

PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

July 24, 2019

Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Chair
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Kelly T. King (out 10:00 a.m.; in 10:29 a.m.)
Councilmember Alice L. Lee
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Michael J. Molina

STAFF: James Krueger, Legislative Analyst
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary

Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Don Atay, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci

ADMIN.: David A. Galazin, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Clayton Yoshida, Planning Program Administrator, Department of Planning (PSLU-31)
Paul Fasi, Planner, Department of Planning (PSLU-31)
Herman Andaya, Administrator, Emergency Management Agency (PSLU-35)
Rowena Dagdag Andaya, Director, Department of Public Works (PSLU-35)
Val Martin, Assistant Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety (PSLU-35)
Everett Ferreira, Captain, Department of Police (PSLU-35)

OTHERS: Tim Cullen, Head of School, Saint Anthony School (PSLU-31)
Rory Frampton, Board Member, Saint Anthony School (PSLU-31)
Mahina Martin (PSLU-31)

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Raymond Cabebe, Chris Hart & Partners, Inc. (PSLU-31)
Mahina Martin, Director of Government and Community
Relations, Maui Electric (PSLU-35)
Chris Reynolds, Director of Operational Technology, Maui
Electric (PSLU-35)
Ernesto Noblejas, Director of Environmental Health and Safety,
Maui Health System (PSLU-35)
(2) additional attendees

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

CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee of July 24, 2019 come to order. The time is 9:02 and if all folks in the room could silence their cell phones or other noisemaking devices. My name is Tamara Paltin and I'm the Chair of the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee. I'd like to introduce my Vice-Chair Shane Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka e na kia`i.

CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka. Councilmember Mike Molina is not here, absent. Councilmember Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Madam Chair, if you're traveling to France you would, in the morning you would say to all the people bonjour.

CHAIR PALTIN: Bonjour.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Bonjour.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. We have Councilmember, Vice Council Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka. And we have Council Chair Kelly King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha, Chair, and just a reminder I have to leave for a conference call at 10:00. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Aloha. And we also have Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning, and I also want to say happy birthday to Alice Lee.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Councilmember Alice Lee's birthday today.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Happy Birthday.

CHAIR PALTIN: Happy Birthday. You want to sing? No?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Hauoli la hanau.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yuki wasn't supposed to say anything. So, she needs to be scolded.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: How come you're wearing the lei?

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, she let the cat out of the bag. No, no, I'll let you guys deal with that after in the parking lot or something. Also, with us today we have Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corp. Counsel David Galazin.

MR. GALAZIN: Good morning.

CHAIR PALTIN: Good morning. We have the Administration, we have Department of Planning Program Administrator, Clayton Yoshida.

MR. YOSHIDA: Good morning.

CHAIR PALTIN: Good morning. And we have Planner Paul Fasi.

MR. FASI: Good morning.

CHAIR PALTIN: Good morning. From the Administration we have a representative from the Police Department, from the, we also have the Director of Public Works, Rowena Dagdag Andaya. I don't see the representative from the Fire Department yet. And other resources for PSLU-31 we have Raymond Cabebe of Chris Hart & Partners, Incorporated, and from Saint Anthony we have representatives Robbie Spenser, Gary Passon, and Rory Frampton. Other resources for PSLU-35, we have Mahina Martin, Director of Government and Community Relations, Maui Electric; Chris Reynolds, Director of Operational Technology, Maui Electric; Ernesto Noblejas, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, Maui Health System, and it looks like Director of Emergency Management, Herman Andaya. Committee Staff, we have Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary.

MS. BALALA: Good morning.

CHAIR PALTIN: Good morning. Legislative Analyst, James Krueger.

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MR. KRUEGER: Good morning.

CHAIR PALTIN: Good morning, and Legislative Attorney, John Rapacz. For our District Office Staff we have Zhantell Lindo from our Molokai Office, Denise Fernandez for Lanai Office, and Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros for Hana Office. Today on our agenda we have two items. The first item is PSLU-31, Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for Saint Anthony Church and Schools, in Wailuku. And the second item is PSLU-35, Hurricane and Emergency Management Preparedness. So, for public testimony for individuals testifying in the Chamber, please sign up at the desk just outside the Chamber door. If testifying from one of the remote testimony sites, please sign up with the District Office staff. Testimony will be limited to the items on the agenda today. And pursuant to the Rules of the Council, each testifier will be allowed to testify for up to three minutes per item. When testifying, please state your name, and the name of any organization you may be representing. If you are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. And we have established a connection to the Council District Offices. Our first testifier today is Tim Cullen, testifying on agenda item PSLU-31, and he's testifying on behalf of Saint Anthony School. His title is the Head of the School. Aloha, Mr. Cullen, thank you for being here today.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

MR. CULLEN: Thank you. I'm Tim Cullen, Head of School for Saint Anthony School. Aloha. Good morning, and in Italian, buongiorno, you gotta use the hands too. First of all, I want to thank you, Chair and Committee. People have lots of opinions of public servants and the decisions they make. But I understand, respect, and appreciate the full plate and slate that you have, and the tough decisions you make, and I appreciate the opportunity to be here to present our needs, but also give you thanks for support that you've given, and hopefully will give today. Also, on behalf of our Saint Anthony Catholic community, which is the parish, and the school, and all our alumni and friends, I also say thank you, and I speak on behalf of them. You know, Saint Anthony School has a long history, long legacy in the community, has seen many changes in our world, many changes in the needs, but continue to do everything we can to serve the heart, mind, body, and soul of every child that walks through our doors. Along with that legacy, we also are excited about the efforts that are being made by a lot of people before I came onboard and continuously going on with last year and this year adding additional grade school teachers to meet the needs at our grade school. Our classrooms are air conditioned, and improvement in technology and but also programs and services for our students. So, we have that momentum, and part of that is to obviously continue to move forward with our facilities and again the programs we offer. We're excited about that. I was told, I was reminded this morning that I only had three minutes time limit which is hard for me, that's why I'm not using my hands, but also, that I shouldn't come up here and do a lot of singing and dancing. I don't do either one well. So, I will spare you that experience. But I simply want to, and humbly, ask for your support with what we're doing here. It's the next step in allowing us to match up our reality from way back when, when Saint

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Anthony Parish and School were built. So, I humbly ask for your support for this. I appreciate all that you do. And as we honor our legacy, we're very excited about serving our current students and those that will come in the future. So, mahalo and God bless you guys. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Cullen. Members, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I have a question.

CHAIR PALTIN: Starting with Chair King, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Headmaster, and thank you for your kind words about the Council. I just wanted to find out from you, why it's taken so long to get to this point of the community plan amendment and Change in Zoning?

MR. CULLEN: Well, that's a good question. I know that it's been a long time since the parish and/or school has tried to update or build things. So, there's a several year committee that met, came up with this overall master plan. So, this is just the next step with that. Within that plan it talked about going through the proper channels to look at future needs for the campus, including going through the County, the Council, through the Diocese of Honolulu, and all those steps. So, this is just part of the natural course. It took many years to come up with the plan. This is just actually implementing it, so.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, you didn't need the community plan amendment or a Change in Zoning up to this point?

MR. CULLEN: We haven't had a project that required it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MR. CULLEN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Alright, thank you.

MR. CULLEN: Thanks.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Welcome and --

MR. CULLEN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --nice seeing you here. I'm seeing Saint Anthony grow and I'm just curious what is your enrollment?

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MR. CULLEN: That changes every day. So, I know our numbers at the elementary, again we're adding an additional second grade teacher, last year we added another kindergarten, first grade, our middle school numbers are strong, our high school numbers are a little bit lower. But that's part of the enrollment issue we've been dealing with over the past several years. There's just a lot of momentum going on there and I would, you have an open invitation if your schedule or interest allows if you want to come by campus we'd love to show you 'cause I can talk about it, but I think seeing it, seeing the staff and students, it kind of reinforces why this is so important. So, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. When I was at Baldwin High School, Saint Anthony was the school to beat. So, keep up your athletics also.

MR. CULLEN: We're working on that too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. CULLEN: Like we say, strong but mighty, and we want all of our student athletes to know that when they step up for Saint Anthony Trojans, that they fight their best fight, and people know that they had good, fair competition. So, thank you for acknowledging that and it is a key area for us.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Second and last question is, so, I guess that ties into why we want to do this Change of Zoning and if you could just tell us in your words, so not only from the Planner, but if we could hear it from you.

MR. CULLEN: Well, there, the whole overall master plan has many components to it looking at structures and facilities. And part of that plan is to try to provide for the first time ever, an athletic center for our student athletes. So, we've appreciated the support through the County and facilities that are available. As I'm sure you guys know it's hard, and it's hard to fight for that time. So, part of building our program, and for our little ones to our biggies, it'd be nice to have a place for them to just walk on campus to practice, to play, to build that school spirit, all the rest of those things that other schools have that we desperately need. So, that's the primary reason. This is just one piece along the overall plan of what we're doing for our facilities.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, well said. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning.

MR. CULLEN: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You may know my grandson, he's, he just turned 16 actually yesterday, Riley Ambrose.

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MR. CULLEN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I was just wondering, and I too graduated from Saint Anthony, and so did my son. My grandson is usually on the Principal's list. I used to be on the Vice-Principal's list. Anyway, I was wondering, do you have the funding for this project?

MR. CULLEN: Yes, we have, we established a little over a year ago Saint Anthony of Maui Foundation Board, and we established a full advancement office. So, part of their overall campaign has this as a targeted area. So, we already have some dollars that have been given to get that started. And we'll be, once we get approval, it's hard to ask for the donors until we get the final approval that the project is legitimate and it's moving forward. So, we do have some funds for that, and this will allow us to nail down the actual cost so we can legitimately offer those requests out there and then get the rest of the funding. So, we have a campaign that will be coming.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

MR. CULLEN: Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Members, any further questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, Mr. Cullen, for your time.

MR. CULLEN: Thank you, guys. Have a great day.

CHAIR PALTIN: And I've just been informed that Molokai is having technical difficulties. But they have no testifiers at this time. Next up in the Chamber we have Rory Frampton, testifying on agenda item PSLU-31, and he is a Board Member.

MR. FRAMPTON: Good morning, Members and Chair. And I'm Rory Frampton, as you mentioned I'm a Board Member, a volunteer Board Member. Also a proud graduate of Saint Anthony School. Just a little bit of history, as most of you know, the Saint Anthony School and church was built I think it was over 170 years ago, a long time ago. There was no thoughts of zoning or anything like that. Most of the school and campus was built out when Maui did adopt zoning in the late 1950s. And back then, schools were put in the, allowed in the Residential District. So, schools, Maui High School is zoned Residential, Baldwin is Residential, so is Saint Anthony. But in the '80s they adopted the Public/Quasi-Public zoning district, and when they updated the community plans, most of the campus is community plan Public/Quasi-Public. You'll just see from Raymond that it's just a small sliver that's for the community plan, the rest of it's for the zoning. And it's really just to bring the zoning up to match the community plan and so that we can have the flexibility as we move forward with the master plan to implement the rest of the school facilities that are anticipated. So, that's just a little bit of the history. And the, we want to thank the Council for initiating the Change in Zoning, the former Wailuku representative Alika Atay submitted it. So, we very much appreciate that. So, that's made its way through the process and here we are. So, just thank you, thank you all very much.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Frampton. Members, any questions for Mr. Frampton?
Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you for being here, Rory. So, I was just looking at that
submittal by former Councilmember Atay, which was back in January of 2018. So, is
that the normal course of events, it takes over a year and a half to even get to the
Council?

MR. FRAMPTON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, there were no extraordinary holdups. That's just the
process?

MR. FRAMPTON: Yes, it gets referred to the Planning Commission, you got to have, you
know there needs to be a staff, a report done, sent out to agencies for comments. It
goes to the Planning Commission and then it takes a while to get from Planning
Commission back to Council.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But they didn't have a problem with it, did they? 'Cause it seems
pretty much just like housekeeping.

