

To: West Maui CPAC
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RE: Changes and Addition to: Economic Opportunity through Innovation and Collaboration.

As with any profession to be a good farmer takes knowledge and practice. The following policy and actions are to support the development of successful farmers.

Policy: Support farmers through education and investment.

Action: Develop and implement a plan to revitalize the farming program at Lahainaluna.

Action: Support MEO programs that provide continuing education and revitalization of the farming sector. (DOE and MEO)

The next two actions are to address and help mitigate the water shortages on West Maui. The number one thing that makes a successful farming operation is a reliable access to cheap water. Currently water restrictions in Agriculture areas equally affect legitimate agriculture operations and properties landscaped with lush tropical vegetation. To ensure the vitality of our farming sector we must give priority in water use to legitimate agriculture uses.

Action: To ensure that farmers have adequate access to inexpensive water, the county shall explore and implement where possible water restrictions for landscaping.

Action: Owners of agriculture land in west Maui shall be required to develop and implement a farm plan appropriate to the microclimate of their property or properties.

Wording I would like to see improved in the Policies section:

1. Support agriculture that improves soil health, is less water intensive and provides food and products for local markets and residents.

Question: Does it have to say jobs to get funding?

3. The number of visitor units in West Maui, including STVRs (both permitted and non-permitted), Hotels, and Timeshares, shall not exceed 33 of the total units in West Maui.

Please consider adding the following action:

Action: All STVRs shall be required to obtain a permit to operate, including in the historic districts.