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CONVENE: 9:07 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair
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Councilmember Michelle Anderson, Member
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

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Michael Miyamoto, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works and
Cary Yamashita, Chief, Engineering Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management
Brian Hashiro, Chief, Highways Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management
Ralph Nagamine, Administrator, Development Services Administration (DSA), Department of Public Works and Environmental Management
Tracy Takamine, Chief, Solid Waste Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management
David Taylor, Chief, Wastewater Reclamation Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management
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OTHERS: Item 1: David Dantes
 Lynn Britton, President, Maalaea Community Association
 Walter Enomoto, President, Maui Bicycle Alliance
 Others (5)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . .(*gavel*). . . Good morning, Members. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is now convened. Today is April the 11th, 2007 and it's about 9:07 this morning. Good morning. The Chair would like to introduce the Members that are here this morning. We do have Member Mateo, Member Anderson, Member Johnson, Member Medeiros, Member Hokama, and Member Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good morning. Excused this mornings [*sic*], morning are Member Baisa as well as Member Molina. Members, the Chair would like to introduce the Administration people that are here this morning. We do have Corporation Counsel Brian Moto, our Budget Director, Mr. Frederick Pablo. And this morning we're going to be reviewing the Budget request from the Public Works and Environmental Management Department.

Joining us this morning are Director Arakawa and Deputy Director Miyamoto. Supporting the Committee this morning are Lance Taguchi and Gayle Revels, our Legislative Analysts, as well as Yvette Bouthillier, our Committee Secretary. Members, we do have several people signed up for testimony this morning. The Chair would like to remind people giving testimony that you have three minutes to provide public testimony with one minute to conclude. You'll be notified when your three minutes has come and you note that a red light will be, will come up signifying that four minutes has already gone by.

So, Members and members of the audience, if you could turn your cell phone to the off position so that we don't get interrupt..., interrupted in our deliberations. So, at this time, the Chair would like to call on the first testifier, Mr. David Dantes.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

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MR. DANTES: Good morning, Chair and Members. I'm here this morning to recommend your support for a line item in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. If you have your Budget document available, I'd like to direct your attention to Page 5-7.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: In the Detail Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Summary.

MR. DANTES: The Fiscal Year 200... 2008 Budget Proposal. Okay. Page 5-7. The last item in the six-year Capital Improvement Program is under the category of Water Supply and it's called Ulumalu Road Waterline Improvements - Five Corners to Standpipe 52 - Construction. The Department of Water Supply has requested \$100,000 for this project in Fiscal Year 2008. I think that this is a tremendously leveraged investment.

The \$100,000 would improve 400 feet of six-inch cast iron pipe by replacing it with eight-inch ductile iron pipe. The result of that would be that hundreds of families served in this area would have a water supply adequate to fight a structure fire or a brush fire. Currently, the Water Supply Department informs us that all these homes are not serviced with an adequate water supply in the event of fire.

The water supply is . . . the adequacy of water supply is based on the Insurance Standards Office recommendations. And according to the Insurance Standards Office, none of the standpipes in our neighborhood could deliver the water, which they feel is necessary to save life or protect structures in the event of fire. But if this \$100,000 were invested in upgrading the pipe to eight inch, the water flow would then meet the insurance standards for adequacy of fire flow.

So, we, I support this request from the Water Supply Department and hope you will do likewise. Thank you for your attention.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Dantes. Members, any questions for the testifier at this time? Thank you very much for being here this morning. The next testifier Lynn Britton. Good morning, Lynn.

MS. BRITTON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Members. How are you? How you doing? You doing okay? Hanging in there? All right. I'm here on behalf of the Maalaea Community Association, and also as Coordinator

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of Maui Community College West Maui Education Center. I'd also like to ask your continuing support of the college and our efforts to improve the, the climate for all of us here on Maui through education.

But today, I am addressing my comments to the line item. It's Page 5-14 on your six-year budget. It's for the Hauoli Street Drainage Improvements. Excuse me, I'm sick this morning so that's why I'm not running around and giving you all hugs and kisses. But we would like to ask your support of the, I think, in the current Budget there's 500 for...500,000 for design and then 200 for land acquisition, and then three years from now, actual construction.

I do have pictures of the flood on Hauoli Street in February 2004. If I could circulate these. . . . (*silence*) . . . The testimony that I handed out is from a member of our board of directors of Island Sands, Bill Brown, who wasn't able to be here this morning. The primary information that I wanted you to know about was that this, at this time, the culvert backed up. The, all the water that was coming from the mountains through the State improvements on the highway caused major damage at Island Sands.

And, and we feel it's, it's, it's not only a public safety, excuse me, it's not only an owner issue but it's also a public safety issue because people tried to cross the water. We could have had serious safety problems there. And I'm just looking at, at Bill's testimony. He said eight to ten inches of water flowed through the lobby, entered the several ground-floor units, and also went into the sewer treatment plant, which is right on the edge of the ocean. So, it's a major, major issue.

Our former president, Rob Riebling, wanted to be here this morning but he's in a preconstruction meeting on the sidewalk. So, before I say anything else, I want to thank you for your support of the sidewalk on, on Hauoli Street. And all of you really helped to make that happen for us. So, this is the next phase and we are asking if there's any way for you to move up the construction so that we can complete the project.

Because we're going to have the sidewalk but on each side of the sidewalk will be the culvert, the way it is now. So, they're going to have to leave the sidewalk, someone disabled or children walking along the road, they're going to have to leave this wonderful sidewalk that we're going to have now, go into the street and then go back to the sidewalk. So, if there's any way to move up the construction, we'd really appreciate it.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Lynn. Members, any questions for the testifier this morning? Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, thanks so much, Lynn.

MS. BRITTON: Thanks, Jo Anne.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And I have a question with regard to that flooding because I, I noticed when the structure that's mentioned in the letter was being built, it's quite long and big, you know, that the State Department of Transportation constructed. Because that, in my opinion, changed the flow and changed where runoff went, have you had or has anyone who's an engineer either on your board or that the association has contact with, taken a look at that, and then tried to make a determination if that is part of your problem now?

MS. BRITTON: You're, you're very right. We, we have had engineers look at it and then definitely the feeling is that the State did change the situation. Now, we had in the last 15 years this is the third flood. So, it already had happened through the culvert before this time but this was the worst. We actually met with A & B and, and, and had some correspondence with the County. There was certainly a feeling that the State had caused this major problem whereas before there had been flooding. This was a huge problem.

But basically, we didn't get any action. We asked the, you know, we asked for support. Basically, the homeowners had to eat the, whatever insurance costs we had from the, from the cleanup. And at this point, I think we've just decided the priority is to move ahead and to fix the culvert, which already was undersized even with the previous flow. So, that's where we are. We decided not to fight city hall and the State of Hawaii. . . . *(laughter)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: One of the things that I, and I'm not sure about it, but did any member of your association check with Department of Transportation? Because ordinarily when there are projects, I'm not sure if that, because I believe that is in the Special Management Area, during that process, were you or your association consulted at all with the construction of that drainage here?

MS. BRITTON: We, we, we actually advised them of the problem before it was built and they said it wasn't an issue.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, have you documented that at all?

MS. BRITTON: Like I said there was a lot of conversation. There was, there was correspondence. And we asked the State to meet with us and they didn't.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If you. . .

MS. BRITTON: They were never willing to sit down and talk with us or to find a solution.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If you could please forward to my office that correspondence and I will transmit it to Department of Transportation because that is a, it's a liability issue. And we've had similar problems in other areas. So, I think that it's important that we address it because now we have to spend taxpayer money to fix the problem that the State actually aggravated.

MS. BRITTON: I appreciate that but, but please don't hold up the improvements because they did --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, no.

MS. BRITTON: --need to be made before the State built the, the addition to the highway.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, I, I would not do that--

MS. BRITTON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --but it's just so that when we make our case for--

MS. BRITTON: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --us having to spend taxpayer funds. . .

MS. BRITTON: We would love for you to get some money from the State.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson.

MS. BRITTON: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Hi, Lynn.

MS. BRITTON: Hi.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, you said you communicated with the State. Does that mean that you did write to them?

MS. BRITTON: Yes, we did.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. So, you'll forward. . .

MS. BRITTON: I'll be happy to forward copies of that correspondence.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Excellent. Thank you.

MS. BRITTON: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions for the testifier at this time? Thank you very much for being here --

MS. BRITTON: Thank you all.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --this morning.

MS. BRITTON: Thanks for all you're doing for us. We know that it's a busy time of year and thank you for all of your consideration. Aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Lynn. The last testifier that signed up prior to the meeting is Walter Enomoto. Walter.

MR. ENOMOTO: Aloha and good morning, Chair Pontanilla and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee. Back again. But just a couple of points, I wanted to bring up, you know, in supplement to previous testimony. Today's *Maui News*, I have a letter published that you might be hearing more word on, again, our position regarding the funding of the Baldwin Avenue Bike Path.

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We have also spoken with State and Federal Highway's people regarding the Federal funding portion of this project. As in the past, we were successful in having our concerns addressed regarding this project and funding was pulled from the Federal side during the previous Administration for this project. So, we have reinitiated our discussions with those regarding our concerns for this project, and, again, many unanswered questions regarding safety, liability, benefit.

And again, we would really like to see that, if this issue can be wrapped up through the study that was proposed in the Makawao-Pukalani-Kula CIP plan that we can really address all of this issues regarding the downhill turns through Baldwin Avenue as well as structural changes that have occurred in the downhill tour industry lately where many are not even using Baldwin Avenue. They're using other roads where they're changing their vans, their support vans, and how they leapfrog rather than having the van follow directly behind the riders. They're leapfrogging them so as to create less traffic impact.

Again, this is a course of action that we're going down that had build-out, and what was listed was 9.3 million. A few years ago, when it initially came out it was listed at 5... a little over 5 million. So, those costs are only going to go up and again for what benefit? Not much to the local cycling community who doesn't, who would not use that facility in an uphill fashion because of the number of potential downhill users.

The Paia, the North Shore Greenway, which is flat and connects Paia and Central Maui as well as the Kihei Greenway, which was discussed last night in the Livable Communities Workshop put on by the AARP and Representative Joe Bertram's Office in Kihei. Talked more about having these types of facilities as well as all of the benefits, economic, environmental, health, and all of the things that can come about. But these are relatively flat paths that most people can use.

Trying to use the Baldwin, proposed Baldwin Avenue Bike Path, seven miles and with 1,600 feet of elevation gain makes it prohibitive for many people to utilize that for anything other than maybe short walks. Again, we just wanted to reiterate our request that you deny the \$500,000 funding for the design of land acquisition for the Baldwin Avenue Bike Path. We would really like to see completion of the North Shore Greenway and Kihei Greenway, support additional funding for the downhill tour assessment. And again, you know, we feel that this would have a greater

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impact for the local community, not only bicyclists but walkers, runners, joggers, and other non-motorized users. Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify again.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Enomoto. Members, any questions for the testifier? Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. And, Walter, thanks again for coming.

MR. ENOMOTO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You said that the Federal dollars were pulled as . . .

MR. ENOMOTO: Yes. During the, the previous STIP process, I believe, it was in '05, that, that monies were put on the State Transportation Improvement Plan for funding for that project. And we made our concerns known at that time to Kainani Kraut who was the Federal Highways Administrator at that time regarding our concerns with the design development of this project. Consequently, I mean, consequently, after meeting with her and sharing our concerns, funding was pulled. Because it had not addressed many of the concerns that we have brought up in the past, many that have gone unanswered, issues of prioritization, again, with two outstanding CIP projects that haven't even been completed. So, yes, it was pulled. And we are, like I said, we are reinitiating our discussions with them regarding this project.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, you don't know what their commitment is at this time?

MR. ENOMOTO: Until they receive the funding request through the County, it goes to the State Highways, they put that together in a package that's submitted to Federal Highways, then they would review it.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But they haven't seen the new, the new design yet or do you know?

MR. ENOMOTO: No. I, I don't know if they have seen it or not.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks very much.

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MR. ENOMOTO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions? Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Good morning, Mr. Enomoto. Thank you for your testimony.

MR. ENOMOTO: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: What do you think is the holdup on completing the North Shore Greenway and the Kihei Greenway?

MR. ENOMOTO: The North Shore Greenway was held up in the Phase III and Phase IV section. The Phase IV section, I understand there were negotiations with A & B for the easements as well as, I believe, and Director Arakawa can correct me knowing probably more of the history, but there might have been issues with the Montana Beach on that also. With the section between Baldwin Beach Park and Kaunoha Senior, Senior Citizens Center, which is the Phase III portion, that initially there were residential concerns that increased crime, vandalism, and other negative impacts of having the Greenway located along the makai easement of the Country Club between the ocean and the golf course were brought up.

As well as the easement that was through that area was property owned by A & B, and there was an easement negotiated through Earl Stoner on behalf of the County of Maui to allow an easement for that bike path to continue through there. The status of which A & B's willingness to review, again, their willingness to allow an easement through there for the bike path would need to be determined as well as, again, safety concerns. One of the things that was brought up in that Walkable Communities Workshop last night is that, in areas where these amenities have put in they've helped to reduce crime, increase the economic value of properties surrounding that because we are the, I guess, the generation, our generation now is looking at more toward active lifestyles. Walking, riding . . . um . . . bicycling, and so forth.

As far as the Kihei Greenway, that I understand has been tied up not only with obtaining the land easements along the corridor that was proposed originally in the . . . uh . . . Capital Improvement Plan of November '91 that I've made reference to earlier. But also the, I guess, the ongoing discussion was whether or not the North-South Collector was going to be a

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two lane or four lane road and the impacts of that with Federal monies and whether or not it would apply to that or not. So, some of those things have also caused delays in getting the Kihei Greenway started. Now, whether or not the Greenway itself could have been started separate of the roadway, again, maybe Public Works can answer that.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And my last question, Mr. Enomoto, is on the North Shore Greenway you said that, that holdup is now in Phase III and IV. So, I am assuming Phase I and II are completed. And if they are, where does it start? Where does it end?

MR. ENOMOTO: The Phase I section went from the end of Amala Place on the way out to Kanaha Beach Park, and it goes behind, outside the airport, Department of Transportation airport's boundary line and follows a existing easement around the perimeter of that, and heads toward Stable Road or Sprecklesville Road. It crosses the street and then heads underneath the trees to Kaunoa Senior Citizens Center. And it's approximately 1.2 miles.

Now, that facility ties in with shoulders that already in place along Amala Place that go all the way down to Hobron Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Enomoto, for the information and your testimony. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions for the testifier? I have a couple in regards to the North Shore Greenway. I know there is paths that were constructed, along with the paths we, we do utilize the County roadways as part of the Greenway from Kahului going towards Paia?

MR. ENOMOTO: Yeah, along Amala Place, again, was one area where the County had put on signed bike shoulders, shoulders along the road that would tie into the North Shore Greenway. At one point, there was also another more scenic pathway that was designed for Kanaha Beach Park. Running the length of Kanaha Beach and tying in the pedestrian overpass right near the bridge that Senator Mamoru Yamasaki had initiated during his tenure.

So, there was not only a road path that would follow the Amala Place but also a separate off-road facility through Kanaha Beach Park for users who did not want to be that close to traffic.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. And, and the, where the existing bike path ends at the senior center, the design goes through the subdivisions, through Maui Country Club?

MR. ENOMOTO: Yes. They, coming off of Kaunoa where you, you would come out of Kaunoa and then turn makai, there is a path there, two-way path, and then you'd make a right-hand turn into that new, newer subdivision, the 2-acre farm lot subdivision. I don't remember the name right now. You would turn down Nonohe, head to the Country Club, from there would take a makai, there would be a makai easement around the Country Club, the tennis courts area, going in the back area, and again paralleling the golf course behind the primary and secondary dunes to Baldwin Beach Park.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Last question. The North Shore Greenway as compared to the Baldwin Avenue Bike Path, which was designed or in the talking phase as far as both bike paths, was the North Shore Greenway first and then the Baldwin Avenue Bike Path next as far as East Maui is concerned?

MR. ENOMOTO: Again, the North Shore Green..., I mean, the North Shore Greenway had come up through the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee, I believe, during Mayor Linda Lingle's first term. It was developed. Again, it was an idea that had originated from Bob Kiger, the original Downhill Tour gentleman, Cruiser Bob. And it was envisioned as creating a . . . uh . . . resurrection of the King's Trail idea.

And from there it was developed through the Committee and moved forward. It was actually negotiated or worked on by Earl Stoner who was co-chair of the Committee at that time and others within the Administration. Because ideally the path was to go through the harbor and connect all the way through into Wailuku and possibly further to create a whole, again, resurrection of the King's Trail idea linking Central with Paia.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. Members, any more questions? If not, thank you very much for being here.

MR. ENOMOTO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, Mr. Enomoto was the last testifier. Is any, anyone out there in the gallery that want to provide public testimony at

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this time? Seeing none coming up. The Chair would like to close public testimony if there's no objections.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

ITEM NO. 1: FY 2008 BUDGET (C.C. No. 07-29)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, this morning, again, we do have the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management here in regards to their Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. For the morning part, we'll take care of the Public Works area, and this afternoon, we'll handle the Environmental Management area of the Department. At this time, the Chair would like to call on, Mr. Pablo, if you do have any opening comments?

MR. PABLO: Mr. Chair, I do have some comments. For Council Members' reference, the Department of Public Works Program Budget can be found on Pages 19-1 through -28, and for the Budget Details on Pages 17-1 through -54. There's no significant changes to the Budget Details. There is a change to the Program Budget, which you'll find on 19-2 and we have provided that, that information previously.

Unfortunately, we did have some computer problems in linking our Excel Spreadsheet to the charts and so the amounts for Fiscal Year '06, '07, and '08 had to be changed and revised. But there, there is no impact on the balanced budget. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Pablo. At this time, the Chair would like to call on Director Arakawa to provide some comments or a quick overview in regards to the Department before we go through the Q & A by programs. Mr. Arakawa.

MR. ARAKAWA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I realize we have a lot to cover, so I'll do basically a brief overview of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management's Fiscal Year '08 Operations Budget. And

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what I hope we can do is after the overview go over the A, B..., A, B, and C Budget basically in the order that it, it appears in the Budget Details.

And the only exception that I would request is that we discuss the Abandoned Vehicle, Scrap Metal, and White Goods Program at the same time as the discussion with the Solid Waste Division since they actually administer that program. The, the major thing that we should be concerned with in the Department's Budget is that, basically, as you know with the 2006 Charter Amendment, the current Department will be split into two departments. One is the Department of Public Works and the other the Department of Environmental Management.

The Engineering Division, Development Services Administration, and Highways Division will be with the Public Works Department. And our Wastewater Reclamation Division and Solid Waste Division will be with the Department of Environmental Management. So, let me just do a brief overview of the major program areas starting with the Department of Public Works.

As far as under Public Works Administration, there is an increase in the A, B, and C budget from \$443,776 in Fiscal Year '07 to \$515,500 in Fiscal Year '08. This is an increase of 16.2 percent and most of this increase is for the salary of a salary, Safety Specialist II who would serve as a department safety officer. In the Engineering Division, this is the division that provides engineering and inspection services to plan, design, and construct highway, drainage, and bridge improvements for the County of Maui. There is a proposed slight increase in the A, B, and C budgets. In Fiscal Year '07, \$1,803,428 was approved. And in Fiscal Year '08, we are requesting \$1,840,236, which is a 2 percent increase. There's one expansion position, an Engineer III position in the Design section, which is being proposed.

In the Special Maintenance Program, this is the program that provides janitorial and grounds-keeping services for the County building as well as its annex, the Hana and Molokai Civic Centers, the Old Wailuku Courthouse, and Veteran and County cemeteries. There is a very slight increase in the proposed A, B, and C budgets. The Fiscal Year '07 budget was \$3,258,969. The FY '08 proposal is \$3,290,077, which is a 1 percent increase. And no expansion positions in this area are proposed. . . .(end of tape 1A - 9:38 a.m.). . . Administration area. This is the division that's responsible for review for compliance and enforcement of all applicable County Codes and Ordinances relating to building and subdivision

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proposals. And they also consolidate comments from all County, State, and Federal agencies.

In Fiscal Year '07, the budget for DSA was \$2,475,743. And in Fiscal Year '08, the proposal is \$2,612,489, which represents a 5.5 percent increase. There's also within DSA, a Building Permit Revolving Fund. And basically plan review fees are collected from building permit applicants. The program performs plan check, and inspection services as well as permit clerk services, which include distribution, monitoring of permit status, and maintaining the permit tracking system.

There is one expansion position that's being proposed that is a Land Use Permit Clerk. And I also want to point out that according to the budget document, the A, B, and C budget showed an expenditure of \$1,243,839 in Fiscal Year '06. And then that budgeted amount decreased 36.4 percent to \$791,090 in '07. And in '08, the proposal then shows an increase to \$1,378,944.

In reviewing the figures it appears that the '06 numbers actually represented revenue from the permit fees. While the FY '07 numbers were actually proposed budgeted expenditures, and the FY '08 proposal appears to reflect revenue again. So that accounts for somewhat of the big jump between the fiscal years. But we'd like to have the opportunity to go over this in more detail when we discuss the Building Permit Revolving Fund when it comes up during the discussion period.

Our Highways Division oversees the road maintenance and garage maintenance in six districts; Wailuku, Makawao, Hana, Lahaina, Molokai, and Lanai. And also we have Traffic Management as well as Garage Services, excuse me, that are part of this division. There is a 6.3 percent increase in the A, B, and C budgets from \$19,243,904 in Fiscal Year '07 to \$20,460,603 in Fiscal Year '08. There are six expansion positions that are proposed -- a Laborer II position for Lanai, a Construction Equipment Mechanic I, and Equipment Operator III for Hana, a Utility Worker Helper for Wailuku, a Clerk III for Molokai, and a Construction, Construction Inspector II for, for the Highways Administration. As always for the Highways Division, equipment purchase and replacement is a prime concern and the Fiscal Year '07 budget shows a 7.7 percent increase from Fiscal Year '07. This is from \$1,269,150 to \$1,366,600. So, for the Department of Public Works itself a total of eight expansion positions are being proposed as part of the '08 budget.

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For the new Department of Environmental Management, which would take effect July 1 of this year, a new director's office is being proposed as part of this budget. And what is being proposed is basically a mirror image of the current director's office except that expenses for office rent, furniture, equipment, and the like are being proposed. Six expansion positions are proposed. This would be comprised of the Director, Deputy Director, Private Secretary, Administrative Officer, Department Personnel Clerk, and Clerk Typist III. An A, B, and C budget of \$573,276 is being requested for Fiscal Year '08.

Our Wastewater Reclamation Division, basically, is comprised into two organizational elements, the Administration section and Operations. And in this Division, we are proposing six expansion positions. Three are in Administration, a Civil Engineer IV, Construction Inspector, and Engineering Support Technician. These three positions are being requested in order to help with the increasing CIP load. The three, three positions in Operations are Sewer Maintenance Repairman I, and the unfreezing of two Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator positions for the Lahaina Wastewater Treatment Plant. The total A, B, and C budget of the Division would increase from \$31,406,571 in Fiscal Year '07 to \$32,024,057 in Fiscal Year '08. And this is an increase of 2 percent.

As far as our Solid Waste Division, they operate landfills in Central Maui, Hana, Lanai, and Molokai. We also administer residential collection and diversion programs, and as I mentioned we also administer the Abandoned Vehicle Program. For the Administration, Landfill Disposal Residential Collection, and Diversion Programs, there's an increase from \$19,997,163 in Fiscal Year '07 to \$27,932,570 in Fiscal Year '08. And this represents an increase of 39.7 percent. There are 15 expansion positions, which are being proposed. On the Administration side, four positions are proposed: a Civil Engineer III, an Engineer Technician IV, V, I'm sorry, Accountant III, and an Operation Superintendent.

Within the Landfill section, eight positions are proposed. Three Laborer, Laborer III's at the Central Maui Landfill, three Working Supervisors; one each at Lanai, Molokai, and Hana; a Laborer II at Hana, and a Laborer II at Molokai. Within Collections, there's a Refuse Supervisor I for the Lahaina District, which is being proposed and within the Diversion Program there are two Recycling Specialists, which are proposed to be funded through County funding.

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And the Abandoned Vehicle, Scrap Metal, and White Goods Program is a separate program handled within the Solid Waste Division. And one expansion provision, position is being proposed there. This is a Clerk III. This program overall the A, B, and C budget shows a decrease from \$2,830,408 in '07 to \$2,245,117 in Fiscal Year '08. This represents a decrease of 20.7 percent. In total for the new Department of Environmental Management, there are 28 expansion positions that are proposed.

That's a brief summary of the Operations budget for the two proposed departments.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Arakawa. Members, again, this morning, we'll concentrate on the Public Works area, which is the Highway as well as Public Works Engineering. I know that the Director had gone into the Environmental Management side so if we can save those questions for this afternoon. Rather than have questions on the opening comments, I think, Mr. Arakawa touched base on the various programs of his Department. So, with that we'll go directly into the A, B, C accounts. And I think if you do have any questions in regards to his opening comments then we'll take it up as we go through the different programs in Public Works.

So, for the Administration Program, the A account, Salaries and Wages, I'd like to call on, Mr. Victorino, if you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The, the only question I have is in the Administrative, and that's what we only doing right now is Administration, right?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. This Safety Specialist which I think is long overdue. Is this a full year or is this eight months? Because sometimes I get confused when they have these requests. Is this a full year or eight months? And I sorry to ask that but every so often. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Arakawa.

MR. ARAKAWA: Mr. Chair, I believe, the numbers that are represented in the budget request are a full-year funding.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Full-year funding, 42,144.

MR. ARAKAWA: Forty-four thousand four hundred twenty four dollars (\$44,424).

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, okay, I just find that a little difficult to understand where a Private Secretary would get substantially more than a Safety Officer because a safety specialist in my mind would have to have special training, special operational skills, knowledge. And, again, if that's what you intend to do then that's fine but I think you may not, I don't know, I think we, when we have, whenever we talk safety and a safety specialist, we want to try to find someone who's very capable because to me that is the means for which when we reduce accidents, workers injury, et cetera, et cetera, we save a lot of money in Workers Comp and all other areas. And to attract somebody for 42,000 what I would call or, in my mind, a capable safety officer, doesn't sound like a real good figure. However, you know your Department better than I do. That's the only question I had is if that was eight months or a full year. And if you're saying that's full year, okay, I accept that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Victor...Member Victorino. Just to clarify that. The Safety Specialist as noted, it is a transfer from the Environmental Solid Waste area? It's a trans... transfer from one area to another area?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes, Mr. Chair. You might recall, I believe, it was last year, actually, this, this position was requested through the Department of Finance, and they had a number of positions. And we were allocated ... uh ... one position at that time. And we had given it to the Solid Waste Division but that person was not hired in Solid Waste and so we have basically taken it back in Public Works and we'll be using it as a department-wide Safety Specialist for Public Works.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, you, so, what you're saying is this, this position was like an expansion position last term but was never filled?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah, that's correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And so, now, this year you're transferring the position over to your Department since the split up is coming so that you have the Safety Specialist within the Public Works Division.

MR. ARAKAWA: For the entire Department of Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For the entire Department.

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, my question then, Chairman, is Department of Environmental Management doesn't need a Safety Specialist in your opinion, Mr. Arakawa?

MR. ARAKAWA: No. Safety Specialist, okay, we have, Wastewater Division already has a Safety Specialist. Solid Waste then would not have one. There is a need for it but as I've mentioned in the overview there are many other expansion positions that are being requested. It certainly is a need and we wouldn't object if there is an additional position for safety. But we are concerned about the amount of the, the request. Let's put it that way.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Wastewater has one in their Administration?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes. There's a current person that's been there for. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is that the Training Officer position, Mr. Director?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes, it is.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I don't know if this is for you, Mr. Director, or Mr. Pablo but the current employment environment and this type of large personnel increase, how real is stability of the Department to recruit and hire? You're asking us for engineers. We know that's a very difficult

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field to fill, you know, private sector is stealing from each other. So, how real is the request?

MR. ARAKAWA: We, these are needs that are currently . . . uh . . . I mean they are, they are current needs, basically, that are, we're requesting to be filled. We're aware that the economy is very busy. Unemployment is very low. We've basically tried our best to fill the positions that we have. We do have some vacancies, and many are, are in the process of being filled. And I, and we'll, you know, if these positions are granted, we'll do our best to fill those positions as well.

So, it's, yes, you bring up a good point but it's something that, I, I believe that we can, it's positions that we can use and I think it's positions we can fill.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. With the, with the current, and again, our understanding at this point in time from our Staff's review is you have 11 vacancies currently, Mr. Director, and you're going to be asking for six new ones. So, you're going to have potentially 17 vacancies. You know the interesting thing is that you're asking for new positions like under Public Works Highways, Mr. Director, as an example Laborer II. You mentioned, you know, you having a request of one additional but you already still show multiple vacancies in that area Laborer II road maintenance. So, is it premature to ask for the increased positions with you still having vacancies in your current allocations?

MR. ARAKAWA: We can go over the specific vacancies in more detail when we discuss the Highways Division specifically.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay.

MR. ARAKAWA: But, generally, I can tell you that we have worked very diligently in trying to fill the existing vacancies. There, as I mentioned, there are issues with, with, you know, basically full employment. We have gone through. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Tell us how much or how long have you been trying to fill the positions and how long have you been waiting? That's what we would like to know. Is the vacancy a year old that you're trying to fill? Is it one month?

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MR. ARAKAWA: I think we can over that when the specific Divisions come up. They can give you more details about the specific time.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because you still have, you still don't have one Clerk Typist III, right, in your program? You have a vacancy currently.

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes. And we have gone through the interviews and that person should be starting very shortly.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: How long has that vacancy been?

MR. ARAKAWA: This was given to us in . . .Fiscal Year '07.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, eight months, three-fourths of a year you've been waiting. Is this because there was no qualified list from DPS for you to go through or no one was interested so no one applied?

MR. ARAKAWA: No, we, we got the list from DPS and we went through the interviews. And that person is actually going through the, the physical and, you know, all the, the pre-employment requirements before actually starting.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. My last question regarding the A account for this general area. Your Safety Specialist, do you have the data that can show us improvements in claims and incidents of, at work, of workplace accidents? Has this position helped so that your Div... your Department through your various Divisions can show like a 10 percent decrease in Workman's *[sic]* Comp., workplace accidents, which resulted in "x" amount of savings since we going have to pay claims and settlements?

MR. ARAKAWA: Well, this, this person, of course, is still to be hired. So, we have that Training Officer within the Wastewater Division. We can see if we can dig up some information on some data perhaps within Wastewater that can perhaps substantiate the need for that position. But as far as this particular position as the Safety Specialist II, it primarily, this person will primarily be working with our Highways Division, which deals with, you know, a lot of basically fieldwork--

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

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MR. ARAKAWA: --and making sure that all the safety procedures there are followed to minimize accidents and any Workman's Comp. issues, and, you know, those types of things.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. What about Garage Services, you got a lot of situations there too, huh?

MR. ARAKAWA: Right. I mean that's part of the Highways Division.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah, I think all the questions has been on the Safety Specialist II. And, and I still not real clear on because on the Budget Details you show it as a request for 2008 and that person, that position wasn't in place in 2007. Is that correct?

MR. ARAKAWA: It, that position was actually assigned to Solid Waste.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. ARAKAWA: And. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, it's not an expansion position?

MR. ARAKAWA: Not for Fiscal Year '08.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And but on our list from DPS, it shows that position as a requested increase for Administration and I was wondering why? I'm not sure if you have this list produced by our Staff through DPS. So, it's not an expansion position, it's a, you're transferring it from one division to another, to your, the Administration? I see.

MR. ARAKAWA: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Arakawa. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Director Arakawa.

MR. ARAKAWA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: On your Clerk Typist, we show that the position is vacant. Clerk Typist III. How long has it been vacant?

MR. ARAKAWA: The position was funded in Fiscal Year '07. So, we have gone through the process of getting the list from Personnel Services and doing the interviews. And so that person is just about ready to start employment with us.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, did you have to entice them with a Step increase? Because it was budgeted at 17, of course, I don't know, it says it's a Step increase but was that 17,000 actually an eight month allocation? Or, you know, there's almost a, well, there's a 55, almost 56 percent increase in the salary in, before the position has even been filled? Could you explain that?

MR. ARAKAWA: I'm not sure. I'd have to get back, I'm not sure if that was eight months or a six-month salary off hand.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But it does indicate that this is a Step increase. So, my question really is did you have to increase the salary in order to get someone to take the job?

MR. ARAKAWA: No, not that I'm aware of. No.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, this is an entry level Step SR-10B?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. And, and the job that that person is going to do would be specifically?

MR. ARAKAWA: Basically, clerical work within our office. A lot of filing, answering of phone calls, typing of letters. Basically, working with our Personnel Officer and answering the general volume of phone calls that we receive in the office.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, I think you're lucky you have somebody that's ready to come on board. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Director, your, under Administration, you have a total including the Safety Specialist II of seven, seven bodies including the director and the deputy, yeah? That means your division, your Department, your administrative office is full in terms of the complement to get the job done, yeah? How do you justify a \$17,000 increase in premium pay? In '07, the premium pay was \$8,000. In '08, the projection is \$25,000. Seventeen thousand dollar increase when you've got, when, when your Administrative office is full in terms of bodies to get the job done.

MR. ARAKAWA: I don't know. I cannot answer that. I mean that can be adjusted as the Council sees fit.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: I understand that fully well. It's just that, you know, you, somebody put those numbers in here. So, I, I just was asking why? There's got to be a justification when it comes to, you know, this kind of additions. And my only reason, Mr. Director, is . . . um . . . this Division in totality has a rather large amount of premium pay increase. So, the same question will be asked for every division that comes in because consistently there are increases.

So, Mr. Chairman, that was, that is my only comment at this point. However, I would like to just reference the, and this has nothing to do with the division's pay increases or their Step. It has to do with the director and deputy director's pay because that is established by the Salary Commission. And I think we're looking at '08 was a rather, yeah, it's a rather large number because the director at the time had a huge responsibility in taking care of both Public Works and Environmental Management. But now that the Division is split, you know, we also see the new division starting at a rather high level as well.

So, you know, I'm just kind of hoping that somebody really took a look at the anticipated split in the division to look at equitable pay. Yeah. Thank you, Chairman.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Members, any more questions on the A account for the Administration side? If not, we go to the B account, which is the Operations. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will say that under the Operating side there is a sizable decrease. And one of 'em that strikes me real fast is the fact that under Page 17-4, subcategory 6138, R & M - Services and Contracts [*sic*]. Budgeted '07, 31,500; budgeted 15,000 for '08; substantially lower. Is there any particular reason that you would have a tremendous decrease, you know, in that area?

MR. ARAKAWA: This is basically an estimate of, actually, it's subobject 6132, Professional Services.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. I'm sorry.

MR. ARAKAWA: And that varies from year to year. It, it may be any number of things that come up that may be needed. So, it, it's a highly variable amount and that's the estimate that was put down.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Can you enlighten me? What goes under that Professional Services? What goes in so that it would make such a big variable?

MR. ARAKAWA: I, I think part of the reasoning for the decrease was that, you know, the Department is being split as well into two. So, I mean, that's, that's the basic rationale.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Okay. If that's, that's the rationale then fine. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Director, I was, you know, I'm trying to recall. Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is Public Works one of the few departments that has within their own administrative budget request Employee Awards Program and Retirement and Service Awards?

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Well. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is this something that, you know, we, we talked to DPS about it. They got a, you know, a good size chunk for the annual program but if you look in 17-4, you know, the Public Works senior management has also put in a request. And I'm just wondering if this is a coordinated thing with DPS . . . *(end of tape 1B - 10:09 a.m.)*. . . just a Public Works program independent of what DPS does for the Annual Employee Recognition and, and Awards Program. Can you give us some comment, please, Mr. Director?

MR. ARAKAWA: What's in the budget there, Councilmember Hokama, is just basically a token amount, \$100 for employee awards so it's basically separate from DPS.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, 'cause you got 3,000, right, this year under Retirement and Service Awards? . . . *(silence)* . . . I think, mister, I, I just want to know if this is just a departmental thing versus a Countywide administrative program coordinated effort?

MR. ARAKAWA: No, this is a departmental. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Specific departmental initiative?

MR. ARAKAWA: But I, I think your question about employee awards, you know, it's like I said there's basically a token amount in there. But we have another subobject code 6240, Retirement and Service Awards, which we do use to give basically token amounts to our retirees from the Department.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And, again, this is just something that Public, the Public Works Department has, it's a practice that you folks do --

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --for our good, for our employees who provide good service. No, I don't have a problem with that. I don't know if you were aware when we had DPS forward with the Director Krieg and Deputy Hiromoto. My idea was maybe to "beef" this up whereby it would be part of a motivational inducement since we are bound by certain collective bargaining agreements that doesn't make sense for, for some of us that, you know, let's see who's going to be on Public Work . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

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Let's say, for example, Traffic Signs and Markings crew did such a great job, they saved your, their division, for an example \$100,000. We would set parameters up and say up to 10 percent of that amount can be used for bonuses, and employee recognition, and whatnot. Of course the County still gets 90 percent savings. But you get ten guys, 10 percent, that's 10 grand. Each of that, each member of that ten-man crew would get \$1,000 bonus as, as recognition. Two, it's a bonus compensation. It's a pocketbook incentive. And maybe this is one of our ways we can recruit and retain good employees because the employees that don't perform won't get the bonuses.

So, you know, I just share that with you that it's something I think might be worthwhile for our County to do Countywide. And I just ask that you might want to think about it if we choose to change. And again, I appreciate you having the ability to recognize and try to assist good employees by at least a recognition. Although, as you say, it's a token amount, recognition is important though. But I am willing to make us do the walk instead of just the talk. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. And I can recall, back maybe two budget sessions ago that we kind of encouraged the Department to do just that, the awards. Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. No, on reviewing the, the A account, it, you know, it reflects as the Director has said a decrease in their budget because of the separation into two departments. So, I think it shows, you know, a responsible adjustment. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. And if this question was already asked, I apologize but I was out of the Chambers briefly. The question relates to, I guess, the big picture, and it would encompass operations as well as account A and C. Have we, and I don't know if this would be to the Department head or to Mr. Pablo, have we done a comparison of what the budget was for '07 with the Department configured as it was previously, and then now the two departments combined? Is there any kind of analysis that we've been given? Because I've been through the materials and, I guess, short of just adding it in. You know it's difficult to compare because we're looking at apples and oranges.

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Now, you have two departments split, and I just think holistically, I'd like to have an idea what was it before we split the department in the A, B, C accounts and what is it now with the two departments separated? Because that helps to give me an indication of how, how the big picture is looking and how much we're really allocating. Because I think we originally said this split is going to have a cost and I think it's important to let the public know exactly what that cost is.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Either the Budget Director or the Public Works Director.

MR. ARAKAWA: Well, Mr. Chair, you know, if the Committee wishes to do that breakdown, you know, we can certainly provide it. If, if you want to provide to us in writing, I, I can respond to that.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. We can do that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I, I really appreciate it. Because I think then it's kind of difficult to compare because everything as Mr. Arakawa said he's pulled from here, he's reduced here, he's up this. It's kind of hard to see but if we just look at apples and apples I think it will be much easier. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. In the Equipment, the C account, I do see some replacements, in fact, a replacement. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. Yeah, I think that's self-explanatory. If they need it then I think you should go out and get it. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just quickly, Chairman. I think Ms. Johnson earlier when we were on B account; her comments are well taken from, from my perspective. And that is why, you know, prior to this Charter Amendment,

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Chairman, I made comments about why we should have done one audit. So, that when we do the split, we can then through the, had through an audit, had we done one, find where we needed to “beef” up, what we were doing well, so we wouldn’t screw around with it, and put our resources in the right way. That would have been the smart thing to do.

But we went and charged down this road so that I am like some of the other Members concerned about how much it’s really going to cost us right now. And I know that was the debate on whether or not we had authority to add additional deputy directors to assist the department. We were talking about one, two positions. Now, we have one whole slew of expansions that’s costing us, going to cost us more than what two deputies might have really have been the answer to. But back to C, I’m sorry, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Very good point though.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We’re, we’re kind of curious. This copier is a replacement so you buying this copier, Mr. Director?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah. We presently don’t have a color copier. It’s just a regular black and white copier.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no. Yeah, I . . . (*inaudible*) . . . but you, you intend to purchase, right?

MR. ARAKAWA: Hmm... I, I believe so. I believe it’s just a purchase, purchase.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: As we understand by replacement, yeah?

MR. ARAKAWA: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And so, my question, Chairman, is to the Budget Director Mr. Pablo. You know, Mr. Pablo, this shows us an inconsistency because other departments have come to us with big requests for leased equipment in the same type of area; copying and replication, and, and, and then now this request is to buy equipment. So, can we have an understanding of why we not just doing one program which is if we’re going to lease let’s do lease-wide so we can get some, hopefully, price break because of size of, of the lease order. Or if it makes sense, let’s go purchasing and get the price break by the quantities of, of, of some type of

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purchasing alliance. But it's hard for us, some departments want lease and some departments want to buy. So, can you give us some comment, please?

MR. PABLO: Yes, it's a very good point, Mr. Chair, Chair Hokama. This is something that the present Administration is looking into. It's one of the questions we brought up while putting together the Budget. But as you know, we only had six weeks to, to compile this.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. PABLO: This is one of the areas we were, we want to look into whether we should do a purchase versus lease. Something like that, we would have to need, need a little more time and also using what kind of equipment. But we've already started discussions with the MIS person, for example, in the computer equipment, video conferencing, and so forth. And I think for something like lease versus purchase, we would happily work with the Finance Department specifically the Purchasing Agent.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. PABLO: But this is, this is one area. The other area is vehicular replacement policies --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. PABLO: --motor pool purchase.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right, right. Cell phones.

MR. PABLO: But they are being looked into.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Good. I would just ask, Mr. Chairman, that if the staff can assist Mr. Pablo, we would really need some decisions by the Administration, as, prior to us entering decision-making because or not they're going to live with what we decide without their input. And I would ask Mr. Pablo if he can help the Committee by getting us some timely responses, please.

MR. PABLO: Certainly.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Just a follow-up on Chair Hokama's questioning on that copier because we did have another department that came in and is going to lease it. And can you tell me what, in your experience, the service life of the, the copier has been in years?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department.

MR. ARAKAWA: I don't know what the typical is but the current one we have is six years old.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Yeah. My estimate to the other department was between three and five years and they're leasing theirs at almost \$8,000 a year. So, you're talking like 24 to 30 thousand dollar lease. And, and that's why I questioned that department on what is the benefits to the County and taxpayers by they leasing it and now you're purchasing it? And my other question is your purchase does it include the maintenance contract? So, you're going to purchase that separately?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah, we'd have to do that separately. So there is a maintenance cost even if you do purchase.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. ARAKAWA: The maintenance cost right now for our existing machine, you know, as it gets older it needs more maintenance, so roughly about \$2,000 a year.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I just was wondering if you incorporated that in your budget request for your new copier to include the maintenance cost because I know it is sizable at times. Okay. Thank you, Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, the Chair is looking at the clock, it's about time that we take a morning break. So, we'll reconvene at 10:40. This meeting is in recess. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

RECESS: 10:23 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:48 a.m.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . (*gavel*) . . . The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is now reconvened. Thank you, Members, for that break. At this time, the Chair would like to go to the next area, which is the Engineering Division. Mr. Victorino, any questions in regards to the A account?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, other than, you know, the expansion position and obviously engineers are a premium right now. And how is that looking as far as that expansion position? Plus, you have, if I recall correctly, didn't we have some vacancies also?

MR. YAMASHITA: Not in Engineering.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Not in Engineering. Okay. I stand corrected. But . . .

MR. YAMASHITA: One, one, one Civil III. One Civil.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. So, you do have. Okay. How we looking in that Department? Because we've been hearing in other departments, real challenging finding engineers out there.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, definitely. But we haven't had problems filling our engineering positions in the past. And we do have an outstanding vacancy which is a Civil Engineer III, and that's in our Construction section. The position was filled early part of this year, however, the, the applicant had dropped out at the last minute. We were ready to bring him in but, yeah, he, he, I guess, his current employer --

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sweetened the pie.