MR. FRAMPTON: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you.

MR. FRAMPTON: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Members, any further questions for Mr. Frampton?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, real quick?

CHAIR PALTIN: Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Frampton.

MR. FRAMPTON: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony and for sharing with
us some of the history of the zoning 'cause I had questions about that which I'll
probably follow-up with the Planning Department. So, you mentioned in the '80s the
zoning Public/Quasi-Public was adopted. Was that adopted by the Council or...that
zoning?

MR. FRAMPTON: Yeah it was, so, it didn't exist before in our zoning book.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

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MR. FRAMPTON: So, the Council, by law yeah, adopted the Chapter on Public/Quasi-Public uses, or the section for Public/Quasi-Public. So, it became a new zoning district.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Were you part of that at that time?

MR. FRAMPTON: Not in the, no, not in the '80s.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Maybe I'll ask...

MR. FRAMPTON: Thanks for asking. Almost.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I'll ask the Planning Department.

MR. FRAMPTON: I think Clayton might have been, Clayton Yoshida.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Thanks, Mr. Frampton. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Members, any further questions? Seeing none, thank you, Mr. Frampton, for your testimony today.

MR. FRAMPTON: Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Next up in the Chambers we have Mahina Martin, and she's testifying on PSLU-31 on behalf of herself as an individual.

MS. MARTIN: Aloha, good morning, Chair. I feel a little bit of an alumni pressure. So, I'm a graduate as well of Saint Anthony School. And certainly, I would like to share the appreciation for what the school is to our community and its need and its desire to move forward in all of its plans as it looks to the future. You know, as a graduate I went from kindergarten all the way to senior. So, I'm a 13-year veteran of the plaid uniform. And my mom, for the old timers' graduates was the school baker for almost 30 years, Mary, at the front window. But so, the school evolved from, you know, separate entities and now it's moving towards the future for what it needs to do because its enrollment has dropped, its campus is still gorgeous and means so much to us. Many of us would like to see the school have what its need will be for the future so that we can send...the competition for private schools changed a little bit over the years. But Saint Anthony is probably so rich in history that its planning needs must reflect both maintaining that history, continue working with the community, but also find ways to address what its future needs are going to be in this changing demographic of our island. So, I mahalo you for your consideration and thank you and put my support behind the school's request. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Martin. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you for your testimony.

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MS. MARTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: I'll check in with the Hana Office. Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, do you have anyone wishing to testify? Let's try Lanai for now and see how it is. Lanai Office, Ms. Denise Fernandez, do you have anyone wishing to testify?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Let me take a quick recess and just check in with Hana if they have any testifiers. Return at the call of the Chair, if the Members could still stay in their seats. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 9:21 a.m.

RECONVENE: 9:23 a.m.

CHAIR PALTIN: . . .(gavel). . . The Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee of Wednesday, July 24, 2019 return to order. The time is 9:23 and we've been informed that there are no testifiers wishing to testify in Hana, Maui. Is there anyone in the Chamber that wants to testify at this time? Seeing no further individuals wishing to testify, without objection I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Public testimony is closed.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

PSLU-31: COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT AND CHANGE IN ZONING FOR ST. ANTHONY CHURCH AND SCHOOLS (WAILUKU) (CC 19-127)

CHAIR PALTIN: So, first item on the agenda is PSLU-31, Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for Saint Anthony Church and Schools in Wailuku. The Committee is in receipt of the following County Communication 19-127, from the Planning Director, transmitting documents related to a Council-initiated Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for Saint Anthony Church and Schools. From correspondence dated July 17, 2019 to the Department of Corp. Counsel, transmitting proposed bill entitled A Bill for an Ordinance to Amend the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Land Use Map from Single Family to Public/Quasi-Public, for a Property Situated at Lower Main Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, Tax Map Key (2) 3-4-018:106, and a bill, a proposed bill entitled A Bill for an Ordinance to Change Zoning from R1 Residential District to P2 Public/Quasi-Public District for properties situated at Lower Main Street, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys (2) 3-4-019:003, and (2) 3-4-018-106. So, we received correspondence dated July 18, 2019, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting revised Community Plan

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Amendment and Change in Zoning bills approved as to form and legality. All the revisions were non-substantive. And at this time, I'd like to introduce Raymond Cabebe and the representatives from Saint Anthony and designate them as resource persons pursuant to Rule 18A of the Rules of the Council because of their knowledge on the subject application.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Great. And Mr. Cabebe has a short five-ten-minute presentation for us about this project. Thank you, Mr. Cabebe.

MR. CABEBE: Thank you, Chair, and good morning, good morning to the Committee Members. My name is Raymond Cabebe, also a graduate of Saint Anthony. So, the two bills before you are for the Community Plan Amendment and the Change in Zoning. And I'm sure all of you are with familiar with Saint Anthony and this is just a location map to show you where it lies in Wailuku in relation to different landmarks in Wailuku. This is the tax map and there, the smaller parcel is actually on a different TMK plat and it's about 13,000 square feet, and the main parcel is 14.3, about 14.3 acres. This aerial shows you the layout of Saint Anthony with the, I don't know if you can see my pointer, but that little piece on the bottom that's the 13,000-square-foot parcel that's actually part of the athletic field. These are some of the significant buildings that are on the property. The church, the current church was built in 1980. The previous 1873 church was destroyed in 1977, actually the first church was built in 1843, or '48 I believe, and that photo in the top-right corner is Damien Hall, that was constructed in 1925 and it houses the school offices right now. When I was in school, it used to be the brothers' residence. Chaminade Hall is in the left bottom, it's also known as the upper campus or high school and it was also constructed in 1925. Maryknoll Hall is the one in the middle, that was in 1940, that used to be the girls' school and it's now the intermediate school. And the bottom photo on the right is the convent. Currently, it's vacant. That was built in 1949. So, the main parcel is community planned for Public/Quasi-Public, and that small 13,000-square-foot parcel is Single-Family Residential. And both parcels are zoned R1 Residential. It's in the Zone X on the FEMA map which is outside of the flood plain. This table shows the comparison between the two parcels. The only difference between the two parcels as far as land use designation is Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan, the larger parcel is Public/Quasi-Public, and the smaller one is Single-Family. So, the bills are to change the smaller parcel from residential to Public/Quasi-Public on the community plan and also for both parcels, the Change in Zoning was turned R1 Residential to P2 Public/Quasi-Public. The resolution was introduced by former Councilmember Atay in February of last year. And in the same month, it was reviewed by the Land Use Committee, and the Land Use Committee referred it to Planning, and Planning referred it to the Maui Planning Commission, and that was heard in November of 2018. In between that time, like we already stated that there was a...the assessment for the project was distributed to agencies for review. And the Planning Commission approved a recommendation for approval unanimously on November 13. Chris Hart & Partners prepared a Saint Anthony Master Plan in 2016, and one of the recommendations was to update the land use designations to be

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consistent with what the existing uses are. And as was stated, the gymnasium, there's a planned gymnasium, and the height permitted by P1 zoning would not accommodate the gym. So, that's why we're asking for P2 zoning. So, basically just, the two bills are just to bring the property into compliance with the existing uses that's been there since 1848. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Cabebe. Members, any questions for Mr. Cabebe at this time? Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for being here, Mr. Cabebe. So, that little sliver that, was there an intent to put a home there or something? Is that why there's, was there a reason why that was left Single-Family in the community plan when everything else was made into Public/Quasi-Public?

MR. CABEBE: Looking at the history of that parcel, it was owned by Wailuku Sugar originally, and it was transferred to the school at some point I think because of the, that cane road that goes through there, that's adjacent to it. It was, I don't know if it was part of that road at one point. But Wailuku Sugar owned that road and so they also owned that little piece.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. So, that little piece was transferred after the fact and just kind of hung out there?

MR. CABEBE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MR. CABEBE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It's just, we're just kind of aligning everything in that. Is anything going to go in that little section that you know of?

MR. CABEBE: Well, the --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It's such a small little sliver.

MR. CABEBE: --County has a plan to extend Imi Kala Road that runs along the western edge of the properties. It's abandoned right now; it's a can haul road that was abandoned.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can you point that out?

MR. CABEBE: Right here.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

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MR. CABEBE: So, Imi Kala Road stops right here at this point, and the County has plans to extend it out and connect here. Your plan actually will, they want to turn, make a turn, so they were at right angles to Lower Main Street.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. So, that will actually cut off that little section at the bottom?

MR. CABEBE: Yes, eventually it will, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And you're good with that, or the school's good with that?

MR. CABEBE: I don't think we...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Have a choice? Okay.

MR. CABEBE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I guess we'll cross that road when we come to it.

MR. CABEBE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Sure thing. Member Sinenci?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a question. Do you know if the school has already plans for the gymnasium if this goes through?

MR. CABEBE: Yes, I believe they've already put the building permits in.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: And where on the map would that take place if I may ask?

MR. CABEBE: There's an existing basketball court right here, and that's where the proposed athletic center is going to be.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Any further questions from the Members? I just wanted to mention that I spoke with Mr. Cabebe and Mr. Cullen prior to this meeting and I wanted to propose an amendment to the zoning bill adding the following condition that the uses on the property shall be limited to church and school uses. Because the reason for the zoning change is to match up the zoning with the existing uses, and this P2 Quasi-Public has a lot more additional uses than just school and church uses and they were okay with that, so just putting that out there for you guys. When the time comes to vote we can see if you guys are okay with that as an amendment. And if I can get any comments from the Planning, Mr. Fasi?

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MR. FASI: Thank you, Chair. The Department supports the project. We basically have no comment.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, and I understand it went through the Maui Planning Commission with no conditions or no problem, it was passed through?

MR. FASI: That is correct.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Any questions for the Planning Department, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No questions.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have questions for the Planning Department.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Yeah, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So, in reviewing this I saw that the church was rebuilt after the fire in '77 and it was built in 1980. Was that a permitted construction of the P1 zoning at the time? Or was that before Quasi-Public, Public/Quasi-Public zoning was adopted?

MR. FASI: I'm going to refer that to Mr. Cabebe. I was not part of that whole thing back in '71.

MR. CABEBE: I wasn't part of it either. But I believe it's reconstruction of an existing structure. So, that's how they were able to reconstruct it. Even though it...it's a...church use is still a special use in Public/Quasi-Public, and since it's, you know, it's been there since 1848, basically reconstruction of a special use.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Cabebe. I have two more questions for the Planning Department. So, when the Council adopted the Public/Quasi-Public, was, does anyone know if it was discussed that it would impact schools which were an allowable use in Residential and then it became nonconforming after the adoption of Public/Quasi-Public zoning? Meaning did they understand that that was going to be one of the impacts of adopting that new zoning and was nothing done to prevent this from happening right now?

MR. FASI: I'm just going to have to just go on an assumption 'cause again, I was not part of that whole process. Maybe Clayton Yoshida could better discuss that matter. But I would agree with that assessment.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then, my last question for the Planning Department, so, for the community plans, what we've gone through to some communities have their third iteration of the community plan. Are communities allowed to change the community plan designation during the community plan

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process so that these types of situations don't have to come before us as a Community Plan Amendment?

MR. FASI: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, just to clarify, West Maui right now is going through their community plan process, and then we'll have a couple other communities simultaneously starting their process. And so, to help these entities like the schools that are in Residential, these communities can make those changes in the designation from having schools, I don't know if Lahainaluna is in Residential, to Public/Quasi-Public?

