coming from. So I think that's 25 something that the County, all the departments, are</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 struggling with that. And now there's a new program 2 that's coming in that has been in the works for a little 3 over a year and it should be going into full phase in 4 October. It's called Workday. So, basically, this 5 process of the departments and their employees being able 6 to control their timecards a whole lot better. And now 7 we're able to pinpoint. So that data, in the next few 8 years, will be very useful to the administration in every 9 Department, so we can pinpoint where we got things going. 10 We didn't get the final draft of what has passed 11 over the first reading of the Council, but it looks 12 promising. They were really open to some of the admin 13 positions that we asked for. Chair brought up that the 14 lifeguards at Black Rock did not get passed. 15 Understandably, there were a lot of missing pieces to that 16 puzzle. Number one being that we don't own the land and 17 we have no parks in that area. So having to go through a 18 grant process with the State of Hawaii Parks, similar to 19 our Makena Beach, would have to be kind of worked out. So 20 that -- that will take some time, but it is on the radar. 21 We got a couple fire apparatus. And we're still waiting 22 to find out what some of the other smaller items are like 23 jet skis and wildland fire fighting trucks and some 24 equipment. So I think we fended a whole lot better this 25 year than we had done in the past. And as soon as the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 the support of all of you in our community. 2 So I think it's -- I just want to make -- I know 3 things were flying around and I wanted to make it 4 official. I mean, it took quite some time for me to 5 actually make that decision. And it -- it's not a easy 6 one. But that's where we're at. 7 So I thank you and I ask you for your continued 8 support of our Department. And I will be happy to assist 9 with some of the historical knowledge of the process of 10 going through the hiring of a Fire Chief. So if that is 11 ever needed, please call on me. I will always be 12 available to you folks. 13 And on a personal level, if there's anything 14 that I can ever do for you, please, you know, let me know. 15 I really -- 16 MR. UEOKA: Stay on a little longer. 17 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Well, Chief -- 18 CHIEF MURRAY: Thanks, Jeff. 19 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Well, Chief, there's some 20 big shoes to be filled. You've done one hell of a job the 21 last 10 years with this Department. You've built this 22 Department, you know, you have done a superb job. And 23 whoever comes behind you will have to work very, very 24 hard. You have done outstanding work. And I wish you the 25 very best. You're an outstanding person.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 specifics come out, I will be able to share it with you. 2 Any questions on either c. or d.? 3 Okay. Well, I wanted to take this opportunity 4 to officially let this Commission know that I am -- I am 5 wanting to retire in July and -- 6 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: What year? 7 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Very good. 8 CHIEF MURRAY: Woah. Got me. 2018, this July. 9 And, first off, I want to thank all of you and 10 the people before you for the consistent and outstanding 11 support of our Department and my administration because 12 without your support and going through the bumps in the 13 road, it would not be possible. You know, I also, want to 14 be able to thank all of the people that have worked for us 15 over the last 10 years now. 16 It's just come to that point, you know, 17 personally for me and my family, that we have to take that 18 next step and, you know, allow the next generation to come 19 in and take off from where we set the foundation. Because 20 I think we got a lot of great people, you know, that will 21 actually move the peg forward. And that was always our 22 goal, you know. 23 I want to thank Chief Shimada for all his hard 24 work. Chief Montalvo. I mean, I think everybody has done 25 outstanding work. And that all comes from this team and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 CHIEF MURRAY: Thank you, sir. 2 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, I know you're 3 saying July. 4 CHIEF MURRAY: July 1st. 5 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: It's already May. Any 6 chances of us getting a new Chief appointed by -- 7 CHAIR HIRATA: You have to -- 8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: We cannot? 9 CHIEF MURRAY: Yeah -- so I think. 10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No chance you'll stay on 11 for -- 12 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: It will be several 13 months. 14 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Until we find and 15 replace the Chief? 16 CHIEF MURRAY: I cannot -- I cannot because when 17 you go through retirement system, once you file your 18 paperwork -- like say, for instance, I said the board told 19 me, hey, you know, we'll get it done by September, and 20 then you choose somebody in August, there's no real place 21 for me to go. So I think, by vacating, it, also, allows 22 the guys that are there now to continue to work. Because 23 the Deputy will automatically move into the interim and 24 the team is still there. So I think, you know, you guys 25 will be able to at least keep the ball rolling, just</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 missing one person. So thank you for that offer, though. 2 If a contract -- if a contract comes up, I would totally 3 reconsider, but I don't think that's up to me. 4 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Chief, this is an open 5 application, people can apply from other islands and 6 whatever for the Chief, or is it internal? 7 CHIEF MURRAY: Well, I believe it's open. And 8 we would have to work through Corporation Counsel because 9 Corporation Counsel actually fills -- takes the middle 10 point and runs with all of that between DPS, the 11 Department. So Corp Counsel is the one that actually 12 governs that. 13 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Thank you. 14 MR. UEOKA: There's a state law requiring you've 15 been a resident, I believe, for a year to be an appointed 16 position. 17 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: I have a comment and a 18 request. The first -- the comment is just letting you 19 guys know that I think I first met Chief Murray when he 20 was Assistant Chief back in 2007, I think, or -- 21 CHIEF MURRAY: Yeah, I was acting. I was 22 acting. 