MR. YAMASHITA: --sweetened, definitely. So, we're on the recruitment again for that position. This Civil Engineer III position is for our Design section.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: And they handle the drainage and resurfacing projects. And we're looking at an apprentice, which is a non-licensed position because we feel that the pool of licensed engineers is pretty much saturated. And, and we, we know that it will be difficult to get a licensed engineer on board. So, and, and, on top of that, we wanted to get someone that we could train in-house. So, the Civil Engineer III position although it is a non-licensed position, it is one that calls for several years of experience.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: And that's what we're looking for right now.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And then one more question, Mr. Chair, if I may?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: On these college interns, what would they be doing? Because I've heard, you know, we've seen college interns in other departments. In your Department, what would these part-time interns be doing for you folks?

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. They'll be going out into the field doing preliminary site checks, doing plans mapping within the office. And, and it, it is a good learning tool for them and it's also good exposure for us. And it, it, you know, it, like for myself, I, I was a summer intern when I first got out of, well, while I was in college. So, and for several years, the Engineering Division did not have any interns available to, to the division. And so, we just got the money put back into our budget last year so we're, we're looking forward to getting two interns this summer.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I think that's a well worth it project, project because just as you said you were a classic example and I think that's where the County now can beat the private sector, if we can, if you

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calling it that way. That we can get out there, get to these people, show 'em what we can do, and we can see what they can do, it's a win-win situation for everybody.

MR. YAMASHITA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, I like that idea and I hope that we continue funding that that, you know, you guys can continue finding those college interns and keeping them here especially for the County of Maui. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. Mr. Yamashita, you know, basically, your, your, your Division, I have no major concerns but one of the things I wanted to ask you since you are asking for an expansion Civil, Civil III and it will be in design. We take note that in the Program Budget, Mr. Yamashita, I'm referring to Page 19-10, Members. We have, well, compared to this, this budget year, Mr. Yamashita, we have almost \$20 million of grant revenue for Capital Improvement Projects. And then in the upcoming request, we're losing about \$8 million. So we're going to drop down to \$11.6 million worth of, of CIP project grant revenue.

Does this impact your Divisions, to the level that, is it tied to your request? If you can appreciate from our side, you know, you're asking for positions but yet we see some of your capacity of CIPs is changing because I guess the Federal portion or the Federal funds is reduced. So, can you just help us understand this, please?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yeah. That, that is correct but the Federal Grant Revenue is, is based on the STIP Program and we handle construct... construction inspection through consultants. And, and normally, it's, it's only oversight on our part. So, it is not that time consuming for us to, to implement. And, and when there is a drop in the amount of the grant that that we are getting for a fiscal year, it doesn't really reflect that much on our time that, that is allotted.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, then I would assume you would spend more on just full County project requirements.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, that is correct.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Chairman, that's all I have in, in A account. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Department, can you name a few grants that we talk about or we're talking about?

MR. YAMASHITA: Basically, it's the, like the Market Street improvements project, the bridge replacement projects. Although, we refer to it as grants, they're, they're actually STIP projects that have been awarded to the County.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So, those are Federal aid projects?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yeah, correct.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Point of information, please, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Just so we're clear, yeah, and, and this, this relates to the A account, Chairman. On those Federal funded projects, Mr. Yamashita, when you had a comment about the inspection, is that within the contract amount itself when we do these projects that a portion is for a consultant to do the project management and, and inspection? So, it wouldn't be a County person but would be someone hired with the project to take part of that responsibility of, of project management and inspection?

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. The construction management position or, or services are procured under a separate contract from the actual construction contract.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: And also the design services contract is separate from the construction. So, basically, we work with three different contracts. One, one as a design contract. One as a construction contract, and the, the, the last contract would be a construction management contract.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Who would oversee, from your Division, the oversight or, or have the responsibility to ensure that the construction management contract is, is, is done according to agreement?

MR. YAMASHITA: That would fall under our Construction section.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That would be your Construction Inspector positions?

MR. YAMASHITA: No. That, that would fall under our Construction section head or a Civil Engineer IV position, which is. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Okay. But, but the, the person that actually does the work is an outside contractual hire for this particular, for that specific project?

MR. YAMASHITA: That is right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And those can be paid from the Federal funds?

MR. YAMASHITA: We haven't been receiving any partici... Federal participating for construction management because the procurement process is more stringent than the County procurement process. So, it, it, it has been more difficult to, to have both the design consultant and CM consultants become a participating cost for us. So, we're, we're handling that as a separate CIP. Well, well. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So that would come from the County's percentage to the project? Is that what pays for the CM?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Not the Federal's portion?

MR. YAMASHITA: No.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. I understand it better. Thank you very much, Chairman.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama. Just one fast question. In, in regards to those grants, is there a timeframe that we need to use it or we lose it?

MR. YAMASHITA: No, there is not. Once the contract is encumbered, we, we normally follow the standard time that is allotted during the, for the contract period --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: --for construction.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Yes. Following up on the vacant positions, which concerns most of the Members on this Council especially when an expansion position is asked for and there's a vacant tell me how long has your Civil Engineer III position been vacant?

MR. YAMASHITA: Let's see, I don't know the exact timeframe on that but. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Give me an approximate.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes. Some background on that position. It was originally a Civil Engineer IV position. We had to go through DPS to have it downgraded to a Civil Engineer III position. Once we did that, we, we had it, we advertised it. We, we did the interviews, and we've made selections. So, I'll say it was, that, that particular position has been vacant for at least a year --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: --because of the process of downgrading it and the recruitment and, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, you were allotted two positions in Civil Engineer III. So you have one in that position right now and one is vacant?

MR. YAMASHITA: Correct. Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And the vacancy you kind of explained part of it. But the vacancy was that caused because the person left for other employment, he got promoted, or she got promoted?

MR. YAMASHITA: No, that person was already employed by a private consultant, engineering consultant, and he indicated that he was interested in the position. We selected him and then I guess there was a better offer made and, and he told us he didn't want to come over.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, he never started in that?

MR. YAMASHITA: No, he never did.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So that it remained vacant.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes. And that was the beginning part of this year.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And, and your requesting an, an expansion of one more position?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: One more. Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: And that's in a, in a totally different section. This is in Design and the other position was in Construction.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. Okay. I'm interested also in your Land Surveyor I. I know he retired quite a while ago. How long has that been vacant and do you plan on filling that position?

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. That position has been vacant from January 1st of this year. We're in the process of redescribing this position because apparently being that he was a real old-timer, we, his position description was kind of outdated. So, it didn't include a lot of our, you know, technical things we have nowadays like, you know, computer work, and, and programming. And so, we, we were doing that to redescribe this position. And once we do that, we're going to go out and to recruit that position.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. Okay. So, is there somebody TA'd to that position or that's. . .

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MR. YAMASHITA: No, we currently don't have a crew --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: --available. We're, we're going out to the private consultants and, and having them do our survey work for us.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And your Supervising Construction Inspector vacancy is that due from promotions? I mean it's vacant because of promotions?

MR. YAMASHITA: It's vacant because the, the incumbent had left to join the private sector. We are currently recruiting for that position and we hope to fill it with in-house recruitment.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And that one's been vacant for how long?

MR. YAMASHITA: I'd say four months, four to five months.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the only reason I ask about the length of the vacancies is we hear from, you know, DPS and other departments, they're having a hard time filling positions. And, you know, that's because of the success of the economy currently in the private sector. But we just want to be sure you can fill those positions. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. Thanks very much. I know you have a challenging job. Because your engineers, essentially, provide engineering inspection services, and the description is to plan, design, and construct highway drainage and bridge improvements for County of Maui. And you implement drainage and traffic master plans for the County, perform survey and land acquisition functions, and you, you review subdivision and construction plans. So, when the engineers, for example, are performing their tasks in this scope, do they require that license in order to stamp something as approved?

MR. YAMASHITA: Our engineers do not stamp any plans. We do review plans that are required to be stamped by professional engineers. However, the

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license requirement is, is based, well, that, that would denote the, the engineer to be a journeyman status. And I don't know how that was determined to be as far as the, the license requirements in order to be like, to review any plans or any processes. But, yeah, we, for, for our internal organization, we normally have our licensed positions handle more complex projects and reviews.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: But, but you do have people that do have licensed positions within your Department?

MR. YAMASHITA: Oh, yes. Almost all of our engineers are licensed.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. With regard to the program description where it says, you plan, you design, and you construct. Now, from what you're describing, it's kind of more a supervisory function where you're having other outside contracts do the actual work and then your people supervise.

MR. YAMASHITA: Oh, no, that is only for Federal aid projects we do that. And for County CIP projects, we do it all in-house.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, that's where, I think, if anyone were reading this just on the surface that distinction is not really clear. I'm sure Mr. Medeiros because he was part of the Department, you know, he knows the difference but to a layperson like myself it wouldn't be obvious. But my question then would be that because now you're doing two different things. You're doing some supervisory and you're doing some actual projects. When you are doing supervisory and I think you described three different entities. You have a, a supervisory contract that you let out. You've got the construction and then you have the design contract. What I have noticed is that the State to, I guess, achieve efficiencies particularly through STIP has gone to plan design like the Kahoma Stream, the bridge over the Kahoma Stream --

MR. YAMASHITA: Design built.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --project.

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MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, are we able to utilize those same kinds of tools and achieve any level of efficiency or don't we have enough volume to really make it worth your while to try to look at it that way?

MR. YAMASHITA: We haven't really explored that option but that could become available. We'll look into that as a possible option to, you know, for future projects.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And the only reason I bring that up is because with the separation of the two department . . .(end of tape 2A - 11:06 a.m.). . . is if you look at ways that we can actually maximize getting the project done and getting it done on a slightly lower budget and with fewer bodies to deal with because, frankly, I wouldn't want your job trying to supervise all these different entities.

I personally think it may be able if you do a cost benefit analysis, may be able to help you to at least achieve some savings by going to that. And, and I think at the State level, Kahoma Stream bridge, that saved tremendous amount of money. It was, you know, because it's such a huge project, I think, it was couple million dollars by doing it that way. It still isn't done but . . .

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Anyway, I, I just, I wanted to understand, you know, if that was part of your consideration.

MR. YAMASHITA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: But anyway good luck.

MR. YAMASHITA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thanks.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. You know, I'm specifically interested in the Kihei Master Drainage Plan. I have a draft from 1993, and I'm wondering has there been anything updated or has this

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'93 plan been finalized and what your Department has done in regards to it?

MR. YAMASHITA: It, it still has not been finalized. And I don't know the exact status of that project. But we'll, we'll definitely address that matter when we do our CIP . . . um . . . presentation before, before you and we'll make sure that we do have an updated status report for, for that project.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. Because it's, it's this Division that's responsible for implementing this plan.

MR. YAMASHITA: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And, and it's been around at least since '93.

MR. YAMASHITA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, what I'm trying to find out is, you know, why, you know, I know that your priority list must have so many priorities --

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --especially with all the bridge problems that we've had recently. But, you know, South Kihei Road, the north end of it, it floods whenever there's any significant rain. It floods to the point where people are driving through water that goes above the bottom of their door, in, in many sections. I'm sure you're aware.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, we are. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And not just Suda but all down that north end of South Kihei Road. Also, Maui Meadows has a lot of drainage problems. So, I'm just wondering . . . um . . . who within the Engineering Division would be a project manager to kind of force the issue or make it a priority?

MR. YAMASHITA: That project is assigned to our Design section, and that section is headed by Mr. Joe Krueger. So, he's the contact person for any information on status and progress of that master plan.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And that's just what I mean. It's like, Joe Krueger is like the "go to guy" for everything.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I mean how can he possibly get it done?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, I mean, I don't want to encourage you to expand more positions but . . . um . . . it just seems to me that we need to be focusing on, on the things that we know need to be done for public facilities in the County. And, I guess, I'm asking you for some kind of assurances that you have enough staff to deal with it.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, hopefully, the additional Civil Engineer III position would, which would be assigned to the, under Joe Krueger. That will take away a lot of menial chores that he's already doing. And, and, you know, he can hopefully . . . um . . . focus, put, put more focus onto the, the master planning and, and. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, I'll not pursue it any longer, Mr. Chair, but I look forward to an update when we get to CIP.

MR. YAMASHITA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. I was just going to ask questions about drainage and how do we plan about, you know, we create all these master plans but we don't put priorities when we're going to do 'em.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So, yeah, we'll wait for CIP. Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you. Mr. Yamashita, the, the Civil Engineer III, the Design Civil Engineer, '08 it's 42,152. That is what percent of the salaries? That's. . .

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MR. YAMASHITA: That is for an eight-month period. We have factored in a four-month period for recruitment and, and interviews and the actual fill-in process.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. And then just as a final note, Chair. Twenty-eight point six bodies in, in, in your Division; I really appreciate seeing the premium pay continue to go down since 2006. So, I just wanted to thank you for that 13.7 percent reduction in premium pay even though you were four bodies short. So, thank you.

MR. YAMASHITA: Thanks.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Members, any more questions in the A account?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, just a quick one, please.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you. You know on your engineering positions, do the different positions require different professional certifications or from your entry-level engineering position it's pretty much the same as they work their way up the ladder? And, and explain to me what is the difference between licensed engineer and a professional engineer?

MR. YAMASHITA: Well, well, the licensed engineer has to pass a two-part testing program. There's an eng. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's a State license?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: And, and the first part is the Engineering Training Certificate, and the second part is the Professional Engineer's License. And, and they need to take the exam to, to pass. And, and they need, I believe, it's like four years experience under a registered engineer --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

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MR. YAMASHITA: --to qualify for that position, uh, to qualify to take those exams.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, if an engineer is a licensed engineer, he's also a professional engineer.

MR. YAMASHITA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. I'll wait for the B account. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Question for Cary. The DPS was telling us on Monday that they'll be going to the University to try and recruit for engineers. Does the Department plan to go along with DPS in, you know, recruiting engineers from the University?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes. Our Department Personnel Officer has been, in the past, accompanying the DPS personnel to, to the various . . . um . . . I don't know what you call that. It's, yeah, recruiting processes. And we have given our officer some feedback or written descriptions of work and, and, and things that would kind of show what our engineers do within our Division.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, and the other thing that we told the Department is that, you know, not only the . . . um . . . the work requirements but try to sell some of these recruits on our fringe benefits, when they go over and try to recruit for more engineers or, you know, people in that capacity. So, anyway, Members, any more questions? Member Johnson followed by Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. I just had a quick question, Cary. And in your performance measures for your personnel, some of the major things that, and I'm not sure whether they oversaw this or they actually did it but on Page 19-9 under your performance measures, your accomplishments. One of the things, and, and yesterday, I think it was during the Council meeting I had a contract pulled for Kalana O Maui building cooling tower and chiller replacement. Was that an outside contract or was that, the installation done with outside equipment in-house?

MR. YAMASHITA: No, everything is done from, with an outside contract. Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And that was accomplished in '06?

MR. YAMASHITA: Well, no, we're going to, we have, we're, we're bringing in consultants to look at the facility right now and we're going to do a bid on those. There . . . it's, it's been designed, and so we're going to be going out for bid shortly.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, there was, I believe, 725,000 allocation for that, that was in an execute, it's not here. It would have been in our Council contracts that were approved yesterday. But my question to you is the personnel that are in your, you know, in your engineering program, are you saying that they did not yet supervise this particular installation and that the installation has not been completed, and that we still have the old chiller and not the new one?

MR. YAMASHITA: That is correct. We have, okay, we have two cooling towers and two chillers that are currently operational. However, one of the cooling towers has, has, there's damage to it so we're running a backup cooling tower. And, and the backup cooling tower is going to be replaced by this new unit here. And we're going to be replacing a second chiller that's also up on the roof of, of this building. And so, the, the contract will be to replace a set. One, one each. One, one cooling tower, one chiller so.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, the problems that we're experiencing are not with the new equipment that was installed but with older equipment?

MR. YAMASHITA: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And then your Department personnel will make sure that whatever is installed --

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --is up to operation standards?

MR. YAMASHITA: Right. So, once we get that, the, the new cooling tower and chiller installed, we'll have the, the primary units will be newer units and, and the, the backups will be like four or five years old.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Okay.

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MR. YAMASHITA: So, they'll be very reliable.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That makes me feel better--

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --because I thought somebody fell down on the job when we just had all these, you know, my impression was that we had new units installed and that we had problems immediately.

MR. YAMASHITA: Oh, no. No.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. I recall yesterday you wanted me to pull out that contract.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And, and now . . . um . . . it seems he's answered the question but, you know, maybe what we can--

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --do is just propose in Committee to file it then--

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --because he answered my questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. I'm just wondering, you know, we've heard from several people who work at the Hi-Tech Park about the wonderful recruitment success that they've had getting engineers through the Kamaaina Come Home Program at MEDB. And it kind of grates me a little bit that, that we're not getting the same success. So, I'm wondering if you folks have interfaced with MEDB on the Kamaaina Come Home Program?

MR. YAMASHITA: . . . Um . . . myself, personally, I haven't been in contact with them but I know that Laura Seaton who is our Personnel Officer has been attending those recruitment practices up at the Hi-Tech Park. So, I, I

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believe she does have a . . . um . . . she has, she has been in contact with them.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, it's my understanding that they, you know, available engineering or whatever type positions, that they, you know, if they get it in their database, they send it out to all these people across the country who may have ties to Hawaii and might want to come home. So, I'm just hoping that you guys will be utilizing that program and let them know what vacancies that you have.

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. Sure. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members, any more questions on the A account? If not, we'll go into the B account. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Since the discussion has been brought up, you know this replacement vehicle, I guess, for buy a four-wheel, 4x4.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: We're, we're in the B account, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, B account. Oh, I sorry. I went to C account. Sorry, we stayed long in A. Nothing on the C...B account. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, mahalo. I'm just wondering if this is the appropriate place for me to ask this and if it's not let me know, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But on Operations . . . uh . . . do you folks provide the engineering services like for the Department of Transportation or now that we're splitting into two departments, Environmental

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Management, do you provide engineering services for them or do they gather their own engineers if they need them?

MR. YAMASHITA: We've been providing engineering services for the, well, we've been working with the Highways Division as far as, you know, doing projects and for Public Works. But the Environmental Solid Waste or Wastewater, we haven't been, we don't offer or, or have any engineering services to share with them.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And I guess my next question is going to be with CIP projects. So, as far as the B account, you know, it looks like their account is pretty flat and, you know, that's appreciated. And so, I'll wait 'til the, when we get into CIP. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. We'll go to the C account, which is Equipment. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Now, we get there. Okay. As I stated earlier, replacement for vehicle 4x4.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And then, I guess, a lot of questions have been brought up about copier. I see this is a copier accessory, accessories.

MR. YAMASHITA: Oh, okay, in this request, that model of copier we have available is, is an older type of equipment so it, it wasn't able to do 11 by 17 size sheets. And so, therefore, we wanted to, to make it compat...

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compatible to the, the computer network we have and also to, to run those 11 by 17 sheets which is a half size sheet for our standard plans.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, is this a lease or a purchase. . . (*inaudible*) . . .

MR. YAMASHITA: We're looking at a purchase.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Purchase. Okay. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No, none on C. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Okay, the next program we'll go into is the Special Maintenance Program. Member Victorino, A account.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, not at this time, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, for the Director. Director, you know, it's, I know we adjust our programs for many different reasons especially when we deal with our outlying areas. But does it still make sense to keep the Molokai Civic Center position, which is a three-fourths time Janitor

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position in Public Works or would it be more appropriate in another division or department?

MR. ARAKAWA: Councilmember Hokama, I'd, I have to think about that one. I know in the case of Molokai, there are a number of departments that use that Civic Center property that we have. And so, if your question is whether that, we could achieve better efficiencies, I'd prefer to get back to you in writing in that if. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know I'm not talking about eliminating the position. I'm just wondering if --

MR. ARAKAWA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --yours is the best Department to administer the, the needs of the Molokai . . . And again, we're talking about the whole civic complex at Kaunakakai, right? We're not just talking about Mitchell Pauole building. Are we talking about around the swimming pool, the open grounds area where there's the community stands under the trees toward the Police and Fire building, the County parking lot that services Pauole Center as well as the Police and the County Administrative offices? We're talking about that complex, right?

MR. ARAKAWA: I'll ask our, our Highways Division Chief Brian Hashiro to respond. Maybe he can respond to you in more specific detail.

MR. HASHIRO: Okay. Members, I had to check that it was still good morning, but good morning, everyone. Right now, the Molokai Civic Center, we kind of manage a part of it, and Engineering manages the air conditioning part of the, the contracts. Right now, it's okay with us because we have a person in the Civic Center. However, when we do a new Molokai Highways baseyard we're going to move outside of the Civic Center so that may be problematic for us to manage one person in the Civic Center. But, so, it, it may be beneficial at some point that we transfer it to someone else.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Well, I hope you folks talking to Mr. Mateo so he can understand what's happening operationally to the Molokai program. But then again, you know, we've, we've supported the funding to relocate a division of your Department, Director, and we spent good money for the land and everything else. So, you know, the way I'm

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looking down is does this, should this remain within Public Works regarding the Molokai A position, A account position.

And then other than that, how much do we really contract out services for repair main..., maintenance regarding the County buildings? Is most of it done within the eight people?

MR. YAMASHITA: Are you referring to janitorial work or just . . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no, not janitor. I'm talking about maintenance.

MR. YAMASHITA: Oh, okay. It's, all the work is contracted out like the elevator services, air conditioning services, water conditioning services. They're, they're all. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Electrical, all those is contracted out?

MR. YAMASHITA: That is correct. We don't have anyone in-house to do those, perform those services.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And, and but, but you do have one person that is, I guess, the central clearinghouse, I guess, Rico or I forgot, Chico. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I don't know how I got Rico. But, again, you know, we have one of your, your men that is the clearinghouse, I guess, then for all requests. So, when we do put in the requests, he goes out and then con..., contacts someone that's on contract for. . .

MR. YAMASHITA: We do have an engineer that oversees the County building and so all the requests would, would go through him. His name is Melvin Yagin, and, and he would contact various vendors. It's, it's dependent on what type of services are being requested.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Mr. Yamashita, but that person is under the Engineering Program or under the Special Maintenance Program?

MR. YAMASHITA: Engineering Program.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: It would be under Engineering.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. This Special Maintenance Program, that's administered by different divisions, is that correct? Because I know Veteran's Cemetery comes under Highways and then the maintenance of the County building comes under Engineering. So, this Special Maintenance worker, where is he working here at the County building? Because you have a grounds maintenance, which I assume is at the County building.

MR. YAMASHITA: That is correct. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And that worker is also here at the County building?

MR. YAMASHITA: That is right.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And what does that worker do?

MR. YAMASHITA: They take care of all the grounds --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. YAMASHITA: --within this footprint Kalana Pakui, Kalana O Maui, and the old Courthouse.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And then the Janitors are here and the Senior Janitor is here?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, the only positions away from the County building is the Veteran's Cemetery caretakers, which are two of them.

MR. HASHIRO: The .8 of the Janitor II is for the Molokai Civic Center.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, I see. Okay. Now, I know in the overview, Director, you mentioned that along with what Member Hokama was asking about the maintenance of the Civic Center that you mentioned the Hana Civic Center. What maintenance do we do and which Hana Civic Center is that referring to? Is that the Public Works Police building?

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So, the Special Maintenance takes care of that as far as funding or as far as personnel?

MR. ARAKAWA: As far as operational funding it comes there. Personnel as far as if it needs any work comes from our Highways Division.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I have no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Could you tell me, sorry, could you tell me what, under your program budget description it says that you folks take care of the Old, or this Division takes care of the Old Wailuku Post Office. What does that entail? Staying as far away as possible. . . . *(laughter)* . . .

MR. ARAKAWA: You've hit upon a very interesting point. It is under Special Maintenance but as you've noticed there, there are some mold issues that still need to be resolved there, and some leaking issues. So, . . . um . . . currently, it's pretty much being handled by, I believe, the Mayor's Office has been kind of shepherding that. There's also another issue regarding our long-term lease which, yeah, so, there are a number of issues that --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah --

MR. ARAKAWA: --are, are, are, are --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --including asbestos.

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MR. ARAKAWA: --still unresolved, are still unresolved there. And, yes, it's something we need to deal with.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, basically, it's just sort of like shut off and not, there's not really any maintenance, maintenance involved?

MR. ARAKAWA: Not at this point because there are mold issues as far as entering the building so no one can actually go into the building at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Without a HazMat suit.

MR. ARAKAWA: Without a HazMat suit. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: What a deal we got into. So, you're not really expending any funds under this Special Maintenance Program for that facility?

MR. YAMASHITA: We're, we're doing some external grounds-keeping but the, it's, it's very minimal work.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. So that's something we need to look into, Mr. Chair, how we can get that white elephant off our back and maybe what it would take to just demolish the building, and, and acquire that land, and utilize it for something positive. I'm not going to go into any detail on this but, because I'm sure Member Mateo is going to bring it up. But I am going to mention it because I think it's a big concern for me, too. You have 2,300 percent increase in this Division, which is only eight people for premium pay, you know, almost a \$12,000 increase this year from 500 last year and you're fully staffed. I'll let you think about it so when, when we pass on to Member Mateo they might have an answer. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Just a fast question. The Old Wailuku Post Office, how many more years are remaining on the lease? Fifteen?

MR. ARAKAWA: I'm not certain. I know it is, we entered into a long-term lease during the, I believe, it was the Lingle Administration, and I'm not sure about the amount of years remaining on the lease.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: If we can make a fast check and rather a written just let the Chair know how many more years.

MR. ARAKAWA: Sure.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Point of information. I would say it's about, between 15 and 18 years are remaining in the 30-year agreement. And, you know, we've dealt with this in the past. Our then attorneys wrote a very difficult contract for the County with the rent reopeners and the increases. And I think it was something like 30,000 at the beginning with escalations over a 30 year period whereby, I think, we're going to pay over a million dollars in rent for a building we have issues with, health issues with. And at that time, Deputy Corp. Counsel Lillian Koller represented us, locked us in a corner. So, for us it's going to be very difficult to get out of that lease. We, we spent a term on, on this issue, Chairman. So, I would say you're not going to be pleased with the options that is before the, the County.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. I remember putting \$2 million to purchase that building a couple years back. So, nothing has been done. Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Chairman. And I'll just pick up where Member Anderson left off regarding premium pay. And if the Department can provide to us information on why the considerable increase with a division that is fully manned that comes with an \$11,500 increase in premium pay.

MR. ARAKAWA: Councilmember Mateo, I don't know the answer to that right offhand but we'll respond to you in writing.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. And, and . . . *(silence)* . . . okay. Chairman, thank you very much. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Members, any more question on the A account? We go into the B account. Member Victorino?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair. One of the things, again, from department to department changes but I noticed across the board utility cost and especially electricity same as last year and down from the previous year. And yet, we have other departments coming to us . . .(end of tape 2B - 11:36 a.m.) . . . their utility cost has jumped tremendously. Now, you know, I, I understand the variables but do you think that's very prudent to keep these utility costs flat considering that, we all know that the price, and Maui Electric has just recently announced another rate hike that they're going in for. I mean, I guess, being realistic, yeah, do you think these figures should be flat or we should have at least added a little more, you know?

MR. YAMASHITA: Oh, well --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Be more realistic.

MR. YAMASHITA: --yeah, getting back to, right now, we're, currently, in Fiscal Year '07, we project a savings in our electri... electricity cost for the, under the 916122 and 916155, which are the, the County building facilities within this footprint. So, we, we don't anticipate that we'll be needing additional monies to cover any increase for '08 because there is a savings that we realize, we'll realize this year. In the past, we, we have projected higher increases that's why we, we did have a higher figure that was already built into the, the previous budget.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. If you're comfortable with that and you feel that's an appropriate figure then I say the rest of the stuff look good. So, that's fine. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, Chairman, I don't know if all the Members are aware but on Lanai for the Veteran's Program, I believe, Public Works currently receives assistance of the Highways Division for us to perform some of the requirements at the Veteran's Cemetery.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Highways does provide manpower for the Veteran's Cemetery.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And, you know, I can speak from observation, Chairman, that our, our Lanai crew does a very good job. You know they

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maintain the roads as, as it's been in good shape. They've worked hard on the ditches and the culverts. But this is one area where, Chairman, I would ask the Division and the Department that I would like to see additional monies to allow for more maintenance of the Veteran's Program on the Island at the cemetery.

And again, I know that you pulling men away from their, their primary directive of the Highways Program. So, saying that I don't think we need at this point in time a partial County position. I think if we put another \$5,000, as an estimate, to allow the Department to utilize people who are willing to do additional maintenance work at the cemetery. Is that, is that, would that be a problem?

And we got some good people on the island like he's a retired from Dole. Mr. Mako Eskaran. He's dedicated. He gives a lot of community service and I think it would be only fair that when people like him, you know, you know, assist us, we should be able to take care of his needs of his weed whackers, equipment, his fuel, sharpening tools, and whatnot. Because what he provides in return is, you know, so many fold more than what we going to be expending. Is that an issue for the Division or the Department?

MR. HASHIRO: It's not an issue for the Division but one thing we'd also like to point out is we having some problems with the, the water system at the Veteran's Cemetery.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. HASHIRO: The water tank is not providing enough pressure for the toilet system so.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. HASHIRO: I know my supervisor there Robby Sanchez was trying to look at trying to provide a connection for a waterline from the main system by the hotel and bring it up to the, the cemetery. But, you know, that's kind of expensive also so.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say that would be a big stretch of County resource, financial resources. I would ask that you look, you know, if we need another tank, you know, I, I can support another tank but I don't

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know if it's going to make sense for us to stretch the line at this point in time.

MR. ARAKAWA: One, one thing I did want to add and we'll cover it more when we go over the Highways Division. But one of the expansion requests for Lanai is a Laborer II.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. ARAKAWA: And, you know, it is intended to help partially with the work at the Veteran's cemetery as well.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Do you use part of that, you know, I mean like Hana I think it's so fabulous out there. We're covered within the, the divisions or the department as well as with the, the State, their State counterparts. So, Lanai, this Laborer II, does that, that position have the ability to assist landfill if, if landfill needs assistance and the schedule allows this position to assist or, or not? Or do you have enough just for Highways?

MR. HASHIRO: We believe we have enough for Highways. We have not assisted Lanai Landfill, and, primarily, because they have like three people there. They have I think two operators and one attendant. So, I haven't heard of any need for our assistance there.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Because I think they're asking for another position too. So, thank you. Other than that, gentlemen, it, it intrigues me and I'm going to make it clear, 916122 is Kalana O Maui only, right, Mr. Yamashita?

MR. YAMASHITA: That is correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And 916155 would be all other County buildings?

MR. YAMASHITA: That is right. One five five is basically Kalana Pakui and the old Courthouse. And the Fire, Police, they have their own building accounts.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And then, of course, anything else down at the garage would be under a separate account, Garage accounts? Okay. Okay. So, just within the complex here --

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MR. YAMASHITA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --on 155. Then let me just take note that you, you comfortable with the, the request of funds for utilities? You know we just took care a budget amendment for Water for \$1 million adjustment to their electrical utility requirements.

MR. YAMASHITA: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You've maintained a static or, or flat request. So, I just want to make sure you folks comfortable as well as in your fuel area under Garage that that this is the, a good amount of resources that you want from us?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, as far as for the building side, we're, we're comfortable with our figures. Our major adjustment was done two years ago so.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Okay. So, the, so people understand, we just, we're talking just for this building over, over \$700,000 for electricity. And then, so, so, the, so, we can understand this clearly. You show a static on the reimbursement. This is 17-13, gentlemen, under County Garage. Okay. And, and we're going to hold flat 1.1 million plus some change for gasoline, for fuel. And then we have \$260,000 reimbursement. The reimbursement comes from --

MR. HASHIRO: Special Funds.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --the Special Funds. So that would be like the Highway Funds, the Solid Waste, Solid Waste --

MR. HASHIRO: Sewer Fund.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --Sewer Fund.

MR. HASHIRO: Golf Course Fund, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Equipment that's, takes gas from the baseyard.

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. We break even on that exchange? So, whatever we, we, we price up per unit gallon, Mr. Hashiro, is what we charge out, we charge out to the sister departments?

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. I was going to ask the same question but I'm glad Member Hokama asked it. But I just want to ask because the Veteran's Cemeteries come under this program, is there a relationship between the Veteran's cemetery maintenance and Veteran's Administration? Who owns the property?

MR. HASHIRO: I believe the County owns the property.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: We get reimbursements from State Department of Defense for some money and we get some money from the VA for burials.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, so when we, we do have burials in the County Veteran's Cemetery, there's some monies from the State to reimburse the County for the services of using those facilities?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes, we get a flat amount every year for, from the State.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. Okay. I, I see where there's some index numbers that everything has gone to zero such as watershed protection. Is that because it has been given to another department or agency to fund? And then that would be like 916363 on Page 17-17.

MR. ARAKAWA: Councilmember Medeiros, I'm not familiar with that Watershed Protection per se. I'd just prefer to . . . um . . . respond to that one in writing but there are others that you, you, the abutting one is on Veteran's Affairs.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

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MR. ARAKAWA: I know that one it's been taken over by the Managing Director's Office because they have that Veteran's Coordinator in, in the Managing Director's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And, and my final question is because I'm not familiar with this is, is what is the Baldwin Beach House? Is that for retreats or . . .

MR. ARAKAWA: No. That is the infamous Montana Beach.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, that is. Okay. Oh, they have another word for it.

MR. ARAKAWA: So, the \$40,000 that was appropriated in '07 was basically intended for maintenance purposes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see.

MR. ARAKAWA: And so, there's another \$40,000 requested in '08, and I assume it's --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: To continue that maintenance?

MR. ARAKAWA: --you know, for the same types of purposes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And your, your budget is exactly flat. I mean there's not even \$1 more so that's pretty good. I mean that shows some fiscal responsibility. Hopefully, you have enough money to pay for gas because I remember the days that we ran out of money for gas. So, thank you, Department. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Director, just a fast question on 17-15, you know, you do show the West Maui Watershed. And what Member Medeiros had brought up in regards to watershed protection, you know, it shows zero right across the board. Is that the reason why the zero across the board?

MR. ARAKAWA: Mr. Chair, I have to respond back to you in writing. I'm not certain of that.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Thank you. Member Johnson?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. I think on 17-15 part of that because we had this collaboration between, I believe, it was Kamehameha Schools. There was also, at one time, Pioneer Mill was helping, and then we, I believe, were either providing materials or equipment or bodies to help with the watershed. And, and I think it was the detention basin that was above the Aquatic Center, right in that area but I'm not sure. Because that was a while ago so that's my recollection of where that money may be, I guess, allocated.

With regard to your flat budget because I remember it seems like a million years ago the other day when we got your presentation about all of the different tasks that you do and things that I had no idea, you know, it was so wide ranging. So, my question to you is more, I guess, big picture. When I look at a flat budget and then I look at all the tasks that you're charged with and the responsibilities, and, you know, just, we just heap more and more things on you guys when nobody else is going to do it, you know, oh, you're it. I just wonder if the budget that you've got here is realistic. Is this what you really submitted? I mean or is this what was approved?

MR. YAMASHITA: No, this is what we submitted.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And, and that to me is like, I'm not, I'm not saying that you should "beef" it up or anything else, but when I learned all the responsibilities and the duties and the oddball things that you have, and even our small cemetery in Lahaina. Do you guys take care of that also?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. We have about two or three cemeteries in Lahaina. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And so, to me, I look at that and I go can you realistically. And just be honest, I mean, are you stretched with just providing a flat budget?

MR. HASHIRO: I don't believe we're stretched by providing a flat budget, you know, we've been managing somehow. One of the cemeteries has been maintained by one of the hotels so that kind of relieves us from the maintenance of that. The other two cemeteries are basically dirt. We haven't provided any kind of grassing and, you know, and using a whole lot of water to grass the cemetery. So, it's mostly dirt and sand. So, it's, as far as maintenance it's very low.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, 'cause that's down by the beach.

MR. HASHIRO: One is down by beach by Lahaina Jodo Mission and one is by Hyatt Regency.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And I think the one by Lahaina Jodo Mission, there's been an issue with that cemetery because as the erosion along the coastline has encroached on the gravesites, the iwi, and the whole crypt, and the bodies, have actually washed out to sea. And I know that's not, it's kind of you're taking care of it but, you know, nobody seems to want to pay to do the remediation or repatriation, I guess, of the iwi.

MR. HASHIRO: A couple of years ago, we contracted out with someone to remove like about a ten foot strip along the ocean side to remove those bodies that were washed into the ocean and preserving 'em at, at a different site. So, we've been doing some work on that, in . . . (inaudible)
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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Has that, has that though been still continuing? I haven't gotten any reports recently but there was a whole rash of them when we had high storm surge, you know, where I guess the land was eroding at a more rapid rate.

MR. HASHIRO: The erosion has kind of tapered off lately and we haven't had many, we haven't had any issues in the last, I would say at least two years for any bodies that were being exposed. So, so, I'm counting my blessings at this point. But at some point we may have to do another remediation or something.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. If you had, if you had additional money, let's say, for things like that or for taking care of different areas, is there any specific area that if you were to receive, you know, because to me a flat budget is, you know, everybody is saying it's a little unrealistic, where would it be? What part of your operating budget would you actually want an increase? Or are you perfectly content with what you've got?

MR. HASHIRO: At this point, you know, we have a County cemeteries budget of, I don't know what it was, but right now that money is sufficient. I think that if we start getting closer, we're getting a lot of maybe closer to where it might be washing out. We may want to come for more money at

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that point. But right now, I think, we're pretty comfortable with what we have.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right. Thank you very much. I, I just, you know, I appreciate what you're trying to do but sometimes I know different departments, you know, their equipment sometimes Parks they had their doors wired on. And I, I just think that when it gets to that point, it's better to just ask for the money and have proper equipment so that people feel a little bit better about performing the job with the proper equipment, proper kinds of, I guess, operating budget so that they don't have to use chewing gum and duct tape to keep it all together. So, if you need it please ask. Thank you.

MR. HASHIRO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. On 17-17, what happened with the Veteran's Affairs grant subsidy and, I mean, what was that used for? And why is there back in '06, we had almost 12,000 there and now there's nothing and also in '07?

MR. ARAKAWA: Councilmember Anderson, that was transferred over to the Managing Director's Office. So, that line item should be in the Managing Director's budget.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And do you know what it was used for?

MR. ARAKAWA: They have several Veteran's Affairs organizations and the use of the funds is coordinated with the County's Veteran's Administrator who's in the MD's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. We already did Managing Director and I don't recall it but I could have missed it. And then the other question I had, Mr. Chair, was on the Baldwin Beach house services. You have \$40,000. Could . . . um . . . under R & M, 17-17. R & M is Repair and Maintenance Services Contract. So, could you tell us how you're utilizing that funding and for what?

MR. ARAKAWA: The proviso that the Council had provided was, is basically just to repair the, the Holland house that's there. And actually, we're not overseeing that. It's primarily being done in the Mayor's Office right

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now. But it's basically just, you know, repair and just making sure that the, the house there doesn't fall apart. I think they have some security. They put in some locks, you know, you know, those types of things. Not, not anything major.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. Well, for 40,000. But I'm just wondering to me the, I don't know how many, much repair is necessary to the house since it's new and never been occupied but my concern is the landscaping. Is this money being used to maintain the landscaping? Do you know?

MR. ARAKAWA: I, I know when there was some issues with shoreline erosion, some of the money was used for some tree removal and stump removal and that sort of thing. But as far as every day maintenance of the landscaping, I'm, I am not sure, not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And who would I find that out from, Mr. Director?

MR. ARAKAWA: I can check for you as far as, you know, what the money has been used for. I mean, if you want us to respond in writing to that, you know, I can, I can dig that up and respond to the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I would appreciate that, Mr. Chair, because I think it's important for us to, you know, this is an investment the County has made and we need to protect the investment. And depending on what will happen with this down the road at least we need to maintain I think the landscaping if nothing else. It would be interesting to find out if the Administration has any plans that they might want to forward to us. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank, thank you. In the performance budget on, on 19-11 under Performance Measures, one of the items references number of building maintenance complaints; '07 there were three, and '08 projections is three. I'd like to ask whether or not the Lahaina Courthouse is one of those facilities because, yeah, it's leased out to another organization but it's still our building. And we've heard of potential structural damage or concern because of sewage and line hookups. So, can you tell me whether or not that is something in your jurisdiction or that is another department?

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MR. YAMASHITA: I believe it's under the Parks Department if I'm not mistaken.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And they would not go to you for any kind of structural needs in the --

MR. YAMASHITA: No, no, they haven't come to us for any requests to analyze the structure itself.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, things like when they get into it and they going to have be _____ because the large, the large part of the problem is sewage. So, at that time, they'll be coming to, to you when they, I guess, initiate their project? Because you have a flat budget, so I don't know how we're going to impact a major cost factor, you know, in renovating or bringing that, that specific problem to code. So, I don't know how it's going to affect them. Apparently, it does not. Oh, that's okay. Thank you. I was just looking at veering headlights.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Just point of information. The Lahaina Restoration Foundation has a contractor. Originally, the building was renovated under a CIP and it was contracted out to a private entity. Most of those things were supposedly addressed including the sump and all of the other things that were taken care of when the building renovation was done. Unfortunately, there has been some operational difficulties with those systems and it's continuously been a problem. I guess because of its proximity to the ocean that's part of it.

But anyway, Lahaina Restoration Foundation because they have the contract to maintain it, they said that because of their health concerns they could not wait any longer for somebody to figure out what to do. So, they just went and did it because of the safety of their tenants and that's where it stands.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Just point of information. The Management Program do have \$14,000 set aside for Veteran's Affairs. Fast question. Who does take care of the cemetery along Lower Main Street across St. Anthony?

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MR. HASHIRO: Across from?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: St. Anthony.

MR. HASHIRO: Part of it is St. Anthony. We have the portion across from Hale Makua.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, okay.

MR. HASHIRO: I think there's a . . .like a hedge, some kind of a hedge in front of it that's our portion.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And the one on Papa Avenue in Kahului?

MR. HASHIRO: That's not ours. I don't, I'm not certain whose it is.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. Members, any more questions on the B account? Thank you very, thank you very much. We don't have any equipment requests at this time. The Chair, at this time, note the clock, it's at noon right now. So, we'll pick up after lunch, the DSA Administration. So, this meeting is in recess. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

RECESS: 12:03 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:35 p.m.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . (*gavel*) . . . The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is now reconvened. When we left we took care part of the Public Works area. And the last area that we need to cover in Public Works is the DSA. So, . . . um . . . that's Development Services Administration Program. And we'll start with, Mr. Victorino, if you do have any questions in regards to the A account?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I noticed again your area as far as vacant positions especially in the area of inspectors. You know one Building inspector, two Plumbing Inspectors. And again I think this is an ongoing problem but just for the public and my information, how are we doing recruiting-wise, you know? You know I, I see one Supervising Building Inspector, one Supervising Plumbing Inspector, all vacant, you know. And I, I keep hearing out there that things are done but no inspectors around to get it approved or whatever.

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So how are we doing with that? You know give us a little breakdown, please.

MR. NAGAMINE: Okay. As far as the supervisors are concerned, they've retired at the end of last year, and so, as typically done when you have a retirement, you've got to send a position description up to Personnel Services. But prior to doing that, we normally update their position descriptions. So that's what we did. In the case of the Building Inspector, Supervising Building Inspector, there's just some very minor adjustments to the position description. However, I don't believe that that change has been approved yet.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. NAGAMINE: So, that's still up at Personnel Services. In respect to the Supervising Plumbing Inspector, that one kind of went over . . . (*cleared throat*) . . . is undergoing a major overhaul. . . . (*cleared throat*) . . . Excuse me. What we plan to do with that position is we're going to attempt to try to redescribe it as a mechanical engineer. And the reason for that is that, the, the nature of the job has gotten a little bit more complex mainly because of some new code requirements that were adopted within the past several years.