MR. FASI: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR PALTIN: Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just a point of clarification. Thank you, just a point of clarification. So, the Community Plan Amendment review is a recommendation and then the Council makes the final decision. So, the Council accepting that community plan will make those changes. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I just wanted to add to that. So, in the process before it comes to the Council for review, the community can make that recommendation before it comes to Council so that it doesn't have to go through this type of Community Plan Amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, it's maybe even more complicated because the CPAC makes the recommendation, then it has to go to the Planning Commission, then it comes to the Council --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --so, all of those changes are, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, okay. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Member Sugimura, did you have? Okay. So, I mentioned before my amendment. Did you want me to just, I just wanted to take a temperature check, is everyone okay with that amendment?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I support it.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The school is, I mean, they're okay with it. So, it's pretty clear.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And one of the board members from the school had a comment if that's alright. Mr. Frampton?

MR. FRAMPTON: Thank you. We would, before committing to that, I mean, in general the concept of course, but we'd just like to see the specifics 'cause there are other uses on the property that are existing today that we want to make sure are recognized, like preschool, the nursery school.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, it says church and school uses. So, all the school uses.

MR. FRAMPTON: Yeah, under the County Code, we would ask that you, of the ones that are listed, churches are listed, community centers are listed, education in general and specialized, facilities for nonprofit organizations, I think all those are appropriate, and then, kindergartens, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, colleges, and libraries, of course, that's appropriate. Then the one right below that, nursery school and daycare centers, we'd want that to be in there. And I think that covers it.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And any limitations on the facilities for nonprofit organizations? We have some businesses in our County that are nonprofit organizations that don't necessarily conform with church and school uses.

MR. FRAMPTON: Yeah, I mean, the facilities are used by the community. There's other groups that use it like there could be Boy Scouts or other types of stuff, and we just want to make sure that whatever's put on here is not overly restrictive.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So, the list on...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, before you go on --

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --sorry, can we just remind everyone to turn off their mics? The feedback is getting bad. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, Mr. Frampton, so, the ones that, under P2 Public/Quasi-Public is churches, community centers, education generalized and specialized, facilities for nonprofits, kindergartens, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, colleges, and libraries, as well as nursery schools and daycare centers.

MR. FRAMPTON: Yes.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And are the Members okay with those? No objections? Mr. Galazin, is that okay with you? Do you have an opinion on this?

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MR. GALAZIN: Thank you, Chair. Just going through what the permitted uses are within Chapter 19.31, it seems as though, I want to be clear, you are proposing to allow a significant portion and, I mean, only exclude a few, or do I have that backwards?

CHAIR PALTIN: Those ones that I listed that we were okay with is churches, community centers, education general and specialized, facilities for nonprofit organizations, kindergartens, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, college, and libraries, as well as nursery school and daycare center. And the reasons is for the zoning change to match up the zoning with existing uses.

MR. GALAZIN: Yeah, Chair, that would be fine and that does make sense. And I, if you wanted to clarify also, and I don't know if this is what Mr. Frampton intended, but to ensure that any use that is permitted as of this date would also be allowed to continue if for some reason they felt it didn't adequately fall within one of these categories. I don't know the uses so I couldn't speak to that specifically.

CHAIR PALTIN: I'm okay with that. Members, are you okay with that?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I have a question, Chair?

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, sure, Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, what exactly are we excluding then?

CHAIR PALTIN: Fire and police stations, hospitals, cemeteries, crematoriums, government buildings and facilities, private parking lots or structures serving public purposes, public facilities or public uses, public parking lots or structures, public utility substations which will not be hazardous or a nuisance to the surrounding area, quasi-public uses or quasi-public facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, and water treatment facilities.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I think it's, well, I'm kind of confused now because if they do use their school for parking for something then we have to add that in, or...

CHAIR PALTIN: I think the parking that they have is associated with the school use or nonprofit organizations.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right, but it could be construed as a public parking area if they use it for that for an event or an adjacent event. I mean, there's a lot of things on this list that could be, fall into that category of what they're using now. So, it's not really clear what they're doing now, what items of what the school is currently using that property for would fall under some of the things we're trying to exclude. I guess I'm confused about that.

CHAIR PALTIN: Mr. Galazin?

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MR. GALAZIN: Thank you. And, Council Chair King, one of the things that you may want to do is just identify a couple of things like wastewater treatment facilities, water treatment facilities, that you want to exclude and say that in all uses within Public/Quasi-Public are permitted with the exception of these couple if you think that the list of what you want to exclude is smaller than the list of what you want to include. And then, if that's the case, you would also want to address the accessory uses, whether all the accessory uses would be allowable as well.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I don't, and I don't know what that, what they, you know --

CHAIR PALTIN: Accessory uses.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --everything that they're doing there. So, is there any like, I know there's a cemetery nearby, but is there any, you know, internments on the property or any of these uses? I guess we would have to ask the Board or, you know, any of, which of these uses that we're excluding are things that we would be adding back in if we put in that phrase or any current operations.

CHAIR PALTIN: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, just in connection to this conversation 'cause I think it's important. You want to take a short recess and actually talk to the school and Rory Frampton to look at that list because what we don't want to do is create a problem so that in the future they're going to have to come before us. And I think we all understand what the school is about and that, you know, but we don't know what their whole master plan is. We know today, we don't know what their future plans are. But I don't think they're going to build, you know, this huge structure or do something, you know, magnanimously opposed to what a strong community would agree to. But could you call a short recess and have them look at the list so we don't do something that's contrary to their general purpose for being here or can you have somebody answer this?

CHAIR PALTIN: Mr. Cullen, did you have a comment or, Mr. Frampton? We kind of did discuss this before and they were okay with the church and school uses. And now we're just getting it a little bit more to what Mr. Frampton said.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Details.

CHAIR PALTIN: So...

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Chair?

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Were you going to read the accessory list?

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CHAIR PALTIN: Sure, accessory uses and structures include energy systems small scale, provided there will be no detrimental or nuisance effect upon the neighbors, fences, walls, patios, decks, and other landscape features, garages, porte-cochere, mailboxes, ground signs, light pole, and trash enclosures, subordinate uses in structures which are determined by the Director of Planning to be clearly incidental and customary to the permitted uses listed herein. So, to me, it's easier to just say the six that Mr. Frampton listed than exclude and then bring the accessory uses back in. But, Mr. Frampton, did you have comment?

MR. FRAMPTON: Again, we're supportive of the concept. But I do share some of the concerns. I mean, we just, we're just going through this right now, I mean, literally this minute looking at the details. If we could take a quick recess so that we could look at the, come up and look at the list and work with you and Staff and might be that it's simpler just to knock off which ones are not allowed, either way.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. We'll call for a ten-minute recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 9:50 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:00 a.m.

CHAIR PALTIN: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Planning and Land Use...Sustainable Land Use Committee of July 24, 2019 come to order. The time is ten o'clock. And, Members, after talking it over with the school, the uses that the school is okay with having disallowed under this P2 Public/Quasi-Public District is cemeteries and crematoriums, fire and police stations, government buildings and facilities, hospitals, as well as water treatment facilities and wastewater treatment facilities. So, if Members are okay with that, I'd like to add a condition to disallow those uses on the property by consensus. Consensus?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Chair, I just had a question of the Planning Department. So, if we're putting these amendments into the ordinance, would these be, like if someone was searching for the zoning of the property, would these be on the zoning information? Or you would have to be, you would have to look up the ordinance attached to the zoning? It's just a general question.

CHAIR PALTIN: I think it would be a recordation of a unilateral agreement on the property. Or, Mr. Galazin?

MR. GALAZIN: Yes.

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. I guess I was right. Okay. So, seeing that we have consensus, Members, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of the revised proposed bill transmitted by Corporation Counsel by correspondence, dated July 18, 2019, entitled A Bill for an Ordinance to Amend the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Land Use Map from Single-Family to Public/Quasi-Public for

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Property Situated at Lower Main Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, Tax Map Key (2) 3-4-018:106; incorporating any non-substantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR PALTIN: Moved by Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura and seconded by Councilmember Shane Sinenci. Any discussions about the item or the amendments? Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR PALTIN: Any opposed? So, we have five "ayes" and two excused, Councilmember Molina --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: King.

CHAIR PALTIN: --yeah, and Council Chair King are excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Paltin, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and Councilmembers Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers King and Molina.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of revised Community Plan bill.

CHAIR PALTIN: The Chair will next entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of the revised proposed bill transmitted Corporation Counsel by correspondence, dated July 18, 2019, entitled A Bill for an Ordinance to Change Zoning from R1 Residential District to P2 Public/Quasi-Public District for Property Situated at Lower Main Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys (2) 3-4-019:003 and (2) 3-4-018:106; incorporating revisions made by consensus of the Committee, any non-substantive revisions; recordation of the unilateral agreement; and filing of County Communication 19-127.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR PALTIN: Moved by Councilmember Sugimura and seconded by Councilmember Shane Sinenci. Any discussion on the item or amendments? Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR PALTIN: Any opposed? So, we got five "ayes" and two excused. The motion passes.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Paltin, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and Councilmembers Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers King and Molina.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of revised Change in Zoning bill, RECORDATION of unilateral agreement; and FILING of communication.

CHAIR PALTIN: So, that item is done. Next up we have PSLU-35, Hurricane and Emergency Management Preparedness, and I'll call for a quick recess subject to the call of the Chair for folks to switch out and things. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 10:04 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:12 a.m.

CHAIR PALTIN: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee meeting of July 24th return to order. The time is 10:12 a.m. and we're on to our next agenda item.

PSLU-35: HURRICANE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS
(CC 19-264)

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CHAIR PALTIN: PSLU-35, Hurricane and Emergency Management Preparedness. The Committee is in receipt of County Communication 19-264, from Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, relating to hurricane and emergency management preparedness. And the Committee may receive a presentation from the Maui County Emergency...Preparedness Programs and Initiatives, and may discuss MEMA's recent activities in other related matters. Committee may also consider filing of the communication and other related action. For our discussion today, we have Herman Andaya, the Emergency Management Administrator, as well as Fire Chief Val Martin, Police Captain Ferreira, and Maui Health System, Environmental Health and Safety Director Ernesto Noblejas. In the gallery with us today we have Director of Public Works Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, and representatives from MECO who I introduced earlier. And if there are no objection, I'd like to designate them all as resource persons pursuant to Rule 18A of the Rules of the Council because of their organizations' emergency response roles.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And at this time, I'd like to ask Mr. Andaya to proceed with his presentation.