23 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Yeah, you were the Acting 24 Chief. And Travis got involved with our Molokai Fire Task 25 Force. And he came to our meeting and he really advocated</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: I mean, my question is, what 2 does that mean? Does that mean we're going to have to 3 have a special meeting or -- I don't know. That's why I 4 am asking. 5 MR. UEOKA: That's up to you guys. 6 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Oh, okay. 7 MR. UEOKA: We can discuss it further. 8 MS. PETERSON: Yeah, that's, basically, what I 9 was going to say. At the next meeting, I can bring all 10 the information I have from the past files, like when he 11 got selected, when Fire 1 got selected. I can bring all 12 the old stuff. And it's up to you folks to do a 13 subcommittee, if you want one, if you want a subcommittee, 14 then you folks would review the questions, if you want to 15 change them. The process is all up to you folks, but I 16 can bring the old things that happened to give you a 17 leaping off point. 18 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. Thank you. 19 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I had the privilege of 20 sitting on the Police Chief transition when we moved from 21 Gary Yabuta to Chief Tivo and how we created that whole 22 process. I am happy to share some of that experience, 23 too, that we had. I even challenged Mr. Ueoka. 24 MR. UEOKA: He won the challenge, for the 25 record.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 this Fire Task Force that we formed. It's still in 2 operation today and it's helped a lot on the Molokai 3 fires. So that's the first time I met you. And I just 4 want to say I've seen the changes and thanks to you and 5 your leadership on the Fire Department making them a top 6 professional group. So I just wanted to thank you. 7 That's my comment. 8 CHIEF MURRAY: Thank you. 9 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: My request is can we, on 10 the -- since he's leaving in July, in the June agenda, can 11 Corp Counsel give us an idea what our role in the process 12 will be? Because that would be really good to know 13 because I've never gone through it, on the hiring process. 14 The recruiting, the hiring process, can that be put on the 15 agenda? 16 CHAIR HIRATA: I guess so. 17 MR. UEOKA: All kidding aside, yeah, typically, 18 the next meeting, you guys will have a discussion on that. 19 The process, generally speaking, is up to you folks. It's 20 not my decision or Corp Counsel's decision on how this 21 goes. It's this body's. I will require that you follow 22 certain laws. 23 VICE-CHAIR MISAKI: Yeah, that's what I mean. 24 MR. UEOKA: But, generally speaking, it will be 25 a Commission-driven process.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: We had a lot of good 2 candidates from off island that they really -- 3 MR. UEOKA: Out of state. 4 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Out of state. 5 MR. UEOKA: Yeah. 6 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: That we just couldn't 7 consider because of the residency law issue. And we 8 challenged it, but it withheld the challenge. So Jeff 9 will never let me forget. 10 MR. UEOKA: You can bring a copy of the letter 11 in, by the way, if you guys want that for reference. 12 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Right to the Attorney 13 General. It went over him. 14 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Any other comments? I 15 think, you know, Jeff -- you know, I've seen Jeff in 16 action. And when I was a captain at Lahaina, we worked on 17 some fires together and whatnot. It's always been a great 18 experience working with him. But most of all, I like his 19 interaction with the public. You know, his -- his work 20 with the public has been outstanding. All the different 21 causes that he's been involved in, it really puts the 22 Department in a good light. So I would like to thank him 23 for all of his services of all these years. And it's, 24 also, nice to go out when you still have your dark hair. 25 Any other comments, people? Questions?</p>

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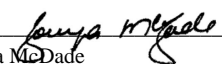
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1 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: I guess I can say
 2 something? Chief, congratulations.
 3 CHIEF MURRAY: Thank you.
 4 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Once again, everybody is
 5 saying it, but we came a long way in 10 years. Even the
 6 building we're sitting in right now and all that wasn't
 7 part of the Department. And, Chief, what I think is
 8 important is you put together a wonderful staff that
 9 stepped up. A lot of guys who didn't do stuff in the past
 10 stepped up and became part of the team that, you know,
 11 built what we have today. My hope is that you have people
 12 in place to continue the programs and such that we started
 13 a long time ago. And, you know, I know some of it won't
 14 survive, but a lot of it was good programs. And I hope,
 15 you know, the guys can carry it on and see its net worth.
 16 So some may think that, oh, we don't need that anymore,
 17 but our experience tells us we do need these certain
 18 programs and type of equipment. And they may not see the
 19 justification. My hope is that, you know, they understand
 20 a lot of things that were done. I hope it's passed on to
 21 the new generation. And, you know, whoever knows the past
 22 chiefs that worked for you, you know, they put in a lot of
 23 work. And just thank you for your service to Maui County.
 24 And especially -- I know for a fact, on Molokai, (you and
 25 Chief Shimada put a lot of effort and made a lot of big

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1 changes there that were really needed on Molokai. So
 2 that -- and even Lanai. I worked on Lanai, too, and I
 3 seen a lot of changes there. So thank you for --
 4 CHIEF MURRAY: You're welcome. Thank you.
 5 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Anything else, people?
 6 Okay. Move to --
 7 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Move to adjourn.
 8 CHAIR HIRATA: -- adjourn the meeting?
 9 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Move to adjourn.
 10 CHAIR HIRATA: Second?
 11 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Aye.
 12 CHAIR HIRATA: (Gavel.)
 13 (Meeting adjourned, 11:13 a.m.)
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