And the one that comes to mind is the adoption of the Model Energy Code. The Model Energy Code has certain requirements for mechanical work. And we presently do not have mechanical engineer expertise within our Department. So this was the ideal position to convert over to a mechanical engineer.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And then the Plumbing Inspectors, I mean, you covered the supervisors, what about the two Plumbing Inspectors?

MR. NAGAMINE: The two Plumbing inspection, Inspectors, they are also due to retirement. We have had a great difficulty trying to recruit Plumbing Inspectors. We have had some applicants but my understanding is that they were unable to pass the written exam. They, they met the qualifications but they weren't able to pass the exam. So, we're in the process of working with Personnel Services to see if we could just eliminate the exam.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Again, I think we find this as a commonality especially in this Department and wherever construction is, is booming that these particular types of people that you're looking for are difficult to find. What I do not understand, and pardon me for saying this, is I, I hear this often, too. We wait 'til somebody retires and then we go out to fill the position. In the business world, for which I'm just familiar . . .(end of tape 3A - 1:38 p.m.). . .if we know somebody is going to retire, we tend to mentor or try to find somebody to get ready to take that position. Now, I understand the job description changes. I'll, I'll live with that one but if you know somebody is retiring and there is capable people out there, you start a mentoring program so that they will be able to step in. I mean that's how we do it.

And I mean I don't want to tell you how to do it but I find that sometimes, maybe a way to think ahead if you know something is coming. And people don't just retire last minute, generally speaking. They kind of give you a little notice, right? You know, there's a lot--

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --of little things they got to do to --

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: retire. So, I was just saying that, you know, if there's someway that you guys can look upon retirement as an opportunity to get people ready so that you don't have this big void. You now, you got to wait three or four months. And if you're reclassifying it's one issue but if you're just waiting because you got to try to fill it and look for somebody, I just think that's not doing a real service to the people that, you know, we're supposed to be serving, which is the people of Maui County, yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Victorino. Just a point of clarification. The position that you're going to redirect to hire a mechanical engineer is what position?

MR. NAGAMINE: It's the Supervising Plumbing Inspector.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The last one?

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MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, that paperwork has been up at Personnel Services for I would say two or three months already.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, Mr. Nagamine. Just one question on the request, I guess, for the Building Permit Clerk.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And currently, how many Building Permit Clerks do you have? And I can only guess your workload has continued to escalate as, I guess, the reason why you need an additional body.

MR. NAGAMINE: We, we currently have five Building Permit Clerks here on Maui and we have one on Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then this particular person would be assigned to?

MR. NAGAMINE: Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Just strictly Maui.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. This, this has been coming to our attention and Member Mateo has been, you know, sharp on this but your, your premium pay, and some other departments have gained our attention on this, you know, you went up \$70,000 on premium pay, 175 percent increase. And is this due, too, because you have the vacant positions unfilled?

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MR. NAGAMINE: A large part. That's primarily the reasons why they're being paid so high.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And do you have to pay a lot of overtime because of that?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, in, in my Division, I, I don't mandate . . . (*cleared throat*) . . . overtime. I just try and do it on a voluntary basis. And I'm lucky in, in, in, in that respect because my employees don't mind working overtime. So, they come in on weekends to catch up with the extra work.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And, and that, that's because you don't have a full slate of people in the positions that you have been allocated?

MR. NAGAMINE: . . . Um . . . yes and no. Some of the overtime is strictly because of workload. It's not because of vacancies. But we also have a situation with our inspection staff which is more critical in that we have a lot of vacancies and we're having to pull our inspectors from Molokai and transfer them over to Maui for them to work on Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, does your premium pay or do you in your Division have to TA a lot because of the vacancies?

MR. NAGAMINE: We are currently TA'ing for the supervisors that retired at the end of the year, and we also TA when, when higher-ranking personnel is on leave, vacation, or sick leave.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So, it seems really important for us to try and keep the cost down to try and fill this vacant positions.

MR. NAGAMINE: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And I'm sure you're making every attempt you can to fill it. And we've heard that, you know, other departments and divisions are experiencing the same difficulty and challenges in filling their vacant positions. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. Thanks very much for being here. Because your, I guess, your entire operation is in mostly contact with the

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public, one of the challenges, I guess, you always have is that when you get called out for inspections or, you know, follow up on whatever issue it is that you have staffing challenges. And I guess realistically are you able to keep up in terms of your performance measures with a level of service that you're satisfied with given the personnel and given the number of requests for service that you get?

MR. NAGAMINE: Okay. That's a very good question and I'm more than happy to talk about it. We had kind of anticipated that we would have a number of retirements coming up within the next several years but we never knew exactly when it was going to happen. And the reason for that is that, if you just look at the, the, our inspect... our inspection staff, their age, and how many years of service they've had, we kind of anticipated that when one went they would all start leaving and soon after. So, we kind of anticipated that, you know, like the Baby Boom they're all aging at the, at the same time. They're all getting ready to retire at the same time.

And so, we kind of anticipated that something like this might happen. One of the things that also kind of exagg..., makes the problem worse is that, the nature of the job has changed over the years. Before, I'd say maybe about ten years ago, these inspectors were primarily doing permit inspections. In other words, if you issued a permit, there are certain inspections that are required and these are the inspectors that will go out and perform those inspections. But one of the job duties also included complaints. And over the past, at least since the time I've been there at, at the office, the number of complaints has risen.

And I attribute that to the fact that as our community grows, we have more and more communities that are built, you're going to have more potential for violations to occur. And also, the nature of our population is that they're more willing to voice their complaints, to report violations. And so, you have those two factors, and the number of complaints that we receive have increased. And it's gotten to a point that, I'm really concerned about how much time inspectors spends actually inspecting projects. You know it seems like more and more of their time is spent handling complaints. Okay.

And I think that, that aspect of the job is very unappealing to a lot of people that might want to be inspectors. Now, they don't like the idea that they have to be confrontational with the people that are involved whether it's a neighbor or the person being complained about. So, that I think, that turns a lot of potential inspectors away.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And, and I know you bring up a really good point because this came up in Planning, also. A lot of the, I guess, the unpleasantness of the task of going out and confronting someone and then issuing them a Notice of Violation. And that is something that is, you know, just not pleasant for a lot of people. They don't want to get into conflict or confrontation.

One of the things that I had dialogued with Planning about was the possibility of, particularly, when you've got violations occurring that just basically are blatant, I guess, disregard for the law. And specifically people who are, they're putting up whole homes with no permits. They're putting up ohanas. They're putting up garages. And then they come in and they get an after-the-fact permit. What I'd like to know is have you considered in situations where your focus should be on the actual inspection of people that are in compliance with the law and making sure that they are served properly in a prompt and efficient way? Have you considered looking at doing a Request for Proposal where an outside entity would go out and maybe it would be a special contract or a Request for Proposal for a service to go out and handle your complaints?

MR. NAGAMINE: That would be wonderful but I don't know if it would be practical to do that because it's very difficult to understand all of the code requirements that might come into play when you go out and visit a site. So, I think conceptually it would be a good idea but practically speaking I don't know if it would work.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

MR. NAGAMINE: What I have considered, however, is possibly creating a new section within my Division that just dealt with code enforcement. You know so people coming in to this job would know that, you know, they're going to be handling complaints eight hours a day, you know, five days a week. And that's something that the City and County presently have. They have a code enforcement branch. And out of necessity we might have to do something like that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And, and the other question would be that, you know, if you go that direction, obviously, what's going to end up happening is at some point if people are really getting the message and your effectiveness for code enforcement is working, the complaints will go way down. So, how would you then, I mean, initially, once people say,

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oh, you're serious about enforcement and you've got a whole division. Would you envision that this would be, like some of them would be limited-term appointments?

Or, you know, what I'm looking at is the longevity of the position because if you're really effective, you're not going to have complaints if you're effective. So, you're going to go down to a much lower number. But because these are positions now that are being created, what do you do with the people in that department or that division once you've got a handle on the violations?

MR. NAGAMINE: You know, I don't, I don't anticipate that the number of complaints will go down. I think that people will always complain. There's, there's a certain element within our community that's just going to complain a lot. I mean we're going to get that but whether the complaints actually turn into violations that's a different story. We're trying to combat violations or code enforcement by trying to stiffen up the fines and penalties that are involved with these violations. So, that's, that's going to be our strategy.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And because you brought that up with regard to the fines collected. Is there somewhere, and I apologize if it's in here but I didn't, it didn't jump out at me, the actual amount of fines collected? Do you have a report or some way to let the Council know? Because I don't mind, I mean, if, if you're going out and funding through code enforcement the collection of fines and then you can pay for positions through the generation, you know, that kind of. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. I just happened to do that research just recently, and it was something like \$800,000 over the past ten years.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'd be really interested to see, you know, and so, Mr. Chair, if you could make a request, I would really appreciate that. 'Cause that's something that's enforced, you know, it's important how many people were involved? Is that 50 complaints? Is it, you know, ten violations? Because, and then also the other thing I would like to know is on your after-the-fact permits, one of the biggest challenges I would envision for one of your inspectors is how do they go out when somebody has got walls enclosed and somebody has got a whole structure? How do they go and inspect if everything's been sealed?

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MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. That's, that's part of the problem with after-the-fact inspections or after-the-fact work is that, you really can't do the inspections that the Code had anticipated would be done. And so, in the year 2000, we adopted a provision in the Building Code that basically allows a licensed contractor or a licensed architect or structural engineer to certify that the work that was done without a permit was actually done in compliance with the Code. And so, we will accept this certification and along with that, and there is a Hold Harmless requirement that the owner would not hold the County responsible for anything that may happen because we did not inspect the structure.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And I'd look at like a multi-family dwelling and if there were an electrical fire or something and somebody is killed, that that truly is a problem for me. Because in essence, what we're doing is we're saying to these professionals, you know that you must secure a permit but you are knowingly going out and doing something that you know is not legal. And then you come in and you have us pat you on the back for it afterwards. I, Mr. Chair, I'm really concerned about the proliferation of the after-the-fact permit. So, can you give us or transmit to the Chair, if the Chair has to request it, I'd like to know maybe if, if you have the stats for the last two years, the after-the-fact permits? And then, obviously, because they have done something illegal, is there a fine involved anywhere or is the fine the actual doubling of the permit fee?

MR. NAGAMINE: For an after-the-fact permit, the fine is a minimum of \$500 or if the cost of the permit or the value of the permit, the permit fee whichever is higher. Now, if at the time of the after-the-fact permit issuance, if we had issued a citation, a Notice of Violation, then they would be required to pay the initial fine for that citation as well. So, typically, for a, let's say, that somebody built something without a building permit, they would pay an additional \$500 when they pick up their permit as well as another \$500 for the citation.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And, and I know, I believe, when you and I corresponded, the Marriott, I think, had to pay like \$100,000--

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: --additional. So, it's that kind of thing. Mr. Chair, I still have a problem though because what I've been told by people, and these are very decent people, they're, they're telling me it's just the cost of doing business. We can't wait for the County.

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MR. NAGAMINE: You know, we kind of agree with that and that's why we're trying to raise the fees for our, our fines.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. And maybe, Mr. Chair, what we need to do is once we look at if this problem is escalating, I think, either there's got to be a revisiting of the after-the-fact permits or there's got to be some repercussion, even possibly removal of the structure. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. We'll request for that, and if the Department can give it to us by areas meaning Central Maui, East Maui, West Maui so that we know where these things are happening. Corporation Counsel, in regards to the fines themselves, the County keeps all, all of the monies that is collected?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Fees for Building Code violations?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Yeah, I believe so. They get deposited into the General Fund.

MR. NAGAMINE: No, no, it goes into the Plan Review Fund.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Oh, the Plan Review Fund?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: What fund? What fund is that?

MR. NAGAMINE: The Plan Review Fund.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Plan Review Fund.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. That's, that's, that's the fund that our, that funds the other half of our . . . um . . . no, our budget is composed of the General Fund and the Plan Review Fund.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Mr. Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman. Chairman, thank you. Mr. Nagamine, the area that, that I'm really interested in, is in permits.

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And looking at the number of positions you have, looking at the number of vacancies that currently exist, can you tell me what it will take from your Department in terms of staff to be able to expedite permitting review and approvals on a faster basis?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, . . . *(sigh)* . . . in terms of the, the Building Permit Clerks, I, I don't think that adding more Building Permit Clerks would necessarily make the process go faster. Okay. And there was a time, not too long ago, I would say maybe about two or three years ago, where I used to see a lot of people waiting in line trying to get into the office to actually apply for a permit or pick up a permit. But in recent times, I would say within the past year or two years, I haven't seen a lot of people waiting outside the office. Okay. So, I, I don't know if it's just because they're spreading out during the work day as to when they come in to do business or if they're just getting less people coming into the office. But there doesn't seem to be a lot of people waiting to come into the office.

And two or three years ago, when we had this problem where people were waiting really long periods of time trying to get into the office, we thought about this idea of offering a new service, which would be permitting by appointments. In other words, somebody could call in and schedule an appointment with one of our Building Permit Clerks so that they could come at a certain time and be guaranteed to come in and, and get their business done. But, again, because people aren't waiting in line, people aren't making appointments to come in to see us, so, that, in that, in, in that regard, I don't think that adding another Building Permit Clerk would necessarily make the process go faster.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, you, but you don't have a backlog at this point?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, I don't have a lot of people waiting outside waiting to come in to see the Building Permit Clerk.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, what is the average turnaround then?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, . . . uh . . . turnaround per person coming in?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah, from the time they submit, to the time they get their final approval.

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MR. NAGAMINE: Oh, that process would take months. I mean it could well go over a year.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

MR. NAGAMINE: Before, by the time they apply 'til the time that they come back to pick up their permit it could take well over a year.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. And, and additional staff will not, will not help in alleviating that wait?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, well, the, the, the Building Permit Clerks are the people that do the intake.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah.

MR. NAGAMINE: They take in the application and they issue the permits. But, but for the most part they're not involved in the review of plans. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah.

MR. NAGAMINE: The review, the review of plans involves a number of agencies, you know, like the Planning Department, Water Supply, and all these different agencies. And the amount of time that it takes to issue a building permit is largely contingent upon when these review agencies actually approve the application.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. No, and my only concern primarily is because if the, if the average wait is about a year, after six months of submitting a plan the cost of the entire project already, you know, doubled. So, the longer you wait, the more expensive the project become but anyhow that's another item. I just wanted to ask you following up on Mr. Medeiros's question regarding premium pay. When we take a look at what's been submitted. Is your work cyclical? Where you've got, you, is there a demand on certain years where the, your employees have to work an extended period of time because the, the overtime pay is with peaks and valleys.

For example, in, in '05, your premium pay was 32,000. In '06, it went over 125,000. And in '07, only projected at 40,000 and then for '08 projected 110,000. So, you've got these valleys and these spikes and, and

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dips. So, is your work cyclical where you're looking at the need for your employees?

MR. NAGAMINE: You know it's really hard for me to say but without really actually at the numbers but generally speaking I would say that it hasn't been an up and down cycle. That it's been settling on the increase.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Well, but just looking at the numbers themselves that's what it is. It's, it's --

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: --it's . . .

MR. NAGAMINE: I think that 40... I think we're going to exceed the 40,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. You're going to, okay, it's going to be, what in the area of 110 as being projected for '08?

MR. NAGAMINE: We may exceed that as well.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Mateo. Question on that. You know earlier we had a department in here that had a lot of Comp. time. In, in your Department, it's either Comp. time or you pay 'em overtime. That's the way I understand the contract.

MR. NAGAMINE: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: But in your Department, do you have a lot of Comp. time?

MR. NAGAMINE: No. Most of my employees prefer to get the overtime pay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, overtime.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine. Thank you. Member Hokama, question?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: This is on the A account, Chairman?

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes, it is.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Again, my apologies to you and the Committee for my lateness in returning. Chairman, I would just ask has anyone already posed the question to the Division regarding the, the 13 vacancies?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: We've gone through vacancies. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Then I can follow up with the staff later on that portion. My one. . .then I would ask you first then, Chairman, before I move into this, was there regarding the college intern positions, has that been brought up by Committee already to the. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Not within DSA.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Great. Mr. Nagamine, I'm, I'm a supporter, and I'm interested, this college intern positions, and I guess this would be during breaks, what type of college student, you looking at those that are in engineering school? Are you looking at those that are in planning, urban planning type of things so that it might be kind of associated with--

MR. NAGAMINE: We, we give priority to --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --architectural. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: --to applicants that are in the field of engineering. That would be our first choice in terms of employment. But if not, if we don't have . . . uh . . . those type of students or we don't have enough of those type of students then we would go to a similar major such as a math major or computer science or something like that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And, and again, my apologies. I, you know, I did not hear your responses to the Members' questions regarding the vacancies but I am, it is my intention and hope, Mr. Nagamine, that this Divi... your Division and Department with, under Mr. Arakawa, would look at this as a way of actually job recruitment. And I am open, you know, whereby if it makes sense I'll be, you know, happy to, you know, solicit and ask the Chair and the, my Committee Members a consideration of support, whereby we would put more money in this type of program that whereby if an intern would agree to return to work for the County for an "x" period amount of committed time. This is the kind of areas that I wouldn't mind

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putting some consideration of resource to take care of their tuition, and maybe some of their schooling expenses. But in return, the County is pretty much in the recruitment in securing of a future employee in an area that assists your Division or assists the, the Department. Any thoughts, please?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. In the private sector, it's, it's very, it's not uncommon, as a matter of fact, it's very popular for private firms to approach college students and actually offer to pay for their undergraduate or post graduate studies, pay for their college education in return for a promise that they would work for the company after, upon graduation. That, that is not uncommon and it happens pretty, it's pretty, a widespread practice in the private industry.

One of the reasons why it may not work with the public sector, with the, with Civil Service is that a lot of the graduate engineers when they graduate from college they need a certain amount of experience before they become licensed. And I believe it's, I believe it's three years of work experience under professional engineers. And when you submit your application to the licensing board, they kind of evaluate the work experience that you have, and they place a high amount of value on work experience in the design sector. If you're actually designing projects, they, they consider that very valuable experience. And the County as a whole doesn't do a lot of design work.

And so, if you were to have a college graduate come into Civil Service employment, it would be difficult for them to earn the, the type of experience that the board would recognize for them to, to take their exam. So, in that sense, it's kind of a detriment. And for that reason, I think that a lot of the. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That, that, excuse me, Mr. Nagamine, that is a standard or requirement of the licensing board?

MR. NAGAMINE: The licensing board requires, I believe, it's three years of work experience under a professional engineer.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Just that portion wouldn't be a problem, right, because you're a licensed engineer.

MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, just that general standard or requirement wouldn't be an issue. The concern is the licensing board's desire or requirement that they have on, on-hands experience regarding actual designing and engineering of. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, I'm not --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --. . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. NAGAMINE: --I'm not sure exactly how the board evaluates the work experience but I've been told that they play, they place a higher value on design work, which most of the County divisions or offices that have engineers, they don't do design work. They do, you know, they do review of plans and that type of thing.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, hearing your response to our, our, this Committee this afternoon, Mr. Nagamine, then can we assume within your Division, DSA, the Civil Engineers III, IV, V all went to private sector first, did their three years, got their license, and then considered a career with the County.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, that's correct. Most, most of my engineers got their work experience and their license in the private sector. And we were able to convince them that the Civil Service was a better option. The only person that I am aware of that, that, . . .that I have two engineers that received their license while at the County. And but they received the work experience . . .*(end of tape 3B - 2:12 p.m.)* . . . prior to coming to the County for work.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Now, that's regarding the engineers, Mr. Nagamine. As far as the inspectors whether it be Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, are they required to have licenses, too, then?

MR. NAGAMINE: The Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors are required to be licensed. But the. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But it's a different kind of license we're talking about?

MR. NAGAMINE: They're required to have like a electrical license, journeyman's license--

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. NAGAMINE: --and a plumbing journeyman's license.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. NAGAMINE: But for the Building Inspectors, there is no licensing requirement.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. And, and those licenses requires a person to go through some kind of accredited higher education program or institution?

MR. NAGAMINE: No. It's a license issued through the State. The State license. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No. My, my question is how would the individual or employee be able to become a licensed? They would have to, is it based on work experience under a--

MR. NAGAMINE: Work experience and exam.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --higher journeyman licensed, current licensed journeyman so that's like of two years of actual, you know, apprenticeship, if that's the correct word?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. NAGAMINE: They would have to have the proper work experience and they would also have to pass the exam.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That is capable within your Division right now for someone to come in, work under one of your journeyman licensed inspectors, and, and have that ability to become licensed, also?

MR. NAGAMINE: . . . Um . . . you know, I'm not familiar with that. I don't know if work as a Plumbing Inspector would qualify a person to become a licensed journeyman.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And then just one quick, one last one. Public Works and Planning Inspector that's kind of a unique position, yeah, now. Can, can you tell me what type of planning inspection does this person do within your Division, please?

MR. NAGAMINE: . . . Uh . . . well, that, that title is kind of archaic. It needs to be, it was at a time when we did zoning enforcement.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. NAGAMINE: But several years ago, I think, it was in 1996 that responsibility was transferred to the Planning Department.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. NAGAMINE: But the title of that person never changed.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: What would, what would be more appropriate then to, to, for us to understand the, the job parameters of this individual?

MR. NAGAMINE: We'll probably just call 'em a Public Works Inspector. . . . *(laughter)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, so, he's just a general inspector? He can inspect plumbing. He can inspect electrical. He can inspect building, roads.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, I'm glad you mentioned that. Several years ago, we had a vacant clerical position, and in our Engineering section, and it was determined that the Engineering section didn't need two clerical. It could be done by one. And so, we had this vacant position, and so we converted that to what we call a Residential Inspector position. And this position is responsible for doing, inspecting construction work, roadway construction work, driveway work, site way work, site work. Okay. And in addition to that, we wanted this person to also be able to do building, plumbing, and electrical inspections for houses, residential type of construction.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Smaller scale --

MR. NAGAMINE: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --improvements.

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MR. NAGAMINE: Nothing too, in other words, they wouldn't be doing commercial buildings, high-rises, and things like that. They'd be inspecting houses. And so, we created this position about two or three years ago, and we've, we've never had the position filled but we've come close a couple of times.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. NAGAMINE: And the closest we've come is last year we had a applicant from the, from the, California, and he was actually doing this type of work in California. He, on the mainland, what they call 'em are Combination Inspectors. And he was actually working as a Combination Inspector in California, and he had a home, I believe, in Napili and he was coming over pretty frequently. And he was already retired, and so he just wanted to come over and take this job and live in Napili. But so he was poised to take this position but at the very last minute before he were to, he was to come, there was a illness in his family and he couldn't come. And so, we kind of lost that opportunity.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, what, what you're sharing with the Committee this afternoon is that, currently, this Public Works and Planning Inspector's position is, is vacant, Mr. Nagamine?

MR. NAGAMINE: No.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, it is filled.

MR. NAGAMINE: No, I'm talking about a different position. . . . *(laughter)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, okay. Okay. Okay. I, I was just trying to understand the job of a, just a Public Works Inspector as it compares to your Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, your Building Inspector.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. The, the, the position that you're talking about is primarily a Building Inspector.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: More for the building side.

MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

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

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. At this time, the Chair would like to recognize Corporation Counsel in regards to a statement that was made earlier regarding building permit or fines.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Thank you. Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to clarify that, I believe, my first response was correct that the fines that the County collects for Building Code violations are deposited into the General Fund. The fees that are collected pursuant to our Building Code are deposited into the Plan Review, Plan Review Permit Processing and Inspection Revolving Fund.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson, questions? We're on the A account for DSA.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, I think I'll. . .I guess, has Mr. Mateo addressed the premium pay?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes, he has.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, then I'll just pass. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions on the A account? If not, we go to the B account, Operations. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. A couple of things stand out here but I'll, I'll just go to one because I'll leave my colleagues to pick the other ones out. The one I find very curious is cell phones. You know in 2006 was 18,405; 2007, \$500 and then '08 you go up to \$8,000. You know, I don't understand that rationale. So, maybe you could explain why the change. . .such a drastic change from year to year?

MR. NAGAMINE: I, I think that the current '08 budget is just trying to reflect what, how much we spend on cell phones. In other, in other words, the, the \$500 that was in our current budget was grossly mis..., misrepresented.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Would that have happened to be under six... same page, under 6138, R & M, Service and Contracts? 'Cause, 'cause I see that one went from 33,500 to \$3,000 this year.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, again, we're, we're trying to do all these adjustments to just reflect what our spending habits are.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I think if you can, you know, get a specific category for the various expenditures. I think it's not only easier for us but the public to understand what, why and --

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --how you spend your money, yeah.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. I think that the '08 budget is more reflective of how we're spending our money.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Okay, Mr. Chair, I'll, I accept that. And thank you. And, Mr. Chair, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino? Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. Mr. Nagamine, I'm looking at the handout you shared with the Committee this afternoon, and, and under your Division regarding use of the Revolving Fund, Plan Review Revolving Fund, you shared with us that you have a request of \$200,000 for relocation of staff from War Memorial. Can you tell us the Division's intention and we're, we're more interested in like where are you going to go now?

MR. NAGAMINE: That's a good question. I still don't know, know where we're going to go. Initially, when we started to budget money for relocation of my inspection staff, we had gone into this with the idea that we would rent some existing space within a building and preferably we're looking at a shopping center.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Pardon me?

MR. NAGAMINE: But, a shopping center, that we would look for vacant space in the shopping center. But as it turns out that, we have not been able to find appropriate office space to use. And so, now we're having to look at other alternatives. And one of the alternatives that we're presently looking at is partnering with A & B and Hawaii Modular Space and trying to have a building erected for our use. Okay. So, it would be a new building.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Do you, you have a site?

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MR. NAGAMINE: We're looking at some vacant land in the Maui Mall. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: It's not our land yet then?

MR. NAGAMINE: Pardon?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We don't have the land yet then.

MR. NAGAMINE: No, no. It, it's, it's A & B property. It's part of the Maui Mall property that's vacant right now. It's just grass.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Can you tell us about what type of requirements you have for this branch of your Division?

MR. NAGAMINE: We're, we're looking for about 7,000 square feet of floor area. And the kicker is that, we need about 50 parking stalls to go along with that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: How many, please?

MR. NAGAMINE: Fifty. 50.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: 50?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Now, this \$200,000 request, Mr. Nagamine, this is. . .so, so, we get one sense of the request, this would be just, what, your, your planning money?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because definitely you cannot build anything with this--

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, again --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --this kind of money so.

MR. NAGAMINE: --the money that was budgeted in the '07 budget --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

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MR. NAGAMINE: --for our relocation included money for rent and also a certain portion of that would, could be used for improvements to the, to the office space that we moved into. In other words, we could renovate the space that we are leasing.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, we can appreciate what's happening, Parks Department has put in a . . . I don't know whether it's a directive to you folks or it's a request to you folks, but help us understand. Because, you know, I would assume that Parks would like to have the space you currently occupying at the Parks facility for Parks' use and therefore--

MR. NAGAMINE: We're being displaced.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --it's like the landlord is booting you out, right?

MR. NAGAMINE: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The Parks landlord is booting out the tenant, which is Public Works because they, they, they, they want to utilize their space for their needs. Is that a good understanding on this Committee's part?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yes, that's, that's pretty accurate.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. What I would like, you know, I would say that, what is your best estimate of, of how to take care your branch's needs? Is there, is there a clock ticking like they want you out by July 1st of this year or, or something?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, we were supposed to be out by the end of last year. So, there really isn't a, a drop-dead date where we have to be out. But, I guess, we had promised them that we would in good faith try to find another office.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I'm just trying to think now, who would utilize the space at Iron Maehara since they, they are trying to create their own unauthorized space, and yet they going to try and boot you out of your current space. So, can you understand, Chair? I'm trying to fit the dots together because there's some disconnects right now regarding what's happening internally with Parks. How Parks is impacting other departments. Because for people like me, this is all County's property, you know, I don't know. They, they, they may view it differently that it's

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Park's property or what but I believe this is County property. And we, we might need to make County decisions instead of a departmental decision. So, I'm just trying to grasp. There is no additional room at the current War Memorial site to take care your needs, Mr. Nagamine?

MR. NAGAMINE: Not that I know of.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Unless, we construct additional square footage of office space?

MR. NAGAMINE: That is correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And this thing you mentioned with A & B and Hawaiian Modular, we're, we're basically talking about factory-made trac..., trailered buildings?

MR. NAGAMINE: Modular, well, the concept is that, they're prefab modular units that are pieced together to form one building.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. And the preference is to be in Central Maui?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yes, that's correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Wailuku or Kahului it doesn't matter?

MR. NAGAMINE: Again, we're looking at the Maui Mall site in Kahului.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, you know, I'd rather not pay rent if we don't need to pay rent, Mr. Nagamine. We're paying plenty rent all over the place. So, you know, I'm looking at County facilities, if possible. So, Puunene, with our 220 acres is not a reasonable site for us to consider putting resources to build spaces and give you enough 50 parking stalls?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, preferably, I'd, I'd like some place, a site that's close to this location. And my requirements are 7,000 square feet of office space and 50 parking stalls so. Oh, oh, and one other thing is that, this site has to have fiber optics connection because we need to connect up to the MIS mainframe because we run a lot of software that MIS supports. So, KIVA for one.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. So, what happens if you cannot vacate because you have lack of resources from Council?

MR. NAGAMINE: I don't know. I guess we just tell Planning that we can't move so.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Planning or Parks?

MR. NAGAMINE: Oh, I'm sorry. Parks.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Interesting. Interesting. Thank you very much, Mr. Nagamine. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. Just a follow-up on that. Mr. Nagamine, when and if a move does occur, you find a site, in terms of the move itself, do you see any potential impact on the time for the review of applications and permits? Will that have set you folks back a little bit in terms of getting reviews, your reviews for applications and permits done?

MR. NAGAMINE: No. It's, it's, I'm a little concerned about the distance, you know, that it's kind of far away from this location. And the, the problem with the, the distance is that, there's a lot of paperwork that is flowing back and forth between the two offices. Every time we issue a building permit here, we somehow have to get the plans over to the inspectors, which is across town. And so, that, the logistics of transporting paper back and forth is, is a problem.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And, and in your, looking in the program budget, you anticipate 3,000 building permits, potentially, you'll have to, I guess, deal with on average.

MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: How many on average per day would you say?

MR. NAGAMINE: It, it really, that's a number that's going to fluctuate because all permits don't ripen, the applications don't become ready for issuance at the same time. So, there could be days or even a week where we don't issue any permits then there could be one day where we issue ten. And so,

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it's really hard to predict. Yeah. You really have to look at it on an annual basis.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. I wanted to go to, on that same Page 17-20 to subobject code, well, under index 916031, and subobject code 6022. You know you have zero for gasoline. Are you getting that someplace else now?

MR. NAGAMINE: We're getting it at the baseyard.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And so, you have a fund created someplace else for that?

MR. NAGAMINE: I don't know what that fund was for. I know for a time that we were having to purchase gas on Lanai --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see.

MR. NAGAMINE: --you know, at the service station.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And you don't have to do that anymore?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, we're not doing that currently.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: How many vehicles do you have in your DSA?

MR. NAGAMINE: I don't have the exact number offhand. I . . . *(sigh)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Do you have an approximate number?

MR. NAGAMINE: It would probably be around 20, 22, some where around that.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Twenty-two vehicles. Okay. So, you don't need that, that, in the, the subob . . . , subobject index code anymore?

MR. NAGAMINE: We haven't tapped that for a long time. Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Well, yeah, well, you, you had money in it for '07 but. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: In our current budget we have it --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. NAGAMINE: --but like I said the '08 budget we're trying to reflect where we actually spend our money. And so, it's a true, it's a more accurate indication of how we spend our money.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. That's on 6022 you're talking about? Because you, you. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: Oh, on the gas?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, yeah. We're not buying outside gas.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And then on subobject code 6152, which was questioned or asked about the cellular telephones. How many phones are that, is that for?

MR. NAGAMINE: All of our inspectors have phones so, again, I'm thinking about 20.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Have you ever considered two-way radios?

MR. NAGAMINE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No.

MR. NAGAMINE: No, we didn't consider it.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And. . .

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MR. NAGAMINE: It was only recently that we converted from pagers to cell phones. You know we, for a long time we had pagers. And it got to the point, where the pagers were breaking down, and the cost of the cell phones were dropping and it was just cheaper to get cell phones then just to keep. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Then two-way radios? Because --

MR. NAGAMINE: You're right. No, than just use pagers.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: --almost all the Public Works are on two-way radios.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But DSA is not.

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, the rea..., well, no, we don't have two-way radios. We're not connect... connected with the Public Works . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And there's no comparison cost on using two-way radios?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, the, the cell phones are not just to commu..., communicate with the office but it's also to, to communicate with contractors, property owners. And, you know, like if they were running late on an, on their schedule, they can call ahead and let 'em know that they're running late or, or they can receive telephone calls from contractors while they're out on the road.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Because some of the two-way radios have cell phone capabilities.

MR. NAGAMINE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Is there going to, good afternoon, Mr. Nagamine.

MR. NAGAMINE: Good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Is there going to be any need for equip...
... um ... you've got 250,000 under, 255 under rentals. Is that all you're going to need if you're, if you're able to reallocate?

MR. NAGAMINE: No, that, we have 250 in the General Fund, and we also have another 200,000 in the Plan Review Fund. So, in total we had about \$450,000.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: The other. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: And then that money was for, for rent, and for improvements to the space that we're going to move into.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That's what I wanted to know. You've, you've included that for. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah, that was part of that, that sum.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I see. It's considered operational not equipment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. That's fine. I have an equipment question but I'll wait.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Mr. Nagamine, the Plan Review fees, can, can you, can you tell me what the uses of the, those funds? What are the permissible uses for those funds?

MR. NAGAMINE: The uses of the fund are actually in the County Code. And if you, I don't know, if you've got a copy of the County Code in front of you but it's under Section 16.26.107.3. It states that it can used for salaries,

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training contracts, rent payments, fixtures, materials, supplies, and equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: That includes relocation?

MR. NAGAMINE: I believe that last year when this, when this idea of us relocating came about, I believe, the Council amended this section to include rent payment so that it could be used for the relocation.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, rent payments, then the Definition is something that we need to take a look at if rent payments and relocation costs are considered comparable. Okay. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Members, any more questions on the B account?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: One, one --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --last question, Chairman. And, and I think, my apology, I think maybe Ms. Anderson had brought it up slightly but this rental, this quarter-million dollars worth of, of funds for ren..., rentals, is that rental space your Division currently is utilizing, Mr. Nagamine?

MR. NAGAMINE: No. This, this was intended for our relocation of the inspection staff, which hasn't happened yet.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Because I was going say is Parks charging you 250 grand?

MR. NAGAMINE: . . . *(laughter)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would be curious because that would be a Council decision not a Parks Department decision. Okay. But this year's request, that 250 is from General Fund or is this from the Revolving Fund, the current year's request?

MR. NAGAMINE: The, the 250 is from the General Fund.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: This is General Fund?

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MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But for the '08, you're looking at Revolving Fund?

MR. NAGAMINE: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, in addition to the General Fund. We haven't touched the, the B account from the '07.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, let us get this understood then. What you're asking for as part of this relocation is 200,000 from the Revolving Fund plus 250 from the General Fund?

MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, you want \$450,000 really.

MR. NAGAMINE: That's in our current budget, the '07 budget. But in the '08 budget, we're requesting that the amount that's been allocated in the Plan Review Fund be increased.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And the 250 for the '08 request is for?

MR. NAGAMINE: The 250?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

MR. NAGAMINE: In the '08 --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. NAGAMINE: --would still be for the relocation.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. I remembered a question I had that I was going to ask during Personnel, and I missed that because I was in a meeting but I'm going to ask it now because I think it still fits

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under operating. Mr. Nagamine, you have a request for, oh, I'm sorry, you have a vacancy in the Building Inspector. So, you're not asking for any expansion positions?

MR. NAGAMINE: You know, I am asking for one, okay, but --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And that is?

MR. NAGAMINE: --but, actually, I, I really need more people in all my sections but the problem is that I just don't have space to put these people, you know. If I had more space, I would ask for more positions but because of the uncertainty about the Building Inspectors, I'm reluctant to ask for more inspect..., inspectors in that area. I think that if we were to move and we had more space then I would come in for more inspection positions.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, you know what my concern is and, and I, and I don't know if you've taken this into consideration. I know you just have to deal with what you've got. But, you know, we've been in an unprecedented growth rate for the last, well, you tell me how many years?

MR. NAGAMINE: I couldn't tell you like when it started but I would say a good three or four years.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, I was going to say that at least the last six years but definitely the last three or four years. And so, my concern is that, we are ramping up to meet this demand, which is basically an outside force demand. It's not generated from within the County. It's generated basically from the offshore market, which may be tapering off. Not **may**, it is. And my concern is that, we ramp up for this high growth rate and then the bottom hits out, and we've expanded our, our department and created civil service jobs that, down the road, will cost us more than what they're worth because we won't be growing at this rate. I mean we just cannot continue to grow at this rate. It's not sustainable. So, have you considered that in your Department's growth? I know that you've, you of all departments deal an awful lot with the impacts of growth as far as Building Inspectors, Permit Clerks, and all of that.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. You know I've, like I've said before, I've always wanted to add more staff but, again, I was hampered because I didn't have the space to put these people.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, you're saying that your Department hasn't expanded in response to the, to the high growth demand.

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, we haven't expanded at the rate that the, that construction activity has increased. You know, we've, we've lagged far behind and, and part of the overflow, like I mentioned before, has been, been handled by employees volunteering to work overtime, you know. But in terms of the inspectors, I think that the impact has been that the quality of work, you know, their, their, their work situation has really gotten so poor that, that the job isn't very desirable at the moment. Because there's a heavy workload demand on the permits that we do issue and the number of complaints that they have to handle have also increased.

So, it's a tough job right now. I think that, no, you, you can't make the job more attractive by increasing the pay. That, that seems to be a real difficult thing to do. But the alternative is to, will make the job easier by not asking them to do so much by spreading the work out.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, I, I agree with you. And, you know, just because the speculative real estate, real estate market over the last four or five years has been on a huge growth spurt, doesn't mean that we have to respond to it, you know. And, and then . . .(end of tape 4A - 3:41 p.m.). . . have to take the complaints, the brunt of the complaints and that's not fair either. So, you think that this relocation is just a natural evolution that will suffice for the staff that you currently had, have? It's not, it's not a relocation to actually expand the Department?

MR. NAGAMINE: No. The 7,000 is intended to include some office space for growth so we can add more inspectors, and also to, for storage areas. Because with all the permits that we issue, we're accumulating all this paper and all these plans that need to be stored. And so, we have a lot of records that we need to keep. I mean that's taking up a lot of, a lot of our space. And that, that is one of the reasons why we're asking for an expansion position this year is the, that Building Permit Clerk. And the reason for the Building Permit Clerk is that, what we want to do is we want to start scanning the Residential Building Permit Plans. As we issue the building permits, we want to start scanning the residential plans so that we don't need to keep the, the paper hard copy. So, it kind of reduces our storage requirements over time. And. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And I imagine it would facilitate interdepartmental use of those things as far as real property and. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: It, it could. Yeah, it could but then there's, there's also another benefit, too, is that, we often get requests from the public for copies of plans because, you know, there's a turnover in the marketplace where people are always selling and they're buying new houses. And so, the new buyer wants to know, see the plans for the house that they just bought.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

MR. NAGAMINE: And so, they know where the plumbing is, where the electrical is. And they come into our office, and they ask for the plans and more often, no, they're over in the old Post Office building.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That was my next question.

MR. NAGAMINE: . . . *(laughter)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: How much do you have over. . .

MR. NAGAMINE: Which, which we don't access to. But so, storage is, is, is a big problem for us but we think that this expansion position will be one step towards helping alleviate that storage problem.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, Mr. Nagamine, of the things that you do have in the old Wailuku Post Office, how do you retrieve them?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, that's another source of frustration is that, most of the plans in there are building permit plans, plans that were issued with permits. And the inspectors, when we first moved into that space, the inspectors took a great deal of time trying to organize the plans so that they could be found.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Easily.

MR. NAGAMINE: You know but what happened over the course of time is that, people, people who have come in to use that storage area, they started to just dump our stuff on the floor. And so, now, our plans are just like in a big heap on the floor.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, no.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. So, so, even if you were to go in to try to look for plans, you'd basically have to weed through the whole pile one by one.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, that is totally unacceptable.

MR. NAGAMINE: And the other difficult part about that, too, is that, our old electrical permits are stored in the old Post Office building. And so, now, when people are asking whether or not the house has electrical permit or inspections, we can't give them an answer because those records are over in the old Post Office building.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know that's really unfortunate, and I find it really unacceptable. Is there any way that you could estimate what it would take to get those documents out of that building and stored at an easily retrievable place like I don't know AAA Storage or something? The Planning Department has some kind of system where they store their records and if, and if you request something that they don't have within their building, much like what you're talking about old building plans and electrical plans, that all they do is they just call up the storage place or movers of some kind. They have a system. And they say, you know, can you retrieve box 7A, and in two days they have it. And nobody from the Department leaves the office to get it. So, is there some way you could look into doing that kind of a storage procedure and, and get them out of that building?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, first of all, we can't get in the building to go get those records.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Without a HazMat suit.

MR. NAGAMINE: Right. That's correct. But even if we were to, even if we were to, able to access the building, I would believe, well, I think that the material that you take out has to be cleaned. You know it has to be tested to see whether or not there's any asbestos residue on those records. So, it's not just a problem of going in but, you know, what are you going to do about the records that are already in there and potentially contaminated?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. Well, you know, we had. . . I think I took it back in my office and I will get it shortly. But we had three asbestos studies done on that building. Three different studies. And I

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would think that in one of those studies it would address what we have to do. I mean, you, you can't just ignore the fact that those records are there and I guess it's a courtesy to the, to the homeowner. But as a government agency, we're required to keep those records, right?

MR. NAGAMINE: There is a retention schedule, and I'm not sure what it is but I know that the Building Code is only a couple of years for the building plans.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Only a couple of years to keep them.

MR. NAGAMINE: Only a couple of years but we've been keeping them as long as possible.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. Well, I know on your list of problems that's probably way at the bottom but it would be nice if we could find a resolution to that storage problem and it certainly doesn't do any good to have records in a building that you can't enter. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. If the Council decides to appropriate the \$210,000 that the Parks Department is requesting to complete their construction work out there, would you know if the Parks Department, you know, still would like you folks to move from that area?

MR. ARAKAWA: Mr. Chair, are you referring to \$210,000 to complete the structure next to the Maehara Stadium?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

MR. ARAKAWA: The space, my understanding is that space at the Maehara Stadium is intended for the Parks people that are currently in our Wailuku baseyard. So, the . . . um . . . space that the, the DSA Inspectors currently occupy at the War Memorial, next to the War Memorial pool, my understanding is that Parks wants to move their Aquatics people into that space.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. When they come we'll ask more questions in regard to that construction. Mr. Nagamine, just one more fast question. So, in regards to your, I know I'm going to go back to the A account, the manpower requirements that you have along with the overtime hours that you spend is suffice to get your work done presently? Mr. Nagamine?

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MR. NAGAMINE: You're, you're talking about our expansion position request?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: No. This is what you have today along with the overtime hour that you spend.

MR. NAGAMINE: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: You know just looking at that, you know, the overtime hour becomes like two, two employees, yeah, equivalent. Would that suffice for you to operate?

MR. NAGAMINE: It's really hard to gauge. It will be in the . . . (inaudible) . . . I don't know if we're going to a little bit over or a little bit under but it will be roughly in that ballpark.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Just a comment. You know we've gone through Planning. We've gone through the Water Supply. And based on information that I got that probably those two departments are bottlenecked in regards to getting plans to you folks so that you guys can issue building permits. So, as they ramp up, and I don't know, you know, how soon they can ramp up, then you may have to take a look at your manpower requirements to handle the workload that, you know, you don't anticipate until they get it done, yeah. So, just a caution that, in the future that you may have to take a look at that and work closely with the Planning Department and the Water Department in regards to their ramping up their manpower requirements.