MR. ANDAYA: Good morning, Madam Chair, Members of the Committee. Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to be here today. Not many know about our agency. And so, I was asked to do a very brief overview of MEMA. MEMA is located in the basement of this building. And because of our location, many do not know who we are and what we do, and in some ways, many see us as a secret organization. We want to change that. And so, I will...and so I always appreciate the opportunities such as this to do presentations to the public about our agency. This field of emergency management began in World War II. There was a need to prepare our population for the potential of foreign attack. And since then, our mission has changed to include other threats like natural disasters, hurricanes, storms, and so forth. But since then, we've also evolved to handle other threats including active shooter, pandemic viruses, as well as cybersecurity. Here are all the threats that our agency is responsible for. And this is our threat assessment. As you can see, hurricanes, tsunamis, and earthquakes are the biggest threats here on Maui, but also, we've been getting a lot of flash floods as well. So, we went from the Maui County Civil Defense Agency to the Maui Emergency Management Agency, and this was done several years ago, and it was done to reflect our changing roles which includes more threats. And so, we have FEMA on the Federal level, on the State level we have the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and then on the County level as you see there, Hawaii County, Oahu, County of Kauai, as well as County of Maui. As you can see, Hawaii County has chosen to keep their name, Civil Defense. So, they're the only agency in the State that is still called the Civil Defense Agency. And the laws that govern our agency includes Hawaii Revised Statutes 127A, as well as Maui County Charter Article 8. And that Article 8 lists all the departments within the County. And so, this is our org chart. So, there's myself, we have one secretary, and then we, we're broken up to the planning and operations officer, the communications specialist, that person's also responsible for alerts to the public, our preparedness specialist, she goes out into the

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public and does a lot of presentations. She's also responsible for getting various kinds of communications out to the public, as well as a hazard mitigations specialist. And so, this is our staff without our secretary. But I just wanted to show you this picture because we're responsible for the County of Maui, Maui, Molokai, Lanai. And as you can see, it's a very small staff. But we do what we do with what we have. I'm very fortunate that these individuals are very dedicated individuals, very professional, very well trained. As an example, the person on the far right, he's a retired Fire Captain from Arizona, and he's also a graduate of the EMI, Emergency Management Institute, which is, you have to be selected to be part of that, to go to that institute. So, we're very fortunate to have someone with his credentials on our team. So, these are the phases of the emergency, preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation. So, preparedness happens before the emergency occurs, response happens during, and that's when we activate the emergency operations center, or the EOC, recovery is where the most work occurs. That's where we have to get people back to a sense of normalcy in their lives, and then mitigation is what we do to prevent the harm of the emergency for the future. So, a good example is like the flood mitigation project out in the Wailuku River. So, because of that, we added another position, and thank you to the Maui County Council for providing us, or allowing us to bring on another, approve the position. And so, we have now a recovery specialist and we are in the process of recruiting for that position. We are all trained in what's called the incident command system. And so, our staff is trained in that. We go through constant training. In fact, today, there is a class going on at the Maui College and it's for ICS 300 and 400. Everybody who's in our EOC are all trained in this as well, including Assistant Chief Val Martin. And this is important, the reason why we have this system is because, so FEMA prescribes this to all agencies throughout the country. And so, whenever there's an incident, an emergency, and we need help, someone from say New York can come in and they can fit very well in our agency because we're speaking the same language, we're speaking the same terminology, the same concepts. And so, this works really well. I recently went to the Philippines with the National Guard. They paid for my trip out to the Philippines and I observed an exercise there. And the great thing was they also prescribe to the ICS system. So, because of that, even though English was their second language, we could communicate with each other, you know, to the same terminology, the same concepts. And so, it goes to show that this is, the system works. And so, this is what we use downstairs. And this is how the structure is during an emergency. So, we have an Operations Chief, a Planning Chief, Logistics Chief, and the Finance Section Chief. And so, we are a coordinating element during an emergency. So, we are here to support say during a fire, if Fire needs whatever equipment, as an example, with the Kihei fire they requested a Chinook, a large helicopter, two bladed helicopter so that they could do more water drops, larger water drops. And so, we were, we communicated with the State and was able to get the Chinook here on Maui. And then, this is our, this is what it would look like with all the different sections. And so, this is our operations. So, this is all the different partners that we have in our EOC during an activation. So, as you can see, we have Police, Fire, in our public safety, National Guard, Coast Guard, they're all there. Human Services, so, that's an important aspect. So, for instance, there were issues with the homeless, evacuating the homeless, and so, that's the reason why we have Human Services there. We also, a large portion of our population is visitors, in fact,

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50,000. So, 150,000, that means that a quarter of our population at any given time are visitors. So, we need to make sure that they're taken care of as well. And so, because of that, we have the Visitors Bureau at the table. And then, we have the infrastructure section and there you can see, again, State and County departments there, as well as we have a remote locations section. So, we want to make sure that we pay attention to what's going on, on Molokai, Lanai, and Hana. So, we have somebody at the EOC who is constantly communicating with those areas to make sure that they're taken care of. These are, this is a list of all the agencies that are in the EOC. So, as you can see, the County, State, as well as Federal, and then we have a number of non-governmental organizations such as the American Red Cross and so forth. We use this process called the planning P; this is how we plan for the next operational period. And so, again, this is the same process that you would find anywhere else in the country. I believe even Maui Electric uses this process as well. So, they have an IMT, an Incident Management Team. So, they follow the same process also. This is what, this is how, I talked about how we request for additional resources from the State. So, this is what happens, it goes, it comes to us first, whenever there's a need for equipment or resources, it comes to the local EOC, we then, if we can't provide that, then we then go to the State EOC and request for that equipment or resource. And if they can't provide it, then they will then go to the national, they would go to the Federal level and they will then try to see if they can provide that equipment for us. And so, this is just, sorry, I put this in here, but this is a hurricane that was out in the, in Mexico. And so, that's where the hurricanes usually start. So, that's where we usually start monitoring, keeping an eye on those types of, like disturbances. And typically, those have a potential of becoming cyclones. And so, if they do, then we keep an eye on that. If you can see in the far, the far left, that's the 140 longitude. So, the moment that cyclone gets pass the 140 longitude, that's when we start having briefings downstairs, we activate the EOC, we call all of our partners in. We have briefings with the Governor and with other agencies and we start to prepare for the hurricane. So, here's an example. You can see the 140-west longitude, so the moment it passes there, that's when we start to prepare. And then, here's a picture of our EOC. So, as you can see, it's pretty crowded. We have between 60 to 80 people in the EOC when it's activated. And so, this picture shows that, you know, that there's a need for a larger EOC, one that's more functional, more technology should be in there. We have problems with the space with, we have problems with AC. So, whenever there's an activation, we have to bring in AC units in to, because the AC unit right now can't handle that large amount of people in there. And so, we have to bring in additional AC units to keep it cool. We also have problems with our power. And so, when this facility was built, they weren't planning for 60 to 80 people coming to the EOC, number one, and number two, they weren't planning for everyone bringing in their laptops, you know. So, there's, sometimes when the power will trip, the circuits will trip. And so, that becomes an issue for us. So, we're trying to make some changes to the EOC so that it can handle a greater power load. These are just pictures of the EOC. So, this is the messaging that we give the public to how to prepare for an emergency, any type of emergency, and there's three ways to prepare. Number one, prepare an emergency kit, and so, there's a list there, and you know, it includes a 14-day supply of water, one gallon per person, per day. Also, 14 days of non-perishable foods. The reason why we have 14 days is because that's what we

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estimate it will take for supplies to come in. So, say for instance, the harbor goes down, it'll probably take that amount of time to either fix the harbor or find some other way to bring supplies here on Maui. Second thing we have to do to prepare is make a plan. So, making a plan with your family, making sure what you're going to do in the event of an emergency, where to go, you know, things like that. And then, the third thing is being informed of emergencies. So, this is where, you know, there's radio, there's TV, we're also using social media quite a bit, as well as Maka`ala. So, Maka`ala is the County's alert system. And that's really the primary way to get the word out about if there's an emergency. Like right now, as we're talking, we're not listening to the radio, we're not watching TV, you know, but we have our phones. And if something was to happen that is probably the first, you know, your, that's probably when you'll hear about the emergency first is through your phone. So, we have that system, the Maka`ala system.

CHAIR PALTIN: Director Andaya, is that the one where the, it'll ping off the cell phone tower and automatically go to everyone's phone? Or do members need to sign up for the Maka`ala?

MR. ANDAYA: You can sign up for it. And then, what you're talking about, we have what's called IPAWS, and so, when we put an emergency in there, like a situation, it will go to your phone, it will go to on the radio, on TV, you know, those crawlers on TV, it'll go to that. So, and then on the radios as well.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And so, the Maka`ala, how would members sign up for that if they wanted to become notified through that source?

MR. ANDAYA: You can go to Mauicounty.gov/emergency and there's a, you'll see that logo, and...sorry, that logo, just click on that and that will bring you to the webpage where you can sign up. And when you sign up, like you can choose how you want to be notified. So, you can be notified by voicemail, by e-mail, by text messaging, and also, you can indicate what kind of emergencies you want to be notified of. So, you may not want to check off everything. Like for instance, high-wind advisories and, you know, high-surf advisories, you may want, you know, you may want to just be notified with like hurricanes and, you know, flash flood, those types of things. Some people make the mistake of checking all, and so, we get calls in our office later on like can you take me off the system because, you know, either I'm getting like woken up at 2:00 in the morning because of a high-wind advisory. So, yeah, just choose certain ones.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

MR. ANDAYA: And then, this is CERT. So, the other way that we're asking the public to do to prepare also is, you know, if you're prepared at home and everything, then you can help us by being part of organizations like CERT. CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team. And this team is responsible for being in the community and being able to assist if there's an emergency. Oftentimes, the Fire Department and the Police Department will be overwhelmed. And so, because of that, you know, your community members might be calling 911 and no one's there to help them. So, that's where we

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have community members, dedicated community members such as these who can assist. And I know Councilmember Paltin is a certified CERT member. So, thank you for doing that, Councilmember. She's gone through the training. It's a long six-day training. And I went through it myself recently and I remember, Councilmember Sugimura, you saw we were role playing and there were a bunch of bodies on the ground, you know, and you drove into the parking lot and you looked kind of surprised. But we were training, we were training how to do triage and, you know, those kinds of things. So, the Fire Department is instrumental in helping us training community members to be part of this team. And that's all I have, Councilmember.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Director. At this time, I wanted to open it up for questions on this portion, and then afterwards we can segue into the MECO and the power aspect of it. Did anyone have any questions for any of either Director Andaya or any of our resource members? Sorry, did any of the resource have anything that they wanted to add to that presentation? No? Okay. So, at this time, I'll open it up for questions. Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo, Mr. Andaya, that was a very good presentation, very enlightening. So, I have a few questions. First question is on one of the slides where it broke down the different County and State departments that are part of the EOC, Environmental Management was on there twice. Is there a reason that it was on there twice? I wasn't sure if like it was, you were specifying different divisions or something. One more, a couple more back.

MR. ANDAYA: Oh, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That one, under infrastructure, or maybe I just wasn't reading it right.

MR. ANDAYA: It could be separate functions. So, first of all, we want to make sure that our wastewater systems are working, and so, that's one function. And then the other function that they have is our debris management. So, the Environment Management Department is responsible for debris management and we have a debris management plan. And so, they're responsible for implementing that plan.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it, mahalo. Okay. And then a few slides after this one where you talked about going to the State for resources and if the State cannot provide those resources, then we would go to the Feds, yeah, this one. So, would the County request resources from the Feds, or would the State request on our behalf?

MR. ANDAYA: It would be the State on our behalf.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: So, we want to make sure that we exhaust all, like all of our resources first of all, so that's the first thing to the State, make sure that, you know, we've exhausted all

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options, and then, the State will then try to fill that request. And if they can't, you know, if they can't, then they would go to the next level, Federal, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. And then, is the Administration looking to obtain an emergency radio channel to keep emergency communications available even when TV and Internet signal is available? Or...yeah.

MR. ANDAYA: We're having those discussions. But like as I mentioned before, we're primarily focusing on our cell phones because again, like being in this room, we would not be listening to the radio, we would not be listening, watching TV. And so, we would more likely, most likely, more likely get our emergency alerts through our phones. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: So, and for example, like sirens, so people are, you know, oftentimes we're in this building, we won't hear the sirens go off, you know. But we'll, you know, we'll get our alerts through our phones, so.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Would you need to have Internet on your phone in order to get those alerts?

MR. ANDAYA: So, it goes through cellular, the cellular phones, so, that's how we would, you know. But again, I mean, we're using a multitude of, or different modes of communication. So, we do have phones, TV, radio. When the fires occurred at Kihei, I mean, I was, I heard, I was looking through the radio and there was, and I was listening to different radio stations and they were updating us on, you know, what was going on. So, that seems to be working fine, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, in looking at different methods of communication, having our own radio station where the, our County's residents would be able to know that that is where they would get, be able to get information and have that information repeated or looped is not something that the MEMA or the Administration is considering?

MR. ANDAYA: We're looking into that. But we understand that there's a great cost in having something like that. We would have to have our own antennas and our own, you know, like how a radio station would have. So, there is a tremendous cost in doing that. And so, we're trying to find ways to, where we don't have to spend so much money, you know. And I think there are ways that we can do that, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you have an idea of how much something like that would cost?