So, Members, any more questions on the A and B account for DSA? Thank you. There's no equipment request.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: We'll go directly to . . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: There is. Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: There are?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, on the yellow sheet.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, I'm sorry.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The one he just, they just submitted to us.
I'm sorry, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Throw me one curve ball here.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's from the Revolving Fund.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: The five SUVs funded in 2007 budget. Two SU...,
SUV's requested in the Fiscal Year 2008. Lance, we, we got that
information?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Page 19-16.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, that's the page.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, point of information. Yeah, that's,
that's coming off the Building Permit Revolving Fund.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, the Chair was going to go directly into the
Building Permits --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Revolving Fund, which is --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --another program.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you very much. Okay. Mr. Victorino,
we going, we're going to go into the Building Permit Revolving Fund
Program. Any questions on the A account, salaries and wages?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, not at this time, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, mine is more for the Committee to
consider whether or not we would want to make adjustments to the

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ordinance regarding this specific fund. Currently, like other revolving funds, Council has already provided a preappropriation authorization. So, they, they can pretty much use what's in the fund. But so we can maybe make better decisions on what we want to do with revolving funds because I have my issues with, with those funds.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I know you have.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: In the proposed ordinance, yeah, in part of Appendix A, I believe, this fund is anticipated to grow for Fiscal Year 2008 up to \$3 million. Okay. And right now, we have a line, a proviso that says that this person for salary premium pay is limited to 10 E/P count. Maybe you can help us understand why you, you feel to build up this, the reserve amount to such a high level? Because the intent of Council in creating this fund was to eliminate the bottlenecks and delays in processing building permit applications. So, can, can you give us some comment, please, either Mr. Nagamine or Director Arakawa, so that we can understand why you feel to build up this amount? And what, what, what's the Department's intention for the use then?

MR. ARAKAWA: Councilmember Hokama, we realize the balance has been getting higher and I think that's partly a reflection of the construction boom. You know more construction that occurs. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The value of the projects coming in.

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah, the fees, you know, the fees that we collect also go up. So, actually, we're, we're open to shifting some of the existing positions that are currently general funded under DSA to the Building Permit Revolving Fund because many of the, the functions that occur are actually intertwined, and it, it, it can be justified under that basis. But one caution that we would have is that, if construction slows down, you know, the amount of fees that we collect also would go down as well.

So, depending on the amount of positions we transfer, the funding to the Building Revolving Fund, we may at some future time need to shift it back to the General Fund if need be.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. ARAKAWA: But we're certainly open to increasing the amount of E/P's under the Building Permit Revolving Fund.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And, you know, when, when this was done years ago, Public . . . your divisions had some of the additional responsibility that has now been transferred to Planning. And in those days, you know, if you can historically remember, LUCA, Land Use and Codes Administration was what this was all about in the past under Public Works. Then we did this, and I still don't understand it to this day, a change that Planning would take care things and then we've got DSA instead of LUCA in Public Works.

So, I would ask you is there things that have gone to Planning Department that was part of the old LUCA, when this was established, that we need to consider whether or not certain things Planning is doing that was once part of Public Works? So that we can decide whether or not it's an appropriate consideration for us to use some of the funds in this revolving account to take care some of their needs that was traditionally and historically part of Land Use and Codes Administration.

MR. ARAKAWA: I think the concept of using this Building Permit Revolving Fund to actually fund some of the staff in Planning, to us you're, you're getting down somewhat of a slippery slope. Because for us, you know, any building permit application gets circulated to any number of agencies --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. ARAKAWA: --and Planning is one of the agencies that would spend their time reviewing our applications. And if you look at the converse of that, Planning Department, for instance, collects application fees on their applications -- your SMAs, change in zonings, Community Plan Amendments, and the like. And we review, we are one of the reviewing agencies along with other County agencies, other State agencies, and Federal agencies, and, you know, basically, we don't, we don't get compensated for the time that we spend on their application. So, it gets to be rather complicated if you're looking at, you know, basically, giving the proceeds of this fund to another agency, you know, to, to benefit them.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I can appreciate your comments, Mr. Director, but I think didn't we just hear yesterday, the other day, no, we did it in Council yesterday, right? We made the adjustment of processing so that Public Works would not need to now sign off because it's a Planning thing on permits, right? So, you know, my logic was that Planning now has a

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dedicated responsibility, percent of responsibility to take care building permits besides your, your, your, your DSA Division. And, and my thought was that, when this fund was established it was already under one house only but since we have more roofs now to share the same pot of money, my, my idea was that if it's appropriate then I wouldn't mind giving Planning access to a certain amount that we would cap for specific things that deal with building per... permit processing.

MR. ARAKAWA: Well, I, I think my comments would still apply because we're, we, we look at, in terms of the building permit processing, we are basically the hub of the wheel, and we send it out to a number of agencies for review. And all of these agencies expand their staff time to review our application. And so, if . . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, so, one thing then, yeah, Mr. Director. If your inspector on a inspection request notices a violation or, let's say, the Planning Zoning Inspector goes on an inspection and notices a building or plumbing violation, what is the operating procedure? That inspector would have to say, I cannot do nothing that's not my job. Let me call Public Works and ask for the right inspector to come and then cite the violation?

MR. NAGAMINE: Well, yes, that's correct. If a Planning Inspector, ZAED Inspector goes out and they find something that may be a building code violation. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Let's say, they find that, you know, hey, they this whole extension that they went out to had, doesn't have a building permit.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yeah. What, what they would do is they would create, well, the complaints are usually in RFS, and what they would do in the RFS is they would create a problem code for, for me to send out my inspectors to check to see if there's a violation.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, that, the Planning Department's inspector would not have the authority to cite the, the violation at this time?

MR. NAGAMINE: No.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Neither would your inspector be able to cite --

MR. NAGAMINE: For their violations, no.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --for their violation. Okay. Chairman, I don't know if we made improvements over the years.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, we're on the Revolving Fund, right?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Building Permit Revolving Fund Program, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And A account or, or just anything?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: A account.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: A account. Okay. So, in the A account for Fiscal Year 2008, they said that their salaries and wages includes an expansion position. Now, because I'm not familiar with this Building Permit Revolving Fund, but Chair Hokama did mention that we have an ordinance authorizing the department or division to utilize this fund. Chair, maybe this is a question for you. Do we still need to approve this as far as an expansion position even if it comes under the Building Permit Revolving Fund?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: We do? So, likewise for the vehicles and so forth?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I have a general question on this. When someone, and I guess it's probably in the rates and fees and I haven't found it yet, when someone comes in for a building permit and it's, say it's a remodel or a extension of some kind, what is the basis for the fee?

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MR. NAGAMINE: The base of the fee is the value of work being performed.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: The value of the work being performed.

MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, if it, say it's \$100,000 worth of work, what would the fee be?

MR. NAGAMINE: Oh, I couldn't calculate that off the top of my head but I would guess in the neighborhood of hundred bucks or so, something like that.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, where do I find that? What, what, what's the criteria that you use?

MR. NAGAMINE: It's in the, the rates and fee schedule of the budget.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Point of information, Chairman.

MR. NAGAMINE: Appendix B.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I just share for the Committee's information that under 16.26, Members, under subsection .103.3, Plan Review Fees. It is 25 percent of the building permit fee. So, if the building permit fee is 100,000, 25 percent of that, 25-grand is the Plan Review Fee. Unless, if they do work without a permit, it goes up to 50 percent.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Now, wait a minute, I'm confused. Now, there's a building permit fee and then there's a plan review fee.

MR. NAGAMINE: Yes, that's correct. Let me explain it. Well, first of all, in answer to your question about \$100... \$100,000 project. The, the building permit fee --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Let's say the value of the improvement. . .

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MR. NAGAMINE: --the building permit fee would be about \$400.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. NAGAMINE: Now, now, there is a, a plan review fee, which is collected when you apply for a building permit. And it could be called like an application fee. When, when you apply for a building permit you've got to pay a certain amount and that's going to be, is it 12, I believe, it's 12 percent of the anticipated permit fee.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Of the permit fee.

MR. NAGAMINE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: It's not based on the value of the, of the improvement?

MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: It's correct that it's not based on the value of the improvement? It's based on what, the building permit itself fee is based on the value of the improvements but then the plan review is based on a percentage of the building permit fee.

MR. NAGAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. NAGAMINE: Twenty-five percent.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Twenty-five percent of the building permit fee. Okay. Thank you very much. And, Chair Hokama, you were referencing the County Code?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: 16.26.107.3.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thanks. And so, I guess, we can talk more about that when we get into rates and fees.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thanks very much.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. At this time, the Chair would like to call on our Analyst Lance Taguchi in regards to the expansion on the equipment.

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you, Chair Pontanilla. Just a point of information for the Members. The Plan Review Permit and Processing and Inspection Revolving Fund, which appears on, as a special, as a revolving fund in the Budget Ordinance, in terms of the general budget provisions in Section 14, basically, the funds are appropriated through the schedule and the only thing that really Council controls in terms of the actual spending of this funds is the E/P count that appears on the schedule of revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2008.

In other words, the monies are already appropriated for the use as designed by the Maui County Code. So, in other words, it does not, the A, monies in the A, B, and C account, this Council doesn't really have direct purview over as, I think, Member Hokama pointed out. It's already appropriated for the use as described in the special fund.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chair. Chairman?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And, and my earlier comment was that's my problem.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Understood.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: In the past, it served its purpose but we got a lot of revolving funds with a lot of huge balances that is not fulfilling the intent of the legislation. And that's why I want us to consider eliminating the preappropriation authority. They want to use the money in the account; you come back to us and justify that request because it's not working the way we set it up.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Understood. Okay. Members, any more questions in regards to the Building Permit requirement, Revolving Fund Program?

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Seeing none. I would like to now turn our attention to the Public Works Highway Fund. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: He telling me for tell you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Before we go into that, the Chair notes the time, it's 3:10 and a few of you need to go. We'll take a 10-minute break and then we'll return at 3:20. This meeting is recessed. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

RECESS: 3:10 p.m.
RECONVENE: 3:28 p.m.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . (*gavel*) . . . Thank you, Members, for that break. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is now reconvened. Okay. We're going to go into the Highway Fund 17-21. We start from there. We're going to go into the Administration Program, A account, salaries and wages. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, sorry. Wrong page. Okay. I guess the only question I had . . . (*silence*) . . . Highways, yeah?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes. 17-22.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, yeah. Twenty-two, yeah?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. You just asking for the totals, yeah? Not at this time, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, my question for Mr. Hashiro would be, Engineering has a number of Construction Inspectors. So, can you help us understand the need for your Division to have now a Construction Inspector, please?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Highways Division in the past has been primarily involved in maintenance activities only. In recent years, we're starting to get into an enforcement realm. We're getting people encroaching into the right-of-way, building walls in the right-of-way--

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. HASHIRO: --planting vegetation on the right-of-way. And we're, we're getting more into the enforcement side of things. So, we, we looking to get at least one person to, to manage the enforcement side of things.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Now, so, this wouldn't be someone that, well, you know what maybe we can say, if the Department was doing a Highways project and let's say it has State funds or Federal funds, County funds, Engineering would, would have the, the . . . *(end of tape 4B - 3:30 p.m.)* . . . or would Mr. Hashiro in Highways have the responsibility?

MR. ARAKAWA: No. What the current procedure is, is that the Engineering Division would actually manage the CIP project for Highways.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And then Mr. Hashiro takes over when it becomes an operational--

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --part of the program?

MR. ARAKAWA: And so, and so, so the Construction Inspector that we're talking about as far as an expansion position is basically within, basically, obstructions within the right-of-way.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. ARAKAWA: You have other DSA Construction Inspectors that are basically looking at violations on the lot itself.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And just so we have an understanding of course, you know, at times we get confused with classifications and, you know, some of the collective bargaining language. But you're asking for a Construction Inspector because that's the classification you want this position to be in or is the job description going to be the same as what Engineering's Construction Inspector going, is going to be? Just so we, we, we kind of clear --

MR. HASHIRO: The job --

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --what we, we considering.

MR. HASHIRO: --well, the, the basic construction inspector was the closest job title I could come to what I anticipate having the person doing. The actual position description would probably be different from what Engineering and DSA has.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, we might, you might change even the job title itself then?

MR. HASHIRO: When it goes to DPS it may change title. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The DPS, yeah. Okay. Okay. No, I think this is something that we've had issues in the past with definitely, you know, encroachments in right-of-ways. And, you know, if we go Makena, Wailea you're going to see those encroachment on right-of-ways with the walls and whatnot. So, I think this is . . . um . . . so this person would have the ability to cite and follow through on violations, Mr. Hashiro.

MR. HASHIRO: We would hope to take it first, to the first level of being on, on the friendly basis or trying to do it nicely, and failing that, yeah, then doing something more drastic. But we don't have any real, other than certain regulations, we don't have much regulation, regulatory powers at this point.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You don't want to ask us for some?

MR. HASHIRO: I think at some point we're going to have to.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Arakawa, I see you, have a comment.

MR. ARAKAWA: Well, basically, the obstructions would be within our right-of-way so, you know, as the landowner, we would be enforcing our own rights. Whereas the Construction Inspectors that you're looking at for like DSA would be, have a regulatory function through either building code or plumbing or electrical codes. So, it's, and that would be on private property --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Right.

MR. ARAKAWA: --other people's property.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no. But I'm just thinking that, you know, if, if we're going to consider and let's say we support this position, I can see the frustration if the actual person is out there and, you know, what can he do, right? You know, so unless you tell us --

MR. HASHIRO: We got some general. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --that you might want for us to be able to put a lien on the private property that is encroaching on the County's right-of-way because the private property owner more than likely would want to remove the lien. Because we either going to attach to property tax or if he wants to sell, he cannot sell because there's a lien on the property. I'm open to that type of authorization because I think we need teeth on the muscle. You know so that when, if we need to flex it, it's going to really hurt and draw blood. I'm tired of being the good guy all the time.

MR. ARAKAWA: We, we can certainly look at specific regulations. But, yeah, they're, they're going to be grades of types of violations. Obviously, if you just have rocks or CMU blocks or, you know, things like that. Those can be taken out relatively easily but if you're talking about, you know, walls, you know, rock walls that have been built within the right-of-way then, you know, that, those become more complicated to actually remove.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Chairman, one more question, and I, you know, I don't if, I mean, this, I'm just asking this question because it's in the administration portion. But, you know, I appreciate, you know, reading some of the accomplishments that you've tried to help out the, our outlying areas like Lanai regarding opportunity of our Laborer to undergo equipment operator training. This is all part of already a career ladder that's built within the Division?

MR. HASHIRO: It is pretty much. We make it available to them whether they take it or not that's up to the individual.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: In the case you cited, the problem we have there is he cannot pass the driver's test, licensing test.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Commercial license test?

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MR. HASHIRO: Yes. He's having a very hard time trying to pass the permit test.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And those tenures are set by the State PUC, the commercial, the same as the commercial CD... CD... CDL?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: CDL.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That wouldn't be something or is, is, he cannot pass like your Division's requirements, Mr. Hashiro?

MR. HASHIRO: No, from the Driver Licensing --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so this would be --

MR. HASHIRO: --Division.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --a State requirement then on the testing?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Before I call on Mr. Molina, just a fast question on that. I'm assuming it's a CDL license. Do we train the person... personnel ourselves or do we bring someone in that has the skill to train?

MR. HASHIRO: I, I have on staff a Equipment Operations Instructor. We provide to the County through the Department of Personnel Services assistance to train various departments as well as my own in Equipment Operator III training. He also does other training in-house. On Molokai, we had a special situation where he trained just strictly Highways staff. So, I have somebody in, on staff that does the training.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So, anything over 10,000 GVW can be trained?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Thank you. Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chairman. Good afternoon, Mr. Hashiro. You know the pay with regards to the expansion position, this is a 12-month position, and I'm, I'm just curious about the criteria because the, the pay seems, you know, relatively low, yeah, 24,000.

MR. HASHIRO: We're basing everything on eight-month salary.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, eight months. Okay. Okay. That's why I was curious because 24,000 in Maui County is not, not very much, yeah. With your other, other Construction Inspectors, do we have vacancies there or we've attracted enough people?

MR. HASHIRO: For the Highways Division, we have no Construction Inspectors at the present time.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh. Okay. If I could ask maybe, Director Arakawa, with Construction Inspectors in the other divisions, have we had difficulty or any vacancies, you know, attracting these guys to work for the County with the current pay?

MR. ARAKAWA: I think the Construction Inspectors say for DSA or even for Engineering, they deal a lot more closely with, you know, actual construction. As Mr. Hashiro noted, the, the position description here may change a little bit because it's basically dealing with encroachments within the right-of-way. So, it's going to be a slightly different type of work than what our other inspectors do. And then we, we have had difficulties as Mr. Nagamine noted about actually hiring some of our inspectors because of the, you know, hot construction industry recently.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right. And then this, this particular position, any type of specific, I mean, one doesn't need a college degree or anything for this type of position although it would be helpful but this no experience.

MR. HASHIRO: No college degree and probably no license requirements.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No license requirements.

MR. HASHIRO: Other than driver's license.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. I, I would certainly support this expansion position for the Construction Inspector II. Because having worked in that Highways Division, there's a lot of work that this person would be involved in. And I think as Mr. Hashiro mentioned, it would be a lot of the Code violations in the right-of-way. And, you know, as far as Chair Hokama's mentioning about enforcement or the authority to cite. Because many of the violations are against Maui County Code that are already in the books such as not taking care of their frontage, putting signs in the right-of-way, putting trees in the right-of-way.

And so, those things are all described in the Maui County Code as violations already. So, and I know, Mr. Hashiro, would this person also be the one that would be sending out the forms to the property owner to put them on notice that they have a violation and they need to make the corrections within two weeks or is that still going through the Director's Office?

MR. HASHIRO: We'll make the presentation to the individual property owner. The time would be dependent on, on the severity of the situation.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So, would that eliminate the Director having to do that, which is required now, Director, just to shorten the process?

MR. ARAKAWA: I don't know. I don't know if we've settled on the exact administrative procedure that we would follow at, at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: For that?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay.

MR. ARAKAWA: But, you know, certainly I don't, from my side, I don't have any problem with sending it out from my office. If they feel it would be faster to do it just with the Highways Division, you know, that's fine with me. We'll just set overall parameters for the program and we can just work from there.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And, and, Mr. Hashiro, this position would also be looking to, I know like in Lahaina a lot of people put asphalt in our swales so that they can create another driveway for themselves. So, this position would be kind of putting them on notice about those carpets, those asphalt ramps, the wooden ramps, the, would that position be looking into that, too?

MR. HASHIRO: Eventually, yes, and also, you kind of touched on one issue is our drainage easements, building and drainage easements, and doing things in the easements. So, you know, eventually, it's going to encompass everything, yes, but we got to start somewhere and probably start smaller.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I, I would ask my colleagues to support this one expansion because it certainly would help the Highways Division do their job even though they have a lot to do already. But this would help take care of those things out in the districts that right now gets put to the side because not enough people to administer that.

My other questions are that, I, I know on the overview that, it was mentioned of expansion positions in the Hana area. You have one expansion for Equipment Operator III. Do you know where that's going?

MR. HASHIRO: We have two expansion positions in Hana. One is the Equipment Operator III for Hana Road.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: And one is for Construction Equipment Mechanic I for Hana Garage.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. Okay. And the vacant positions, are those all mostly due from retirements and trying to fill those positions or through promotions trying to fill it?

MR. HASHIRO: We've had a number that are a result of retirement. Some are from a result of either transferring to another department or finding outside employment. And for like your old district, we've had a lot of movement since you left and we had those expansion positions, and we're getting a lot of movement in Lahaina right now.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. That's good. I'm sure Jo Anne would be happy with that. My final question is, I know the Division had a hard time filling the Tire Repair positions --

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: --and we lost some of the best tire repair people we had just because of the pay and they went to Refuse Collectors because it was more money in picking up rubbish than tire repair. Is there any consideration in trying to upgrade those positions to retain them?

MR. HASHIRO: I believe the, the class and the, the pricing is set by our Personnel Services. They determine what the level should be. Upgrading it as compared to other trades and stuff, you know, it, it might be in the correct spot, you know, I would presume it's in the correct spot. Our last tire repairer, right now, we, we did select a person and we currently are awaiting his medical and drug testing. So, we, we are going to fill the position, hopefully, very shortly.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hashiro, and Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Medeiros. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, I'm just glad that you're expanding and trying to accommodate a lot of the requests that I know I email Mr. Arakawa about a lot. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. In regards to enforcement, who currently does enforcement now say for right-of-way violations?

MR. HASHIRO: Currently, I push it upon our district supervisors to do, to do that enforcement. Councilmember Medeiros was one in Lahaina before. Anything in Lahaina would be, would be sent to him. In the other districts, it's sent to the district supervisors there to do, amongst their other tasks.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Because I know of some people who have filed complaints of violation over a year ago and they've gotten no response.

MR. HASHIRO: If you provide me the information we certainly can take a look at it. Most complaints that come into the Highways Admin Office is entered into our, into the KIVA RFS system so we can track it that way. So, whatever is there is, you know, it's . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, the, the complaints were filed with the Director's Office.

MR. ARAKAWA: Same thing. We enter it into our RFS system, too, so we can track it. So . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You do enter it into the RF *[sic]* system?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes, if you can give us some more information about the specific complaint, we can track it, we can track it.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. So, this Construction Inspector, he's going to be dedicated solely to that task initially? Because I get calls all the time, you know, and I tell them to file a complaint. But then I get calls a year later blaming me because nothing has happened. So, I'm just wondering is there a glitch in the system or do you prioritize and only respond to certain complaints? Or how, how's that work?

MR. HASHIRO: Again, complaints that come into the RFS system are given to the districts to, to handle. And it's within their schedule to take care of the situation. Every so often I, I review all of the RFSs in my Division, and I send notices out to the districts to, hey, you know, this is like a year old, kind of when are you going to get to 'em kind of deal. Some of 'em, I threaten discipline and gotten some action. Unfortunately, it has to get to that point where you got to start threatening them to, for them to do some things. But, you know, if you give me the specific details of your situations, we can certainly take a look at what's going on.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you. I'm, I'm happy to know you're the go-to guy. Then the other question I had is on the Laborer II. You're requesting one increase and you have two vacancies. Are we, are we losing these guys to the construction industry, too?

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MR. HASHIRO: One of, we have a vacancy in Wailuku. He resigned to go back to the private sector. And we have a vacancy in Makawao, where we're reallocating to position back to a Tractor Mower. It was a Tractor Mower before. We had a whole bunch of promotions and ran out of qualified applicants, and we downgraded the position to a Laborer. Now, we have a vacancy, we're going to reallocate that position back to a Tractor Mower because we have qualified people now.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Good. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you. Mr. Hashiro, I'm going just go right to premium pay.

MR. HASHIRO: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Because, and, and, and perhaps the question is a little unfair because we're looking at a Fiscal Year '07, which is just a projected, and obviously '07 is not over yet. So, the numbers we're looking at is rather low but what we're looking at is the, the request for '08 that kind of skews it because we look at a high number and we look at the low number and you're the one sitting in front of us. So, I've got to ask you.

Some of your departments, you know, like, for example, the, out of the administration office, yeah, you've just got one vacancy, which is the new, which the, the position that we see as an expansion. So, you got six bodies now. One more is seven. And the premium pay request for Fiscal Year '08 jumps up 497 percent. If you got a full complement of employees, how do you justify an increase like this? And it not only in the administration office; it continues on to the rest of the offices as well.

So, is the '07 number too low? Is it going to come up to the prior fiscal years? But I need you to tell us what we're actually looking at because my questions have not been fair because I'm only looking at an '08 that shows us a high number. So, if you can please tell us the, the story.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. The '07 number is low. If you look at the actuals in '05 and '06, you can see that we spending a lot more on premium pay. So, the '08 was, was an attempt to bring it back into line with what we actually

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expending from premium pay. For my office, a lot of it is for my callouts and stuff, which I take Comp. time on but they charge it to premium pay.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. But I thought the Department has an objective of trying to maintain 90 percent of securing and recruiting. So, if there is a push to fulfill a lot of the vacant positions that currently exist, how can we continue to look at increases in premium pay? Because now you will have the manpower to do what you say you going do.

MR. HASHIRO: The premium pay is occurring because of callouts-- emergencies that occur after hours, on weekends, on holidays. That's our premium pay that we primarily charging for on overtime. Some of the other areas like the Road Maintenance side; they get temporary assignment or temporary allocations. So that adds to the premium pay. But the biggest chunk comes from overtime callouts, after-hour work time.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. And those call outs is primarily based on like, like what we hear in the news; landslides. . .

MR. HASHIRO: Landslides, fires.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Floods.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah.

MR. HASHIRO: Floods.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Bad neighbors. Okay. Okay. Thank you very much. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. So, I just heard you say that your Comp. time is being paid on premium time, premium pay.

MR. HASHIRO: Well, I guess, what the Accounting, they're doing is that, even though you charging Comp. time, they, they, they counting that number as premium pay amounts. So, you know, that \$3,000 that shown in FY '06, you know, most of that was Comp. time but they actually allocating the amount that would have been paid based on that Comp. time.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: So, as far as overtime payment then must be low. In other words, you know, you work eight hours and then you continue on for two hours.

MR. HASHIRO: For the Admin side, it's, it's relatively low. The two main people that primarily get overtime pay would be myself, my Superintendent, and the Equipment Operating Instructor for doing the weekend Equipment Operator III training.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, I'm glad you followed up because for, for this Committee, I think, that is part of the issues we hear from employees and retirees who have a concern about the brand new HR Payroll System. Because if it's Comp. time and they not really paying him but it's going to have to impact his leave, his fringes, his leave balances. So, what is the calculations? Somebody's got to make one calculation what we owe Mr. Hashiro --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --for that time. So, you know, it just verifies for me again, we might need to make a decision sooner and start outsourcing part of that HR Payroll System.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Just to handle payroll.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just to handle payroll because, you know, I don't know how they calculating all this. I mean I appreciate getting the value of the Comp. time but I want to know what happens to everything else that is due the employee for that Comp. time. And if they tell us there's nothing additional, I would disagree with that, Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. And I agree with you 100 percent. Any more questions on the A account for Administrator's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, I'm a little confused. If someone could explain to me . . . *(sigh)* . . . if somebody is working in the, in the evening on a callout, and, you know, they already, they're exceeding their eight hour day or their 40-hour week then that would typically be overtime, which is paid at time and a half.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, now, you're saying that they take it as Comp. time but that I don't understand how Comp. time is not time and a half, right? It is?

MR. HASHIRO: It is.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Comp. time is also considered time and a half? Shoot, I missed out on that for seven years.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Unless you got a Memorandum of Agreement adjusting the . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Is there a Statute of Limitations? . . . *(laughter)* . . . Nishiki is still around. I bet I could get 'em to sign it. Okay. So, so, it's the same thing then. It's an equivalent.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks. No wonder I'm confused.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: One more fast question. If the employee wants to take that Comp. time at a later date, what happens?

MR. HASHIRO: Comp. time is just, is accumulated until such time that the employee takes it. So, it could be three years down the road. It could be next week. It could be next month.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: At a higher rate?

MR. HASHIRO: If, if it occurs after he gets a raise, yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, okay. Member Medeiros?

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair. Yeah. Point of information. Mr. Hashiro brings up a good point. That's why the County has always been concerned with people accumulating too much Comp. time, and that Comp. time is still there when they retire. They'll be paid for that Comp. time at their present pay even though they may have earned that Comp. time at a lesser salary. And that's why the Comp. time has to be kept track of. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And it also does reflect to our manpower requirements when we do that. Members, any more questions on the --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --A account? Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. And, and I may be wrong and, but I do recall one department not too many days ago, last week early, saying that they was a certain point that they could accumulate to and then they were, they had to use it. I guess is there any standard as far as this Comp. time or it's just by department? By, is there any contractual agreement? I don't know. It sounds like it's just like arbitrary. I mean, okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: There, there is a contract --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --contractual agreement in regards to taking Comp. time or being paid overtime. But how many overtime and Comp. time that is accumulated, I really don't know, if the Budget Director knows?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Can we, can we get a letter to the Managing Director requesting a breakdown? I think that's important for us to understand this because here we are in the budgetary process, and I have nothing against anybody who works extra hours, comes out at night like Mr. Hashiro or anything, getting paid what he deserves or she deserves. But I mean like mister, Councilmember Medeiros said, 20 years later he decides to retire and he's collected a year's worth of Comp. time, wow, that, I don't, I don't know, that doesn't seem fair in that respect.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. We'll forward a letter to --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: --the Managing Director for a response. Members, any more questions on the A account?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: If not, we go to the B account. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I guess the only question I have here because pretty much most of the accounts are the same is this is the first department that I have seen that FICA and the Retirement System charges are shown.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And, and Council Chair is telling me yeah. So, I'm going to ask the real foolish question because I don't understand why?

MR. HASHIRO: Because we're a special fund.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh.

MR. HASHIRO: We're not a General Fund. We're a Highway Fund, so we pay our share of the money into those accounts.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, this money coming directly from the Highway Fund goes into the Employment Retirement as well as FICA?

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, 'cause I could not find it in any other department. I was looking through the departments and so okay. Well, now, that enlightens me and I think enlightens the public. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Are we still doing the A account?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: B.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: B. Oh, operations?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. I have a question. On 17-25, Supplemental Transfer Bikeways. Last year it was 168,000. The year before it was 214. This year it's 24,900. Can you explain that?

MR. ARAKAWA: We should probably refer that question to the Budget Director if he can answer.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Page 17-25?

MR. PABLO: Excuse me, which line item on Page 17-25?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: 17-25 is the page number and it's line item 916638.

MR. PABLO: Okay. I believe this is the transfer that we, we, we at Administration do on a yearly basis to transfer amounts from the Highway Fund to the Bikeway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, the purpose of the money is to develop bikeways, to repair existing bikeways? Or what, what is the purpose actually for the money?

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MR. PABLO: I don't have the exact details here. But I believe that's, that's to cover any operational expense with the bikeways. I believe part of this actually flows down into the CIP, also.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I'm just wondering why there's such a drastic reduction here. If anyone can explain that? . . .(end of tape 5A - 4:00 p.m.). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department. Oh, we do have Mr. Kalbert Young, Finance Director, maybe he can answer that question.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon, Members. Kalbert Young, Director of Finance. Sorry, I was only coming up to confer with Mr. Pablo. But the Bikeway Fund, the amount has been, is not as, as significant as in prior years because this is the Adminis... the amount that the Administration requires to bring the Bikeway Fund up to what it projects it will need for Fiscal Year '08.

Historically, the amount in the fund is, is funded each year at the level of about \$300,000. So, to my recollection, when the budget was being constructed there were, the anticipated balance in the Bikeway Fund at the conclusion of the current Fiscal Year was at a level where it only required an additional \$24,000 worth, 24,900 worth of funding to bring it back up to that level.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, in the Bikeway Fund with this 24,900 you'll have \$300,000?

MR. YOUNG: Yes, correct. That's to my recollection. And I believe there was some, in one of the budget documents did, did provide a projection of the balance for the Bikeway Fund to conclude Fiscal Year '07 as well as an amount to bring it up to the anticipated amount. I'm sorry, it, it would take me some time to look through the, the documents. But I believe it is in one of, one of the two budget document materials.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, that's okay, Mr. Young. What I'm interested in understanding here is that, you needed 200,000-plus in the last two previous years to get the Bikeway Fund up to 300,000 then that means you spent that much money in those years or previous years and depleted the fund. So, the question is if you only need 25,000 this year then does that mean there was no monies or little monies expended last year in the Bikeway Fund? Because --

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MR. YOUNG: Yeah, I would just say that. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --because I remember, we, we allocated a lot of projects out of that Bikeway Fund money.

MR. YOUNG: Right. So, to the purpose of the Bikeway Fund, the, the projects that were slated to be funded out of this fund, they, you know, I, I can't speak to whether or not they were completed or haven't been completed but they haven't been expended at the level at which, for Fiscal Year '08 we are projecting to require that level of funding. So, the needs in Fiscal Year '08 are at a level where it only requires \$24,900 supplement from the Highway Fund to achieve that level in the Bikeway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Now, are we constrained by, it's my understanding that a certain amount of money comes out of the Highway Fund for this Bikeway Fund, and so are we constrained by a certain percent or a certain amount that the fund has to, cannot exceed or whatever? I mean why is it 300,000?

MR. YOUNG: Yeah, I, I don't believe that there's a constraint in that, in, in that regards. There is a minimum amount or certain, certain components of the revenue that comes into the Bikeway Fund, I mean, into the Highway Fund is specific for the, for Bikeway purposes. So, I don't. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: From, from the State?

MR. YOUNG: Well, there's several different revenue sources coming into the Highway Fund, right. So, you know, for example, vehicle registration or gasoline tax collection, you know, those, those types of things. I believe that some of those, one, one of those components has a certain amount of funds that comes in that feeds into the Bikeway Fund. So, for instance, vehicle registration has a component that, that funds to the Bikeway Fund. So, I don't believe that there's a constraint as to a limit of how much you can pay out of the Bikeway Fund but there is a dedicated source of revenue to the Bikeway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So then is it just kind of . . . uh . . . a standard policy that we, that the Administration wants to keep that fund at around 300,000? Is that or is--

MR. YOUNG: Not, not. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --because, I mean, I know our Highway Fund has increased and if, if we're keeping this Bikeway Fund at 300,000, I need to understand why it's not growing.

MR. YOUNG: No, I wouldn't say that it's a Administrative policy to limit the fund to 300,000. It's just that the projects that are slated to be paid for out of the Bikeway Fund have not in the last, at least in the last several years have not been at levels that have exceeded that 300, \$400,000 area and that's why they're funded that way. It. . .they could be, if we had projects that were under the requirements for Bikeway Funding that did exceed that amount or if the Administration felt that it needed to fund those types of projects in a greater capacity, it could increase the amount to the Bikeway Fund. It's just that in the recent years, it hasn't been required to do so.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Or if the Council wanted to do that --

MR. YOUNG: True.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --we could also?

MR. YOUNG: True.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right?

MR. YOUNG: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Because, you know, we have several, at least two bikeway projects that have been on the books for years and they're not moving forward. And I'd like to see us look into this at least, Mr. Chair, and if we could, if we could request a written response as to what the status is on the funding that we allocated last year for bikeways, and why only \$25,000 was expended. You know, I guess, what I'm getting at is what's the holdup on the North Shore Bikeway and the Kihei Greenway? And, you know, I don't expect you to give us a big detailed answer because I'm assuming we'll get into it when we get to CIP.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: CIP, right.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But since we are on the fund, it would be helpful to know.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Fast question. Do we utilize any of the monies to leverage either State or Federal funding for bikeways?

MR. ARAKAWA: There is a Federal-aid project in which Bikeway Funds can be used. Yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Presently, do we have any that's pending?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah. The Kihei Greenway contract is a Federal-aid project.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And we had provided our share in regards to matching . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes. Local match was provided, and that, that contract has, is encumbered and, and we can talk more about the status of the two projects actually when we discuss CIP on Friday.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Thank you. Member Mateo? Thank you. Members, any more questions on the B account? We go into the C account, expansions on the equipment for the Administration program. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I'm pretty, let me ask the question on this Drain Inspection System. I mean it's \$100,000 and I know it's probably well needed but can you explain to me what this Drain Inspection System is?

MR. HASHIRO: It's a motorized camera system that we can send into the drains, inspect the drains, and see where the corrosion area is without having to send a personnel through it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Like into the sewers or whatever?

MR. HASHIRO: Similar. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Okay. Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: And we want to have it mobile, mounted on our trucks so we can send it to the different districts or to Lanai or Molokai if we need to.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: This is for preventative work not, you know, and hopefully catching something before it becomes a real problem.

MR. HASHIRO: I certainly hope so.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Very good. Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Mr. Hashiro, you got to the right answer to the, and, and the point. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Hashiro.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. Mr. Hashiro, we've heard the concern that your counterparts or your colleagues in the other divisions have regarding space. So, where is it anticipated that you would add this additional position or, or person to work from?

MR. HASHIRO: The Construction Inspector, we, we moved part of the Wailuku Highway district people out of my office into their facility. So, we created a space in there. Right now, that space is occupied solely by the Equipment Operating Instructor. We hope to put the Construction Inspector in that space.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: Share the space.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Because we can assume that most of his time would be --

MR. HASHIRO: Out in the field.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --out in the field doing the actual site reviews.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, thank you for that. We've been told, Mr. Hashiro, from Police of this conversion or adjustment we need to proceed on because of entities like Sprint whereby the County now is going to have to

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expend resources to adjust to the 800-megahertz system. And it's one of your requests. So, is this a timely request or do we, do we need to wait 'til we can decide what transmission system, what megahertz system we're going to be on whether or not this is the way to go? Or, you know, Nextel has the two-way system so maybe you need a phone instead of a 800-megahertz radio.

I'm, I'm just asking if, if you, if information has been shared with your Division because Police has made this a major project.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. I'm in, pretty much, regular contact with Captain Amaral. We discuss this quite a bit. We discussed this at Homeland Security issues. I'm quite aware of the, the migration from 800 to 700 megahertz. This portable radios, currently, they can be used on both 700 and 800. It just requires, I guess, a reprogramming if you would call it that. So, we have some already available but it hasn't been distributed yet. That's being held by Police at this point. But it's, we have purchased similar type units within the last year using Homeland Security money.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Just so we can understand. When, when you say portable and mobile, what does that mean?

MR. HASHIRO: The mobile is mounted in the vehicle.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: The portable you can carry it with you wherever you go.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And, and the base station is in your office?

MR. HASHIRO: The base, we have, essentially, base stations in every district including the, well, we don't have in Wailuku Highways but we have it in Highway Admin since we're right next door.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. This is something that's all licensed and we, we only have certified operators on, on the, on the system?

MR. HASHIRO: This is to the Police system. We tap off of their system and we just, we're one of the users of the system. I think there was a question before about somebody not being on, I think, DSA about not being on two-way. The problem with the system right now is that it's at its

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capacity. Water Supply tried to get on the system but there is no capacity to add them on at the present time. So, capacity is a big issue right now.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Thank you for that comments. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Chairman, just for clarification. We're on C.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: 17-26.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Highways, 17-26.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, 17-26. Oh, okay. Sorry, I was just getting ahead of myself. No, I'm, I think, Mr. Victorino asked my question on the --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --equipment. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Hashiro, the Hybrid motor vehicle that's for your staff in your office?

MR. HASHIRO: That would be for the Construction Inspector.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And I, I want to say that, you know, I support the purchase of these vehicles because you did purchase one for us in Lahaina that we tried and that thing worked out really well. It's really good on fuel. It has a gas and an electric motor that automatically transfers whenever the need is. So, I'm glad that, you know, in, in your Division, you're looking to be more efficient with the vehicles even though the initial price might be higher, I think, the savings down the line saves the taxpayers money. So, I, I, I, I like that you're heading in that direction once again. Thank you.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. If, if I may add. I do have a Hybrid vehicle for myself. It's, it's double the mileage, I got from my old vehicle --

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: As far as gas mileage?

MR. HASHIRO: --as far as gas mileage. So, it's, it's kind of small for me but, you know, it gets me around.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. I, I thank you for, you know, that foresight in using these vehicles because they will help the County taxpayer, you know, in the long run. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. Are, are you getting a Honda or Toyota or don't you know?

MR. HASHIRO: For this expansion, I don't know. It probably would depend upon whether we have to go off road or not. In that case, there's limited manufacturers that make off road Hybrids.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, 'cause I know they have the new crossover vehicles to the SUVs that are also Hybrids.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Toyota Highlander has a SUV. I have a Ford Escape 4X4. I haven't really tried it on a off-road road yet. I hope to do so shortly.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That's, that's wonderful. Because I know on, you know, although, I just have, you know, the Honda Civic and the Insight, I think I get like 60 miles per gallon on the Insight and 45 on the Civic. So, I'm very happy with 'em. Thank you for moving us in a more environmentally friendly direction.

MR. HASHIRO: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I appreciate it.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, I'm real, really happy to see that this is, I think this is the first Hybrid I've seen though in the budget this year.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, thank you for doing that. My question really is the, the Drain Inspection System for 100,000, and it's, it's an expansion, it's not a replacement. So, I know that . . . um . . . Wastewater has the same need to send cameras down in their lines. Could this be used for that same purpose?

MR. HASHIRO: I would anticipate probably so. I would think so.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You're buying it for drainage reasons?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And do you know if Wastewater already has one? I'm just wondering if we're duplicating something that isn't going to be used, you know, every day of the week that maybe we could do a share-share. A hundred grand is a lot of money.

MR. ARAKAWA: We can ask the Wastewater guys to actually answer that themselves. I suppose you can either do it now or you want to wait 'til they come up later?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: We can wait but, you know, how many times a month do you anticipate using this since you don't have one already?

MR. HASHIRO: I would say at least half the month.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Well, then maybe it is something that could be shared. Anyway, we'll ask when they come up. And, and would you have an objection to that?

MR. HASHIRO: Not an objection but just, physically, I'm not certain. Mr. Taylor is shaking his head no. It's, it's just a matter of how we're going to be sharing different departmental equipment. And I'm not certain how other departments handle that right now.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. I'm not either that's why I'm asking. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Okay. That completes the Administration. We go directly into Road Maintenance. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Again, the thing that comes, and of all the departments that come of any section is this one. I think you've got, what, eight openings in this section alone --vacant positions ranging from Laborer II to Equipment Operator III to Administrative Service Assistant I, Street Sweeper Operator. I mean you got 'em all over. Again, eight in one department, I guess, it's possible because you have 111 total employees in that department, in that division, I should say.

So, how is that coming along as far as recruiting because that's kind of a lot of people they're looking for?

MR. HASHIRO: Yeah. Let's start, the Street Sweeper Operator in Wailuku. The incumbent transferred to the Refuse Collection section. We went out for a promotion without exam. The Department of Personnel Officer made a technical error in the recruitment. So, we had to re-recruit. That recruitment is going to end, I believe, April 25th. Laborer II in Makawao like I said is awaiting reallocation to a Tractor Mower Operator that's a Department of Personnel Services deal.

The Highway Construction Maintenance Supervisor I in Hana. We had one, one person on the list and we submitted the name for approval. We're waiting for approval from the Mayor's Office before we can proceed with that. Equipment Operator, well, that one forget that. Administrative Service Assistant I in Lahaina - we did get the list from the Department of Personnel Services, and we are scheduling the interviews right now. Equipment Operator III in Lahaina - we had an incumbent recently promoted and we are waiting the recruitment for that. Equipment Operator IV, Lahaina, again, we had an incumbent promoted. Just promoted this month, and we are waiting the DPS recruitment on that.

Tractor Mower Operator in Lahaina, similarly, we had an incumbent promoted and the promotion without exam recruitment is underway. Laborer II in Wailuku - the incumbent resigned to go to private practice. We have submitted a name to the Mayor for approval and are awaiting that process. Laborer, okay, and we have a PWL Laborer II in Makawao, a temporary position. That person is going to start on April 16th.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. It sounds like you're working very diligently to fill the three, the, the positions. And then, yeah, I see you have, of those, you have expansion positions or requested increase, yeah? So, I guess, it's like everything else, you know, just real difficult to get, you know, the people you need to do the jobs that need to be done. Yeah. But thank you, Mr. Hashiro, at least you answered my question and I'm glad to see you guys are moving along and recruiting in that respect. Thank you, sir.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chairman. Just on, with regards to the Program Budget on Page 19-22. One of your objectives you have is the Division will maintain roads and road shoulders by repairing potholes, mowing grass, and other shoulder maintenance work. And today, I happened to be up in Makawao and I saw one of your crews out there cutting grass and they did a good job by the way. Is this a typical ongoing annual objective or is this something that you folks plan to put more emphasis on this coming year?

MR. HASHIRO: With Highway Maintenance, it's pretty much a typical thing that occurs every year. We don't particularly pay more attention to it than anything else. So, everything kind of comes together at some point in time and everything has a schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, no particular districts you're going to put more emphasis on or anything like that?

MR. HASHIRO: Other than getting, reallocating this position from Laborer II to Tractor Mower then we can probably attack more of the grass cutting issues a little bit more fervently.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Because I guess, well, you know, with Makawao --

MR. HASHIRO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --and other wet areas it begins to grow. And of course our roads with potholes, our roads tend to need more, I guess, there's a higher frequency of repair for potholes in that area. So, okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. I see just, you know, an expansion, just one expansion on Laborer II. And looking at the different districts A, A accounts. This one expansion is for where?

MR. HASHIRO: Lanai Road.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Lanai. Okay. Now, how is the Division doing with Laborer II positions? Because I know unless it has changed that Refuse Collection depletes the Laborers in Highways a lot in order to fill the positions there. And the districts end up with very few Laborers for their daily operations. Has those things improved?

MR. HASHIRO: Those things have improved. Right now, Wailuku does not take any Refuse for, Refuse Collection, and we don't take any Laborers from Lahaina for Refuse Collection.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay.

MR. HASHIRO: Our biggest draw right now is in Makawao.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, Makawao still having that relationship.

MR. HASHIRO: Yeah. Hopefully, when they go to automated collection, we'll, we'll have that reduced to zero hopefully.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. That's good. I'm, I'm sure the districts are happy with that. Other than that, I have no further questions, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo? Thank you. Go to the B account, Operations. Starting on Page 17-33. Member Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, two things stand out and I, and I think you've answered the first one. When you go on Page 17-33, and under 6047, road patching material, obviously, you guys have addressed that a couple of times on how expensive that is becoming, yeah?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, yeah, so that one. Then the other one was under Services, Contractual Service, 6112, you have \$100,000 put in there and you had nothing before. And I know you going give me one good answer so I'm going to ask the question.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. We having one subdivision in Kahului that's putting in a drainage sump behind Palama Drive.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh.

MR. HASHIRO: That's going to have some drainage pump stations, and related equipment, the emergency generators. Something that we have never done in the past and we're going to be, I guess, the County is going to accept that drainage pump station. So, we need to provide services. Initially, they told us to go contractual. We don't know what amount is going to be the contractual cost, at, at this point, rather than going with own personnel. So, we just put in a number there because we really don't know how much we're actually going to need.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. All right. That's, that's, I'm glad to hear that. And I think it's something the people in that area have been looking forward to with all the challenges they've had with flooding down there, right?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: That's right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair, I mean, Chair, Budget Chair Pontanilla.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Fast question. Did we settle the easement problems to take away that water going towards the golf course?

MR. ARAKAWA: I don't have the latest update. I know they were still talking with one owner. I don't know if he actually signed on the dotted line, yet.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay.

MR. ARAKAWA: I can provide you a written update of that if, if you'd like.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, I just wanted to ask again, Mr. Hashiro. What was the street you mentioned please? Palama?

MR. HASHIRO: It's, it's the subdivision behind Palama. The one they complain about the high, rise buildup of the soil and stuff. I'm not certain what street that is actually on.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And then, okay, I know the general history, and then this 100,000 is for us to operate or maintain a . . .

MR. HASHIRO: Drainage pumping station.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That we did not build.

MR. HASHIRO: No, the sub... the developer built it.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: To our standards?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And is this something we still need to accept or have we already accepted the improve..., well, I don't know if it's an improvement or what you would call it but.

MR. ARAKAWA: No.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Have we accepted that station, pump station?

MR. ARAKAWA: You would still have to accept it. So, it still would come to the Council.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And that, that that, that's a standard procedure, Mr. Director?

MR. ARAKAWA: To accept a drainage sump, yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. ARAKAWA: It would have to come to the Council for approval. This one is a little bit different in a sense that normally as Mr. Hashiro said, we don't maintain pumps per se.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. ARAKAWA: But in, in order to take care of that existing flooding that takes --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. ARAKAWA: --that occurs on Palama Drive, basically, there's an inlet, a proposed inlet on Palama Drive which would drain through, in-between people's houses to a sump, and that sump fills up. Once it reaches a certain level, the pumps kick on and it pumps the water to the golf course, the Maui Lani Golf Course.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, we've determined that whatever is the flow that's creating the flooding or lack of appropriate drainage, is this caused by the issue of the grading and the fill levels? Because then I would say we should really think whether we want to accept this pump station, Chairman.

MR. ARAKAWA: No. It, this is a preexisting flooding condition. So, it's, it's not caused by the development.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Has he exacerbate or increased the problem with the way that the--

MR. ARAKAWA: No.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --the grading or drainage has been configured?

MR. ARAKAWA: No.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Well, my, my question is, gentlemen, usually we hear about drainage maintenance after the heavy rains and there's a clog in a culvert or clog in a drain. And then I can tell you as, as the Member's Chair, I see every claim that is filed against the County. I get a copy of every claim and we got plenty claims. Small money. Big money. Is this sufficient and is this part of the area where our Workline appropriations go to assist your Division, Mr. Hashiro?

MR. HASHIRO: You know can you restate your question again?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, well, let me take the first, the easiest part. We spend some good money where we hire MCCC inmates close to release in a Workline Program. And there's, and we, I believe, we even pay for the truck and everything else. But they are used and they are paid to assist the County in certain maintenance programs. We see 'em at the Waiehu Golf Course. I know we see 'em on some, some, at times, on some of the County shoulder work, maintenance work. But is this also utilized by you in your drainage program, maintenance program? Or have you, you have not utilized the Workline Program?

MR. HASHIRO: On occasion, we've been able to utilize the Workline. Not on a regular basis. We have to ask Parks and they have to schedule us in. But on occasion, we have used Workline.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. . . .(end of tape 5B - 4:31 p.m.). . . to take care of this kind of flooding, drainage programs?

MR. HASHIRO: I know in certain like West Maui district, we have a lot of --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. HASHIRO: --those projects that once built, they get turned over to us for maintenance.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

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MR. HASHIRO: So, to kind of answer your question, yes, there is that availability but. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Let's say for South Maui, you know, there's issues from Kulanihakoi Gulch right down all the way to the ocean. Behind, in front of the huge Kalama Park, you know, there's some, at times issues of sheet flow flooding and whatnot. Do you have access to those Federal funds to, to assist you in this drainage maintenance program that can help provide better. . .

MR. HASHIRO: We, we have not --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I guess. . .

MR. HASHIRO: --actively looked at that. A lot of the projects that coming out of soil and water is from Soil and Water Conservation District.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. HASHIRO: The District membership normally makes that request to take a look at those type of issues. And we've had, not had much coming out of South Maui. I believe there might have been one for, I forget where, Keokea side somewhere. Other than that. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Or the Tri-Isle RC&D Program that has, you know, has the ability to get the funds and I think the Director sits on, on the board, too. You know that that agency, non-profit agency, maybe it could be the, the forum to garner those leverage funds and assist the County in the maintenance. Because again, you know, until the flood occurs or, or the blockage occurs and damage is done, we don't hear about it but we're assuming that there is a program, regular program, to try and mitigate the type of claims we're going to have, right, by once a year maintenance, twice a year maintenance, at least before the big fall of rains or something of that nature. Because if you need money, I would rather give you the money upfront than deal with all these claims later on is, is the point I'm trying to make, Mr. Hashiro. And I would say, this needs to be maybe part of your assessment as you view the master, drainage master plans of the various regions. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chairman. With regards to Page 17-33 on the road patching materials. I note an increase of the 85,000 for Wai..., Wailuku District, and the other districts remained somewhat flat. Any particular, I guess, areas in Wailuku you folks are looking at, I guess, stepping up resurfacing?

MR. HASHIRO: The Wailuku District has a particular love of, of paving shoulders. Kahului is one prime example. They paved the shoulders when they first started the subdivision and now it's dilapidated. Got potholes and stuff. And rather than deal with the continued problem, they just paved the shoulders.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: We have similar problems like in Maui Meadows where we get, because of the rain runoff it chews out the shoulders. So, rather than going back there every couple of months, they try to pave it and hopefully mitigate it for a year. You know so the Wailuku, primarily, does a lot of those shoulder type paving work.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And as far as Makawao's road patching monies, more, what for potholes, I guess, with the, in that, in that, that particular district?

MR. HASHIRO: Pretty much. And they have the only pothole patching equipment in my Division. A specialized pothole patching truck.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Wow, I feel honored. . . . *(Laughing)* . . . You know that's great. And staying on that subject of patching materials, like, you know, the cost of petroleum has caused the price of the materials to have gone up. And Chairman Hokama, the other day, mentioned the issue of the County having its own construction division. Has the issue of maybe the County having its own paving operation been tossed about? Because now we're down to just one paving company, yeah, so we're sort of at the mercy of them.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. At the direction of Milton Arakawa here, he asked us to incorporate equipment and funding for a paving crew for FY '08. Unfortunately, it did not make the cut to come down. But in the program description, it shows that we're going to have this new program but the, the, the positions and equipment were all cut out and the, the funding for all the materials. So, all of that was cut out of budget.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I see. Well, yeah, maybe some day we should look at a potential pilot program. Yeah, I think it's, it's time.

MR. ARAKAWA: We're, we're obviously facing challenges in that area but we can also discuss a bit more about the options we're looking at when we go over the CIP on Friday, too. But as Mr. Hashiro mentioned, you know, one of the options we had been looking at is perhaps increasing our capability to do our in-house work--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right.

MR. ARAKAWA: --you know, us paving. That's one option, that is one option.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And materials itself maybe relying a little less on asphalt, maybe going with cement is a possibility--

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --to reduce costs.

MR. ARAKAWA: And, and in fact, we've just got another notice of another price increase on asphalt by the suppliers. So, it makes us even more apt to try to do it on our own.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It's called highway robbery, yeah. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sometimes, Michael, you amaze me.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I got a question for Mr. Hashiro. You said that you presented as your proposal and didn't make the cut. Do you have that information in regards to the number of people, the equipment that is required, so that we can take a look at it?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. I have it in one of my files at my office. We can, I can certainly provide that information.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Fine. Thank you. Member Medeiros?

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. In reviewing the B accounts for even the other divisions and departments, we've been asking if, you know, they putting in enough money for electricity because anticipating possibly a raise in the electrical rates. Wailuku increased their 2007 to 2008 by one dollar. Makawao has no electricity. So, I assume it's included with something. And Lahaina is flat. Same amount. Hana is, has no electricity bill. Oh, wait, it, it does in another. Okay. So, Hana remains flat. Molo..., oh, that's Molokai. I'm sorry. Molokai remains flat. Lanai is \$57,000. Their streetlights are included in their electricity?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. That answers that. And so, why are the other districts not increasing their amounts for electricity? They, they, they, they foresee something different?

MR. HASHIRO: Some of the districts, the funds are, was, was mixed with, before we had one fund, you know, for Garage and Road.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. HASHIRO: When they broke it apart, some of 'em got stuck in Garage and some got stuck in Road. So, Wailuku is one of those crazy things where I'm not certain where, I can probably find it but it's, it's in one of these different groupings.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, when, when the district doesn't show electricity it might be in the Garage part?

MR. HASHIRO: It could be in the Garage part.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: And last fiscal year, we bumped our monies up quite a bit.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. HASHIRO: So, right now, we're looking pretty good. Yeah, we anticipate savings this year. So, we hope, and Finance is kind of taking a look at that also, and they, they project we don't have to have any--I don't know why the one dollar increase. That was kind of crazy to me. I couldn't figure that out.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: My, my question is, right, also that, right, most of the budgets are flat which is commendable except for Wailuku and you answered that question. But I know one of the, for Highways, one of the big costs was the streetlights. And that is also flat. We don't anticipate having to pay more for streetlights in '08?

MR. HASHIRO: Streetlights, right now, like I said FY '07 we're look, we're looking to have a sizable savings. So, we don't anticipate needing to increase that, that streetlight for Maui right now.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Good. And my final question is on Wailuku off-street parking lot, which one is that? Is that the one across here?

MR. HASHIRO: The municipal parking lot. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, the munici..., behind --

MR. HASHIRO: Wailuku town.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: --across from the old Kress Store area?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. Along Vineyard?

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. So, I guess, so there's, there's lighting in there because there's for electricity and water.

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hashiro. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. I would like to go back to this \$100,000 for Palama Drive. And, and I missed the very first

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explanation of it, why it's a contractual service, if you could reiterate that for me?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Initially, we went in for A account expansion and we were told let's do it contractual for the first couple of years and look at expansion at a future date.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: A contractual of what? Contracting what? What do you mean?

MR. HASHIRO: The services to maintain the drainage pump station.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: The services to maintain the drainage pump system. And then eventually, we will expand a position or something to maintain the system?

MR. HASHIRO: I believe our Engineering Division is looking at additional drainage pump stations in the future. So, as they grow the amount of, of facilities they have, at, at that point, we'll look at providing in-house support.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Well, this really interests me, Mr. Chair, because there's an agreement for this system between the County Department of Public Works and Maui Lani. I think it's the 1-D Development. And as I did quite a bit of research on this when the issue came up, I, I happen to recall that Mr. Hashiro when he first reviewed this present, this proposal, he wrote a letter outlining why it would not work for the County. He was very strong in his criticism of the system. And he was apparently overridden. And one of the things, and, and I'm going to bring that letter in because I think Members need to know what he has done on behalf of the County in this review. And it's a very unusual system and it does not just take care of the County's drainage problem on Palama Drive. It takes care of the drainage for Maui Lani.

So, here we're, you know, I mean, maybe you could say it's killing two birds with one stone but I don't know, we're still getting letters from people on Palama Drive, where we've got breaks going on right now, and flooding going on, and ponding, and crews being called out on Sunday. And I want to know will this drainage system, if we take it over and become liable for anything that happens in the future on this drainage system, and the 12 foot walls that they've erected, which I have been told, I'm just going to say it by surveyors, by construction workers that the

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footings on this 12 foot wall are not, what's the word, grounded. They're not tied into any solid ground. The footings are on fill.

So, I don't know if we want to take over this drainage system. And I, I would like, you know, you're asking for \$100,000 here for us to maintain it before we even accept it. So, I'm going to be bringing in the agreement that I have, Mr. Hashiro's letter. And, you know, the rude response of the developer to Mr. Hashiro saying, you know, we're going to do this whether you like it or not basically. So, I got a problem with it . . . big problem.

And, you know, what's the long term cost to the County? And how will this, what percentage of this drainage system is really going to help the existing residents on Palama Drive and in that area as opposed to assisting all the reconfiguration they did at Maui Lani by filling in the natural drainage way so they could build on it? I don't think our taxpayers should be footing the bill for that in any way, shape, or form. So that's all I have to say on that, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And we can bring it up again when we do the CIP because I understand that we had included in '07 some CIP dollars just to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Just to do Palama Drive or to do . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Palama Drive to take care of the flooding system.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But not CIP to take care of this joint drainage system with Maui Lani.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: We need to check.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman. Mr. Hashiro, one of the objectives for Fiscal 2008 is to provide assistance to other agencies and departments. And one of the performance measures indicates other departmental support for Fire, Parks, Police, and this is based on man-hours performed, man-hours that's projected. In '07, you show a thousand man-hours and in '08 the same thousand man-hours. Is this what you're referring to, to

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callouts in terms of using overtime monies to cover the so-called callout?
Is that what, is that what you're. . .

MR. HASHIRO: Not necessarily.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, where in the budget is these one thousand man-hours identified in terms of a fund?

MR. HASHIRO: There's nothing identifying where it's going to go. Some of the work we do is normal work hours. So, it's not going to be identified anywhere.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, then, then if it's the normal work you do, why is it listed as an objective and, and part of a performance measures if it's something that you normally do?

MR. HASHIRO: Well, going back to that last presentation I made, you know, some things we do are for other agencies and not Highway Fund related. Those are coming from our, our Highway Fund hours. And those are the kind of hours we, we, we, I guess, number in this thousand hours.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, Mr. Hashiro. . .

MR. HASHIRO: But some other hours, come from like Fire support where we go out and fight the Maalaea fire off hours and stuff, and some of that is in there, also.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: But to say it's strictly with over . . . premium pay, no, it's not correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, then but there is no prorated or pro rata share when, with some of these man-hours for the agency that calls you for service?

MR. HASHIRO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, that's just something that we eat regardless of the agency that calls for assistance.

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MR. HASHIRO: As long as I get the approval of my Director and he tells me to go and do it, I go and do it.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Members, any more questions on the B account?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, just one, one, please.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you. Director, on the B account, the last item was Adopt a Road Program, which apparently no longer exists. And what was the reason to discontinue that? You know I know the State still has that and that provides pretty good litter control along State highways. And I was wondering why we no longer have the program? And that's on 17-38, last item.

MR. ARAKAWA: Councilmember Medeiros, I know this was discontinued some years ago. Overall, the concept is, you know, it's a good one. I don't think we implemented it. But if the Council chooses to fund it, certainly, I mean from my side there's really no objections as far as the concept per se. We just have to go and implement it. And it does keep up the condition of the road and we would get volunteers to basically help us keep the roads in, you know, good condition.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, the reason there's no program now is probably because funding had ceased on, on that program?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. I believe the intent was for Community Work Day to shepherd the program and the program was never shepherded.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: So, we just dropped the funding.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So, Community Work Day does not have this program, right?

MR. HASHIRO: No.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: They do litter control but they don't have Adopt a Road Program?

MR. HASHIRO: Not for the County. No.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Members, any more questions on the B account?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: One question, please.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, I'm, I'm glad Mr. Hashiro is here. So, I don't need the answer today but I would like staff to send a communication so that we can understand how each district or region is, electricity is squared away for the street lighting.

MR. HASHIRO: Street lighting comes, for, for Maui, it comes from a street lighting account--

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, that one --

MR. HASHIRO: --_____ program.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --that \$1 million . . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: One seven hundred and something.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: One-point-seven million dollars--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Streetlight.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --is just for the Island of Maui streetlights that the County has responsibility of. And that is on Page 17-38.

MR. HASHIRO: That is correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And this is what I ask that you really consider; I'm always scared of that boogiemans category called fuel adjustment. And then for Lanai and Molokai, my understanding is Lanai it's part of their utility requests. So, that 57 takes care the Department's needs or the

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County's needs as well as the street lighting need, needs. That would be a good, good understanding of the Committee?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. I'm not certain about Molokai whether it's part of this 916809 or not because I don't believe we have a separate account for Molokai.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, that's why I was going to ask you because we were always told Molokai has the highest rates but they get the lowest electrical requests.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: They do one good job that's why.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, if we not paying then I'm sorry brought 'em up. If we not paying, if we not paying MECO for the, the streetlights on Molokai then I'm sorry I brought it up. But I, I would just like to have one good under..., understanding so we know where the cost, costs are so we can appreciate what's happening when we, when we hear rate adjustments from the utility and whatnot. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions? If not, then we go to the C account, the equipment. Page 17-38. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, in looking over all the different divisions or districts, I should say, I think a lot of the replacement equipment is long overdue so I have no major qualms in what you guys are trying to accomplish. I think it's, all the districts have a good sum of money for replacement of equipment except Wailuku, but I can understand that. So, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I, I would, I would mention that I appreciate the Division's assistance to our Lanai crew regarding the road patch. You know you notice in our B account, there is materials for road patching and finally we've got the equipment to assist the crew to do the best job possible instead of running vehicles back and forth over a pile of cold patch to flatten it out and hopefully it sticks to fill the hole. And again, our people do what they, they need to do with what they have got but I appreciate the Department giving them that additional support.

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My, my only question is, again, Mr. Hashiro, I hope you're right with the capacity because you got a lot of 800 megahertz on your C account requests for the various districts so.

MR. HASHIRO: It's printed as 800 megahertz but the actual request was 700/800 megahertz. It was a combination unit.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And, and so, we understand well, all of this big equipment requests for our 14 cubic yard dump trucks, the flatbeds, street sweepers, I would, would just ask that either through Finance or, or, Mr. Pablo, if you can help us tie it in to the replacement schedule. That, that we, I know we've compiled to fulfill GASB-38 I believe was. We would appreciate that. And, Mr. Hashiro, just for our under..., understanding, for your Division, most of the Administrative office needs you've always approached it from a purchase directive instead of a lease like your copiers and whatnot.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You, you folks have always approached let's, let's buy it, let's not lease it.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much. I'm done, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Looking over the equipment account, and I saw that your replacement request for the herbicide spray just brought something to mind. I know up in Makawao you folks have, I guess, pretty much completed your spraying and with keeping the grass levels low. At one of our budget hearings, I believe, about two weeks ago in Pukalani, we had someone who testified expressing their concerns about, I guess, the type of spray and when it was being sprayed, and I guess even some concerns about the workers. Can, can you comment on as far as what kind of herbicides we currently use? I presume it's something that's, you know, safe overall, I guess, for humans and still deadly to vegetation. And, and what is your schedules of spraying?

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MR. HASHIRO: Well, we, we use a combination of herbicides. The most popular one is Roundup, Garlon. There's some other brand names also. The stuff that was used in Pukalani was Roundup. We had an issue with grass growing in all the cracks of the road. And what grass does eventually it gets to the sub-base and let's water penetrate the sub-base, and increases the, the, I guess, the breakdown of the roadway. So, we had our crews go out with backpack sprayers. So, we would minimize where we spray, you know, so that it's more specific. It's not like the stuff you see the State Highways do when they spray the side of the road. We did backpack sprayers specific and we had, you know, strict supervision to make sure they don't spray outside of where they supposed to be spraying.

As far as the schedule, it really depends on the weather for a lot places. If we, we have an area where we cannot control and we just cannot cut then we may consider spraying. For this road one, it was a specific incident just to take care of an immediate problem. So, we hope we don't have to go back in and do this again.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sure. And you guys typically try not to spray on windy days, yeah?

MR. HASHIRO: We try to limit so when it gets, try to limit the drift. We're trying to limit the, the expenses of paying for somebody's ornamental shrubs and stuff like that. We're certainly conscious of all of that. And we, we try to control the, the drift as much as possible.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And do you folks, typically, you don't do any public notification when it comes to spraying though, yeah?

MR. HASHIRO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It's just, you do it when you can, yeah?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mol..., Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Just, I was going to ask the same question Member Hokama asked about your copier. And I know,

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Mr. Hashiro, you scrutinize purchases, you know, very closely. Have you found it to be a benefit to the County and the taxpayers by purchasing rather than leasing? Is there a benefit to it?

MR. HASHIRO: I have not, not done a study on it. Our past practice has been to purchase. You know if it's found that it's cheaper to lease it, certainly, that's something I'm always interested in saving money.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Well, we've seen some departments, you know, go lease and some purchase and nobody has been able to answer the question of, you know, what's the comparable cost or benefits from doing that. So, I was just interested in asking that. And I'm, I'm certainly happy to see that, you know, Lahaina you putting in for a small roller with a trailer, which is certainly needed in Lahaina. And the flatbed fuel truck is that an expansion in addition to the other fuel truck we have in Lahaina?

MR. HASHIRO: No. We replacing the truck and saving the tank. So, we're going to use the tank from the, the stainless steel gas tank, and put it on this new truck.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. That, that makes sense and that, that's some savings there. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hashiro. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Gee, I didn't know we had street sweepers. I've never seen a street sweeper.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Early, early in the morning.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: When you're sleeping they're working.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Like how early?

MR. HASHIRO: Some start at 11 p.m. Others might start at 3 a.m. We try to get in there before there's traffic on the road or people park on the sides of the road.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, where do you street sweep? Just Lahaina?

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MR. HASHIRO: We have street sweepers in Central Maui, Makawao District, Lahaina District, Molokai District, and a smaller one on Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Huh. And so, does Kihei ever get any street sweeping?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Although, we, we lost our Street Sweeper Operator. We had the street sweeper down for a while for mechanical problems. We got that fixed and then we lost the operator. So, it's. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, how often do they do it?

MR. HASHIRO: They have a schedule and we can provide you that schedule if you want it.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, that's okay. I'm just curious. It's like once a month, once a week?

MR. HASHIRO: I think it's supposed to be at least once a week.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Huh, that's great. You know I don't have any specific questions here. It's, it's just that . . . um . . . as I understand it, Kihei comes out of the Wailuku District still.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: All the service for Kihei. So, are you folks looking at getting a baseyard in Kihei? I mean that's a long haul to get services.

MR. HASHIRO: Actually, my preference would be to consolidate Makawao, Lahaina, and Wailuku into one baseyard --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Really?

MR. HASHIRO: --and use the economy of skill and to reduce the amount of equipment that we currently buy. Because we're essentially buying one piece of equipment for every district and I kind of see that as a waste. I, I think we can better schedule things if we have it in one central baseyard and plan the work accordingly. But I think the, what I've been getting a lot is that people want baseyards in every district. But I don't believe that's the most cost efficient way to go.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, you know, you're the Division head, you, you know best I think. So, yeah, everybody wants to have their own little baseyard where they can go and get their special treatment or whatever. But, yeah, if it's not cost effective, you know, we're grown up now so let's be grown up and, and do what is cost effective so that in the future we can meet the needs of our growing community. So, what would it take to do that, Mr. Hashiro --

MR. HASHIRO: As far as?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --to be centralized?

MR. HASHIRO: At this point, it seems like a far lost dream based on the buildings we're building at . . . *(end of tape 6A - 5:03 p.m.)* . . . there. So, it's seems like a lost cause at this point. We built a pretty new baseyard in Lahaina. We built a new garage in Makawao. And it doesn't look like we're going to centralize, frankly.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, then I guess Kihei needs to have their baseyard then.

ALL: . . . *(laughter)* . . .

MR. HASHIRO: And if you can find me the property, we certainly would take a look at it.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. I mean . . . um . . . well, that's, that's a discussion, I guess, for another time but thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Any, we just might finish and you might just see the street sweeper out there at 11.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. . . . *(laughter)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, at 3 o'clock in the morning. Oh, shoots.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So, Members, just a reminder, we still got the Environmental side to go, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: So, Member Mateo.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman. Mr. Hashiro, Mr. Hashiro, what do you do with the old equipment? You know after you replace them where, where do they go?

MR. HASHIRO: We try to have, well, most of my equipment we trade it in. We put it as a trade-in. Just because we have problems of getting rid of it afterwards --

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, it's not --

MR. HASHIRO: --especially on Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: --so, it's not all sent to Molokai as new. Nah. Thank you.

MR. HASHIRO: No. We, we try to provide the better equipment to the outlying districts because they have special needs. Prior Administration would send every, all the junk stuff to all the outlying districts. That's not part of our policy at the present time.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. The Chair is aware of the time and I'd, I'd like to finish up with the Highways Division. Turning to Page 17-41. This is a Traffic Management Program. Mr. Victorino, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Not on the A account. I see just one, one vacant position and we've already beat that horse to death. So, thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see you don't have any expansions. Are we taking on more traffic signals than we originally started with?

MR. HASHIRO: We're going to have more but we did have an expansion position in this year's budget. We got the list yesterday and the guy lives in San Diego. So, we're arranging to, for an interview that, so he can fly over and do the interview.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. HASHIRO: So that should cover our needs for the immediate future.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hashiro. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, no questions for this Division.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, the B account. Mr. Victorino? Starting from Page 17-43.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. Pretty flat. They look like they're keeping everything in line. So, no questions at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you. No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I guess the Chair said the magic word earlier.

MR. HASHIRO: Chairman Pontanilla.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I need to . . .

MR. HASHIRO: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes, Mr. Hashiro.

MR. HASHIRO: Could I just add a quick one on this. We've been converting a lot of our traffic signals to LED lights. So, actually, we're saving electricity for most of our traffic signals. So, we, if you noticed that some of the numbers are going down for electricity, it's because of that conversion.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Thank you. Members, the C account, equipment expansion. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. I've looked at all the equipment they intend, intend to expand on, and I can see the need for it. So, no questions, sir.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, just a couple of very quick ones, Chairman. This part about traffic signal, this is when, when we lose power at major intersections, and then you would bring up this portable unit, Mr. Hashiro?

MR. HASHIRO: Not really. It's more for when we get traffic accidents where the, the vehicle knocks down the, the, the traffic pole.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

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MR. HASHIRO: So, then we place it in that corner to do it. You may see it on Hana Highway sometimes when they did the bridge replacement, they had that portable signals.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. HASHIRO: Something like that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That's better than having our Police Officer trying to adjust according to the time of day and, and. . .

MR. HASHIRO: Oh, yes, and they're calling us constantly to where, excuse me.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no. I'm just, I'm just curious, you know. I mean in Japan, they got that moving robot, you know, for move traffic. And, and this spectrum radio, you want, you know, ten, ten spectrum, okay, what, what is that, please?

MR. HASHIRO: We had in this year's budget for a spread, spread spectrum radio, some traffic controllers, and the Quicknet software. This is, and that was to do half of our traffic signals to provide a radio signal. Something like a scanner system that the Wastewater and the Water Supply has that will transmit the information from the traffic signal to a local, our Central Maui, Wailuku baseyard --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. HASHIRO: --so we can monitor what's going on with the signal.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And I, I think we shared with your Director that the State Legislature is considering this huge traffic control center for Maui. And I don't know what its capabilities are or if there's a benefit to the County and your Division regarding traffic signalization. But you, you might want to investigate since it does, it has had movement at the Capitol. And if it's coming to Maui and the County can be a beneficiary, indirect beneficiary, I would just ask that, yeah, you might want to take up that opportunity. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no questions.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mr. Hashiro, the wood router is that just to route out bases of trees where you're going to place stuff?

MR. HASHIRO: No. This router is, is an equipment that is tied into our sign-making software. So, it can make signs like this routing out the signs or for like Lahaina Historic District, we have all those wood historic district signs. We could actually create it in-house.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And does Traffic Signs still have to make the cemetery cross signs?

MR. HASHIRO: I believe they still do. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hashiro. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. So, this wood router, this is the first time you've done this? You've, you've had to contract it out in the past?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Before we contracted all sign, wood signs out. We just learned about this recently during this last budget that we were going through a site, specific site soft... I mean the website and saw this thing on there and, hey, this might work for us.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah.

MR. HASHIRO: So, we, we kind of asked around and found a dealer and got an estimated price and all that. So, it looks like we can deal with some of this historic district wooden signs a lot better and we can do it in-house and probably save us money in the long run.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And maybe charge other departments to do some of their signs for 'em, too, and pay for the, pay for the router.

MR. HASHIRO: Then I would need an accountant to kind of manage the, the accounting for it.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Anyway, I think it's a good thing to have and you'll probably find a lot of uses. And, and, and, you know, don't you guys share with other departments? I mean if there's another, say the Parks Department needs a sign, instead of them going out and contracting someone to do it, couldn't they go to you and, and have it done?

MR. HASHIRO: They come to us quite frequently. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: He said with a --

MR. HASHIRO: We're not allowed to --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --scowl on his face.

MR. HASHIRO: --tap into their, their workers but we're, we're allowed to give them our work.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I see.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo? Thank you. That completes the Traffic Management Program. We go to the automo..., County Garage? Member Victorino, any questions on the A account?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. I just, again, the, you guys only have one vacancy and looking for two small like, two, two expansions. So, no, no questions at this time.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is both expansions for Hana or, or just the Mechanic is for Hana?

MR. HASHIRO: We have an Equipment Operator III for Hana Road and we have a Construction Equipment Mechanic I for Hana Garage.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. But, you know, on the, you know, expansion positions, Mr. Hashiro, you have one Mechanic I and one Clerk III. My understanding was the Mechanic I would be for Hana.

MR. HASHIRO: Yeah, and the Clerk III is for Molokai Garage.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: For Molokai Garage. Okay. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mr. Hashiro, in the Garage accounts, have you considered adding a Garage Clerk to the Lahaina Garage? I, I know Lahaina has started to pick up a lot of work from the other agencies and, you know, there's just one Mechanic there and, you know, a very good mechanic. And so, more agencies want to go there for their repairs and maintenance. Is there any consideration for a Clerk to take some of the load off the Administrative Services Assistant?

MR. HASHIRO: Not at the present time.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Moving along to the B account, operations. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, Mr. Chair, again, they've done a good job of keeping their costs in check, and their overall from all the districts. I just hope that the outlying districts get enough support. I mean that's always a concern in my mind that Molokai, Lanai, Hana, the outlying districts get the necessary funding because they can't always depend and

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come into Wailuku to get things done. So, other than that, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, my only question is regarding our Lanai program to Mr. Hashiro. Has the other departments been able to get some of the benefits of our, our Mechanic on Lanai whether it be just for assist in general maintenance of Police vehicles or Parks and Recreation vehicle?

MR. HASHIRO: I believe the Police Department has a contract with Valley Isle Motors to maintain all their vehicles. I don't believe we get any of their vehicles. The Fire Department, normally, they go to their own Fire Mechanics first before they come to us.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Parks?

MR. HASHIRO: And Parks, I believe, we, we handle theirs if they come to us. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But --

MR. HASHIRO: And Human Concerns, I believe has a vehicle also.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --but my only other question is but do we service through the Public Works fuel tank on Lanai, do we service all County vehicles or just Public Works vehicles?

MR. HASHIRO: It's available to any agency for the County.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Would you know if the other departments are utilizing the ability of the County to buy by bulk the fuel?

MR. HASHIRO: I believe a number of them are. I, I can check for sure as to which ones are coming. I believe some are not. I think Fire doesn't. But I can check and find out a little bit more on that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Maybe I think Fire, I think, Fire has their own external--

MR. HASHIRO: I think they . . .

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --fuel tank themselves.

MR. HASHIRO: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, as backup also so. Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Hashiro.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. My only question is on subobject code 6022 on all the districts, the gasoline, diesel, and oil. All of 'em have stayed flat. We don't anticipate increased use or increased costs coming up?

MR. HASHIRO: Like I said, previously, right now, we're looking pretty good from the increases we had in the past. We looking pretty good. Now, I, I think some of our costs were based on like \$5 a gallon. So, if we stay way under that we should be okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hashiro. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you. Mr. Hashiro, I just wanted to get clarification, follow up on Mr. Hokama's question regarding Public Works providing services for Police, et cetera. And, and your response was, my question would be relative to the Fire Department. Public Works does not provide service in terms of repairing Fire Department's equipment?

MR. HASHIRO: I think the protocol for the Fire Department is to go to their Fire Mechanics first just by contractual requirement. But if they have a certain

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need that their Fire Mechanics cannot get there and do it in time, they'll come, certainly come to see us to try to do it.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Because like, like the, the rural communities, like our community, our community because only, what the Fire Department have like two mechanics. So, obviously, they're not readily available. So, your Department takes the hit on our island. You know, and, and the question would be whether or not there is a charge for that service for them because they have their own equipment. And even according to your description, it's real specific in saying "except" and it, it leaves out Police, Fire, and Water . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Molokai Fire is an exception. Our crew takes a great pleasure to help them out. We generate cost reports for everything we do for Molokai Fire. Whether it gets paid off or not, I'm not certain but we do generate the cost reports.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Great. That's, that's just what I was interested in knowing. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. C account. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, no questions, Mr. Chair. None at this time.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Hashiro, the laptop computer for Wailuku Garage. Is this for vehicle, to hook up to the vehicles for analyzation and, and so forth to the vehicle computers?

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct. You know everybody probably knows that most of our cars nowadays are computerized.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. HASHIRO: And we finding that we, we are short of the, I guess, the diagnostic equipment such as the laptop computer. And I've been getting a ton of earful from my mechanics that they don't have the proper equipment. So, we're going to try to address that. Part of the savings from this year, and part from next fiscal year's budget.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I, I think that's terrific. Yeah, that's overdue. Now, so is this going to be a pilot program because none of the other garages are getting one?

MR. HASHIRO: I believe Hana and Makawao has a laptop computer already for their garage. Wailuku only asked for it for this fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Mr. Hashiro. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo? Thank you. Members, that completes the Public Works side. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, just quickly two quick questions. One, has the mechanics made any comments regarding maintenance of Hybrid vehicles?

MR. HASHIRO: They have expressed some concern about the high voltage. And so far like for Lahaina and Makawao, where, where we have those Prius, Toyota Prius, I haven't heard very much after that. But Wailuku has expressed some concern. We hope to provide 'em, if there's any training available, provide the training to them.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, you haven't, they haven't had any issues with maybe replacing bushings or valves or, or other mechanical areas that the, that maybe either the Hybrid or, or the type of fuel that's being utilized is impacting your people's maintenance ability?

MR. HASHIRO: Right now, both, well we have three Hybrids right now. So, it, they pretty, real pretty new, so we haven't had much issue as of yet.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And if anything, currently, the warranty I guess would take care of the, the . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. HASHIRO: Pretty much.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And, Chairman, just one last one. And, and, you know, it just caught my eye, again. Your Construction Inspector that you requested earlier, again, you know, I would rather not impact general fund if possible. I would ask that you would please look at huh, uh, uh, uh, uh, uh Construction Plan Review Revolving Fund that's part of the subdivision process and whatnot. There's, there's a plan review fee assessed and I think it's too low. But you've got four hundred-plus thousand dollars in this account that can help pay for also salaries. And I would just ask to, to see, if we can make it work, I don't mind utilizing this funds that we've collected as, as maybe a way of funding your new position, please, Mr. Hashiro.

MR. HASHIRO: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Members, that concludes the, one-half of the Department's budget. The Chair would like to note the time as 5:20. If the Members would like to take a dinner break and come back at 6:30 to continue or take a 10-minute break and continue? Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Why are you asking me because I'm the lady in the group?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: That's right.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Go to dinner.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros. Dinner?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina buying you dinner.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. We'll take a dinner break and then we'll come back at 6:30 and reconvene this meeting. This meeting is in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

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RECESS: 5:23 p.m.
RECONVENE: 6:39 p.m.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . (*gavel*) . . . Budget and Finance Committee now reconvene. Page 5-1 - Environmental Management, A account, Administration Program . . . (unrecorded portion) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know and I guess justification isn't really the word because we did, you know, instigate this change. And we all felt or at least most of us, I guess, felt that it was the wise thing to do, and, and the voters did. So, we have to supply them with the necessary personnel to make this happen. But if the, if the Director could just maybe give us a brief understanding of the job responsibilities that these, you know, I guess, we don't need to know about the Secretary and the Personnel Clerk, and the Clerk III. That's kind of obvious. But what the major job duties that the Director, the Deputy Director, and the Administrative Officer will be handling because, you know, that's close to \$250,000 in salaries. And I think since we have nothing for comparison it would nice to. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Director Arakawa, can you provide us with some information in regards to that?

MR. ARAKAWA: Sure. Currently, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management has, you know, five divisions. Three will remain with the Department of Public Works. That's the three we went over today, Engineering Division, Development Services Administration, and Highways Division. So, basically Wastewater and Solid Waste will be within the new Department of Environmental Management. And the Director and the Deputy Director, basically, would do what I do. Basically, my duties would be split up now. I'll be basically administering those three divisions in Public Works. And the new Director and Deputy will be administering Wastewater and Solid Waste. The Administrat..., you were asking about the Administrative Officer as well?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, yeah, I guess the Deputy Director and the Administrative Officer, yes.

MR. ARAKAWA: The, the Administrative Officer, basically, would take care of all of the personnel issues that would arise within the Wastewater Reclamation Division and Solid Waste Division. So, even here, we, in Public Works and Environmental Management, currently, we have one

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Administrative Officer. And she is currently overwhelmed with personnel matters that need her attention. So, her duties will be basically with what occurs, personnel matters that occur within the Engineering Division, DSA, and Highways. And this new Administrative Officer for the Department of Environmental, Environmental Management will take care of all of the personnel matters for Wastewater and Solid Waste.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, Director, will this free up your time for other things? I mean. . .

MR. ARAKAWA: As far as my workload, probably, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, we hope so. But you, you haven't . . . um . . . you haven't projected, I guess, what amount of time that you would have to devote to other things and where you might put that time?

MR. ARAKAWA: No, not really. But, basically, as you know, the main reason for splitting the department was because of the, the breathe of the responsibilities. It's just a wide-ranging amount of duties that entail the position. So, necessarily, you know, I've had, I've had to delegate a lot of responsibilities to our division heads. So, I am anticipating that with the split, I'll be doing a lot more hands-on types of work as opposed to currently.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. That's great. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman. Chairman, thank you. And I'm just going to go start all over again with looking at premium pay and the expectation of, of OT. When you look at FY '07, the amount projected was considerably higher. Of course your Department also was larger with two additional bodies at, at, in, in '07. So, the 10,000 that's being projected is based on what?

MR. ARAKAWA: Let me back up a bit. I know maybe I should clarify my answer from earlier. When we had talked about the Director's Office for Public Works, you were ask, also asking about premium pay and the amount there. We're thinking that, come July 1, hopefully, a new Director for Environmental Management will become, will be on board. But the other Civil Service positions, of course, we still have to go through the hiring process. There is going to be a transition period. Some of that

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overtime, we're thinking that it will be the Public Works side basically trying to help the Environmental Management side get on track.

What's needed here on the Environmental Management side, you know, basically, I, I think it's basically trying to get up to speed. You know once people are hired, us trying to make sure that the Department can run on, you know, on an optimum basis.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, Mr. Director, then, then in the, the next fiscal, FY '09 then from both departments, we will be seeing a considerable reduction in premium pay then which is what I'm hearing you say?

MR. ARAKAWA: I hope so. I hope so that we can be, the transition can be smooth.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Are, are you aware what your, what that cumulative total is?

MR. ARAKAWA: Not, not offhand.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Okay. Would you know what the cumulative total would be for, for this new divisions, for this new department?

MR. ARAKAWA: No. I, I don't know.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

MR. ARAKAWA: I mean it's basically a guess at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah.

MR. ARAKAWA: I mean that's what we were thinking.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah. It's just that that guess runs into the hundreds of thousands. So that's what attracts my interest. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Member Hokama followed by Member Molina.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you. Regarding administration for this new department, was any thought given to having this all come from special funds since this is all special fund programs, refuse, sewer instead of general funds?

MR. ARAKAWA: We, we haven't considered that. I believe these are general funded at, at this point.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, the proposal is general fund. And my question is like golf, why isn't this all under special funds for the operations including the administration of this program?

MR. ARAKAWA: It's something we could look at I suppose.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Good. I think it's worthy, Chairman, that we consider that this be a non-general fund department. If this is what the people want then they need to be ready to pay for it. And they're not going to know the true cost unless we make the department pay through its revenue sources instead of general fund subsidies. The, the one question I would have regarding the admini..., Chairman, are you taking abandoned cars as part of this administrative program since it's how your staff broke down the staffing or you just want the top seven, six positions only?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Just the top six and then we'll continue on. And I think the next section, we'll come to the Abandoned Vehicles, Scrap Metal --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --and White Goods Program.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Chairman. Thank you. And, Director, and, you know, I apologize if this, this question has been asked. The salary ranges for the Deputy and the Director of this new department, was this an estimation of, of the management tier that you folks put or is this something that our brilliant Salary Commission came up with?

MR. ARAKAWA: No. I believe at this point it's just an estimate. I don't believe the Salary Commission has come to a decision on it at this point. So, for budgetary purposes we, I mean it's an estimate.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You made a, you know, a decision what, what level the, the, the Director would fit in of all the different groupings we have for

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the County? Okay. Help us understand why it's prudent on our part to have an Administrative Officer as well as a Personnel, a specific Personnel Clerk for this area, Mr. Director?

MR. ARAKAWA: The Administrative Officer would handle, basically, all, all of the personnel functions for the Department. She would oversee, you know, we have many personnel related issues that arise. Union, you know, conformance with any collective bargaining agreements, investigations that would need to be overseen maybe not necessarily done by this person but overseen by the Administrative Officer. Position changes, coordination of position description changes. You know just a whole slew of personnel issues that need to be taken care of.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Currently, under the Department as it exists today, you already have within Public Works Administration an Admin Officer as well as a Personnel Clerk?

MR. ARAKAWA: That's correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And, you know, I appreciate your comments of why you believe this is a worthy request to this Committee. Now, Chairman, I'm more concerned about if this is what the Department does internally, now, what does DPS do for the Departments? I mean, I think we, we, we need to know so that we can make the, the, the better, the best . . .(end of tape 6B - 6:53 p.m.). . . Because wouldn't contract interpretation come from DPS? I mean, you know, in the presentation we got, they're the chief spokesperson for personnel collective bargaining and everything for the County. So, but yet, you know, these people would report directly to the specific department head not to Personnel. So, I'm just wondering is, is this the best way to, for us to handle operations?