MR. ANDAYA: I don't have those figures.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

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MR. ANDAYA: But I, from what I heard, it costs a lot.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the County, I mean, we definitely recognize that emergency preparedness and during emergencies it's so important that we have appropriate resources for MEMA. A radio station was an idea, but you said that it's pretty costly. Having a larger EOC with better technological capabilities and just the capacity to house that many people is something that MEMA is also looking into. Is there anything else that the Council can do to support MEMA's efforts in making sure to, being adequately resourced and staffed to meet the needs of our growing population?

MR. ANDAYA: I'm not sure if you mentioned staffing but...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so, staffing resources --

MR. ANDAYA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --location --

MR. ANDAYA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --radio station.

MR. ANDAYA: That's, I think the two biggest right now is our facility. We want to make sure it's functional and that we're able to work well in that space, and the other is our staffing. And so, I think most people think that like we only work whenever there's an emergency and that's not true. We're constantly working because what we're doing is we're preparing. We're preparing for, you know, what may occur. And so, that's really what takes up a lot of our work. We're taking classes, we're applying for, we're going to be applying for grants, we're making sure that our communications are, you know, that it's working. I mean, there's a lot of facets in our, in Emergency Management. And so, we need to make sure that we have adequate staffing that can make sure that those are addressed.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then, my last question, Chair. In cases of possible evacuation routes being a liability for the public to drive, can transportation through the County be provided on these roads in order to reunite families and facilitate evacuations without creating more traffic and safety concerns?

MR. ANDAYA: Could you give an example? Like, sorry, or if you could repeat that, I didn't quite...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I guess like the example of this, the Central fire and people were, you know, trapped in Kihei --

MR. ANDAYA: I see.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and if there's like liability, Oprah opened up her road, but there were concerns of liability and the State getting sued. So, are there efforts being made to, you know, look into how to address that kind of situations? Maybe busing people to prevent that type of liability just so that families can be reunited and, you know, like if the, you know, the parents were in Kihei and their children were at home Upcountry at daycare or something, they weren't able to get their children from daycare.

MR. ANDAYA: I see, yes, we were in communication with Oprah's representatives and with the ranch I believe. And so, we were, when the fire first started, we were already communicating with them and figuring out if we were able to use their road for an evacuation route. And, you know, their road is a, it's a one-way. It would be one way. So, you could get out of Kihei, but you wouldn't be able to get back in. And it's, from my understanding, it's kind of a narrow road. And so, that's the reason why it would be one-way traffic, you know, because of the, how narrow the road is. And so, that would be a, what we would use in case we had to evacuate Kihei. The bus, using the, like busing, or you know, because Veterans Highway, Maui Veterans Highway we wouldn't be able to use that, you know, there's, the only way would be to, if we need to evacuate Kihei would be to go up that road, you know. And that's the reason why we began talking to them already, you know, just in case we need to pull the trigger on that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Andaya. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And before I recognize Member Sinenci, I just wanted to follow up, in the debris management portion of your question, since the Lahaina fires I spoke with Mr. Andaya, and it's my understanding that now he has pre-positioned contracts for debris management and Porta Potti's so we wouldn't be in the same type of situation as last time where, you know, it was to get the rollout dumpsters and the Porta Potti's, and maybe looking into pre-positioned contracts for some other things, maybe generators or tents. And also, I wanted to follow up on the resources from FEMA. It's my understanding that to, in order to get reimbursed, we need to follow all existing protocols for spending the money, all County and State protocols, in order to get reimbursed. Is that also true?

MR. ANDAYA: With respect to your first question, that was something that we saw was a gap last year with debris management. And so, that's the reason why this year when the State asked me like what kind of training we would want, I specifically asked for debris management. And it's kind of complex in the answer to your second question because in order to get reimbursed by FEMA we have to follow certain rules. As an example, we can only get reimbursed for debris that's pushed off to the side of a government road. Well, in the case of Kauaula Valley, you know, there's no government roads nearby. So, that means that they would have to haul their debris from up the valley, down to Honoapiilani Highway. So, those were the kinds of things that we had to address. We were able to get a waiver, an exemption to that. But yeah,

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we have to be careful that we follow these rules; otherwise, we would not be able to get reimbursement.

CHAIR PALTIN: And then, the last point I wanted to follow up on, I was given an opportunity to tour the facilities, and I just wanted to share with the Members, there's an odor, there's a mildew problem, it's very small and, you know, there's a lot of exposed wires. And I'm not sure if Mr. Andaya is open to having other Members tour the facilities, but I would encourage everyone to do so. And he also shared with me that at a time prior to his administration, there were plans for another facility by the Waikapu quarry, and I was encouraging him to just, you know, bring those plans forward and we can see where we can go from there. So, just throwing that out there on top of the points that you had brung [sic] up. Member Sinenci, you had some questions?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: I just had a clarification question. Was MEMA going to, planning on moving to the new County building down in Central, at the service center? Are, yeah, are you still planning on moving there?

MR. ANDAYA: There was talk about it some time ago. But my understanding is we're not planning to move there, or the Administration is not planning to have us move there.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Oh, okay. Thank you. And then, the other question was, for your staff of six I believe now, do you guys update the Maka'ala website? Because we had some e-mails that the websites weren't updated during the fire. And so, how often does MEMA go ahead and update those websites?

MR. ANDAYA: So, Madam Chair? I think you were talking about the, our County website --

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Yes.

MR. ANDAYA: --our MEMA website. So, that's, that was updated often. In fact, we had the webmaster in our EOC, and he was updating it as we were getting information.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Oh, okay. 'Cause we thought we heard some people say that there was some older information on the website, maybe I understand that some of the fiber optics were burned during the fire.

MR. ANDAYA: That's true.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: So, people weren't getting a lot of the information via those routes. Do you have any plans in going, moving forward in case something like that happens again?

MR. ANDAYA: So...sorry, Madam Chair? So, we do have multiple, as I mentioned earlier, like modes of, you know, communicating or getting the word out about an emergency. So, we do have radio, TV, as well as, you know, cellular. If the Internet is down, maybe the cellular is still good. So, you're still getting, you should be getting texts still through the cellular system. So, that's, you know, there's only so much we can do.

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We can, you know, we're trying to do a multitude of different ways to convey this information, and that's, you know, I think we're kind of using the buck shot approach, I suppose, you know. And hopefully someone is using one form, you know, of communication.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Alright, thank you. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. And sorry I missed the earlier part of the presentation. I was on a, I was actually on a call, Chair, with the White House about this County visits that they're trying to instill. It made me think about Federal funding, and whether, you know, 'cause these are things that they're encouraging County officials to come and discuss. So, and if you, Councilmembers, if you didn't get this e-mail, I'll send it around to everybody again, but it's an invitation to all County officials to attend our regional meeting at the White House. So, my first question, Mr. Andaya, is do we get any Federal funding for EOC for our regular operations? I know we seek it after have an emergency but what about our ongoing operations?

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair? So, we did receive a \$150,000 grant from Department of Homeland Security. And so, we're using that to purchase equipment for our EOC downstairs, as well as the EOC's on Molokai and Lanai. And that's the, we have these funds that, our Homeland Security Grant program, and those funds are used for various things. As an example, for Fire, when Fire needs equipment like hazmat, or like we're purchasing hazmat equipment for them, we use those funds as well as Police, Police and...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, are there any restrictions when they give those funds? Or are they just designated for any emergency operations?

MR. ANDAYA: The restriction, as long as it's relating to emergency, emergency management and homeland security.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And it can be used for operations, personnel, equipment, anything, there's no restrictions?

MR. ANDAYA: Sorry, Madam Chair? Mostly equipment, so we can use it for equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That's what it's designated for?

MR. ANDAYA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And do you know if that money, if that, how that's designated? I mean, are we allotted a certain amount based on our population or based on our square footage, or, you know, based on how many representatives we have?

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MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair? So, we have, it's a grant that's given to the State. And then, we compete for those grants, for those monies. So, as an example, this year we're getting 700,000 --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: --and so, and, you know, it could be more, it could be less. And it depends really on what we're asking for. And so, I rely heavily on the, like the Police Department, the Fire Department, and other departments to, you know, apply for grants, apply through us, they write it up and then we submit that to the State.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, it's based on the application? And we got 700,000 to Maui County? Oh, okay, great.

MR. ANDAYA: Yes. Application also, I go to what's called a red book meeting on Oahu and we pretty much kind of fight for monies, you know, between the counties, the various counties and the State.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Do you know how, the amount that we got this year, how that compares to the other counties in the State?

MR. ANDAYA: It depends. I don't know what...it's comparable.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MR. ANDAYA: Yeah, like, Big Island, Kauai, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: Oahu gets a lot more, of course because, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I would assume so. Okay. Thank you for that. And then my other comment is about the discretion about the radio station because I think that what we need is one designated place to go. And it gets really confusing when people are getting tidbits from here and there and not all radio stations are consistent all the time. So, whether it's our station or we designate an official place to go, I think it would be wise to look into putting out an RFP and having these various radio stations compete for what we need as a consistent source. You know, you can put in guidelines in there. And the one piece of testimony, Chair, that we got on this item from Susan Hansen of Kihei, she indicated that Mana'o Radio is, their Board is looking at becoming the go-to station. I don't know what that means, but they're broadcasts are live, so they're not, you know, put automated stuff on there. But if we could put out an RFP so that at some point, we designate one of the stations, the official station to go to, and then, everybody knows to go, you know, we got to obviously put that information out where to go in emergency situations. But that might be a way of getting around the expense of trying to do it ourselves but making

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sure there are standards to whoever we're going to designate as an official radio station. I do want to, I wanted to share, in case you didn't get to see it, just a couple of the concerns of this one testifier who lives in Kihei and said that she enrolled in the Maka'ala notification system a year or two ago but didn't get any notifications. And then when she checked into her profile, it looked like the alert requests had been deleted somehow. So, she had to reinstate it. So, that may not be working well. The FEMA number, or the MEMA number that she had in her phone for updates and is also listed at the bottom of the Maui Emergency Management first page was staffed by a person who suggested I call back when the next press conference is scheduled. She informed me that they are only staffed when there's an activation and that if they're closed, to check various Facebook links. So, is that consistent with what you, how you're operating?

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes?

MR. ANDAYA: So, we do have a call center downstairs, and that's only when there is an activation.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: So, we have members of the Mayor's Office staff that call center.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, if somebody has a question just about the process and about that office, where would they go? Because apparently, she was told, she was not referred to another number. She was just told to call back when there's another press conference.

MR. ANDAYA: I'm not sure what the, what happened in that phone call. It could be that she was given information and then, you know, when she was asking for more information maybe she was saying well, this is what you said ten minutes ago, or half an hour ago. So, maybe that's why, you know, maybe that's why the person said well, call back...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, no, I'm just reading to you what was in the testimony. It says she...it was just staffed by a person who suggested I call back. So, I'm assuming she didn't get any information. But this would be, this might be a good, you know...

MR. ANDAYA: I have that letter.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: That letter was sent to me as well.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because those are, you know, I mean, those are real-time issues that people are having --

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MR. ANDAYA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --that need to be addressed, I think.

MR. ANDAYA: She has good suggestions. And so, you know, we're looking into that. She also talked about, in that letter, talked about commandeering the Visitor Channel, you know. So, I'm not sure if that's possible. I don't know what the cost is if we were to do that. The other thing, Madam Chair, if I may, in answering Councilmember King's question about the radio station, so, FEMA designates one of the radio stations here on Maui to be the primary. And then, that person, that radio station is then responsible for getting all, getting the information out to all the other radio stations. And the reason for that is if we were to have a go-to, what if that go-to is down? What happens if it's destroyed, you know, during a disaster, natural disaster? Then where do people go, you know. And so, that's the reason why we want to try and get all radio stations, you know. People should just listen in on all radio stations.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right, but then we're doing, I mean, when I was stuck in that one fire that happened at Maalaea on my way, I was stuck in that for the traffic for three hours and I was switching back and forth, and back and forth to all these different stations trying to find something that had a pocket of Internet connection. So, if, you know, I mean, that would be, to me that would be the requirement for, you know, the RFP is to find a station. And by the way, what is the FEMA designation because I don't think anybody knows? You said that they have a designated station. What is that station?