MR. ARAKAWA: Well, the Department, we often consult with the Department of Personnel Services as these issues come up. The actual implementation of the personnel policies would be left to the Department's Administrative Officer and, and the Clerk. But, you know, a lot of the guidance that we need, we get from DPS. Actually, their, their staff itself is, you know, a fairly small staff. So, if they don't have the manpower themselves to do, you know, basically, do all the leg work.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Well, I, I appreciate that comment, and, and that's why we need to decide should we "beef" up DPS because what I had hoped, I mean, all the departments have a Clerk III. They all come

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under Unit 03 HGEA. That's only one contract. There's not a Unit 03 contract for Public Works, one contract for Parks, Unit 03 Parks. There's only one Unit 03 for the County of Maui. So, I would assume DPS can uniformly interpret and provide guidance within the existing contracts instead of each department having their own maybe slightly different take on the contract itself. But, but I appreciate your, your comments, Mr. Director. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --followed by Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. Just, just one quick follow up on the support personnel. You know if memory serves me correct when we, the Department of Transportation was created you had the Director, the Deputy, and a Secretary. Of course the scope of responsibilities between Solid Waste and Department of Transportation are quite different. But if, Mr. Director, if you had to choose, you know, if you had to say pick two of the four support personnel that you need, which, which ones would you say are the most essential? At this point, being that this is a, a relatively, I guess, new department in, I guess, in, it depends on how you look at it. Yeah. And we don't fully know what the workload is going to be in it's, in it's first year. Can you tell us at this point?

MR. ARAKAWA: Well, I think, if you look at the County Department of Transportation, they have a Director, Deputy, and a Private Secretary. And, basically, they administer private contracts but, you know, they, they don't have any other staff besides that. If you look at the E/P's within Wastewater and Solid Waste, it's, you know, bigger than most County departments. So, I would look at these positions as pretty essential. If it's not granted then I think the Department, the new Department will have a hard time getting up to speed to tell you the truth.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. About, in terms of where would they be housed?

MR. ARAKAWA: We can talk about that a little bit more in the B budget but--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

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MR. ARAKAWA: --there's money in there. We'd have to basically rent office space. And the Administrative staff for Wastewater and Solid Waste are located at One Main Plaza. So, we were looking at some space at One Main Plaza. And then, basically, they need money to actually get the space up to speed, renovation, get all of the office equipment, the computers, and, you know, the, basically, the office setup so that they can, you know, start work there.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Director, help me understand that, I look at the salary range numbers and I'm assuming "x" is just there because that, whatever is appropriate hasn't been placed there yet. But how is it the SR-20 makes more than a SR-24? How does a Private Secretary make more than the Administrative Officer? And I'm assuming from Administrative Officer down those are Civil Service positions and not appointed.

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes, the, the Private Secretary is an appointed position.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, it is.

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And but it's SR-20, and the Administrative Officer is SR-24, and normally, the higher number makes more in salary.

MR. ARAKAWA: Yeah, these are all appointed positions so we, this is basically just assumptions that we were looking at. In order to . . . um . . . attract a Private Secretary that will be worth her salt, I mean, this is what we feel we have to pay.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Could I apply for that job? It's at least \$2,000 more than we're making.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Director, you're saying that one, two, three, four, five, six; these six positions are all appointed?

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MR. ARAKAWA: No. No, the Director is appointed. Deputy Director is appointed --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the Private Secretary.

MR. ARAKAWA: --and, and the Private Secretary is appointed.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Why is it necessary for the Private Secretary to be appointed?

MR. ARAKAWA: That's basically the convention. All of the directors, well, maybe not all but I know in terms of Public Works I think most of the, the, the departments have Private Secretaries that are, that are appointed. And they are appointed and they come and go with the, the director and the deputy. And they are, their boss is, actually, they are appointed by the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. My, my, my concern with, with that would be if you lost the Director and Deputy Director because the Administration changed then you lost, you lose the continuity of that position as far as what goes on. Whereas if it's a Civil Service position, that person stays in the position and continues the work and the knowledge and the experience that has come with that position. So that would be my concern with that. But so, it's not a typo, the Private Secretary will make more than the Administrative Officer?

MR. ARAKAWA: That's what we're proposing. Yes. And I have to put in a plug for the private secretaries because, you know, if, if, I can tell you if, if you're a director or a deputy, and you, you, you need a very good private secretary or else, or else you cannot function effectively.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. I'm not saying private secretaries are not good. I'm just thinking about, you know, when the Administration changes and you change these top people in the Department, then you're left with brand new people coming in again. Okay. I just wanted to be sure to ask about that. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. I got a fast question in regards to the Administration side. Looking at the, all of the jobs that are listed by programs, I note that you have cashiers, accountant. Do you feel that a Fiscal Officer would be better fit for administration of the Department, for the Depart..., Administration program?

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MR. ARAKAWA: Your question is for this particular Department, right?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: For actually the, yeah, for the Department for both Solid Waste as well as Wastewater.

MR. ARAKAWA: That could be a possibility but although Wastewater and Solid Waste each has their own accountant to take care of all of their, you know, their financial matters. So, probably, the Administrative Officer or Private Secretary or one of these six positions would be taking care of the financial matters for this Director's Office per se. But otherwise, the Divisions themselves have accountant type people who would take care of all the financial matters.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, as far as oversight in regards to the financial matters of the new Department, the accountants for each of the programs will be sufficient?

MR. ARAKAWA: I believe so. And, of course, the running of the divisions themselves, you know, basically, the responsible person for that would be ultimately the division head and, and, of course, the, ultimately the director of the department.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And as far as the billing for Wastewater as well as Solid Waste, who will continue to do that?

MR. ARAKAWA: The Divisions will continue to do that as they do now.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, it's not going to be similar to, similar to the Water Works, Water Department?

MR. ARAKAWA: In terms of obtaining additional people to do those functions?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yes.

MR. ARAKAWA: No. I don't anticipate a change to the, the, at least the billing procedure in Wastewater and Solid Waste as a result of the creation of this new department.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Just for a point of information for our fellow Councilmember Medeiros. I went back and picked three departments; Liquor, Fire, and Finance, and every one the Private Secretary makes as much or more than this young lady does or this person, I can say lady, this person will make in this new department. So, I guess private secretaries are at a premium because everyone seems to make very good money. Making more than a Chief Liquor Control Officer, more than Administrative Officer, more than other what I consider management positions. So, I just wanted to make that clear that, I guess, this is something that is occurring out there. It's not just this Department but it's throughout many of the departments.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions in regards to the A account on the new Department?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, one follow-up --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: --question. Yeah. Director, but why is it assigned with a SR rating if it's appointed? Is it, because isn't appointed positions, because an SR rating is like a bargaining unit kind of rating? And that's what's confusing me, you know, how an SR-20 is paid more than an SR-24? Would the Budget Director have any information, Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Budget Director.

MR. TAGUCHI: Chair. Chair Pontanilla.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, Mr. Taguchi.

MR. TAGUCHI: I believe a lot of it will depend upon whether or not the recruiting effort can go what is called into the range. Now, these are various steps within each SR rating from, you know, for lack of better understanding A to Z. And depending upon the situation, I believe, Personnel would determine whether they can go into the range to get a person fitted into that position. So, although an SR-20 may be a lower step, if the person is hired at a higher, I mean, it's a lower, lower

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classification, if the person is hired at a higher Step range their salary could exceed the SR-24 rating.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. My, my understanding of bargaining unit salary ranges is what SR stands for. Is that, some do not have longevity ranges like we used to all the way up to L and M, that they're limited to A and B. So, I'm not sure how this is going to work but I'll see if I can find out from DPS. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Taguchi, just a fast question. Is this similar to what some of the departments like Planning, Water Department, you know, in trying to recruit engineers rather than start on the bottom they go, you know, at the high range of that particular SR?

MR. TAGUCHI: I'm not sure but I believe there would have to be certain qualifications to, I guess, classify them at the higher ranges. But I believe that is one of the tools available under certain conditions that the Personnel Department may permit hiring within that range.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions on the A account? If not, we go to the B account, which is the Operations. And, and, Members, let me note that the numbers all, you know, there's no comparison. Okay. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. There's one, one clarification. I, I think this is supposed to be under other costs zero, 6234, I think this is rental of office not rental of office equipment. The 105? Because you buying equipment in the next one, so I'm going to assume that that's should read, read rental of office space or office.

MR. PABLO: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Just so long as we're clear on that. That or I was going say that's awful expensive furniture. That's what I was going to ask for equipment. Okay. That was the only question I had on, on that one on 6234.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, did the Director share with us where they are looking at to, for possible rental of this administrative requirements?

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Director.

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes. The Administrative staff of the Wastewater Reclamation Division and Solid Waste Division are both at One Main Plaza, so, we're looking at rental space at One Main Plaza.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, this is the current amount that you are paying within your Department for this divisions?

MR. ARAKAWA: We have looked at the available space within One Main Plaza
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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. ARAKAWA: --and the space that we think this director's office will need. So, we have looked at some possible tentative rental spaces there, and looked at what they've currently rented at and put it in the budget proposal.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Going be interesting how you recalculate the fee increases to take care all of your administrative needs. So, currently, Mr. Director, whatever administrative help, this comes from your office and you wouldn't be able to tell us at this point whether you dedicate 40 percent of, of your administrative budget to this two divisions or not? So, so, we can get, kind of get a sense of whether or not this 135,000 request is, is within reason. Or, let's say, you would tell us, no, the divisions, you know, pretty much are independent, they follow the program, they stay within parameters. So, you know, as far as administrative of the existing departments, I give 20 percent of my time or you might tell us it needs a lot so I give 60 percent of my time.

MR. ARAKAWA: That's a hard question to answer. As I was, as I was kind of alluding to earlier, because of the, the size, the current size of the department, much of what I do or maybe what I, what I should do is delegate it to the division heads. So, with the creation of the new department, I think, both directors and deputies will have more time for more in-depth work with the department that they're responsible for.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I, I appreciate that, that comment, Mr. Arakawa. Because, Chairman, it's interesting that, I guess, some, there are some assumption that we would have some savings in Public Works Department since we're going to transfer costs and resources to

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this new Environmental Management. If you'll notice, Public Works budget it still has gone up. It hasn't remained flat or reduced by a duplication for a new department, Members. So, we're not saving money definitely. I'm done, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Director, you just told us that Administration for Solid Waste and Wastewater is currently at One Main Plaza. And I'm trying to see, see what they're paying for rent and I don't see it. You know that's the only thing we have for comparison here.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Have you looked in this one?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Other costs, 6234. So, I guess, we'll try to find it when we get there. The 100,000, 105,000 for how many months is that?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman. Chairman, point of information, please.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, I'm looking at the current year's Fiscal Year's Budget that ends June 30th of this year. Solid Waste, this is last year, this is the current year's Budget not the proposed one.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You're looking at Solid Waste?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, looking at Solid Waste for this year's Budget, which is the '07, now. So, unless you have the '07 Budget, you're not going to find it, Members, because what's before us is the '08. But it shows that we've approved \$100,000 just for Solid Waste rentals in their,

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and Solid Waste Administration of about \$560,000. And this is the handout, I believe, they gave --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, the handout was passed out earlier.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --to the Members of the current year's expenses.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sorry. So, that would be on 16-90 of the, what the Department was kind enough to provide us of what was adopted in the current year's Budget. And then if you look at Wastewater Administration under their rental, they have \$210,000. So, within the two divisions, we're look..., we're looking at 310,000 under rentals.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Mr. Hokama, what's the, the page and the subcode for the Wastewater?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Wastewater is on 16-65 of the handout.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sixty-six.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: It's under Wastewater Administration. And if you look down to rentals under, under this program area you're going to see subcode 6559 --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --Other Costs; 210,000 out of their \$805,000 administrative appropriation we approved. So, that would maybe help us have a sense of what they, we currently are providing those two divisions, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And I see that in this year's Budget, Mr. Chair, for rentals for Wastewater, it's now 230. It's on 5-40 under the same subcode 6659. So, what I'm getting at with this is, how much, you know, you know that there's going to be startup time and trying to get the employees online and, and describing the position and all that. So, this 105 reflects how much period of time?

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MR. ARAKAWA: Councilmember Anderson, that \$105,000 does reflect one year, 12-month rental.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: For a 12-month rental?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And is it all rental or is there any, you said you found a space over there. Does this, is this space . . . um . . . suited up for occupation because there's a lot of space over there that's unfinished space that needs ceilings and walls and lighting, and all of that?

MR. ARAKAWA: You know, Councilmember Anderson, I'm really not familiar with the specifics of the space. I know our Deputy Director was looking at the specific space over there at One Main Plaza. And I'm not sure if this amount includes some renovation money as part of the, the, the total rental cost, to tell you the truth. But he did figure it out. We're looking at some space over there, and, you know, it's a rental and this is supposed to get the space ready to move in, basically, that \$105,000 figure that we have in the proposed budget.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, if you could look into that and let us know how much of that --

MR. ARAKAWA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --is for any kind of renovation? And maybe you should budget for some buckets because I hear that everybody on One, on One Main Plaza is suffering from chronic leaking when it rains. I know as a matter-of-fact, I don't know about your Department but Planning Department wherever they are, they got buckets all over their desk when it rains. That's all I have, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo? Thank you. Members, any more questions on the operating budget for the Department? If not, we go to the C account, Page 5-5. These are all expansion items, equipment and furniture. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I guess the only question I'd have, I guess, they already, you guys buying this copier or leasing? I mean you guys, your Department has been notorious to buy so that's the question.

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MR. ARAKAWA: I, I, I assume it was a buy.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. All right. And this miscellaneous equipment, I going assume that would be all things like laptops, computers, desk equipment, things that, you know, because you guys just put miscellaneous. So, I'm going to assume that's, that's what you meant by that.

MR. ARAKAWA: Whatever is needed to get the office up and running, basically.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. So long as you have said it that way. I'm fine, I'm fine with that. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would just ask Mr. Pablo to have a conversation with the Mayor. If we, even if we, Chairman, as the Council, move forward certain capital improvements such as moving the Wailuku Municipal Parking Lot Project forward and we build then I would have, ask Mr. Pablo to have the discussion with senior management whether or not we really should be purchasing things. That maybe leasing things even if it's temporary for even the director's office might make better sense so that, you know, once we get a new facility and we make adjustments. I've, I've had enough experience that someone's going to say that what we bought won't fit or match in the new building so we want new ones again. And I'm willing to pay one time a good amount to take care of it but I won't pay twice, Chairman. So that's my only comment. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And we go to the Abandoned Vehicle, Scrap Metal, and White Goods Program. Member Victorino, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I'll leave the premium pay to my colleague at the other end. So, no, I have no questions about that.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. Director, Mr. Takamine, we made adjustments, I believe, on the State's program regarding the, the Bottle Program and I believe there was two positions. Can you tell us where, in this lineup, if, if it is in this lineup within the Department of EM would those two positions be considered for County funding now, please?

MR. TAKAMINE: It's located in the, under the Diversion Program.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, is that where, where, where, wait, where, where are we now, Chairman, this landfill disposal. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah. Abandoned Vehicles, Scrap Metal, and White Goods Program.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, this is where the, those two positions would be then, right?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I would assume.

MR. TAKAMINE: No. No. The, the one, the two you're talking about are the Recycle Specialist III located under my Diversion Recycle Program on Page 5-30, 5-31. That's a different, different program.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I'm just trying to find out where it is on, on the list our Staff has assisted us with vacancies versus the expansion.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Are these Recycle Specialist on the bottom?

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MS. REVELS: Mr. Chair. The two positions that are on our vacancy lists are listed on Page 5-6 of the Detail Budget at the top of the page -- a Recycling Coordinator and a Recycling Administrator.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, the Recycling Specialist, see, but that's not where it is under . . . (*inaudible*) . . . Okay. Maybe for the Committee you can share with us, is it through this program that's taking the lead on the Solid Waste Integration Plan update? Is this where Ms. Steele is assigned to?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, no, she's not. This is Abandoned Vehicle, White Goods Program we're talking about. She is under, again, the Diversion, Landfill Diversion Program.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, Mr. Takamine, then what is the difference with this recycling positions versus those in the Diversion, Diversion Program?

MR. TAKAMINE: It's titled, this one we're looking at, I guess, on page, what page are we looking at?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm looking at 5-6 of the . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: Five dash six?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. So, under Abandoned Vehicle you have Recycling Coordinator, Recycling Administrator. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: Right. That, that really, that Recycling Coordinator is what we call Abandoned Vehicle Recycling Coordinator.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: And the Administrator is really the Abandoned Vehicle Recycling Administrator.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

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MR. TAKAMINE: I guess they just cut it short. . . .(end of tape 7A - 7:25 p.m.). . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I appreciate you being able to give us this clarification. Okay. And then the, I think, you mentioned earlier that the Clerk was needed to assist them with the ability of processing because in the past we've had some snafus. I guess, you mentioned one with Police Department where we processed a car that shouldn't have been, have been processed. Is this the program area?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. But that that one, and that, that I mentioned actually was the, an error on the Maui Police Department not on our end. They, they tagged it wrong. It should have been abandoned. They tagged it as a derelict.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

MR. TAKAMINE: The Clerk, you're right, we're asking for a Clerk to, there's a mountain of paperwork involved. Whenever one of these cars come in, they, they have to research the owner. They have to go through the aban..., the Motor Vehicle database. We have to mail out letters. We have to file it. We have to take, each, each car comes in with two photographs. We have to document everything in case, in case somebody comes up and claims, tries to claim something once the car is destroyed.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just as a curiosity, Mr. Takamine, is there any revenue stream from this program for the County? Because somebody makes use of the scrap metal, the abandoned vehicle, I mean, somebody is making, somebody has a business that is obviously getting enough profit for them to continue doing this Scrap Metal, Abandoned Vehicle Program. So, I'm just wondering if the County receives any type of revenue stream for the processing? So, let's say, you get \$20 per car or 3 percent of the total cost of the 350 that, maybe a recycler might charge someone to take, take their car, drain the fluids, process, and ship it out. Is there any revenue stream?

MR. TAKAMINE: The only revenue stream we have out of this program is a very minimal amount and it's only when we, we can collect something back from the owner of the car that we towed off the road. And, and, and it's minimal money saying they, we charge them for the towing costs, storage fee cost, and, and our mail-out cost. So, you might look at an

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average about \$400 per car that we might get back if we get anything at all.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Right. I understand.

MR. TAKAMINE: In terms of the processing, it actually costs us money.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: And it's costing us right now about \$260,000 a year to process the car. And the, the contractor, actually, yeah, he's making money off of the recycled metal, tires, battery, not batteries, but the recycle materials but he's also incurring a cost.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: And he's charging us. At the current time, it's \$108 per car.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That, that, that fees that you mentioned that you recapture when possible, is that part of our Rates and Fees Schedule in the annual budget, Mr. Takamine? Is that where we, we would find it?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, it's not. It's, I don't believe it's in our rate, rate and fees. We, we will mail out a demand letter to the individual to recoup our actual cost. So, the, the storage fee cost that we pay to the contractor, the towing fee cost that we pay to the contractor, any certified mail fees. So, it's actual cost is what we actually charge to the, the car owner.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Corporation Counsel, does the Department or Division need some type of legislative assistance from us to reaffirm the ability of this Division to collect that type of revenues, recapture, or I should say recapture the cost? Or is, is the way that it's being done sufficient enough or do you think the muscle of the County Code behind their action would be more justifiable or defensible?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: You know I haven't worked on this issue for awhile but I do know that the Mayor's Office at one point was trying to "beef" up, basically, this, this abandoned vehicle issue. I don't think, well, so I'm

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not sure where they are on that. And they were talking about proposing revisions to the Code to give them more leverage. And, you know, I don't know exactly where they were on it. I think that they had gotten held up on manpower. I think that was where they were kind of stuck at because it takes time for somebody to research the ownership of the vehicle and to send out these demand letters. So, I was at one point helping them in trying to, you know, work on that process. But I think that, you know, if, if they do need, or if they do require Code revisions that they would be submitting something to the Council. But they, they were still trying to work through that process.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much for your comment. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening, Mr. Takamine. I guess this question may sort of borderline on the B account but can you outline any enhancements to the program that we could experience this next Fiscal Year in relation to the \$600,000 reduction for operations? Can we expect the same level of service provided, of course, with the expansion? I know there's a request for an expansion position for a Clerk. Can we still maintain the same level of service even though we, we're reducing operations?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. We should be able to maintain it. The, the reason for the reduction is basically we have a new contractor. We went from Kitagawa's to SOS, and we had a drastic reduction in cost. An example, the cost to process a automobile when it was under Kitagawa Towing was \$305 per vehicle. It's now 109. The cost to process White Goods was \$60 and now it's \$22. So that's where the, the, the drastic reduction in cost came in but the, the service is the same level of service.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, good. That's the kind of reductions I like to hear. Thank you, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Takamine, following up on Member Hokama's questions. When we tow vehicles, the first question is does it require an HRS? Because, you know, when people

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park in parking lots and their vehicles get towed, it's under an HRS statute. Do we have to have that in our towing?

MR. TAKAMINE: The, the process for towing under, under our, our program, number one, it's, it's mainly to tow vehicles off of County and State roads.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: And we're looking at derelict and abandoned vehicles. It's not vehicles involved in accidents. It's not involved in personal property and so forth. So, the procedure is if there's an abandoned or derelict vehicle located on County or State highways, the first proce..., the first thing you have to do is call Maui Police Department. We do not go out and tow any vehicles unless the Maui Police Department sends out an officer who, who follows, and I guess it's HRS procedures.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. He, he validates that it's not a stolen vehicle, whatever procedures they use. They, they, they might give 'em a ticket, then they tag the vehicle, and normally, I believe, they wait 24-hours, come back and verify if it's not been moved. They look at the speedometer, if there's speedometer, verify that, in fact, that it has been sitting there for more than 24 hours. Once they do that, they submit a Police Report, and the Police Report is emailed to one of my coordinators, and then from then once we get that then we start the process of issuing a tow order and, and actually picking up the vehicle.

And if it's derelict, it goes straight to the SOS recycling facility and it's crushed the, the day they bring it in. If it's an abandoned vehicle, and, again, this, this decision is made by a police officer. We don't make the decision. If it's abandoned, it goes to our abandoned vehicle storage lot, secure lot, and we hold it for an auction if the individual doesn't come and pick it up. If he comes to pick it up, he's charged, again, what I mentioned the, the fees that we, we have incurred. If it's not, we hold an auction once a month. And once it's sold then it's, you know, taken off the lot. If it's not sold immediately within, I think, it's 48 hours, all the vehicles are towed over to SOS and, and destroyed.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And my next question is on the same line as Member Hokama about revenue stream. Do we get anything back from the State from towing vehicles on State highways?

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MR. TAKAMINE: No, we don't. In fact, we, we pay for the vehicles that come off of the State highways.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, what mandates us to tow it off State highways?

MR. TAKAMINE: I guess there's no mandate but some of this money that, that we're getting here, correct me if I'm wrong, Milton, is, is Highway Beautification Fund, which is part of the State, State funds?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: The State doesn't give anything free.

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, okay. Then the State doesn't pay anything.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, there's, and there's mandate for us?

MR. TAKAMINE: There's no mandate. We, we just do it because they don't, they don't have a procedure. The State, the State would--

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Again.

MR. TAKAMINE: --basically call us.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. Thank you for that, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you. And I'm just going to ask, Mr. Takamine, same questions like all the other divisions regarding your calculations in premium pay. Because this is, and, I guess, it's, you know, like everything else, this is all an assumption because you still have, you know, positions not yet filled. So, can you tell us how you, how we're going from a thousand dollars to \$18,000 in, in, in this projection?

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MR. TAKAMINE: Actually, both of my positions are filled right now. I have a permanent Abandoned Vehicle Recycle Coordinator and I also have, and she's been there now for about a year and a half, a limited hire individual. So, I have both positions filled. This is, basically, the second year that, moving into a second year that we've controlled this program. So, we're kind of learning the ropes yet.

It's very time consuming . . . uh . . . work. And, and a lot of time from my side, too, because I'm directly responsible for this, this section. I do not have a supervisor. But the workload itself is, is very, involves a lot of paperwork. And right now, they're backlogged and just trying to, trying to update the database. So, if you check the database, you know, it's showing a few hundreds cars not being towed when in fact they've been towed. Files not been filed. So, they put a lot of overtime in, in weekends and, and just to try to keep up with the amount of tows.

It's just an unbelievable the amount of cars that are still being towed off of that roadway. So, the, the, the overtime, again, you know, we're, we're kind of learning how to operate and it's just, just, I guess, on what we need to do this year to maintain or try to catch up with what we have on the books right now.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, how do you manage, how do you manage currently? Because do you have an idea of what the premium pay is to-date for '07? Because we're, we're just looking at a projection of a thousand dollars.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. But I don't believe I have that numbers with me.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Do you have a ballpark so we can try to match that ballpark with '08?

MR. TAKAMINE: I do not right now. I have to get back with you.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, then if, if I, if I am, if I hear correctly then the, the need to catch up with, with work at this point is one of the rationale for the \$17,000 increase. So, the next Fiscal Year, we will see a notable reduction in your, your premium pay.

MR. TAKAMINE: If we, if I get or we get the Clerk III that would definitely reduce the backlog of paperwork and then reflect in the OT reduction.

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. And, Mr. Takamine, the, the Recycling Administrator, I think, that was the position that I showed on my list as being vacant. So, the 42,696 is that the full pay or is that partial like your eight months?

MR. TAKAMINE: No. That, that numbers you see there is full pay because this, this, both of these positions have been, I believe, since FY '06.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: I just haven't filled that position.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Thank you. And, and just for, you know, real briefly, if possible, what is the difference between a coordinator and an administrator?

MR. TAKAMINE: The Abandoned Vehicle Coordinator is mainly the, I guess, the more hands-on individual. The Administrator, which I don't have yet by the way, and we haven't even developed a PD. I'm working on the PD right now. I foresee this position as being the management side of this section. As I mentioned, right now, I am directly involved in, in both individuals. I'm the direct supervisor. Any issues that come up, I, I have to get involved. Any, any disciplinary action, any transaction with the Administration, anything like that I'm involved. I'm looking at having this individual be in charge of this section so I can then pass it on basically and, and have somebody responsible that I can check on versus me, myself handling all the issues --

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, you don't have --

MR. TAKAMINE: --on a daily basis.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: --the Administrator on now?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, I don't.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, I'm a little confused then. This, this, this has two positions: the Recycling Coordinator and the Recycling Administrator. You have on board the Coordinator. You are still waiting for the Administrator's position to be filled.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Oh, oh, okay. So, what other position do you have? Because you just, you just said you don't have a vacancy.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. That's, that's correct. The, the, the position for the Administrator, I'm filling right now with a limited term hire who is actually rated as another Abandoned Vehicle Coordinator. So, I have two individuals at the same SR rating at the current time just to be able to handle the workload while we develop the administration position, then go out for recruiting and hire.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: So, she is just a limited term knowing with the understanding that she could lose her position once I fill it.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And that, that limited term position then she fits, he or she fits that qualification for Administrator?

MR. TAKAMINE: No. The limited term position is, again, is considered as the Abandoned Vehicle Coordinator. I didn't hire the individual as the Administrator. So, she's not doing administrative supervisory work. She's doing the exact same work that the full-time Abandoned Vehicle Coordinator is doing. And when you hire limited term individuals, they do not have to meet the, meet the --

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Criteria.

MR. TAKAMINE: --qualifications of that position that they're filling.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And is, and is her, her pay then must be different from what's being shown here under the Administrator line? So, what is that person getting paid?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. She's not getting paid the 42,696. She's probably getting paid the 31,212. The same pay as the, the full-time regular employee.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: As the Coordinator?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Chairman, I, I just, it's late, so I think I'm really confused, you know, because what we're looking at does not tell us what Mr. Takamine is telling us. So, how much more of this Budget comes with fairy tales for us? We have to base our numbers only with what we see. This is what Administration provides us. So, when, you know, I'm just kind of like, at this point in time, I don't know if I can share my frustration and say it's really hard for us to continue because we don't have a matching that is right in front of us on one sheet. And it's really hard to understand some of the information we're receiving from the Department. So, personally, I'm having a difficulty in understanding what we actually have and what is being requested of because they don't match, Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. The only way we can come close to that is by separating, you know, again, this two sheets to get good information for this particular new department. Thank you. Members, any more questions on the A account? B account. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I really don't. Just one lump sum 2 million, I guess, that's all your contractual services that's what you're going to be dealing with for the year?

MR. TAKAMINE: I'm sorry, are we, we still talking about the Abandoned Vehicle?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. But we're under the --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: B account.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --B account on 9 --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Operations.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --9533 --

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --on 5-7, 5-7.

MR. TAKAMINE: That 2 million accounts for numerous towing contracts, storage yard contract, processing contract, a grant to CWD for White

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Goods Hot Spot Pickup, Molokai Scrap Metal, additional funding for a project in Molokai where we're removing the scrap metal, and I mentioned the White Goods, and the vehicle processing.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Director.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you. I think the most important thing we need to share with the County residents is that, you know, when they see people dumping their cars on the side of the road it's costing them as County taxpayers just in the program area not the staffing, over \$2.1 million.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And it's tax money that we shouldn't have to be spending if we had responsible drivers. But I would just say one thing, as the State sent our, as we understand, the County Fire Department a bill for them to respond to a fire on State property that our Fire Department was good enough to respond to, I don't know why you wouldn't send a bill to State DOT for all the work your people do keeping State highways clean and safe. You know what's good for one is good for the other. So, I would have no problem with you sending the State a bill to pay the County for the services we provide them, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yes. Mr. Takamine, so how much is the contract for SOS because that's part of this figure here under contractual service?

MR. TAKAMINE: I don't have the actual current contract but based on a 12-month contract, 200 vehicles a year at \$109 is \$261,600.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So, the contract is based not on a figure in totality but on how many cars they process, process?

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MR. TAKAMINE: It's a per vehicle cost, however, when we go out for bid, we, we, we assume a number. So, we set at a number, they bid on that number, and if they go over it, which they usually do, we have to, we usually amend the contract based on the same per unit cost.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Now, in your operations account, do you also contract picking up the white goods because I don't see any operation cost for that?

MR. TAKAMINE: The white goods pickup is done currently with our own in-house staff. And that's, that's done on an as available basis, manpower basis or overtime if they have to do it on a weekend.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, those amounts are put with your Refuse Collection operations, B account?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct for, for overtime.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Only for overtime.

MR. TAKAMINE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: And right now, he's doing minimal overtime with white goods. He's able to pick it up with, with staff on regular hours. He does do it sometimes on the weekend but it's a limited, limit..., again, limit..., a limited amount of overtime at this current time because we're keeping up with the, the workload. But the actual processing when they drop it off, we pay for under our contract at \$22 per unit.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh. Okay. So, the premium pay for that program of picking up white goods is in your B account under Refuse Collection?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And you say you use the personnel on their regular time, which is Refuse Collection, and so we have that cleared with the Union and that's allowed by the Union contract?

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MR. TAKAMINE: Not exactly. That's another issue in this next phase of automation, Phase IV, that's going to occur within the end of the year. That would be one of the negotiated items that they want to discuss with the County is how to utilize the extra manpower that's going to be made available once we go to automation. And, and we're probably looking at converting a crew into a White Goods/Bulky Item Pickup crew.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, the, the personnel you use now come from the automation crews or from the uku pau crews?

MR. TAKAMINE: From the uku pau manual, manual crews.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, once their done with uku pau, they're done with their task, so anything further than that is premium pay, overtime?

MR. TAKAMINE: But we, and, and I haven't gone into details with the, with my field supervisor but he, there are times when there are personnel available, say a driver doesn't show up so now he's got two guys that, that can't do anything. Well, he, he utilizes those two to go and pick up white goods --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Takamine.

MR. TAKAMINE: --on straight time.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know I really don't have any questions. I think it's all been covered. But I, I would like to congratulate you for getting the cost per car down to a reasonable amount. You know a hundred dollars, \$109, I guess, from. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: Thank you. But I can't take credit for that. That's the SOS bidding atmosphere.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: SOS came in and just underbid.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. They came in, and prior to that, we didn't have another competitor.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right. Well, don't take credit then but thank you anyway.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Here we go to the C account.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, one, one. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you so much for your consideration, Chairman. Mr. Takamine, is this the program area that if we wanted to, for Lanai, the, our, because we got our own issues with abandoned vehicles like Third Street and Ilima, you know, we hear it in the our hearings, white goods. The Department on Lanai does not have equipment and manpower to provide any type of service that we can on, on this Island. Who has manpower and equipment is Castle and Cooke, Lanai. And I've had some initial, you know, informal conversations with them. If we can provide some funding where they can, we can use them to either contract or reimburse, we have an opportunity to, to use a third party, outside agent, to provide at least Lanai once or twice a year service with a service provider that has the equipment and ability to perform the pickups. So, is this where I would consider, if I need to make budgetary adjustments to take care of Lanai's request?

MR. TAKAMINE: I would say the more appropriate place would be under my Diversion Recycle Program. Because this, this program, all they doing, these two individuals, all they doing is coordinating towing orders. If we set up say a tow company in Lanai, and we have a process line then maybe we can put it under here and all they do is administer the tow, towing contract. The actual work from what you're talking about, and we know we got an issue on Lanai because, actually, Manny has now stopped taking white goods. That's setting up an entirely, I believe, a recycle program that somebody needs to manage, inspect, and, you know, keep of track of. And, and these two individuals will not have, I don't believe the time to be doing that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, you would recommend I look at the Diversion component of the Division?

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MR. TAKAMINE: That's where I would look at and, in fact, we have in the 2008 Budget when we get there, I'm putting in \$250,000 in the Lanai, under my Diversion Program, to do something on Lanai --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much, --

MR. TAKAMINE: --recycle.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --Mr. Takamine. I appreciate that consideration. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama. We go to the C account, which is the equipment. And I note that, all we got is the total equipment count, equipment, general fund \$63,700. Mr. Takamine, what are we purchasing for that amount?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Does Mr. Pablo, Chairman, does Mr. . . .

MR. PABLO: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Pablo.

MR. PABLO: . . . (*inaudible*) . . . summary of the two programs paid out of the General Fund, if you look on Page 5-5. It's \$63,700 in equipment is listed there. This is just a summary on the last page.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, fine.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you for --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --explaining that.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, I have a question.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Takamine, being that this is the White Goods Program pickup, do you have projections or plans to purchase equipment in order to pick up white goods? Because I know your Refuse Collection trucks are not built to pickup white goods, right? So, I'm assuming you're using a flatbed with a lift and so forth. Where is that coming from?

MR. TAKAMINE: We have two flatbeds with lift gates. They're both out of Refuse Collection. One is in Makawao. One is in Wailuku. And for our '08 budget, we will be putting in a request for one to be stationed out at Lahaina.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And where's that '08 budget for equipment?

MR. TAKAMINE: Under my Refuse Collection, Lahaina --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, I see.

MR. TAKAMINE: --Lahaina budget.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, we'll go into the Solid Waste area. Just to let you know we got 50 more pages. We'll go into the Solid Waste area, the Administration Program. Member Victorino, any questions, salaries and wages?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, you have a reference page?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Five dash twelve.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Five dash twelve.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, sorry, 5-10 is the total summary area.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And then we start from 5-12 for Administration.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I guess, the only question I have, Mr. Chair, to the Department is this, is this the Safety Specialist that was moved over, Mr. Arakawa? That PWF 0636 and that was the one that was moved over?

MR. ARAKAWA: Yes. That's the one.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Okay. No other questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, we can appreciate the, the request, Chairman. I don't have a problem with the existing eight staff but on their expansion. Mr. Takamine, can you help us understand what is the diff..., the, the big difference between one Engineering Technician Level V versus a Civil Engineer III?

MR. TAKAMINE: A Civil Engineer III is a professional eng..., not a professional engineer, but an engineer with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. An Engineer Tech does not have to have a college education. He's more of a technician. The reason we're requesting this Engineer Tech V . . . *(end of tape 7B - 7:55 p.m.)*. . . gas collection system consisting of 43 wells, pipe, pipe headers, and a flare system going back to the Phase IV Landfill. This is will require, the flare system itself is it has blowers, a big flame on it, motors, pumps, and we don't have anybody qualified to even operate that. So, this Engineer Technician, his main job will be to, to maintain that whole system. I would also then utilize him to do groundwater monitoring testing, gas monitoring testing at all our landfills not just the Central Maui Landfill, which we currently contract out right now to a third party consultants to, to perform these testing and, and submission to DOH for us.

The big difference is he's, he's a hands-on guys out in the field actually doing the work versus the Engineer III. Well, Engineer, normally, is a designer or, or a management, project manager.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Okay. So, the Civil Engineer is, is, basically, what, going to be the one that designs the, the program for the

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technician? What, what, how are, how are you envisioning the, the, the use of the engineer then?

MR. TAKAMINE: The, the engineer, the additional engineer that I'm asking for is just to handle the workload that we currently have right now. We have a lot of CIP projects continuously going or will be occurring within the next probably ten years in terms of new landfill cells being built. So, that Engineer III will basically be another project manager. He won't be designing but he'll be coordinating the new landfills and, and, and current maintenance activities at the closed landfills. I might assign this Engineer Tech to one of those Engineers that probably is going to be assigned to the Central Maui Landfill, for example.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, so, we understand good. The, the engineers in this program area, Administration, would also have some type of responsibility for the Hana program, the Lanai Landfill, the Molokai program, or this is only for Central Maui?

MR. TAKAMINE: The way I currently have it right now is, actually, I have a handout I gave you guys. I passed out a handout. If it's, and it's eight, the . . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: This one?

MR. TAKAMINE: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. We got that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Someplace, huh.

MR. TAKAMINE: FY '08 Budget Presentation to Council. If you look at the long, the long sheets, that's actually an organizational chart for the Division. I kind of hand wrote in there. Excuse, excuse the handwriting but I, I did it last minute realizing that I'd have to explain all these new positions. So, in red are the new positions. And I, I kind of just plucked it into where I planned to put it in. So, the Engineer III, if you look under my staff positions, I currently have an Engineer IV, which is a licensed engineer and an Engineer III. That Engineer III right now is assigned full-time at the Central Maui Landfill. There's, it's just so much work that he's out there full-time. I intend to bring the other Engineer III to assist in working with the Engineer IV on our outer landfills. We're kind of neglecting that right now. Central Maui, the, the Molokai Landfill is

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coming up for an expansion. The Lanai Landfill, we need to do some Topo. In fact, we need to --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: --Topo all our landfills, which we haven't done because we just don't have the staff to do it. And start monitoring the closed landfills. We're, we're neglecting the closed landfills. You know that requires continuous maintenance. So, all that work are, are engineer level type of work.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. I appreciate your explanation. Some quick fast follow-ups. Olowalu, there was a flame, right, for the methane gas? So, who was taking care of the responsibility of what the Engineer Tech would do? That you've, you've been contracting out to a third party to take care a program such as that one out in West Maui, Mr. Takamine?

MR. TAKAMINE: Unfortunately, not. That's why if you go out there right now it's totally not operational. Nobody has been maintaining that. I don't believe it's ever worked. And that, that's just basically what they call candlestick flame. It's very minimal.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah. Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: The, the pipe, the pipes are all overgrown. Nobody has been checking on the, the vacuums. Nothing is working. So, this Engineer Tech, if, if he's onboard would be responsible for getting out there once a month, checking on equipment, and ensuring that, you know, everything is in operation.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Well, I think, you know, it might be wise for, for us to consider this twenty-plus thousand dollar position than pay a hell of a lot more in penalties to EPA and State Department of Health. So, I appreciate that you looking out at this. The other one I was going to ask you about is this additional Accountant III. This is more for Central, your Central Maui program or this is just your overall accounts for pickup and, and collections and whatnot?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. This, this position, what I'm looking for, and I, I don't know if it's going to be an Accountant III. I put that in there but we started at the beginning of this year '07, wait '07 . . . *(silence)* . . . '06, I believe. We took over all the responsibilities from Finance and we now

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handle all our billing. Twenty-two thousand commerc..., residential account billings. We handle 800 commercial account billings. We handle all walk-ins, opening accounts, closing accounts, and I have one cashier. Well, actually, we have two cashiers to do that right now, and one, one is not filled.

The Accountant III, what I want to use is to be in charge of that section. Right now, my current Accountant III has assumed those responsibilities but it's not really inline with his, his duties. And his duties are now more doing that work than supporting me in my budget. For example, getting reading for this budget, you know, I didn't have him, you know, he, he is doing work. When this cashier is out on vacation, which she was two weeks ago, then my Accountant III steps in and actually does this work.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, when did, did this transfer from Finance to your Division occur, Mr. Takamine?

MR. TAKAMINE: I think it was early 2006.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Fiscal Year 2006?

MR. TAKAMINE: Calendar year 2006.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Calendar year 2006. Chair, I don't remember processing one transfer. Chairman, because I would think this would take Council action since it is interdepartmental transfers plus a change in organizational structure because it's part of the ordinance, the budget ordinance, so Council needs to be informed. So, this is an interesting change. You know and again, I, I am saying that I don't recall it, Chairman. Maybe the, the Division did but I cannot recall and I don't miss too much of this stuff through my years. So, I find this interesting that Finance has parceled out their work to Solid Waste.

So, these positions, wait, this is more interesting because when they were in Finance, they were paid from General Fund or were you providing them special funds from Solid Waste to pay for the service? Because this is special funds right now that we're looking at, Members.

MR. TAKAMINE: I don't know how they were paid back then.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Takamine. You've, I appreciate your, your comments. Chairman, I would ask Staff

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to send a communication to Finance on how this was done. And if it was done properly that the ordinance dictates and requires then I would hope they can provide the backup information. Thank you so much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. I had questions on the expansion positions but they've been answered.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. I, I have a couple questions. So, this expansion positions, and the rest of the positions are funded under Solid Waste Fund. Is that correct? Because that's what it says here.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. But about 40 percent of my budget is still coming out of the General Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: General Fund. Okay. And Member Hokama asked about some of the positions. I see a Operation Superintendent as a expansion, and that person, what, would oversee the landfills or what, what would be the responsibilities and duties of that position?

MR. TAKAMINE: If you look on Page 1 of that, that organizational chart, I showed you, it's listed right there under, under myself. He would be in charge, what I'm looking at right now, is all of the Landfill sections, all of the residential Refuse Collection section, and Abandoned Vehicle, White Goods section, basically, the operation sect..., operating sections of my Division. I currently, again, I, I don't have a deputy. I don't have a assistant. I am directly involved in all aspects of this Division. So, my time is, is spent spread out. So, I don't spend as much time as I need in terms, in terms of doing long range planning, coordination. You know I spend a lot of time doing day-to-day resolving issues and getting involved, you know, with the, with the operating side of this Division. Which is okay but I, I, again, I still need, I believe, at my level and the size of this Division and what we're doing now, is I need to be more involved in the, the long range planning and, and vision for the Division and the County.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, that position would oversee the landfills including Hana?

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MR. TAKAMINE: Right. Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: All four landfills.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, is Mike Souza still employed with your Division?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And what is his position? I thought he was doing that.

MR. TAKAMINE: He is . . . his title is Landfill Worksite Supervisor II.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But he used to go to Hana and Molokai and. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: He does but when you look at a classification, the Landfill Worksite Supervisor II is supposed to be responsible for, for the operation of a major landfill. Not the management, really not the management of all of the landfills.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. So, does that mean that each landfill is supposed to have one?

MR. TAKAMINE: All the landfills, I think, they're too small for that. That's why, actually, in my budget request here, I'm having, I'm requesting at least a Working Supervisor. Right now, I don't have any supervisors out in the landfills, outer landfills. So, Mike is again, he's spread very thin, too, because he's, is now responsible for four landfills and trying to, and try to maintain the integrity and, and making sure that we're in compliance with the EPA and DOH guidelines.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the, again, the salary shown in the details are just a partial year?

MR. TAKAMINE: All, all my salaries for the expansion are, I believe, eight months.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Eight months. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, that was my question. Eight months.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thanks.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman. Chairman, thank you. I just wanted clarification on the second cashier position that you referenced a little bit ago. Because the, the second cashier's position, currently, according to the footnote on, on the next page indi..., indicates that, that position, that position has not yet been, been created. And that position was approved in Fiscal Year '07. So, if it has not yet been created and it was approved in '07, you know, you got monies in here for this position, a full-time position. So, where's the ghost person? Where is, where is, you know, this, this person? And, you know, if you do have 'em, apparently not onboard yet, so, are they ready to be hired come July 1st or can you just give me a status on this particular one?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, I can. We, actually, I, actually, had at one time, a temp agency hire in, in that position just to, again, assist us in, in getting the work done. I currently don't have anybody in there. We are working to describe that position. What happened was we recently had an audit done, well, Finance had an audit done on this section because they had concerns that we weren't performing the work correctly, which was my concern also. But based on that audit and, and based on the concerns we have, we don't want to hire another cashier at the same level that we currently have. We're, we're trying to look at bringing somebody at a higher level probably like a Clerk, Accountant Clerk who can, I guess, audit the cashier.

Right now, the Cashier that I have because it's just one individual, there's no checks and balances. This one individual sends out the bills, receives the bills, receives the money, deposits the money. Although, my Accountant right now is checking it, you know, we've, we've made some changes. But we want to have an individual that can, can oversee or check

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the Cashier. So, if you had the same type of position then they would need no checks and balances in place. So, we're currently working on the description to determine what we need and to put in place. I have to take the hit for that though that we haven't moved as fast as we should to get it done. Time just kind of goes by before you realize that it's been a year so.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah. So, DPS, you're working with DPS to redescribe this position then?

MR. TAKAMINE: We will be. I haven't, I haven't gotten that far yet

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And, okay, but do you? What is your, your projected timetable in the re-description of this position?

MR. TAKAMINE: Hopefully, within the next few months. We're working on trying to, trying to come up with a position description of what we think needs to be in place as, and then, and then we're looking at a PD similar to a account clerk.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thanks. I had one question, I, I forgot about. Are any of these expansion positions going to fulfill mandates by the EPA Consent Decree?

MR. TAKAMINE: We actually don't have a EPA Consent Decree. We, we, we have numerous Notice of Violations from the State Department of Health. We have two settlement agreements. One for Central Maui and one for Lanai. And we recently, got three Notice of Violations for Lanai, Molokai, and Hana, which we're appealing right now. But, yes, the Working Supervisors were directly, resolved the issues that are currently occurring on the outer landfills. Because I don't have any supervisory personnel out there, we are lacking in groundwater monitoring, storm water monitoring ensuring that we're complying our permits. So, I foresee by having a Working Supervisor at each of those landfills, I can, you know, now have somebody that I can actually point to and say, you know, get this done. Whereas, right now, the responsibility falls on say the Bulldozer Operator, which when you read his position description, his

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primary duty is to operate that bulldozer and, and cover the landfill. So, a lot of the positions will definitely improve our daily working operations and, and help us resolve our violations.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That's what I wanted to hear. Thanks very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. For, Member Hokama, for your information, in our Fiscal Year 2006, while doing the budget, the Account Clerk III was a transfer from the Finance Department. So, this billing function was done in Fiscal Year 2006. Members, any more questions in regards to the A account?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Just one, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mr. Takamine, you mentioned a Working Supervisor at, at the outer landfills, which I think certainly would help with the operations. Would this Working Supervisor be qualified to operate the bulldozer? Because of your small staff, if the Bulldozer Operator isn't there, I'm sure the Landfill Attendant isn't qualified. Is that correct? And you've been pulling it from Highways to TA to that position? So, would the Working Supervisor be someone that would be qualified to operate the bulldozer?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's our intent. Our intent is actually to try and get the current Bulldozer Operators at each of these facilities to be the, hopefully if they qualify, the, the Working Supervisor.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I think that's a good consideration. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Before we go into the B account, the Chair would like to take a 15-minute recess.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, 10 minutes enough, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. 10-minute recess. 8:25 we'll reconvene.
... (gavel) ...

RECESS: 8:15 p.m.

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RECONVENE: 8:28 p.m.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . (*gavel*) . . . Thank you, Members, for that break. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is now reconvened. Members, the Chair's intention is to complete, and hopefully we can go home by ten. So, we're in the B account for the Solid Waste area. Member Victorino, if you have any questions in regards to the B account?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Just one, one question under 5-14, under 6132, Professional Services. I hope I doing that right. Wait, yeah, professional service. I have to double check. Sometimes I've been known to make mistakes.

MR. TAKAMINE: That line item you're looking at is the \$400,000?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: We actually had that budgeted last year. That's our Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan for last year. This year that, the plan is going to be completed draft by November, if we, if we keep on time, final probably about February timeframe. These funds will probably be used for implementation of recommendations that come out of that plan in terms of, for recycling or, or any activities that they, they recommend that we start proceeding on. Some of that money will also be used, actually, for, I'm going to use for, I should have had it under rental but I'm looking at expanding my office space because the Cashier and Accountant that I'm going to have, we're kind of outgrowing right now and I need additional space. So, I'm going to use some of that to probably rent additional space in One Main Plaza.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, the rentals you have for 100,000 won't be sufficient for what you have?

MR. TAKAMINE: It won't be sufficient for, if, if I get the Accountant III, the Engineer III, and, and additional expansion positions.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And then you say, you know, the last question I have is rental of vehicles, \$50. I mean you almost cannot rent one car for one day let alone but what, what would that be for? I mean it's a small manini fund.

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MR. TAKAMINE: That, that, yeah, that's probably, I don't know actually. I think we usually use coupons but sometimes we don't have coupons when we go on trips. I would assume that's, that's what it's for but, you know, \$50 is like one day --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, pretty much.

MR. TAKAMINE: --if at all. I think, I think we just missed that one.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair, that's, that's all I have on that.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Mr. Takamine, subobject code 6037, Office Supplies. Is that figure based on past figures? Thirty-thousand for office supplies.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's based on just an estimate. Last year, I put in 30,000. That was the first time we ever had more than \$10,000 or 15,000 in my office. And the previous year, the 15 wasn't nearly enough. So, I doubled it last year and I just maintained it this year.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Fast question. Mr. Takamine, looking at the Fiscal Year '06 - '07, the numbers that are shown for '07 was that used as a reference for your '08 budget on the Solid Waste area?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, it was. I, I think if you look at it it's pretty much flat.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. On the Integrated Solid Waste Plan, you had 400,000 last year and 400,000 this year, Mr. Takamine, I heard what you said that some of it might be used for

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rental. Will this plan address the accelerated capacity? In other words, we're filling up twice as fast as was originally planned. So, somewhere we've got to make up for that. And so, is this plan addressing that?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. This plan, the consultants will look at landfill capacities for all the landfills, the rates of consumption of air space. They'll also make, a big part of the plan will be looking at our recycle activities and, and where we want to go in terms of curbside recycling, automation, building a MRF, and all that will definitely affect the landfill capacities --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Capacity.

MR. TAKAMINE: --in terms of extending the life of the landfill. And, and that's probably our main goal is to extend the life of the landfill and start a big push into curbside recycling.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And, and will that plan tell us what the cost would be to implement curbside recycling? Because, you know, I think, you know, we were told that the reason the landfill has filled up twice as fast as planned is because of residential use. It's not construction waste or anything like that. And either the plan that we had wasn't sufficient to project our growth and then, again, I think a lot of our growth was not ever planned or projected because we're exceeding all of our community plan projections for growth. And so, this is like the cost of, of accelerated growth that now our landfill is filling up twice as fast as what was planned for.

I think that a lot of it has to do with things that could be recycled. Now, that we have big box stores and all this cheap, inexpensive goods from China that all come heavily packaged with plastic and Styrofoam. And I hope that this plan can address how much of the solid waste stream can be diverted through recycling, and, and, and look at the cost benefit analysis of that. You know it's very expensive to build a landfill especially if you do it by EPA standards. And if you don't, it's even more expensive because you got the fines. So, are all those concerns I just mentioned going to be addressed in this plan?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, they are. We, we'll require them to, yeah, look at the solid waste stream, what, what kind of percentage that we can get out. Actually, the State's goal, I think, is 50 percent and we're at I think 20, 20-something percent maybe higher. We'll also have them in the plan come up with a timeframe, milestones, and, yes, definitely, you know,

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what cost will be involved to build a MRF. And, you know, what I'm looking for is, say, we go the route of curbside recycling. What's required to do curbside recycling? When do we need to build the MRF? What the estimated cost will that be? Will we do single stream recycling? How do we pay for it? All that should be coming out of this master plan to give us a definite guideline and, and, and road map on which way we want to go.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And would you look at the curbside recycling service that we currently have in the County -- Maui Recycling . . . Maui whatever. Maui Recycling I think they're called. Because they're already setup for it and maybe it's something that, you know, we could partner with them and, to just get it up and going rather than investing all the money in, in building a whole new division. Anyway, I think that's worth looking at.

The other thing is that, the \$100,000 that you said for rent that you will need that. Is that for current rental or is that for, you said if you get these expansion positions you'll need the rental space so?

MR. TAKAMINE: The rent, the 100,000 you see there is current rent. Right now, my rent, I believe, is about 95,000 a month, a year. I'm looking at moving my, the cashiering section down which would entail the two Cashiers or Account Clerk once that's changed and the Accountant III Supervisor. So, we're looking at three people. I estimate maybe, again, One Main Plaza there's some units that are totally empty. There's no air conditioning ducts, there's no light fixtures. Just bidding what you get. You're going to have to go in there and remodel everything from, from the ceiling down. So, I, I would like to probably look at utilizing about \$100,000 of that for initial construction, and, and preparation of the facility, and, and the first year's rent, probably.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. It's a shame that we have to finish out the building for the owners just so that we can rent space. Because, eventually, we'll have our own building and then they'll get the benefit of it. There's no way that you can work a deal so that whatever improvements you do to the building that will stay when you leave could be deducted from the overall rent or lease?

MR. TAKAMINE: Our initial discussions with the management company, actually, what they would do is the first year's rent somehow it's built into there that they would go in there and do all the renovations that's required. But we'd be paying that first year's rent with that, somehow it's just built

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into that first cost. So, we wouldn't be going out and getting a contractor. They would be, once we determine what space we need, they'd be building out that space. So, you know. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But charging you for it.

MR. TAKAMINE: And they're charging us for it. Yeah, and if we move out it stays.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Not a very favorable lease. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. In regards to the Integrated Solid Waste Plan, will the plan also tell us in, in regards to utilizing the methane gas for a possible alternate energy?

MR. TAKAMINE: We are, actually, we actually have a consultant onboard that's actually doing that now.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: And we, it's, it's not as in-depth as we need but he has designed the landfill gas collection system and the flare. We have in my budget under the Landfill section for FY '08 or it might be my CIP, I think, it's my CIP, to hire a consultant to come in. We bring a consultant in. And it might be an engineer. It might be a law firm that specializes in terms, developing these long-term contracts, and look at what the, or if and how we should put this contract together. Because we're looking at, if you do a landfill gas-to-energy system in addition to the capital cost for the generators, you're looking at some kind of 20 year or longer contract because they want to probably guarantee that they're going to be getting gas from the County for a long period of time if . . . *(end of tape 8A - 8:40 p.m.)* . . . approached us so far. We'll come in and actually build the generator system, all the capital costs, do the, do the coordination, the permitting, and then actually end up giving us a royalty, in addition to selling, giving us free power. Although, we have very minimal power at landfill but all those benefits though.

We don't have the expertise or, or the experience to, to even look at one of those. So, we, we plan to get some funds in '08 and hire somebody that has that background experience to look at that for us. But I believe we definitely want to do a landfill gas-to-energy system because we've been

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told by our consultants that we can probably generate with the current methane production about one megawatt of power out of that Central Maui Landfill Phase I and Phase II, III.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama, any questions?

MR. TAKAMINE: And IV.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, I was listening in my office downstairs, looking over some matters, listening to Members questions. In this program, you know, I heard about the MRF and some of the comments it received. Did we not authorize you in last year's budget a CIP Coordinator to take care of this kind of potential projects?

MR. TAKAMINE: In the Solid Waste Division?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, you know, didn't you ask for a Civil Engineer III and a CIP Coordinator two years in the, in the '06 Budget?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, no, CIP Coordinator. I know we got an Engineer III, and that was before I came onboard and we hired him in 2006. A CE III. But that, that's --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: --that's just the, the additional, well, right now, I have a IV and a III, and, and all they're doing is coordinating, project coordination and management.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Because I'm looking at what you had in '06 and you had only six employees in Administration. And I thought we gave you that...because I double-checked, Mr. Chairman, we did authorize a transfer of a Clerk from Finance to Solid Waste.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Solid Waste. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And that was just a position. And I what I'm saying, there was no warm body that came with the transfer. And I thought it was at that approval process, too, that we considered that CIP Coordinator for the Division.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: As an expansion position.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. Because even if we took away the cash..., the, the, the Cashier, that would be seven, so we gave you one more position, yeah. Okay. Chairman, I got to go dig out, dig, dig, dig out the details later. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo, you got any questions? No. Okay. Members, any more questions on the B account, Operations?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, just, Chairman, just, oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama followed by Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Under Operations, and this is on the landfill, right, Chairman?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just so I get it clear, Mr. Takamine, you looking at. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sorry, Solid Waste.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, thank you, Chairman. You're looking at the current Bulldozer Operator BC-10, and I just reading off your handout, yeah, Mr. Takamine. Whereby under the asterisk you share with us that, you're, you're looking at a Worksite Supervisor, and one of the options you're looking at is converting with additional training a Landfill Bulldozer Operator to a working Supervisory capability. So, my question is more, you want one more position or you just want the ability to have that current Bulldozer Operator with training be able to then become the Working Supervisor? So, are we just, are we maintaining the staffing levels by providing career growth expansion capacity or you want one more position?

MR. TAKAMINE: I want one more position. Actually, I want two more positions in each landfill except for Lanai we're asking for one. But each, each of the other landfills, Hana and Molokai --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You want two?

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MR. TAKAMINE: --we're asking for a Working Supervisor and a Landfill Laborer. So, I'm asking for two in each and one for Lanai. And the reason for that, is when you look at the hours of operation alone --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. TAKAMINE: --we, we cannot do it the way we're doing it now. In, in Molokai, we operate seven days a week with two op..., two op..., two individuals basically.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. TAKAMINE: Definitely, Maui Disposal helps us because they actually work the scale house and the entrance facility, but the actual working phase of the landfill you need a minimum of two. You know, a Landfill Bulldozer Operator and a Landfill Attendant. And to operate seven days a week, and basically ten hours a day, you know, somebody doesn't have a day off. Or, or when somebody is sick then somebody is working alone and that's, to me a safety, safety hazard.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, again, I just needed a clarification, Mr. Takamine, that the way I had read the original verbiage you had presented, I thought you just was wanting to have the ability to move the operator up to a Working supervisor and not have another. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: We, we, we would want to, if possible, give them the opportunity to apply for that position and take that position then I would have to hire a replacement.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: And that would give us the ability --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: --to, to back fill the, somebody when somebody is on vacation, I guess.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, we can appreciate the situation, Mr. Takamine, what is the main difference between a Landfill Operator II versus a Bulldozer Operator?

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MR. TAKAMINE: Well, the Landfill Equipment Operator II is a Working Supervisor. And I only have one of those and he's located at the Central --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Central. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: --Maui Landfill. The Landfill Equipment Operator I versus a Landfill Bulldozer Operator, which is a BC-10 versus a BC-11. The Equipment Operator operates all types of equipment. In the Central Maui Landfill, we have compactors, we have D7, D8 Dozers --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Dozers.

MR. TAKAMINE: --we have water wagons, we have loaders, we have backhoes. At the outer landfills, we, we just have a bulldozer.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I know Lanai had asked me whether or not we would have the consideration of graded..., not graders, loaders whether it be a wheel or, or track loaders. And if we do, would the Bulldozer Operator be qualified or would we need to look at Equipment Operator IIs if, if we, we had like a loader besides a bulldozer at the landfill?

MR. TAKAMINE: We might have to look at maybe Equipment Operator I.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Equipment Operator I.

MR. TAKAMINE: One.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that's, and the key advantage is multiple equipment operation capacity.

MR. TAKAMINE: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no. I was getting ready to ask a question for account C.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Before I go to Mr. Medeiros. Mr. Mateo, you got any questions? Thank you. Member Medeiros?

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mr. Takamine, so has the classification changed then? Because you're saying Landfill Equipment Operator I is the high position of, that's a higher position?

MR. TAKAMINE: Than the Bulldozer Operator?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And then under Lanai, you show Equipment Operator IV, which is what Public Works usually is familiar with as being the operator that can operate multiple equipment such as bulldozers, loaders, graders, trucks. So, why are there two different classifications within the landfill operations?

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. In Lanai, the difference in Lanai, and, is that the, in Lanai, we also pick up trash. So, this Equipment Operator drives an automated refuse truck and then he, at the end of the shift, and I don't know why, why he's not on uku pau but at the end of the shift he goes to landfill and he works. So, he works a full 8-hour day, supposedly.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, Landfill Equipment Operator I and II that's a classification particular to landfills only?

MR. TAKAMINE: Heavy equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. For landfills?

MR. TAKAMINE: I, I guess, I assume so. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, let's back on track here. We're on Page 5-15. Okay. Any more questions on the details in regards to the Solid Waste Administration area? If not, we go to the equipment expansion, 5..., 5-16. Member Hokama, questions on that?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Why would a Accountant III need a SUV vehicle?

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MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. Let me, let me talk about this one. This is, I handed out that, that handout for you. The first few pages, actually, references vehicles. And, and I want to make it clear this year because last year I came before Council, and I, I asked for just two vehicles to be replaced and I ended up getting one. So, I wanted to make sure this year that I, I, I presented it correctly to you and, and explained to you what I have and what I don't have.

To answer your question on that Accountant III, I think, that's an error there. An Accountant III doesn't need, need a vehicle.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. And again we're just looking off the, the sheets that we have, yeah --

MR. TAKAMINE: Right. Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --Mr. Takamine.

MR. TAKAMINE: But if you look at my handout, and, and I broke it down what I have and what I don't have. And I, the first one is Administration. That's my office. You know if you look at that I have eight, eight individuals in my office to include myself. I'm asking for four more. So, I'm going to have a total of 12 working out of that office. I have no vehicles assigned to me right now. And, and I find that hard to believe that in an operating division I'm going to have 99 staff and I have no vehicles in my main office. So, my engineers, myself, although myself right now, I've got to admit I took one the vehicles from landfill. So, I'm driving a landfill vehicle. But other than that, everybody drives. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You don't have one under Administration of, of, of the Division?

MR. TAKAMINE: No. I, I asked for it last year --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: --as a replacement for a vehicle that the previous Division Chief I guess turned in and Council denied my, my request. So, now, I'm here again, I guess begging for you to look at my recommendations here and approve my request. But so, I have no vehicles assigned so it's very hard for us to do work. My engineers out in the field drive their own vehicles on the landfill. They've got several flats. They got to come to

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the office in their own vehicles. They go to projects on, with their vehicle. They drive to Hana with their own vehicles. What I'm asking for is, and actually is, it should, again, this is, I think, an error somehow but I was asking for three vehicles for my office. An SUV, for myself, to replace a vehicle that was already turned in several years ago. And, and, again, as I just said yesterday, last year, we couldn't account for it. It was turned in. Where it went, how it went, why we didn't get a replacement. I had no answers at the time. So, I'm here --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: --to tell you again, I still don't have any answers. All I know it was turned in.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. So, you ask, asking one for yourself --

MR. TAKAMINE: One for my engineer staff.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --one for your engineering staff, one for that Tech that. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: That's going to be out in the field.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: And, and as the budget shows, there's an SUV for the Accountant but I had asked for, and somehow it got messed up, I wanted an SUV for my landfill section for the Clerk. We have a Clerk out there that comes, comes between the landfill and here every day for distribution, and she drives her own vehicle. So that, it should have been there but it's, it's in my, it's under my Administration. I think it will work here, too. It will work both ways. But basically that could be a sedan also. But for landfill operations, I think SUV's work better because we're always working in an environment where we may need four-wheel drive vehicles.

So that, that would round out and, and give me the, the flexibility to actually do some work and get around. Then when you go to the Landfill Diversion section. . .oh, yeah, I guess, that's under the next section.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah . . . *(inaudible)* . . . that. Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: Unless you wanted me to proceed on this or?

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: So, we'll take it, take care of that later.

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Can we just stay on Administration, Chairman?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes. So--

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --we can just complete that and then we'll just move on.

MR. TAKAMINE: So, I'm asking for four vehicles for my, my Administrative staff.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thanks. One thing, I, I, I think we, we, we checked on this but we know Parks says they have no space. Your, your boss tells us you have no . . . (*inaudible*) . . . the Department has no space. So, this is mostly for work out of the Central Maui Landfill area excluding yourself, of course, and the Secretary. This is more for your Tech would be at the landfill, the Clerk would be at the landfill.

MR. TAKAMINE: And the Engineer, basically, at the landfill right now.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And Engineers are at the landfill. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: One, one is right now.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Your, your number three, Engineer III?

MR. TAKAMINE: The number three, I'm not sure where, where he's going to go because there's no space at the landfill, and I might have to, I might have to have him in my office. In fact, he'll probably be in my office.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Takamine.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Done?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know looking at the vehicle request sort of stimulated my curiosity. You know for the personnel in the Abandoned Vehicle Program, do they have any vehicles to go around? Because I know that the two people that you're mentioning, I mean, I know they have paperwork but do they occasionally, I would presume they have County business elsewhere at times. Do they use their own vehicles or are, or do they already have access to County vehicles?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, they don't have any access. They do use their own vehicles. They did request a vehicle this year. I denied it because if you look at my budget, I, you know, I didn't want come in for everything. So, they've, they've, they've persistently asked me for a vehicle because they, they need to get out, inspect vehicles, check the roads, go to the auction. They need a vehicle. I didn't put in this year. I, I, I explained that if, and hopefully I get all the vehicles that I'm requesting that there will be a pool vehicle that they can use at the landfill.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: They might not have it on a continuous basis but as an as, as available basis.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. That's sort of what my thinking was. If they could, if they don't have a vehicle, if they could have access to some type of County vehicle because with our employees constantly using their own personal vehicles for, you know, County business, yeah. Or even if maybe just a regular sedan and whatever 15,000 - \$18,000 sedan might help them.

MR. TAKAMINE: If you approve my vehicles, I can accommodate them.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, we'll further deliberate that. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Just one question. Mr. Takamine, you said your Clerk is assigned at the Central Landfill, is that the buildings right at the entrance?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So, that vehicle doesn't have to be a four-wheel or does the Clerk go into the landfill for reasons?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, that, as I mentioned that, that can be a sedan but if I have that vehicle as a pool vehicle and we need to access the landfill or go to the outer landfills, we definitely need to have four-wheel drives. So, to me it makes sense to just have an SUV that has the capability in case we need to use it, you can off road.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And, and the reason you say SUV is you're assuming all SUV's have four-wheel drives?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, I am. Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. If it's not, all my SUVs, when I say SUVs I mean --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: You want four-wheel drive.

MR. TAKAMINE: --I need a four-wheel drive.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And would a four-wheel drive sedan because there are some that are not SUVs be sufficient for a Clerk?

MR. TAKAMINE: It, it would sufficient for the Clerk. Again, but if we needed to go to off-road to the landfills, you know, it wouldn't be sufficient.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No questions, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, we'll go to Landfill Disposal Program. Member Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, again, I'll leave the premium pay question to my colleague. No. I really don't have any questions other than the vacancies, you know, I noticed on the sheet provided to us, you're looking for five expansions in Landfill Disposal Laborer II, yeah?

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MR. TAKAMINE: For, for Central Maui Landfill, I'm looking for three Laborer IIs.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, it, well, it says five.

MR. TAKAMINE: For Central Maui?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know on this, on this sheet, you know, we follow this sheet provided by staff, and I'm, you know, maybe three there and two someplace else but it says five here.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: There, there, there's three in Central and two in Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. So, I mean, the total. Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, one in Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Anyhow, and, and, and then, then I noticed you have vacant Landfill Attendant IV. So, between those two positions already you're talking nine. Do you see a good possibility of getting those filled in the near future? Because when you expand, it's one issue but if you don't have the necessary to fill what you need, expansion seems almost fruitless. But you explain to me maybe how that will work in your, your Division.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. I can do that. Yeah, right now, I have six Landfill Attendants authorized, three, three currently assigned. Our plan right now is we have two Laborers. The Laborers that we currently have are, are excellent workers. They show a lot of initiative. They, they come up for probation, six-month probation will be, I think, ending either this month or next. Our plan is do a promotion without exam and, and fill the three vacant positions, Landfill Attendants, with these two and with anybody else that, that throughout the Department that comes up with this promotion without exam. Once we fill those three, the two vacant Laborers, and the three that I get from the '08 approval, a total of five, that's easy to fill. We just come off of the Laborer list that the Mayor can just approve with minimal --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No major . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

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MR. TAKAMINE: --there's no qualifica..., there no MQs. It's just, the Mayor just approves it and, and we, we have that list and there are people on it. So, we don't see a problem in filling the Attendants and the Laborers within the next say three months.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Then the other question I had for you is I was looking at the salaries and, again, hopefully these, I guess, these, I'm going assume these are full-year salaries. For example, on Molokai, a Landfill, a Landfill Bulldozer Operator and a Landfill Attendant, gee, the difference in pay is about, oh, 7,000 not quite 8..., about \$8,000 difference. And I just was curious, you know, I would have thought a Bulldozer Operator specialty knowing how to do heavy equipment versus a Landfill Attendant, I would have thought there would be a bigger gap. And I see that in, in Hana. I see that in, you know, is that, is that just standard? Is that the standard pay?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, it is. Strictly UPW agreed --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: --to rates.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Okay. Okay. Just, just, just out of curiosity, I had those questions. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Victorino. Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, just, just a request for you to maybe work with the Budget Director in his office but I think what would really help the Committee out is if we, in going through all this accounts and, and the departments, for me, I believe, it would be helpful for us if we know where all of the carryover savings are occurring. Because in the Budget narrative that the Mayor has presented, she has mentioned a \$51 million carryover, and I'm trying to figure out where the carryovers are occurring so I can make appropriate adjustments to this request. You know, is it all in General Fund then we know, we can't, we should not maybe dick around with this special funds in this area. But if there's part of it that's using the special funds, CIP, the MRFs, whatever it be, I think that's what we need to know. And the third quarter has ended, Chairman. We are in the last quarter of the Fiscal Year. And I think it's information that is critical for us to make, make the appropriate adjustments since we are

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looking at a lot of increases in rates and fees, maybe taxes so that we can be able to explain accurately to the community. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. We'll forward something. Member Molina, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions. Everything is explained well. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman. Mr. Takamine, the expansion positions of, I'm looking at, it's just Central, the expansion positions for three, three additional Laborer positions, Laborer II positions. That will bring your E/P count up at Central up to 26 bodies at this landfill. There still is an increase in your premium pay. So, how does the inclusion of three more bodies to assist in the landfill, and how can this not have an impact in the reduction of premium pay?

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. The, the three Laborers that I'm asking for are, are going to be doing work that currently I contract out and they're going to be picking up litter. Right now, I pay Ka Lima O Maui a hundred, I think, \$125,000 a year to have five personnel and one supervisor five days a week, I think, it's five hours a day picking up litter. And unfortunately, you know, the, the Department of Health, that's one of the big, big issues, in fact, every landfill that's the biggest issue is litter control.

And everything I've seen on the mainland for a landfill this size, they have a full-time staff picking up litter, eight hours a day, five days a week or seven days a week. And when they don't have, and when they have litter going off the site, they also then go out and contract, you know, like day laborers, you know, when you go out and just get five people if you need and they send 'em off site to clean, clean what's going off site. We don't have the staff to even do that right now. So that's why when you drive by

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the landfill, you see tons of litter against the fence line, along the roadways, along the trees, in the cane fields. When the wind shifts, we have litter debris going all into Ameron's property. The, the three that I'm asking for probably will not even be enough to, to do what we need to do but my intent is to then cancel the Ka Lima O Maui contract for 125 and use these for my full-time Laborers that I have more control over. So, I've, I've already notified them that they might be losing their contract, which is a big contract to them within the next year or two.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: So, so, they, again, the, the OT will not decrease because they will be doing work that currently nobody, nobody is doing right now at the landfill.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So, this is just the continuation of additional increases because your, your 2006 was at a real high at 284,500 and then it went down in, in '07, well, depending on what the status is. I'm just looking at a projected 70,000, and then '08 the request is for 100,000. So, it seems like we're going to go back to the '06 levels because it will continue to, to escalate.

MR. TAKAMINE: In reality, yeah, we asked for 70,000 in '07. I'm running right now \$239,121 as of yesterday, and that probably doesn't include maybe one pay period. So, although, I budgeted 70, we are still way up there and, and part of reason is when, when the Council approved the, back in '06 I asked for, I think, it was eight personnel. We didn't even fill those positions until late '06, I got my Equipment Operators, and February, I believe, I got my Landfill Attendants.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And you were not able to fill those approved positions because of?

MR. TAKAMINE: I, I don't know what the internal delays are but those were new positions so they had to get a, get some kind of approval or review from DPS before I could fill it, and I guess that took awhile before they came down and did the evaluations and recommendations before we could actually recruit.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Your Department also came in earlier for a supplemental budget request as well. Was that also to cover the

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overtime pay from . . . that occurred? Was it three, four hundred thousand dollars at that time?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. I believe we asked for the positions. It might have been overtime. I remember asking for money but I can't recall if it was overtime or, or cover material.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Cover material.

MR. TAKAMINE: Cover material.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Question. In regards to the Solid Waste Integrated Plan, will the plan also identify the manpower requirements for the landfills for Maui County?

MR. TAKAMINE: In terms of the personnel?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

MR. TAKAMINE: They, yeah, they will be looking at our, our current staffing and, and make recommendations in terms of whether we have sufficient staff for the type of operation we're doing.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions on the A account?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Takamine, how much are you paying Ka Lima O Maui currently?

MR. TAKAMINE: I believe their contract is a hundred and, either 120 or 125,000 a year.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And how many people do they supply?

MR. TAKAMINE: They supply one, five personnel and one supervisor, five days a week, I believe, five hours a day.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know these three Laborers that you're, you want to hire to replace Ka Lima O Maui that's, that's going to be just, just for the salary 92..., almost 93,000 a year and that doesn't include their benefits, any of the fringe benefits. So what do we do? Add 30 percent to that. So, you're already at what you're paying Ka Lima O Maui and they're giving you five people. So, what do you, you know, how do you, and I know, you know, these guys are probably going to work eight hours a day and Ka Lima only works five hours a day but still it's five people as opposed to two. And, you know, they're basically picking up plastic bags for the most part. So, why is it that we need to hire people to do this if Ka Lima can do it?

MR. TAKAMINE: Not, not saying anything against Ka Lima. I don't know if you're familiar with their organization. But they provide work, I guess, a work . . .(end of tape 8B - 9:12 p.m.). . . I don't know how to put it. They're, they're not, they're efficiency would not be as great as somebody that we have working for us as a full-time employee. I don't have control over the individuals. They come out, and, and they, you know, they do a good work . . . (inaudible) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, you have control in the contract that you signed with them.

MR. TAKAMINE: But when I have individuals working for me, we can, we can only a daily basis direct them. Okay. And if they don't perform, you know, we can take corrective action. If I need them to work overtime, I can make them work overtime. We just have the control. And if, and if I'm looking at it, and if I'm paying the same amount for three workers versus five that are on contract, I would rather have the, the two workers that I can control. And I don't have work for them to do and they did a good job and say the litter is all cleaned up, which hopefully one day might be the case, I can do something else with these individuals. I have control.

This contract, again, is the labor pool. And I don't want to say wouldn't, we would be, I believe, more efficient if they were County workers working full-time under our direct control.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, well, I understand that. Because Ka Lima O Maui provides employment services for people who mentally challenged or even physically challenged. And, you know, we have Parks

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contracts with them, too. And I just hate to see them lose that contract. Hopefully, there's, I mean, it doesn't, it doesn't seem like picking up plastic bags on the side of the road is that difficult of a job. And, yeah, I understand what you're saying, you want to have control, but it's just a hard thing to, you know, we're going to be putting five people out of a job.

MR. TAKAMINE: And, and it may not sound like a hard job but, yeah, if you ever go there that is the, the most single challenging thing we have to do everyday out of that landfill is to pick up, keep that litter off of the roadway, and we are not doing that. The other thing is that we . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You mean even with the five people you have right now --

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --you just can't keep ahead of it.

MR. TAKAMINE: If you go out there, if five people just came, came through and worked five hours, you'd think they weren't, weren't even there. When they pick up one, three more come along. It's just a continuous battle. And especially. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: What happened to the fence that you guys were saying that you were going to put up that would contain all of that?

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, we bought, we bought 16 foot high, 40 foot long litter fences but the way the landfill is situated when it's new right now it's, it's not effective. To be effective we'd have to put up probably, you know, those golf cart netting type of fence, 30-foot high fence along Pulehu Road entire length of Pulehu Road to catch, catch everything. The landfill right now is so small because it's new, a new cell, I cannot place these 16 foot high fence on top the landfill. They're on the bottom of the landfill. So, when, when the litter starts flying, and we average, we have a wind . . . uh . . . a weather station . . . and we average 25 mile an hour winds. That's the average speed off of that landfill. So, you can just imagine these, these plastic bags just flying off.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, I, I used to drive that road daily for 16 years.

MR. TAKAMINE: And another reason --

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, I know it very well.

MR. TAKAMINE: --we'll be looking at regular County employees, we are purchasing Council approved in my '07 budget \$80,000 to purchase a vac, Litter Vac Cleaner. So, we are in the process of purchasing. This, this is a real heavy-duty tandem-wheel vacuum system and, and I wouldn't want, I would want our employees operating this, this vac, just, just based on liability and, and maintenance.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: What's the purpose of the vac?

MR. TAKAMINE: It's like a huge vacuum cleaner. It will, it will. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: To suck up the plastic bags?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's right. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: But it's, it's trailer-mounted, towed, towed vacuum cleaner basically. Get 25-foot long hose, 8-inch diameter.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Would it helpful if we could get the word out to the public that when you throw away a plastic bag, which you shouldn't be throwing away to begin with but if you do since it's difficult to recycle it if they just put a knot in it would that keep it from flying into the air?

MR. TAKAMINE: We, we actually did that. When we had a big litter problem I called Ilima Loomis at Maui News, hey, why don't you come out here take, it was in the front page. She took a picture of it and, and, you know, we asked her to write up how you can do it and that's exactly we, we had suggestions tie it in a knot, put it in another bag or recycle it. Take it to your grocery store, you know. And it was on the front page. That was a one-time deal but it's just an educational thing. I don't think we'll ever get away with having litter bags floating unless you ban the bags. And, and they've done that --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, let's put that on our list.

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MR. TAKAMINE: --in New Zealand. But we are giving away, you know, for one of our education, we're giving away these bags made out of plastic bottles. You know they look like cloth. And you take it to the grocery store and you don't use plastic bags. You take your bag and fill up your bag and take it back. So, we, we have that in our program that we're giving away and signing up people to, to commit to not using plastic bags and to take one. Small effort but, you know, it's going to be a big, big push to try. And, and it's not just us. It's nationwide --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, yeah. Sure. Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: --plastic bag problems.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, Members, let's get to, where are we at?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Let's get to what, sir?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Landfill. Member Mateo, you got any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Okay. Any more questions on the A account? We go into the B account, Page 5-20 . . . starting at 5-20. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I guess the question I have and everyone has it so I'm, I'm just going to ask it this way. Under Services on this Page 5-20, Services, Other Services 6129, you know, and then I see the 612 *[sic]* same thing for all of them, Molokai, Lanai. What, what is that contractual service? What does that mean? You know each one has a big figure. One has 1.5 mil. The other one has 1.9 mil.

MR. TAKAMINE: All right. On the Central Maui, the one you first mentioned 6129, Other Services --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: --for one-point --

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Nine.

MR. TAKAMINE: --nine million that is our Eko Composting contract.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. So that would be the same thing for 6112?

MR. TAKAMINE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, 6112, in Central Maui?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Central Maui, yeah. . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: Forty thousand. Forty thousand?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, no, no, no, no, no. No, no, no.

MR. TAKAMINE: No. 6112.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: On Page 5-21, the next page. 6112. I guess you guys all get simultaneous numbers. I apologize. Under Services, again, it says, Contractual Service.

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: One-point-five.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. Now, that one is for the Hana Landfill. That 1.5 is for the scrap metal cleanup at the Hana Landfill that we need to contract out.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah, that one, and since you brought it up and we're on it, I would like to request that it be increased to 2.2 million. The, the cost to clean up that landfill, scrap metal-wise meaning we got cars stacked up there, refrigerators. This is like Molokai. Same with the Molokai but on a little smaller scale. I had a current contract with a contractor and for two years we tried to get him to do the work and, and it, it never came about. So, we finally terminated his contract. I took his performance bond although it was only \$25,000 and terminated his contract. But now, I'm

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stuck with the, no, no action basically and, and we've got an NOV, Notice of Violation, from the Department of Health on this issue.

I don't think that 1.5 is going to be enough. So, I'm, I'm asking that if we could increase that actually to 2.2. And only because talking with potential contractors and there's not very many that will do it, it will be a very time-consuming labor-intensive effort because you cannot compactor out there. So, whoever does this job is going to be hauling seven days a week, five days a week but they're going to be hauling 20 foot containers basically putting metal in it and hauling it out of Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, I know Molokai had a similar problem but theirs maybe not as bad because they can, they're just going to compact and take it --

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --down to the harbor.

MR. TAKAMINE: Molokai they can get a compactor in there.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: In Hana, the problem is that with the bridges and weight limit and the Hana Highway, they cannot get a compactor or crusher in there. It's, it's, they won't make the weight limit or they can't make the turns. So, the, the only thing they can do is maybe take, you know, compact it a little bit, put it in containers, 20 foot containers, and, and bring it out one at, one load at a time.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I, you know, okay, that answer, I guess, the other ones, there's some big ones for Molokai and all that. But, I guess, all of them have some kind of, you know, meaning to it then because Molokai had 630,000. Anyhow, not to keep, anything more. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I got those . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Members, the, if there's no objections, the Chair is going to recommend that we reschedule the Wastewater Program to Friday starting at 9 o'clock. And, and we'll go directly into CIP for Public Works as well as the Environmental Management area. Are there any objections?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No objections.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Hopefully, we can complete the Solid Waste area. So, Mr. Hokama, questions?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm assuming EKO is making money, yeah, off what we pay them to take from us?

MR. TAKAMINE: I, I don't know what kind of profit margin they're making. I don't have that information.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I find it interesting we pay somebody to, to, who makes money off what we pay them to take. So, this 400,000 for Lanai, Miscellaneous, is that cover material, for cover material, Mr. Takamine?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. We have a problem in Lanai. We can't get cover material. The individual that used to supply us is now not supplying us. We are currently getting our cover material through any contractors. And right now there's some dredging work going on in the harbor so we're taking the material. We tried to go up to bid a few months ago, two months ago or a month ago, and we got one bidder. The individual is from Honolulu and just for, to let you know what his bid came in at, we currently pay about \$13 a ton for soil. He came in at \$89 a ton. It would be cost, it would cost us two hundred-plus thousand dollars a month just for the cover material if we, if we went with him. So, of course, we didn't take his bid.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: He was going to bring dirt from Oahu for cover material on Lanai?

MR. TAKAMINE: Talking to Castle & Cooke that's what they pay when they bring in material from Honolulu. I, I don't know. He said he wouldn't. He probably gets it on island but he, in negotiations with him since he was the only bidder we could negotiate. He wouldn't come down lower than probably 20. What he, now, what he told me. Forty dollars a ton. Other than that he, you know, he can't come down lower than that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll see if we can get one CDUA permit from us.

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MR. TAKAMINE: So, we're, we're putting in 400,000, which is a drastic from the 90 that we had before. We're in discussions with the, I've been talking to Castle and Cooke who has the only quarry out there and, and they didn't want to bid because they didn't want to be held accountable for the daily tonnage that we're requesting. I'm still talking to them to find out how we can, we can maybe draft our, our bid to accommodate them. So, I'm hopeful that, that I can go out to bid again. But, right now, we put a lot more in because we don't know what we're going to incur in terms of cost for cover material on the island.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You cannot shave off the, the, the walls of our current site to get some additional material for, for the, our cov..., coverage requirements?

MR. TAKAMINE: Shave off from the current covered landfill?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no, no, no. On the side, on the side.

MR. TAKAMINE: Well, I don't think so. I, I'm not, you know, I've been out there only twice so I'm not sure. We, we do have a solution though, a partial solution. It's not in the budget here. But talking to my, to my supervisor if we have excess money or if I get additional funding, we want to bring in a 12-yard dump for our personnel to use. We can then go to Castle and Cooke and pick up our own, our own --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Right. Right. Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: --cover material and just pay for that and bring it back.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: Right now, we don't have the capability to even haul, even haul material.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. TAKAMINE: So, that's, that's the problem. We depend on them to haul. But if we had the haul, haul capability, we could probably go to, if we get the additional staff. It's kind of all tied in. We could send our guys over there, pick up the materials, it's not that much material, and bring it back. It's just right across the street.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just so we get one under..., an understanding, what kind of requirements are we looking for Lanai for cover material per day 100 cubic yards, 200 cubic yards?

MR. TAKAMINE: I think I have the per day. It's not that much.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know what, Mr. Takamine, you can send it to the Committee, you know, I'm sure the Members want, the other Members would like their turn. So, Chairman, I can wait for the Division to respond later.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just some general questions with the miscellaneous cost for the Central Landfill, you know, 700,000. What is, if you could give us some brief details on that? And I guess with gas, oil, and diesel almost doubling, I mean, is it not only, I mean, I would presume it's because of the cost of fuel but also, I guess, the increased amount of work as well.

MR. TAKAMINE: I'm sorry. What, what line item are we looking at?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Cent... Central Landfill, five, I think it's 5-20. Sorry, it's getting late. I'm sorry 6221, Miscellaneous Costs, subaccount, 2.1 million. Sorry.

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Central?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: Again, that's cover material.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Cover again. Do you have any other alternatives besides cover? I mean it's just dirt, right? I mean is, is it . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: There are what they call alternative daily cover options. Tarps is one of 'em. Compost.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: These are cheaper options or on or about the same price?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, no. Yeah, like tarps would be a cheaper option because you wouldn't use as much soil. You still have to use soil but, but the problem with tarps in Central Maui is with 25 mile an hour winds that tarp will not stay down. Compost is another one. Mulch is another one. In fact, we're, we're using mulch now. We're getting it free but we got to pick it up from EKO because they're overstocked. So, anytime we do alternative daily cover, we need approval from the Department of Health.

So, there are options. You could spray, you could a machine that spray on some kind of a mixture but you have to get water to mix it, and you spray and it comes like, some kind of covering, you know. It will last, it will last a day, cover for a day.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, sounds like there's not really much to choose from. Yeah, I mean, when you factor in cost it.

MR. TAKAMINE: We're looking at it for the outer landfills. In fact, we're, we're looking at this tarps, you know, maybe we can use 'em for the smaller landfills like Lanai, Hana. So, we're, we're going to look at those. We don't, again, we don't have it budgeted either but just this issue with Lanai just kind of came up. We thought we could get a bid with Castle and Cooke and no, no bid.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. I just have one question. You have Hana Landfill acquisition cost at 40,000. Are you looking for a new site or expansion? And that's going to be on 5-22 right at the bottom of the page.

MR. TAKAMINE: Is that line item 6313?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yes, that's correct.