MR. ANDAYA: It's Pacific Radio Group --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So...

MR. ANDAYA: --their stations, and then, KPOA is the FM.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, if that's the designation, we need to get that information out there far and wide too because I...this is the first time I've heard that there was a designated station.

MR. ANDAYA: Well...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But that's what I'm looking for is like, you know, what's the first source to go to, and obviously if something is down it's down. But we don't even know what the first source to go to, we're just like flipping stations and trying to come up with anything. And when we, when I got stuck on the road during that fire, nobody, you know, we weren't getting any updated information, and everybody was getting really frustrated because traffic started moving in one direction and not in the other. So, apparently it wasn't contraflow because our lane was stuck and the other one, you know, cars would start coming. Every few minutes they'd let a few cars through. We had no idea. I almost got out of the car and started walking to the Pali to find out what was going on. But if there was at least one station that was designated as the

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official station that could keep putting information up, at least we have, we would know, okay, either it's down or that's where we would go instead of trying to figure out who is available.

CHAIR PALTIN: So, it's Pacific Media Group, KPOA.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Pacific...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Ninety-three point five.

MR. ANDAYA: Yes, but they, but they're, you know, they're designated as the primary, and their job is to get the information out to all the other radio stations. So, I don't want to tell everybody oh, listen to this one particular station because it may be...

CHAIR PALTIN: They're the lead that gets it out to all the radio stations.

MR. ANDAYA: Yes. That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: So, that helps us, that way we don't have to go and call --

CHAIR PALTIN: Each station.

MR. ANDAYA: --all, each station and let them know what's going on.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah.

MR. ANDAYA: So, that's the reason why we have a primary, information goes to that, you know, the primary --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Maybe --

MR. ANDAYA: --and then they, thereafter.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --we need to advertise that primary further so that people know that there is that one designated source. 'Cause right now I don't even think anybody knows that.

CHAIR PALTIN: I don't think it matters because it's their job to get the information out to all the stations. So, all the stations --

MR. ANDAYA: Right.

CHAIR PALTIN: --should have the information.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: I understand that. But we're going to keep getting this, these kinds of requests and complaints because nobody even knows that we have any, that the County has designated or that FEMA has designated a point of information. And, you know, this is the first I've heard of it. So, I'd like the public to know that that's what, that's the designation and that somebody is taking care of that, you know, because that's a huge concern. We hear about that every time there's a disaster.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then, for me, I had some policy questions for the Police and Fire. You know, in my previous line of work we had a lot of people that didn't listen to recommendations and my question is in regards to mandatory evacuations. If you guys run into folks that refuse to evacuate, what is the policy or the protocol? If folks just stay and then they get in trouble and need to be rescued, is there a procedure? Do people get arrested? Do they get told hey, if you get in trouble, we're not coming back for you? Or what is the procedures and policies that you folks follow in those situations where there's a mandatory evacuation and nobody wants to listen, or a few people don't want to listen?

MR. FERREIRA: I'm Captain Ferreira from Wailuku Patrol. In instances as those, we would highly encourage them to evacuate. And it would be based on the recommendation. Because if it's a fire situation, Fire is actually in control, but they will have us and if we have to, we'll remove them from the property so everybody can be safe.

CHAIR PALTIN: And then, if it's only the Fire on scene, do they have those abilities as well? Or they would call the police to fill in?

MR. FERREIRA: That would be our job, Chairman.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And in the case of mandatory evacuation where folks don't hear about it and then they need rescue from an evacuated area because they didn't for whatever reason, didn't know it was an evacuated area, is there a procedure for that?

MR. MARTIN: Chair, thanks for that question. For us in emergency response, our main priority is keeping our first responders safe and, but being effective even before rescuing the public. We don't want to send our first responders in there and make the situation even worse. So, there are times that we will not come and rescue you. There are times where that person will be left on their own, whether it's in the ocean, or in the mountain because an attempt, or the situation is too perilous for us to make a rescue. However, we will try as much as we can, but we don't want to make the situation worse.

CHAIR PALTIN: So, basically, use your best common sense, look out for yourself and your brothers. Thank you. And then, I did have a question also for Mr. Noblejas about, you know, if any kind of hurricane or emergency event and there should be a mass casualty incident, like what is the capacity of our coroner to process currently? Oh, just press the button for the green light, yeah.

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MR. NOBLEJAS: Madam Chair, we do have decedent storage at the facility. But with regards to mass casualty, or mass decedent storage, we would refer to County resources for storage of a large number of decedents that exceed the capacity for our facility.

CHAIR PALTIN: What is the number that you have for just any given day capacity?

MR. NOBLEJAS: So, day-to-day capacity for, we have six decedent storage fridge. But once it starts to exceed that, we have different processes that we use for rotating bodies, minimizing the temperature in the outlying areas in the morgue in order to slow down the decomposition.

CHAIR PALTIN: And how many coroners do we have in the County working?

MR. NOBLEJAS: That I do not know.

CHAIR PALTIN: Mr. Andaya, are you aware?

MR. ANDAYA: We do have an office, Coroner's Office, and there's a number of employees that work there. I don't know the exact number.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And so, if we were to have an incident where there was an unknown amount of fatalities and family members were trying to determine whether their, trying to reunite with their families, what agency would take the lead on that? Would it be Emergency Management, Fire, Police, or Health Systems?

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair, we would implement the mass fatality plan that we have in place. And we've been working with the Prosecutor's Office. They have victim counseling, victim witness counselors. And so, we would set up what's called a family assistance center. And in that center, we'll have various mental health professionals there, Police chaplains. Then there's also a section for like death notifications. So, we'll create a room where we could do death notifications as well.

CHAIR PALTIN: And has there been any discussion about, you know, some places after a devastating incident set up like a victim's relief fund? Have you spoken at all whether that would be us as the County or some nonprofit entity? Are we not at all going to be accepting funds and we're going to direct everyone to another agency? Or has that been determined?

MR. ANDAYA: So, with respect to a relief fund I suppose, so, there's the American Red Cross that we can go to, as well as the Hawaii Community Foundation. They just established a fund that people can apply to receive monies from. If we qualify, we do have, from FEMA, we do have individual assistance. But that's only if we qualify.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Ms. Sugimura, you had a question?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so, I just wanted to add to this. Thank you very much for the clarification about the radio station 'cause I did hear that before about the responsibility. And I didn't realize it was FEMA who designated the radio station. And by going to NACo I think that, Chair, you spent a lot of time going to the emergency management sessions as is I did one. One of the things they mentioned, and you realize well, this is the national counties talking and the importance of FEMA for our reimbursement. So, I wondered if we've done this. They suggested to have preapproved vendors so that you already have met the requirements that FEMA would ask in case of an emergency but you kind of just, you know, could pull from this list so that we wouldn't be trying to do the government, you know, RFPs at the last moment and trying to get three bids and all the things that we're required to do 'cause we use taxpayers money, right? So, what are you doing in that regard?

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair? I know Councilmember Paltin and I talked about that as well and we are in the process of looking into doing that, creating these pre-event contracts, I suppose you could call it. And so, primarily with debris management, so, we want to make sure that we are able to get the resources we need. We don't want them going somewhere else because someone already contracted with them. And so, we want to create these contracts where we're able to, you know, make sure that they'll be available for us in case we need them. And that's something we learned from our workshops. We had trainers from the mainland, and they talked about these contracts, these pre-disaster contracts. And we met with Greg King, the purchasing agent, who has also taken many of these classes, FEMA-type classes. And so, he's familiar with the laws regarding these pre-disaster contracts as well as with Corporation Counsel. So, the indication I got before was that we weren't able to enter into these types of contracts, but then, now I'm told that we can. So, we're pursuing that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good, I think we heard about having to run into these kinds of RFP situations with the 100-year flood when we had that problem with Iao. So, I'm glad you're taking care of that. And I would imagine that by doing it now that we would get our reimbursements a lot faster hopefully, 'cause I know that it's a, it is a process. And I'm glad, Chair, that you have MECO, Maui Electric here today 'cause Mahina is in the audience because I think that every time there's a disaster, we all get nervous when we run out, you know, we have electricity problems. One of the reasons why I'm grateful to have started a conversation with MECO earlier, and we met with the Mayor in fact, and we were talking about this. But Upcountry, I got to, I get, every time there's a disaster of some sort, not every time, but when there are, I get a call from my friend Alan Vares who's a retired firefighter, was a captain when he retired, and he's concerned about trees that are overgrown in private property. And in Upcountry we have glycine that's growing all on the electrical lines which, you know, could cause power outages. And I wonder if, at the right time, Chair, when you decide if Mahina could come down and talk to us about some of the concerns that maybe MECO has so that we, I believe that we, our residents should be responsible for how we can have safer environments or opportunities so that in time of disaster we could all, you know, mitigate some of the problem. But I wonder if people have received a copy of, this is excellent emergency preparedness book that actually MECO put

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together. It looks like it's pretty expensive. A lot of work was put into it. But it's important because all of our basic needs gets, you know, endangered when there is like fire or whatever it is that we've been experiencing. So, I wondered if at the right time we could ask them to also...

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, is there more questions for Fire, Police, or Health Systems at this time? Ms. King, and then followed by Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I'm not sure if this is for Fire, Police, or probably more for Mr. Andaya. But just a follow-up on the idea of having the pre-contracts setup and putting out RFP's ahead of time. I just would ask, I think that's a great idea and I would ask that you document that because when we did have a lot of contracts were given out, or maybe not a lot, but for a lot of money after that flood in Iao Valley and there were some of us that had concerns about the, how quickly those contracts went out and the amount of money, I mean, millions of dollars to do things like crush rocks that I don't think we're going to get paid back for FEMA. So, having, being prepared for what type of activities are going to be required I think is going to be really important. There's still questions hanging out there about some of the activity and I know some of it got taken off the books after Councilmembers raised questions. But there was, there didn't appear to have been a procedure back then for, you know, allotting those contracts and there was some question about how those vendors were chosen. So, I just wanted to urge you to also document the process that we're going through so it's clear, it's transparent, it's clearly objective, and that the activities that we're contracting for are clearly FEMA activities that are reimbursable. But I had that huge concern back then when we were approving that \$5 million for the previous, that flood. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I was hoping that Mr. Andaya would be able to go back to the slide, it's like a wheel that showed, it was like a quarters, it was in quarters and it had like the responsibility. So, it had like...

CHAIR PALTIN: Recovery --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right, yeah --

CHAIR PALTIN: --preparedness...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the four mitigation response. So, you have now seven people, well, six people on staff and one additional position that we added during the Budget process. So, for the six that you have now, is there, it looked like there was like one person per area. Is that accurate?

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes?

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MR. ANDAYA: We have, like for instance, hazard mitigation. So, we have the hazard mitigation specialist that's responsible for that. We have a preparedness specialist. With respect to response, that's everybody's responsibility. So, we all you know, take that responsibility. Recovery is where we, there was a gap. And so, that's the reason why I wanted somebody who could...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The new position?

MR. ANDAYA: Yes, the new position --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. ANDAYA: --thank you, and that's the reason we wanted somebody who could primarily focus on that, you know. And so, and that's a year-round type of position where they would be talking to community members and, you know, and making sure that, that in the event that we have an emergency, that she has people that are willing to help.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So, which is responsible, which person or position is responsible for communications? 'Cause it seems like communications is the area that's in need of improvement.

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PALTIN: Go ahead.

MR. ANDAYA: So, when you talk about, we have a communications specialist. But his job is like radios, the radio system, the alerts that we send out. I think maybe what you're talking about is a more in terms of like public affairs kind of, is that what you're more...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, outreach to the community. So, like with the testimony that we received, what Chair King was describing 'cause one of the other items that was mentioned in the testimony was the County's automated information system. That seems like it's not consistently updated. I guess when she called the line on Thursday, the fire line said there was no notifications. And then, she checked after the fires were put out and I guess there was like an old notification about an unexploded ordinance was still recorded. So...

MR. ANDAYA: I'm not sure which...oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, it's the 986-1200 number, I guess. That's not ours?

CHAIR PALTIN: I think that's the, is that the Police road closure line, 986-1200? Oh, that's the number I used to call to check if the Pali was open.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it says here it's the County automated information system. I didn't know we had something like that. So, I think that's great.

MR. ANDAYA: I don't think that's us.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's not ours? Oh, okay.

MR. ANDAYA: No, I mean, not us, not MEMA. It could be the County's.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. ANDAYA: But I...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. ANDAYA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. 'Cause I think even if we had like a line like that, that might be helpful for people stuck on the Pali --

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, our...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --just real-time. Oh, you have that information, James?

CHAIR PALTIN: It's a road closure advisory line on the County website, that's what it's...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, James.

CHAIR PALTIN: And it's a, from my days when I used to use it, it's a recording and it gets updated every so often. So, it's not, in my experience, it's not as up to date as like the fire channel like if you hear on the fire channel that there's an accident. The road closure line is going to take some time to get updated in my personal experience.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Well, I just, as we move forward, I think a lot of the, you know, complaints that we receive is regarding communications and the lack of timely updated communications because other people did call the MEMA line and received the, that same information, just wait for the press conference to get information and I don't think that's sufficient. I think we should do better for our community. And however, you know, the Council can support that effort, you know, I'm happy to work with you on that too.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Captain Ferreira, you had a comment?

MR. FERREIRA: Yes, pertaining to road closures, see, if there's an accident, we'll notify dispatch, or traffic will notify dispatch which roads will be closed and how long. And it's usually sent to the radio stations for them to broadcast.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Point of information. In the letter, it mentions calling that number and there's option five for Fire. And I know, and even though I wasn't here, I know there were road closures because of the fire because my husband got stuck on the Wailuku side and couldn't get home until ten o'clock at night because the road was closed. So, that should've been something, in my opinion, that went on this automated information center, system. But apparently it didn't. Or maybe it didn't get on there early enough or something. But if that's what we're using it for, we need to be more consistent and more updated. Otherwise, it's useless. I mean, we shouldn't be directing people to call this number if it's not going to have those things.

CHAIR PALTIN: So, a road closure for any reason, regardless if it's a car accident or fire...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, apparently there's different options because what she's saying is that the, this option five for fire, so, apparently there's different options of, you know, road closures due to different incidents. But there was nothing updated for the fire. So, maybe we can look into that and see. You know, to me, that's what the communications specialist should be doing too, is making sure these communication lines get updated. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Chair Sinenci, or Member Sinenci --

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: --Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: I just had a question for Mr. Andaya. I know that I've seen some video where the Administration was taken up into a helicopter to assess the fire damage. Is that something that MEMA arranges? Or is that the Administration?

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PALTIN: Go ahead.

MR. ANDAYA: So, that was something the HIEMA actually arranged for us, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. So, they arranged that for us. And the helicopter company has been in the past has been very generous with allowing the Mayor to go, you know, up in the helicopter at no cost to us.

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VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, thank you.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So, if there's no pressing questions for Fire, Police, and Health Systems, at this time, I'd like to bring in MECO to their seats and if they want to just hang out in the gallery just in case there's something that MECO says triggers a question on your end. But they did provide also, MECO provided this handout to all the Members, and I know that Miss, Member Sugimura has been, had some questions. So, I'll, if there's no objections, I'll let her lead off the questions of this round.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And, Mr. Andaya, if you could stay as well, that'd be awesome. Thank you so much for coming. We have Mahina Martin, Director of Government and Community Relations at Maui Electric and is that Chris Reynolds, Director of Operational Technology at Maui Electric. And, Member Sugimura, take it away.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you for being here at this meeting. I wanted MECO to just kind of tell us, you know, how can we help to be better citizens, you know, so you could communicate with, you know, whoever is watching and 'cause I think that you're a vital part of how we feel like we're safe in the community, and maybe how people can get this booklet which is a huge amount of information. I mean, you have our information in here too, government, everybody else for emergency preparedness. But in particular, I wanted MECO to kind of give us directions on how we can become better prepared so that our personal property or residences are safer in case of some kind of emergency. And I think that you have prior experience with that and give us some kind of indication of what you see from a Maui Electric perspective. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Just press the little button until the green light comes on and then you're on.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Councilmember Sugimura and Chair. And first of all, we appreciate the opportunity to help answer some questions. Operationally, Chris is also here to address any more detailed information. So, for Maui Electric, public education is crucial, not just on outages, but safety as well because electrical safety and downed power lines or preparing for a storm is really critical. It helps ease anxiety a little bit. So, the level of effort our company does, our tri-company does for public education is pretty large. And the emergency preparedness handbook that you had indicated, and we make available for anyone and everyone is something our companies produce annually. We've been doing it for, oh quite some time, many years. So, we have an entire team that updates it, makes sure it's as accurate as necessary as it should be. And we offer it for free to groups and individuals coming to Maui Electric can pick them up over the counter. It's quite thorough, and we really encourage. So, you can either come by our Maui Electric Office and actually pick one

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up, or online at Mauielectric.com under preparedness. You can get an online version in different languages as well. Not yet Olelo Hawaii, so sorry, that, we're working on that one. But it is available. So, that's helpful. One of the other resources we try to make, because you had mentioned earlier about the downed tree branches on power lines and Chris is able to speak a little bit about what efforts we've made on that to help our customers in the community and the neighborhoods. But we also have a pamphlet called planting the right tree in the right place. And we make that available as well. And this particular pamphlet is helpful because sometimes landowners just don't know they're planting trees that are not good, near the poles or the lines, and it becomes very detrimental as they grow large. And in the safety conditions when they're trying to trim it, it's quite hazardous. So, what we don't want our residents or untrained folks going up and trying to trim their branches themselves and running into some very dangerous conditions, and they really shouldn't. They should be trained properly, and we don't know what kind of certification is required, but folks shouldn't be doing it on their own. The handout you all received in terms of public education is the PowerPoint deck that Mau Electric has been conducting, or presenting, for a few years now. As a matter of fact, just a few years ago, we visited, we did 20, almost 30 presentations around Maui island and offered this. We spoke to about over 740 folks and they heard this presentation to give them some, a little bit more in-depth information. So, we're happy to do that for you as well. We weren't planning to do it today but wanted you to see what we've been making available. All of our employees that are key roles in incident management, in that team are ICS trained. We have a high level of communication. Our teams go into effect with catastrophic events, backup will come from Hawaiian Electric as well. So, that's kind of the gist of what we're doing. We try to respond in accordance, you know, what needs to be done. We work very closely with Public Works when it comes to debris management, clearing the road for access for our crews. And additionally, we work closely with MEMA where we are one of the partner agencies that report to the EOC when it's triggered.

CHAIR PALTIN: And I really appreciate your Facebook posts reminding everyone to power off their devices when it gets a little windy out there.

MS. MARTIN: Yes, Chair, we realize that our society today, if power goes out for 10 minutes it's a near crisis, and if we're out for 30 minutes, we're in near disaster mode. And it just, you all see it, it kind of ramps up. We are a very, we're an electrical world, you know, and so, we try to stay cognizant of that.

CHAIR PALTIN: Chair King, you had a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, thank you. And thanks for being here, Mahina and Chris. I'm trying to remember the name of the acronym of that project that Alex de Roode started that was about emergency management and energy, do you remember that?

MS. MARTIN: HiPER Comm.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: HiPER, yeah, okay. But, you know, I just wanted to make a, give you a thought. We did that group, which I was a part of, I don't know if it's still ongoing. But we did a survey at the County Fair that yielded some really good information about what the public knows and doesn't know about renewable energy and emergency energy and things like that. And I just wanted to suggest that that might be something that the County could do at the next, at the upcoming County Fair regarding energy, or disaster preparedness to find out what people know, what radio stations they, you know, what avenues they use for communication, what, which of these kinds of emergency lines they even know about. And it would be a good way to disseminate information while we're trying to figure out what people know and where the gaps are in communication. I think it was a pretty successful, we got some pretty good, I think we had like 1,000 responses or something like that. So, that venue where you're actually stopping people and talking to people about why it's important, I think was, would yield some good information and give our communications specialist some more guidance on where we have to go with informing the public about the channels that are available. Do you think that is something that Maui Electric could get involved in?

MS. MARTIN: We are always happy to partner. The more efforts made in public information, the better for our community because we have so many isolated and rural communities. So, they need to know at what point they need to be self-sufficient and set that in motion. So, certainly, anything to help ease the anxiety. We break out into our operational side of the house and then try to work from an external facing stand as well. So, from a Maui Electric standpoint, our incident management team is heavily focused on how to balance that. It's not perfect all the time, it's a fast-moving situation and each one is different. But I agree, emergency management in partnership and in coordination is the best.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I think it was, well, Alex I think was the one that coordinated that survey that went throughout the course of the, and I participated in getting those surveys. I think we had; I don't know how many tens of people we had doing that. But, and maybe it would go through our Emergency Management Office. But I really feel like that kind of garnered like some really specific information. And it was, it seemed to be meaningful from the sampling of the people who filled out that survey. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Members, any further questions for MECO? Member Sinenci?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a quick question. Has Maui Electric ever considered putting the lines underground? I know there's a cost to doing that. But it just seems by looking at all the pictures, you know, through storms, and fire, and, you know, line maintenance is one of, probably the main things that you deal with. So, I was, is, have you done a study about that?

MS. MARTIN: I can, Chair, I can speak a little bit to it. I would also like to have Chris speak about the efforts on vegetation management because you, you're correct, majority of our lines are overhead. Our challenges with underground are many. One of them in

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Hawaii is cost of course, and the south side is blue rock. So, residents there don't like the constant pounding and it's just very expensive, and the central planes it's iwi, you know, the ability to move our lines are pretty rigid. We simply cannot be moving across streets or around whenever we encounter any large amount of burials. So, iwi discoveries are critical for Hawaii especially. As far as repairs, you know, on the mainland you can see it, snowstorms, heavy inundation, I can't speak to those kind of issues, but I know Chris can. So, Chris, maybe you want to address a little bit about that?

MR. REYNOLDS: Sure, so, there's a growing trend to underground lines, especially for new developments. Right now, we have about 1,500 miles of distribution lines, around 12,000 volts. So, we're about almost 45 percent underground of that now, right now. And it's a continuing process, actually, we just got a check recently from Oprah to underground the lines on her ranch land. So, basically, for the, there's pluses and minuses to undergrounding lines. You realize that a pole and conductor overhead lifespan is between 30 and 40 years, where underground cables lifespan is usually 20 to 30 years before we have to come in and replace it. But it is a lot, I guess, more aesthetically pleasing not to be able to see those. So, for the maintenance on our overhead lines we do, we have upped our tree-trimming budget to kind of keep trees limbs, away from the line as much as reasonably possible. I think the budget for this year was around \$3 million, so.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that.

MS. MARTIN: Chair, if I could also add we're piloting some project with, I forgot the name of the cable, Hendrix cable. It would take a lesser hit and I'm going to do it in layman's terms 'cause Chris is the tech expert, but it helps us reduce outages when tree branches hit them because as you pointed out, there are so many. Now, the key to that is those trees are on private lands many times, so, it would not be for us to go on to there unless we can justify it. And so, it's a little bit of challenging that way. But we can look at cables, new technology that's coming out that can help us address that risk to lessen that. So, certainly that would be one of the things, the options.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: I think you mentioned about having those lines being covered or insulated lines.

MS. MARTIN: Yes, is that the Hendrix? Yeah, yeah, that's the Hendrix cable.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: And as you know, Councilmember Sinenci, in the east side we had brought in a specialized crew to help us manage the outages over on the east side because it was so inundated with overgrowth and we needed to help ourselves with that to reduce the risk for outages. And by bringing in a specialized crew that could handle the lines in the kind of terrain it was in and the overgrowth helped that situation greatly.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Thank you, and we appreciate that. Mahalo.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. One last question, so, in tying this, both conversation together, so, if we have community, well, I can see all this glycine growing on all the cables up on Calasa Road, so, it's on private property, so, how do we get a trained person to help remove this, these kinds of situations on?

MR. REYNOLDS: So, actually from an OSHA standpoint most workers can't, unless they're qualified, can't come within basically ten feet of high-voltage lines. And that's basically anything above 600 volts. So, we can, we have crews come in and they'll actually, like Asplundh is one of our contractors, and they can bring it down. But it, after a few good rains it grows up so fast. We experience the same, we see the same problem in Haiku as well where the vines just kind of just keep climbing up fast.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, if there's a situation that needs to be removed, what do we do then? We can't touch the high-voltage lines, does MECO, could MECO offer some suggestions? Could we...

MR. REYNOLDS: We'll go up there and actually pull it away from the equipment and bring it down. But we don't, it's, we're not eradicating the problem --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

MR. REYNOLDS: --unless we were to apply some type of herbicide.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, they grow back.

MR. REYNOLDS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But thank you. Thank you very much for being here.

CHAIR PALTIN: Sure thing. So, you know, I think one of the benefits of having this is, you know, the pre-partnerships are critical to, you know, everybody being thrown into that small, sometimes smelly, room together, you know, and not very much AC. So, you know, knowing each other ahead of time, knowing each other's roles ahead of time and working together through the incident, following through the recovery, and especially the debriefing, like just from this session today we learned, you know, some areas of communication that could improve. After the West Maui fires we learned, you know, debris management, pre-positioned contracts, and I just if I could invite Ms. Dagdag-Andaya down. One of the unsung heroes in my opinion is our Public Works heavy equipment operators and, you know, I feel like they're the County's arm of, you know, not just them, also, you know, the private contractors, Goodfellow's, and other heavy equipment operations. And I was wondering if you could briefly speak a little bit to your intra-agency training as to how to fall under the incident command system, your role in coordination with the Fire Department, how often you train with the Fire Department, if everybody knows their call signs so that, you know, roll can be

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taken that we don't lose anybody out there in the middle of the fire. Because that's not necessarily their primary role in Public Works, it's kind of a as needed emergency basis. And I was wondering if you could inform us as to how prepared you are or things that you've learned over your tenure.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Members, for having me here today. So, when I first started out at Public Works, back then, Brian Hashiro was the Highways Division Chief. And one of his goals was making sure that the Department was prepared in the event of an emergency. So, one of our goals and our performance measure is actually targets being, having those incident management courses, or having our staff trained in incident management. And for Highways Division, we do prepare our staff by requiring them to take at least the basic courses ICS 100, and I believe it's ICS 700, and for some, it's another one called ICS 200. So, we have staff taking those trainings when they're made available either online or when Emergency Management provides that. We also are given opportunities for training with the Fire Department. So, when there is a, I think, I can't remember what exactly what the name of it is, but it's a more higher-level type of training where you are with Fire Department and Police for a couple of days and you actually run through a scenario. And they teach you things about just basic communication with the departments, the other departments and also how to handle yourself with communicating with the public. So, we do those types of trainings with the Fire Department. There are, there is a lot of coordination with Fire Department and our Highways Division staff when it comes to fire incident management. As far as getting on the same channel, there is a separate channel. Sometimes, I know in the last fire incident there were two separate channels for the Central Maui fire and the other ones that were popping up. And then, there's also another channel that, like a general channel, for Public Works and all of the other agencies to take part in. At the Emergency Management Center, during an activation there is Fire Department staff at the public safety branch section, and then, there's myself and others in the infrastructure branch. And we often communicate when there are requests being made by the Fire Department. There are times I can say that there may be some issues with communication, but very few. And I think that's something that I know Chief Martin and I, we were just talking about that before the meeting today because sometimes when you have a span of control that is pretty big like in the last fire that we had, communication, there may be some issues there. So, I'm glad that, you know, we were able to resolve those issues. But there is still that discussion after the event and getting prepared for the next event so that the same mistakes don't happen twice. So, we do continue those types of training and discussions with our partner agencies. With respect to debris management, the Department of Public Works is involved and, you know, a part of that response effort. Debris management not only involves picking up the trash, but also, we are there to provide damage assessment after an event. So, we deploy teams from our Engineering Division and Development Services Administration to go out into the community to check infrastructure and at times residential properties that have been damaged in the event. And I think that might cover the question. But we do a lot. We have a lot of functions within an emergency. And we always fall back to the emergency operations plan and the continuation of operations plan as well. So, there's different plans in place. I do understand there's

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always, you know, there's, we test them out and then we learn, you know, maybe we have to tweak or make changes here and there. But it's something that we continually try to get better at each time.

CHAIR PALTIN: And I was wondering who is qualified to attend those trainings? Is it all the CDL, is it all the staff, and how regularly is it worked into the schedule?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I think those trainings; they're given to everybody. And in fact, it's not just our Highways Division staff that needs the training, but we also have our office staff, we need to get them trained as well in the event that we need personnel to come back and assist with other operations. But, you know, as far as training for Highways Division personnel, I think, and I can get more clarification from our Highways Division supervisors, but, you know, they're given equipment operator training, they're provided when we have somebody coming here to provide the training. I know last week during the fire; they were in the middle of an equipment operator training and got called out. But that is a continuous type of operation in our Department. And I'm glad that you're bringing it up 'cause I will also go back and confirm all of this with staff.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I was just curious, since the two of you are married, where do your kids go during a disaster? Or do you train them as well?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: They're trained, they're trained. And that's going to happen with a lot of employees here at the County as well that in, when you, you know, as a County employee, I think what we try to drive down to our employees is that, you know, you, oftentimes you will become a first responder. And you might be expected to do tasks, that extra 5 percent that's in your position description. You know, as a, someone married to someone in Emergency Management, and then also in my role in leading the Department, in terms of getting my family, getting our family ready, you know, we have our kits ready, I can depend on my parents a lot and my family. And oftentimes that's what, you know, as County employees we rely heavily on, you know, on our support system and we need to also make sure everybody, you know, gets prepared in that way that, you know, you can...not only if you have family members, but friends, your church, I think in an emergency we need to all rely on each other. And I'm hoping that, you know, as time goes on that we can drive that down to all people in our community so that we build that resilience. And, but I got to say, my parents are very important people 'cause they take care of the kids when we're out in an emergency situation.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Members, any further questions for any of our panel?

MS. MARTIN: Chair, can I --

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CHAIR PALTIN: Sure, Ms. Martin?

MS. MARTIN: --just expand, 'cause we started talking about how Maui Electric can work with the County moving forward. So, those are some of the things, but one new thing, pretty new, we're very excited, already we're one of the handful of private companies that show up to the EOC because we feel it's important. So, we staff it, we stay there, we sleep over, we run the, a full shift of a four-member liaison officer from Maui Electric to the County. But our company just started something called the resiliency working group to talk about grid planning in the need of catastrophic events and disaster planning. So, Herman, as part of the County MEMA agency attends, as does Jeff Pearson, and gosh, who is the other one, oh, Alex de Roode, sorry, your Energy Commissioner, and Eric Nakagawa. So, those are County representatives that our company invited. There's about 40-something State, County across the islands participating in that. So, we're very happy that the County is on our resiliency working group and helping us plan.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you so much. Any...Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I have a question for MECO. In partnering with the County and in reference to Member Sinenci's question about burying the lines, would...and I guess the County and MECO share some easements alongside the road, when the County is replacing like sewer lines, would MECO be able to work with the County in burying the lines at that time to minimize cost?

MR. REYNOLDS: It's a, that's a possibility. I think there's some logistic things that have to be worked out. When you're converting overhead lines to underground and how you're going to serve the customers that are used to getting the power overhead. The one thing too is that there's, when we underground lines, because of the difficulty to accessing we, if instead of just, you see three lines on the pole, we actually have to put six lines as a redundancy, and then, we have to make sure that we concrete cap the trench when we're done. So, that's why we try to stay away from other facilities. But if there's a full-on road closure, then that's probably a good opportunity that we can just really go in there and trench it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Members, any further questions? Okay. I'd like to really thank our panel and, you know, just, it seems like every year hurricane season we're getting more and more events. And so, hopefully, what I'm hoping is this is an opportunity for us to fine tune and fine tune and get better and get better. From what I saw last year in Lahaina, there was leadership that emerged and I would just encourage all entities to, you know, reach out to the people that are on the ground and aren't necessarily connected to a private company or the County and there's, because it's Maui, there's so many people that just come out to help. I know Mahina led several efforts last year when the volcano happened on the Big Island, and you know, when the flooding happened in Kauai. So, it's those types of people that come forward without anybody asking them to, to help the greater population that, you know, kind of emerges

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self-identified leaders. And I'd like to encourage our Emergency Management to develop working relationships with them so that when future events do occur, that, you know, everyone been there before, and they have a recollection of the experience and how to make it better. So, if there's no objection, I'd like...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, can I ask one more question that you just brought up?

CHAIR PALTIN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because one of the things that when we were sitting in those meetings about energy with Alex de Roode, one of the things that came up was that kind of an inventory, like an inventory of where all the generators are on the island. Inventory of equipment comes to mind because I know one of the reasons my husband got stuck on the other side of the road is because of farmers in our area where, you know, we had a bulldozer and several other private bulldozers were used to cut firebreaks to keep the, cut pathways to keep it away from MECO, as well as Kamalani. And so, knowing where all that equipment is, I don't know where that went to, but I know that was one of the big concerns that came up and I don't know if that inventory is being done.

CHAIR PALTIN: We did, Mr. Andaya and I did have a conversation about, you know, bouncing castle businesses generally have a lot of generators to power their castles. And so, you know, talking about along those lines of pre in place contracts. And so, I mean, we just had that discussion yesterday. But moving forward, I mean, that's a start.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, this is, well, this was over a year ago when we started talking about, you know, just identifying where all those generators are on the island 'cause there's a lot of privately owned, and then there's the generator companies. And so, it would be good if we could move forward with actually getting an inventory.

MR. ANDAYA: Madam Chair? We do have an inventory of generators throughout the County. So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: --I'm not sure how accurate it is. But we have like hundreds, you know, of I mean, different generators and everything, so.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are we on that list?

MR. ANDAYA: We have that list, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I just wondered, wanted to know 'cause we have a rather large --

MR. ANDAYA: Oh, to see if you...

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: --one out at the farm and I don't think anyone's ever contacted us. So, that's kind of what I'm talking about as I know there's really, there's good resources out there that we still don't have it identified.

MR. ANDAYA: I can check to see if you're on the list. You may be, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So, in the interest of keeping this up as an ongoing discussion as this is hurricane season, we may need to come back here and debrief, or prepare. I'd like to defer this item with no objections.

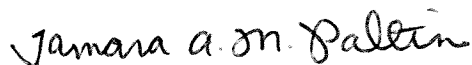
COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (Excused: KK and MM)

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So, then I'll defer the item, and this concludes today's Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee meeting. Thank you much...very much, Members, and thank you to our esteemed panel. The time is now 11:52 and this meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel) . . .

ADJOURN: 11:52 a.m.

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