MR. TAKAMINE: Claims, settlements, and judgments.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, what, what's that about for the Hana Landfill acquisition claims, settlements, and judgment? Are we selling something or buying something for Hana Landfill? And we still getting free landfill cover material? Maybe we can send some to Lanai.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah, Highways is still hauling for us.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: I don't know what the 40,000 is --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh.

MR. TAKAMINE: --there for but, but we just an NOV from the Department of Health.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: What, what did you get from the Department of Health?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Notice of violation.

MR. TAKAMINE: Twelve thousand seven hundred dollars – Hana Landfill acquisition.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the violation is for insufficient cover?

MR. TAKAMINE: Well, the violation was for some NPDES permit violations. Storm water discharge monitoring reports not being completed. The metals, scrap metals being stored on site. And, you know, when water hits likes batteries and you get runoff and there's no Best Management Practices being enforced.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, this 40,000 you're not aware of what that. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: I'm sorry. I'm not aware of what that is for but like I said I was going to actually ask Council if we could put in some Department of Health fines that we got for the three landfills in February. We just got issued the fines and, and in all likelihood I think we're going to have to end up paying it.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Yeah. If you're not sure about this 40,000 then that was my question. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. On 5-21, Mr. Takamine, you have under Contractual Services, this is again for the Hana Landfill, sub..., subitem 6112. You have 1,555,000 and in '06 and '07, you had 50,000.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. I think I just, I just mentioned that that's \$1.5 million for scrap metal cleanup at the landfill. And, again, I, I'm requesting if I could get that increase to 2.2 million.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Whew.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's basically to clean up the scrap metal, cars, white goods, propane tanks, and batteries, tires.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And have you, is this a Notice of Violation issue?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, it is. And, and the Notice of Violation is a fine of \$12,700.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Is that a one-time fine or did they give you a deadline and then they. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: It's a one time fine. We had 30 days to comply which we couldn't comply with so that's why we, Corp. Counsel filed a appeal.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Why couldn't we send our Abandoned Vehicle folks out there to do that?

MR. TAKAMINE: Again, our, the, the Abandoned Vehicle individuals I have are strictly, I want to say administrative, they, all they do --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, yeah. I know.

MR. TAKAMINE: --is, is administer the tow orders and processing. And this, this, this work here if you ever get out here is, is, it's messy. Very messy.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But I meant SOS couldn't go do it?

MR. TAKAMINE: SOS they, I don't believe they do that type of work. They, they wait, they have the individuals bring them the material and they process it. They don't have the capability of, I guess, they could haul their, well, maybe not. Their, their, even their rig again as I mentioned is too big to even get out to Hana. That's, that's the problem. Their, their compactor, their whole operation could move but they, they could never get out there.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, who's going to do this at 2.2 million?

MR. TAKAMINE: We'll advertise it for bid and, and, I, I, you know, and at this point, I don't want to mention, you know, who, who could do it, but there are maybe two or three individual companies that could do it. Whether they're going to bid on it or not that's the problem because it's, again, because it's in Hana and the situation, a lot of, most of the companies don't want to bid on it.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, why, why are you going from 1.5 million to 2.2? What's the necessity for that?

MR. TAKAMINE: It's just the, I guess an educated guess of what the cost is going to be based on what we're paying in Molokai. Now, Molokai which is a lot easier access and, and control and we're paying...one, 1.77 million, I believe it is. And, and that's probably not going to be enough in Molokai. That's based on 5,000 tons estimated. And, and since we actually went out to bid on that one way, I think, it was two years ago. Even that one we had to cancel a contract because the initial contractor failed to perform. So, we had to re-bid that one out and, and we got Schnitzer Steel now. Based, but it was based on 5,000 tons but, you know, we've been accumulating cars and metals for the last three years since that, that initial quantity was estimated. So, we definitely feel that that's going to have to go up also and we have to amend the contract.

So, based on that and, and, and looking at the numbers, we feel that, you know, I think, a better estimate is 2.2 million.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, you know, when we were in Hana we heard a lot of complaints about the landfill. Many people want to see it closed. That it could be affecting groundwater. So, in this Integrated

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Solid Waste Management Plan, will you be addressing the Hana Landfill in that?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. There, all the landfills will be addressed. They will definitely be looking at the Hana Landfill. In fact, we gave them specific direction to evaluate closing the Hana Landfill and turning it into a transfer station. Because we get about only 4 to 5 tons a day and, and we could probably haul that material back to Central Maui Landfill maybe once a day. So, they're going to evaluating what, what the potential impacts that will be, what the cost would be involved in terms of staffing, equipment. We probably have to build some kind of transfer station there where people can just drive up and, and dump into a open-top container. So that, that will be definitely looked at.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. You know the, the cinders that you use to layer the landfill, we also had complaints this year, last year also, that miconia seeds are in that cinder. And. . .what involvement do you guys have with that cinder in distributing it?

MR. TAKAMINE: Other than spreading it on our landfill, Highways, Highways hauls it, I mean, they actually mine it and haul it for us on a daily basis. I have not heard of that issue about the miconia seeds.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, you haven't heard of that. We have.

MR. TAKAMINE: And, and I haven't seen anything growing out there. I mean, we have the land... portion of the landfill, I've driven on it, I haven't seen anything other than grass growing on it.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, we have residents in Hana who said that they've taken the cinder and used it in landscaping like around flower beds and whatnot and that the miconia rose from the cinder. So, just maybe the conditions aren't right at the landfill. There's not enough. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: And I don't know where. I've never been to the cinder pits so I don't know where it's coming from.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, Highways Division are the people that would address that issue?

MR. TAKAMINE: They haul it for us. They mine it for us and, and deliver.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. Mr. Takamine, you got individuals in the landfills, in various landfills that are responsible for assurance that the landfill does comply and meet standards in order to avoid any Notices of Violations?

MR. TAKAMINE: Other than the Central Maui Landfill, the Hana. . .Hana, Molokai, and Lanai Landfills, I do not have supervisors or, I guess, individuals that have the responsibility, I want to say to ensure that it's done. Now, we do go out there and train them anyway and sit down with them and say this the permit, these are your requirements, and this is what you need to do because, you know, they're the only ones out there.

But, again, I would rather have someone that's actually in charge out there on a daily basis monitoring and ensuring that we comply with all DOH regulations. That's they only way that we ensure it gets done on a daily basis. If, if not, I have one supervisor and he cannot be, I mean he spends more of his time on Central Maui and he can barely keep up with Central Maui. I mean Central Maui is moving so fast that he needs to be there full-time just to keep on top of everything. So, the outer landfills get neglected. And, and we kind of paying the price for that right now.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Has it, other than Central with the NOV's. How about the, the smaller landfills? Any Notices of Violations for, for the smaller ones?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, we have. We have. . .actually, we have a warning letter for Kalamaula which is a closed landfill because we failed to maintain the closure requirements for that landfill. We have a warning letter for Molokai. We, you definitely probably know about the settlement agreements for Lanai and Central Maui. And we just recently got Notice of Violations for Molokai, Hana, and Lanai for NPDES Violations.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, okay, so the, a good number of the violations have come from other than Central because Central itself is, is a problem. So, but a good number of violations are in the, the outside landfill areas. So, I'm kind of hoping that with the transition with the new bodies that you're requesting, that somebody will take the lead to avoid the continuance of DOH getting on our case because they're, they're

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becoming more and more costly for us. And even if you had an individual assigned just to go and be responsible in monitoring, that, that will save us a hell of a lot of money than getting, you know, fines like this one we're experiencing for, this \$12,700 for one violation.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. That was, that was for Hana. For Molokai, it's \$32,000. For Lanai, was \$17,600. But I want to, I want to emphasize that the Central Maui Landfill has progressed tremendously in the last year. In fact, we just had an inspection with Department of Health last week and we are not getting any Notice of Violations. They, they gave us, you know, a good appraisal or recommendations, I mean, report, I guess, on what we're doing out there. So, we have concentrated on Central Maui over the last year. We need to concentrate on the outer landfills now and, and try to clean that up and then maintain what we, we set up.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Or maybe your inspector here should be sent to the neighbor islands so they can, you know, help us to be more cautious to avoid the fine. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm done.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. . . . (*chuckled*) . . . Just for my curiosity. The fines that we are experiencing today, I guess, didn't happen overnight, right?

MR. TAKAMINE: Well, the, the fines were notified basically overnight. We, we got the NOV's on February 2nd. . . . (*end of tape 9A - 9:41 p.m.*) . . . But, yeah, the, what led up to the fines, yeah, did not happen overnight. It's years.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And thank you for doing a good job in trying to correct all these problems. Members, any more questions on the B account?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, just one quick one, please.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead, Mr. Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I just wanted to maybe add some information to Member Anderson's question about increasing the amount for Hana to get rid of the scrap metals. Mr. Takamine, would it be allowed if they truck the metals out to SOS, and have SOS process it?

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MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah, that would, that would be an option. Again, it, that would be whoever wins, wins the bid. He might, he might decide he wants to take it straight to Kahului docks, put on that barge, and take it straight to Schnitzer.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Well, the reason I, I say that is because you, you admitted that, you know, the contractors can't take their compactors into Hana just because of the restrictions of the road and bridges. But contractors could haul the stuff out to a contractor out here, which would be SOS or Schnitzer. And that would probably reduce the contract amount of getting rid of the stuff from the Hana Landfill. So, you may want to consider that.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. When, when we do go out to, probably be an RFP, Request for Proposals, we'll evaluate who has the best plan. And, and the other, other entity is Kitagawa. He has the ability to, to process also.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah, so.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So that's another option. And because Hana recently has developed a lot of small companies of truckers just because of the things going on in Hana. I'm certainly they would be interested in just hauling it out and taking it to a processor. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros.

MR. ARAKAWA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead, Director.

MR. ARAKAWA: May I just respectfully request that the NOV fines that Mr. Takamine mentioned for the NPDES violations be included in the, the Budget. Because this, this was noted, we were notified of that in February so, and we were not able to include that in the Administration Budget but it is something that we have deal with.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Okay. Members, any more questions on the B account? Otherwise, we go to C account on Page 5-24. Mem..., Member Anderson?

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, you know, there's \$40,000 here, Claims, Settlements, and Judgments, that Member Medeiros asked about earlier at the bottom of 5-22. And you folks didn't know what it was for. So, maybe we could use that for the fines.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, that that could be applied for that. That one is specifically for Hana Landfill. But it says landfill acquisition, again, I, you know, I'm not familiar with that one.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. That's, that's the major heading of it but when you look at the detail of it, it says Claims, Settlements, and Judgments. So, you know, maybe you could use that money for your fines. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Okay. We go to the C account starting on Page 5-24. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I'm, I've looked at all the expansion as well as replacement. Definitely, we know, we heard that Hana needed a new, new dozer so that's no question about that one. And I just hope that all these expansion equipment will help you guys continue to do a more efficient job at the landfill because you're spending \$1½ million, I'd assume not being expert in this area that all this would help do a better job. So, that's all I got to say about that. I mean you need it, use it. If it does the job for you and does it a bit more efficiently then I got no problem. Thank you. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The ATV dump for the Lanai Landfill, is, is that something like we, we would compare to like a Bobcat mini-loader?

MR. TAKAMINE: No. That's more like a Kawasaki, you know, those Kawasaki ATVs?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: It doesn't have any lo..., . . . um . . . blade on it or anything. It's just strictly for personnel transportation with a small bed on it that they can pick up. Right now, they're supposed to be picking up litter. They go out there what do they do, you know, they're going to have to

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carry that stuff. They don't have any transportation other than the dozer at each of these landfills.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: They, they walk. And if they walking, they not picking up, they're not going to pick up trash, you know.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No. I just curious about when, when I see ATV dump so.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. We, these ATVs come with dumps. Two seaters and then you can put a bed on the back so that you can use it to put trash in there, put litter bags in there. If not, they're like a golf cart with no hauling capability. Yeah, they call it like Kawasaki mule or John Deere they have those.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Okay. Thank you. I'm done.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Just to _____, I guess, for my own curiosity. A truck tire wash. Describe that. I know it's in expansion request.

MR. TAKAMINE: I'm glad you brought that up. Since I put this on here back in October of last year, we have since purch..., gone ahead and added this into our construction contract for the Phase IV, B Landfill operation because we need it and we're tracking mud all over Pulehu Road. So, we did an amendment, the contractor is now actually purchasing this and putting it in place. So, I don't need this 120 but as I mentioned when we talked about Lanai, if I could, I would like to put this on Lanai to purchase that 12 yard dump to give us the capability of, if we ever get in a situation we can't get material that we can go and get it ourselves. And, and I think the estimate is about 125. So, if 120, you know, if I just switch that to Lanai for a 12-yard dump that would, that would be better.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Just some quick answers for me. The roll-off trucks, what do you guys use roll-offs for?

MR. TAKAMINE: At the new landfill, Central Maui Landfill, we have residential drop-off bins.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh.

MR. TAKAMINE: We have four of 'em. We currently have two roll-on/roll-offs. And on weekends, they operate two of 'em fulltime. When one goes down we start backing up on traffic. So, we, we're requesting two. One for backup and one will be used to actually go out to Hana. We have, we have inst..., started or will start a new recycle program to, you know, to mitigate what we are trying to fix now. We're going to have roll-on/roll-offs out there for, for white goods. So, instead of being dumped on the landfill, they'll be putting roll-on/roll-offs. And we don't know what the volume at this time will be but we, hopefully, it's not too often, maybe go out there once a month and, and actually send our guys all the way out there with an empty roll-on/roll-off, drop it off, pick up the full one, and take it to our S..., our recycling contractor. So, those, those are the reasons why we need the two additional. That will give us a total of four.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So, you would have to build a platform so people can drive on the platform and dump it into the roll-off?

MR. TAKAMINE: In Hana?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: No, it's just going to be, we built a pad on the ground.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, you did. You do have that.

MR. TAKAMINE: And they'll just, they'll just dump it right on the ground and we'll just push it in.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the GIS, can't our GIS do that for you for, on a Topo ID?

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MR. TAKAMINE: No, that, that's actually, we need to be able to go out in the field and know exactly what our elevations are, either on a daily basis or regular basis.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, you need a GIS machine, equipment?

MR. TAKAMINE: For elevations.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. And, you know, the cardboard compactor, when we compact it, are we able to recycle that? We not putting it back in the landfill are we?

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, no, no. Yeah, this is definitely for recycling. Right now, at the Central Maui Landfill, we have, we're using three 20-foot open containers, roll-on/roll-offs, and they're not compacted. So, those things fill up. We're doing an excellent job at the landfill. People are actually not throwing as much cardboard in but it's filling up so fast that once it gets up to the top, people start filling it and the wind picks it up and we got cardboard flying out of the facility. So, we want to be able to compact this down, and it's already wired. We have the electrical hookups. We just need the, the compactors.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And just, you know, the Hana Landfill, I mean, the dozer, the replacement. That's terrific. Are you able to keep the old dozer if it's in running condition as a standby when the, the new one comes and it breaks down or needs to go to service?

MR. TAKAMINE: That one we don't plan to keep because we, we already have actually a Trax... we call it Traxcavator, another, another dozer with tracks on it.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: So, we, we do have a backup --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: --of sort. We don't, we don't need that one. That one is, is too old, I think, for a backup.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But that's still the high-track one, right, the one that's in Hana?

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MR. TAKAMINE: I believe so.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Takamine, the only question I have. Are any of these, especially, these big-ticket items, expansion items, are any of them necessary to prevent future violations?

MR. TAKAMINE: The compactor is, is one that, actually, our permit, the way it's written right now, it limits us to 700 tons per day. Anything over 700 tons per day, we're supposed to be doubling everything out there. So, right now, we run one compactor, one dozer on the landfill. By permit regulations, we're hitting the 700 already. We're supposed to be running two compactors, and two tow, two dozers. We, we don't have that. Right now, we have two compactors available but, you know, due to maintenance one is always down. So, this compactor will give us a total of three and we will be able to meet the, the permit requirements. Although, we're trying to get the permit requirements changed to give us a higher daily tonnage so we don't have to do that. But we definitely need these equipments to, to have the equipments available to, to do our daily operation.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And so, that's, that's the compactor and the roll-off truck?

MR. TAKAMINE: The, the compactor for \$700,000. That's the big-ticket item.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: The roll-on/roll-offs as I mentioned are, are just to, to haul the residential drop off bins from the drop-off site at the facility to the landfill.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I thought you said there were two large pieces of equipment that you needed to prevent future violations.

MR. TAKAMINE: I guess just one. Just the compactor.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. And the dozer in Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And the dozer in Hana. Okay. Thank you, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you. I think my only concern with, with the size of the equipment you're purchasing is I don't know who monitors the order to see that they actually come in. Yeah. And I'll, I'll cite, two year, two budget cycles ago, there was a Traxcavator for the Island of Molokai. I don't know if it's coming in piece-by-piece but it still haven't made Molokai yet. Then there's the wood chipper, you know, a while ago that still hadn't come in yet. So, you got big-ticket items. Who monitors to see that, in fact, it's been ordered, it meets whatever specs you put on, and that it does come in?

MR. TAKAMINE: Basically, I do. To let you know the wood chipper just came in. It's actually on island. The training is going to happen on Monday and Tuesday.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Oh, you the man.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. . . . *(laughter)* . . . The only good news I got.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, and the, and the Traxcavator is there, too.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: It came in?

MR. TAKAMINE: The Traxcavator was there last night.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Ah, Chairman, I got no more questions.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We can go home already?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We go. We go.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Just a point of clarification. The truck tire wash, you said that you don't need now because the contractor is going to be providing that. So, the \$120,000 will be used to purchase a dump truck so that we can purchase fill material from whomever for the landfill?

MR. TAKAMINE: On Lan... Lanai --

CHAIR PONTANILLA: For Lanai.

MR. TAKAMINE: --Landfill. Yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. Members, any more questions to the C account? Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, more of a request for Mr. Pablo. On the sheet from the Direct..., the division head, we got a comment that he wants a vehicle replaced but he has a request to keep the vehicle for continued use at the landfill. And this is the '93 Jeep Cherokee. I would ask that you, you check with, I think, Finance has the vehicle replacement schedule as well as, you know, we went through a depreciation program with GASB-38. And so, I'm not sure whether or not, once we replace, we still can keep it on inventory because we actually wrote it off and there should be no value. So, I, you know, I just ask that you, you double-check the policy so that down the road when this, if we do keep it and it finally breaks down this is not to be replaced.

And then just one quick question for the, the Division Chief. What vehicle are you currently using from Landfill Division?

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. If you look at the, Page 2 of the sheet I gave you. That 1991 Jeep Cherokee at 120,000 miles.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: I'm driving that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That's what you're, you're using?

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MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. Good. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Okay. Moving on, 5-25, Residential Collection Program. Member Victorino --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The only question I have on this particular is, is we were told when we were Upcountry at the, one of our public hearings Upcountry, the only public hearing Upcountry I should say, that a supervisor, there's only one supervisor for the Upcountry area, and he's constantly on the go. And the Upcountry area is so incumbersome [*sic*]. I mean he starts in from Ulupalakua, wherever we go as far as Kula side across Haiku, whatever, right? I mean that's a big, big, big area, geographic, yeah, big area. So, the question was raised or was brought up, brought to our attention that the need for another supervisor or breaking that area down because of the tremendous geographical size of that particular area. Has any thought been given? Because I see you have an expansion position, Refuse Supervisor I, and I was looking for it. It's got to be here somewhere and I'm just so tired, I can't find it.

MR. TAKAMINE: It's in Lanai, I mean, Lahaina.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Lahaina? Okay. Yeah. Yeah. Okay, yeah, he mentioned that. Okay. So that's where, you know, and I have nothing against Lahaina. Lahaina necess..., is, is growing also. But, you know, when you talking Upcountry, I cannot see and, and he made a real valid point about the size of the, the, the area to have nobody up there or have one guy try to cover all of that and he's out on the road a lot. No, I think he was also saying there's nobody in the office to pick up the phone, you know. Is there maybe a clerical that could be put in or somebody or some? So, when people call, somebody there to at least respond to 'em, you know. I don't know. But that was my question. Is there any plan in that area? I don't, I can't find it in here, and at this time of the night, I'm not really very sharp at finding it anyhow if you do have, Mr. Takamine.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. No, I do not have any expansion position other than the Refuse Supervisor I in Lahaina, currently, proposed for the '08 budget. The Supervisor in Lahaina, the main reason we're requesting that one is

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because we're going to automating both Lahaina and Upcountry by the end of the year or early part of next year. And once we automate, we're going to need a Supervisor in Lahaina due to the, the type of personnel, equipment operators out there.

Upcountry and Makawao where you're mentioning, yeah, I didn't, I didn't talk to my supervisor about that. But we currently have a supervisor out there. He, he, so, he, we do have supervision out there when we do automate. You're, you're correct in that, a lot of times he's on the road. He is a HGEA member and, technically, he shouldn't be out there picking up trash. But because when people call in sick and we don't want to cancel a route, he will, he will go out there and he will drive a truck or he'll, he'll, he'll pick up trash. And when he does that, there's nobody in the office. We don't have a clerk out there.

We did get a Clerk approved last year for the entire Collection System. And we just hired the individual two months ago. So, I didn't request a Clerk this year for Upcountry because I don't know how this would work out. I don't if one clerk is enough for the entire section or do we need another clerk until we actually, you know, utilize the Clerk for maybe six months to a year. That's one of the reasons why I didn't put in a Clerk for Upcountry at the current time. If, if the Council sees, sees fit to give me one, I, I won't, you know, I wouldn't say no. But we do have a problem with, with phones.

As you know we got 22,000 accounts and we pick up trash everyday. And I don't know if everybody realizes this but compared to any other department or division like Water or compared to Water, Wastewater, they don't get calls saying that my water shut off or my sewer is not, not flowing. But when we don't pickup trash on a route of 500 routes, well, we get calls instantly and they go to the Mayor's Office, to your office, the Director's Office, and I answer phones. I don't know how they find my number but they find my number and we get calls every day. And, right now, we got 100-plus calls backed up on our answering machines because we cannot keep up with the, the load.

So, there is a definite need for somebody to answer the phones, you know. But, again, yeah, I didn't put one in this year just because I don't know if the one Clerk we got now would be sufficient or not sufficient.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Another, another, another question going along the routes of automation. Upcountry and Lahaina, many of the

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streets are extremely narrow. Have you guys made, I mean, I don't see how you can go and, you know, just like going into areas like Haiku. Some of those streets, I mean, they're not streets. They're just one lane, I mean, a truck of that size would have a hell of a time getting in and out of some of those lanes. Are you expecting everybody to bring it out to the, to the roadside? Leave it out there is that what your plan is?

MR. TAKAMINE: George, my supervisor --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: --is working on it. He, he assures me that most of the Upcountry area will accommodate those, those big trucks. There are going to be areas that we cannot accommodate, so we will be still doing rear loader, manual pickups in those areas until we can determine maybe we got to buy a smaller truck. But the next phase after this phase, will be Phase V is to look at those areas that we're, we're not able to get in. And, yes, maybe a lot of the Upcountry areas like, like we do now in some of these newer areas, we will have to tell the resident "you have to bring your trash can and put it right here in this spot" and we actually, he actually goes out and puts an "x" on the road until they learn where that trash can has got to be or else it won't get picked up. Because some, some areas the truck will have to go only one side and he can't get on the other side because he can't turn around or he'd, he'd have to backup. So, some residents may have to across the street. So, there's definitely going to be learning curve but we believe we can get the majority of the place automated. So, we're asking actually in here when you get to the C account, 8,700 carts for Upcountry and Lahaina. And we, we, we already got the seven trucks on order. They're already out to bid and should be here by September.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I think the automation program is a great program, you know, and I'd like to see some expansion in green waste but it's too late to talk about that. I yield to my colleagues. Thank you very much. Thank you, sir.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Mr. Takamine, in, in regards to a Clerk III position for, a possible Clerk III position for Makawao. Can you provide this Committee if we include a Clerk III what the duties will be?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, I can.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine. Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chairman. Just, you know, you mentioned the anticipated date of the automation for Lahaina and Upcountry. Can you tell me what, you know, being that normally you need three people, yeah, drive, truck, refuse truck driver and two personnel on the back to unload rubbish. So, what will, how will those workers now be assigned being that with automatic refuse you only have, you need one person, yeah? Anything different from how the workers are assigned, I guess, for the Central area? Is there any deviation for the Upcountry or Lahaina refuse workers? How will, what will those people who are not out on the road, what will they be doing?

MR. TAKAMINE: We, I think, projecting about maybe to free up, when we automate Upcountry, about seven, seven or six personnel. And as I mentioned before, in all likelihood, I think, we're going to be utilizing them to do some kind of bulky item/appliance pickup and convert them into a crew. That would have to be negotiated with the UPW in terms of what, how, how they would be, what kind of agreements in terms of their hours of work and, and any other stipulations.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, now, they, as far as assigning, they would, would they be assigned to the Abandoned Vehicles, White Goods Division or they, they would still be part of the. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: They would still be part of the Refuse Collection System. And, and as I mentioned, too, we'd probably still have manual routes so they're not all going to, you know, there might be one manual route left Upcountry.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

MR. ARAKAWA: I also, also want to mention, too, that there's also currently borrowing of personnel from Highways. So, once you automate Upcountry, the borrowing from Highways should lessen or be eliminated. Because, right now, I believe there used to be borrowing in Wailuku prior

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to automated but now with automated collection, it's, it's pretty much stopped.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Mr. Takamine, I think, what we heard in the Upcountry public hearing that Member Victorino was trying to refer to is that, your Solid Waste Collection Supervisor II is that Mr. Correa, at the top of your organizational chart?

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And his office is in Makawao?

MR. TAKAMINE: No. His office is in the Wailuku baseyard

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And his office was never in Makawao?

MR. TAKAMINE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. I thought he used to be with the Highways Division. They had a office up there right next to Highways Division.

MR. TAKAMINE: You're saying Solid Waste Collection Supervisor I?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Well, which one is Mr. Correa because . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: He's, he's on the top of Page 5-25. He's the F1-10A, Solid Waste Collection Supervisor I.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: One. And, and your organizational chart you handed out, this one here, is that him here?

MR. TAKAMINE: He is the . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: He's below that.

MR. TAKAMINE: Hmm.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's him, right, the top one? And this one shows Supervisor II.

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, shoot, wrong page. I'm on the wrong page. Hold on. Excuse me. Yeah, he's on, and when you're looking at my handout Page 3. He's the top one. He's actually a Solid Waste Collection Supervisor II, F2-10 so.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. Right. Because the district ones are one, yeah?

MR. TAKAMINE: Right. Right. So, where is. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. Okay. So, and so, he's at the Wailuku baseyard?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's where his office is?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And but he oversees Makawao, Wailuku, and Lahaina.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. Even though Makawao and Wailuku has a Supervisor II, I mean, I at. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: They fall, they fall under him.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. So, is it possible, I mean, I certainly will try to talk to my colleagues but, about, because the Clerk III is not for him, right? It's for the, your main office.

MR. TAKAMINE: He already has, actually, we have a Clerk III that we just got approved last year and we just filled two months ago that, that's actually supporting him directly and the Wailuku baseyard.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. So that person is in the Wailuku baseyard in, in his office.

MR. TAKAMINE: Actually, not to confuse things anymore but, yeah, that, that person is in my office because George has no office. There's only one office in Wailuku and --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: --it's about the size of a broom closet and it's for the Wailuku section supervisor. He sits in there. So, George technically has no office. He, he drives around in his truck and he. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, do you plan an office for him so a Clerk can be with him?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. It's on my, actually, CIP budget request for \$400,000 to construct a Collection System baseyard office.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, yeah. The, how many of these districts are automated?

MR. TAKAMINE: Kihei is automated. Wailuku, Central Maui is automated. And Kahului is automated.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Those are kind of the large areas, yeah?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And, and soon to be Kihei, yeah?

MR. TAKAMINE: No. Soon to be Lahaina and Upcountry.

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. My, my only, my only reason for, for asking is because, and I'll go right back to the premium pay. I thought through automation the, it would not require as, will not be as labor intense that would require overtime but yet it continues, you know, kind of, quite steadily. So, I just don't know the value when you look at an, an easier process or more, more simplified or less labor intense . . . um . . . means of picking up, of rubbish collection and still dealing with the same amount in overtime pay. So, are there any, have you, have you really taken a look at trying to address the overtime situation with, especially with those routes that are, in fact, automated?

MR. TAKAMINE: Actually, when you look at my Collection System's overtime they're, they're very minimal. I think he's been able to keep it down. He's, he's very good, excellent, in fact, in making sure that if he, if he doesn't need the overtime, the overtime doesn't get, get spent. And, I think, the way, the reason why we have overtime is, number one, we support Community Work Day. We support all these community projects. When we do that, it's all on overtime work. When we do recycle of refrigerators, if we can't do it on straight time, we do it on overtime. So, I think, most of our overtime are a result of these other activities.

When you're talking about just the Refuse Collection with uku pau, I mean these guys they want to get in there, they're done, and they're gone. So, there is no overtime. If we have a illness, which we do have a lot, and now a route doesn't get picked up and we want to make sure it gets picked up then we require, we ask for volunteers. And when we get those volunteers, they do that second route, that's a full, we pay them a full even if it takes them an hour to do it, we pay them for a full eight-hour day by UPW agreements. So, I, I think, when you're looking overtime in this section, I don't think you can do it any better than, than what George is doing right now.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Well, I'm looking at right now Wailuku. And I, I, to me, I think almost \$125,000 in premium pay is high. It's, it's, the area is automated. So, my issue would just be, you know, for the Department to take a look at, you know, I don't, it's, it's not, it's not trying to reinvent the process all over again because the, the new process is supposed to be simplified.

MR. TAKAMINE: And, and to clarify. Wailuku is not fully automated. Wailuku encompasses Paia, some part of Paia and, and that's still auto..., manual.

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Well . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: I think it has two routes that are manual.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah. Well, I just, I just continue to think that premium pay even though in, in the majority of your district areas has been flat with FY '07 versus '08. But that so-called flatness is still kind of high. A hundred and twenty-five thousand for one, one district area, it's kind of high for overtime. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Mateo. Point of clarification in regards to the white goods pickup. It, it, I understand it's done on the weekends?

MR. TAKAMINE: Sometimes it's done on the weekend. We try to do it if we have available staff. . . .(end of tape 9B - 10:08 p.m.). . . But, yes, a lot of times, we have to do it on weekends and all that work is overtime.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions on the A account? Now, we go into the B account. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. For the sake of nothing to compare with and I don't see anything that I cannot understand. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, my concern in this area of, of Refu..., Residential Collection is regarding Lanai. You, you, you heard some of the comments when Budget Committee went to Lanai for our public hearing. We are going to need to make a decision, Chairman, either we're going to have the Department pickup twice a week or we need to reduce the fees by 50 percent. But we need to make a decision. And, of course, on Lanai, some people want twice a week, some people rather have their rates cut, their fees cut by 50 percent. But I would ask that the, the Committee, we work with the Department with the Division. But I, I would, I am expecting a adjustment on the Lanai Program, Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Comments by the Department regarding what was just said by Mr. Hokama? At our Budget hearing on Lanai, we

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heard that in regards to, you know, rubbish being picked up on Maui twice a week and on Lanai, they pay the same amount and only once a week. Director?

MR. ARAKAWA: Mr. Chairman, we would prefer if the proposal for Lanai be, basically, have the same service but basically charge them half the rate that Maui has. Basically, it would be a once a week pickup for the same cart. And as, you know, Maui, the automated pickup is twice a week for that cart. So, they are getting half the service and they'll be, they'll be paying half the price. One option is, you know, if an individual would want the second cart, you know, we can, we can pick it up. It would be a once a week pickup, two carts, and then he can pay, you know, the same rate as the Maui residents. So that's possibly an option that could be considered.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. Thank you, Director.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Member Molina, question?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. You know it's been a long night; I'm going to just hold off on my questions. I know Staff is working hard, too, so I'm going to submit at least for the rest of the, the Solid Waste. So, I'll put the rest in writing to the Department, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Director, if you could provide us some proposals what you just mentioned in regards to Lanai so that we can take a look at it and make some decisions. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. I see in the B account, there's no account for Hana and that's because the Hana Refuse Collection is attached to the Highways Department or Division?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. The refuse in Hana is picked up by the Hana Highways Department.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, any kind of operational funding for them is in the Highways budget?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. And they, we cost reimburse them for their labor. But the equipment belongs to us.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. I have no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: I have no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: It's a long night. Members, any more questions on the B account? If not, the Chair would like to move into the C account.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. I think they've explained much of the C account already. So, I have no problem.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No. It's a reasonable request for us to consider, Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No questions.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, wait a minute.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, we got \$700,000 here for automated carts. I think maybe we should just ask for an explanation on that, where for 80 automated carts for Wailuku. Is that to automate Wailuku areas that are not automated?

MR. TAKAMINE: I'm glad you caught that because I was going to explain that. That's, that's an error. It should be flip-flop. It's 8,700 carts for \$80.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I was going to, that's an expensive cart.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Holy mackerel. Well, this for sure, this budget isn't balanced. So, what's the total?

MR. TAKAMINE: They may be gold-plated carts.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, how many carts?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The total is still correct.

MR. TAKAMINE: The total is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: The total is still correct?

MR. TAKAMINE: It's 8,700 carts at \$80 each.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, thank you. . . . *(laughter)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. That's right. Just in reverse.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I knew that.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Takamine.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Quickly. Just quickly. For Wailuku Refuse, what is the need for two 20 cubic yard trucks, please, Mr. Takamine, so we can appreciate this?

MR. TAKAMINE: The average life expectancy of one of these trucks is supposed to be seven years.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: When, when you say, what kind of truck?

MR. TAKAMINE: Replacement truck.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: This is like a dump truck . . . (*inaudible*) . . . ?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, these are the automated trucks.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: This is the automated truck.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: So, they're, most, a lot of our trucks are over seven, reaching the seven year limit already. Actually, the one on Lanai is way past that. I think that's original, original equipment out there.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. I can tell you.

MR. TAKAMINE: One of 'em, one of 'em.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And that's why I can tell you your crew does a good job keeping that old stuff running. I mean look at just our red fire truck at the Lanai Fire station. That's a '60-something, 1960-something model. So, thank you very much, Chairman.

MR. TAKAMINE: And part, and, and just to expand on that, part of our, the ISWMP, we asked them to evaluate all of our heavy equipment and trucks to come up with a spreadsheet of when it was purchased, what the life expectancy, when we can program for replacement so we can budget it for the, you know, the life of the equipment.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We, we, that I think the Committee would appreciate you doing that, Mr. Takamine. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina, questions?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Are we still on . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Member Mateo. Thank you. Members, we go to Landfill Diversion Program, 5-31. Member Victorino, salaries and wages?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. Again, I know this is a new, new setup for you. Well, not really. No. I'm okay with it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Is this Hana still?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. This is the, this is the Diversion Recycle Program that Councilmember Hokama was talking about. The two Recycle Specialist

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that are currently funded under the Deposit Beverage Container Program, which will not be funded next year. We're requesting to be funded by the County and, and then basically transferred to my Recycle section or Diversion section.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Wait, wait. Can you explain that? What, these, again, a State-mandated program, the State is currently paying for these positions?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And they're not going to pay for 'em next year?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: How come?

MR. TAKAMINE: It was an issue with the contract language for indemnification. I guess it was heard on Council, and Council voted not to accept the language. So, based on that, the contractor of next year's. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, that's right. They wanted us to indemnify them.

MR. TAKAMINE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Golly. But we still have to do the program, right?

MR. TAKAMINE: Well, if you don't fund it then I'll lose the two individuals. I, I think it's a win for the County because with the upcoming recycle initiatives that we're going into, I can now utilize these two individuals to expand the recycling program. Whereas before, technically, I, I, they should only be used to run the Deposit Beverage Container Program and, and nothing else. Hundred percent. So, now, my, I, I can use them to develop say the Hana recycling, Molokai recycling, and Lanai recycling programs, which we definitely need to, to develop and, and right away I think.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you very much.

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MR. TAKAMINE: So, so, I ask your support in approving those positions.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And that's eight months, yeah?

MR. TAKAMINE: That is a full year.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That is a full year?

MR. TAKAMINE: Because they're currently employed. They, they are --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: -- County employees it's just that their funding comes from the State.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks for that explanation. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, just one quick one.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So, thank you, Chair. Those salaries were the same salaries they were making when the State was paying for it and they going to be the same salaries when the County pays for it?

MR. TAKAMINE: Actually, I believe, they were Recycling Specialist IIIs. When I put in the request, I think, we upped it to Recycle Specialist IVs because they meet the requirements now. I would have to go in with the, a request to DPS for reclassification.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. But the Coordinator is the same?

MR. TAKAMINE: The Coordinator is the same and the Recycling Specialist IV on the top is the same.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Members, any questions to the B account, Operations?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair, could I have just one quick question?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: How come we call this a Landfill Diversion Program? Why can't we just call it a recycling program? I mean we need to promote recycling and I think if we called the program recycling.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. I don't, I don't know how it was named. I, I always call it the Recycling section. Yeah, again, I don't know or where this came about from.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You know, I mean, since I was in college --

MR. TAKAMINE: The main goal is to divert it from the landfill.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --I was taught about recycling in college. Reuse, the three R's, reuse, reu... what is it? Reuse. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: Reduce, reuse, recycle.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah, reduce, reuse, recycling. Thank you. And here we are, how ever many years later, and I don't want to tell you how many that is, we're calling this landfill diversion.

MR. TAKAMINE: I'll, I'll take it back and we'll evaluate the --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: . . . (*chuckle*) . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: --name change.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more questions in regards to A account? Member, oh, okay. B account. Member Victorino, questions?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. A couple of quick questions on the, on 5-32, 5-32, 6132, Professional Services. Again, anytime I see a big figure, I always ask the question what does that relate to? 6132, Professional Services.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. That, that \$505,000, I think, I mentioned it before. What we're planning to do is budget \$250,000 each for the Islands of Molokai and Lanai to develop some kind of recycling program. We're brainstorming at this point. We said we need to get money in there because if we come up with a solution, we need to be able to implement whether it be bringing in containers, roll-on/roll-offs, having 'em on site, whether it be going out there once a quarter like a Community Work Day clean up and do a grant or something, you know. We don't have the solution yet but I wanted to put the money in because without the money I won't be able to do anything.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Then moving down to on the Alternative Programs, 919529, Services, 6112, Contractual Service, 680,000. Same page to the left.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. The, the 680,000 is for contracts for drop box hauling and processing. So, all these recycle centers that we have out there, it's basically a contract with Maui Disposal. One of 'em is to haul those boxes to their center and the other one is to process. So, we're talking cardboard, glass, newspapers, cans, bottles.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, we pay Maui, Maui Disposal to pick up these things --

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --and process --

MR. TAKAMINE: Process it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --and send 'em off the island.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, now, I understand what Chairman Hokama was asking about we paying all these guys and they making money on the other side.

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MR. TAKAMINE: Definitely. They're making money but I guess there's a cost and these, these. . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'm in the wrong business. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: This is a five-year, five-year contract by the way.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Five year? Okay. Okay. Those, those answered that. I'll let, let the rest ask the questions. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Takamine, where, what, what account would I need to consider if I wanted to make, make sure there was funds available for Lanai to have a white goods, scrap metal pickup that maybe Castle and Cooke, a division of Castle and Cooke, now, with the right equipment, would be able to provide service for the County for our residents?

MR. TAKAMINE: It would be the one we just spoke about. The Professional Services, 6132.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: 6132?

MR. TAKAMINE: And we have \$250,000 programmed for Lanai whether, whether it's going to be used for that, I not, again, I can't tell you but we want to definitely do something because there's, there's an issue right now where the operator there is not taking. So, every week we get white goods appliance dropped off at our front gate now, which we're starting to store it onsite. So, we need to come up with a solution.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: I do have 250,000 for Lanai.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Good. Thank you so much for that consideration. Just so we can have an understanding. Under this area, Other Services, you got another quarter million dollars. What would that be for, Mr. Takamine, under Other Services?

MR. TAKAMINE: The two 27,500?

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. TAKAMINE: That's for, let's see here, Tour de Trash, education programs, the Christmas tree recycling, County facilities recycling, drop box bin repairs, drop box site maintenance, and E-Waste CompuSwap freight.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank, thank you for that. And then under the Alternatives you've got another amount 284 grand, under 6129, please.

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. That's for . . . (*inaudible*) . . . you got to, we're, we're trying to do a junk mail/office paper pilot project, you know, basically the clean paper, buy metal cans, recycle bins, Household Hazardous Waste Education Program. Yeah, that's what I got. That's all I have for that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Different projects.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Recycle projects.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. The grant subsidy of 175,000, who is that granted out to, please?

MR. TAKAMINE: Okay. That's, that's broken down. Kihei yard trimmings, \$74,000.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is that the green waste?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's the green waste. We wanted to do a pilot project out in Kihei to determine what kind of residential green waste would come out of South Maui. We, we've been working on that for the past year. There's some issues with the contract wording.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Community Work Day, \$18,000; Aloha Shares, \$13,000; Home VermiCompost Workshop, \$7,800. We also sponsor Habitat for Humanity, the Restore on, on Lower Main Street, \$22,000, and CompuSwap management and oversight, \$39,600.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. I think Mr. Molina may have questions regarding the, the SMRF [*sic*], the, the temporary one. But the Safety Funds have been. . .you've utilized whatever we gave you in earlier appropriations for this project, Mr. Takamine?

MR. TAKAMINE: Which line item are we talking about?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The SMRF [*sic*]? The, the, that Temporary Material Recovery Facility.

MR. TAKAMINE: Unfortunately, no, we haven't utilized that funds. As you know back in '06, we had a contract to, I think, it was '06 or '05 maybe, to build a MRF.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. We, yeah, we . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: And we had leased the properties, Stoner's property and --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. TAKAMINE: --we terminated the contract because we or I felt that we weren't properly planning the facility and what's, what's going to go to the facility and so forth. And we were only going to look at adding more money to that project. So, we terminated it. We did try to go out and, and, and we did go out to bid to see if someone would initiate a MRF or, or, or utilize, do the rent and come up with a MRF for clean paper recycling but we didn't get any bidders. So, since that time, basically, we started the ISWMP and, and, yeah, it's my feeling that, you know, we should wait for that report to come out and to, to then give us a timeline of when, where, and how big, and, and more information on, you know, this MRF and then, from then take it, build one in terms of even getting land and where's it going to go.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Right. No, I, what's, what's. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: So, we, so, we haven't proceeded on that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No. So, what you told us makes sense to me. So, is this 450 going to be part of the compensation towards this, this assessment that the Department is doing?

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MR. TAKAMINE: No. Actually, the, the 450, I don't have any real plans for it right now because I've already funded the ISWMP.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. TAKAMINE: I've got 400,000 in my, my budget for any further projects.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: And I believe I have a 4..., \$500,000 CIP project for a MRF PR/EIS amendment. So --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, you don't need this then?

MR. TAKAMINE: --I, yeah, I guess not.

MR. ARAKAWA: Well, you know, one of the thoughts, too, we had talked about earlier was, you know, we have our entitlements up at the Council now for that Abandoned Vehicle Processing Facility --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Right.

MR. ARAKAWA: --the Central, I mean, old Puunene Airport site, it's, you know, a 14-plus acre site. And it's possible that that, possible at this point then that could be also the MRF site. So, I mean, like Mr. Takamine says, you know, we'll have to wait for the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan to come out. But, I mean, it's not like we have a whole lot of options as far as land that's available. So, anyway, that's, that's one possibility that may come about.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. ARAKAWA: We're not certain.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thanks. Thank you, Director. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chairman. You know Member Medeiros and I were sort of discussing the difference between a temporary MRF versus a permanent MRF. I guess the temporary would

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be smaller, so I guess it could be mistaken for a SMRF [*sic*], yeah, in terms of a MRF but all kidding aside.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I wanted it purple.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You know in terms of temporary, so, you know, whenever it comes to government facilities and you say temporary. How long is temporary? What we're looking at right now.

MR. TAKAMINE: Well, I, as I mentioned, I don't think I'm looking for a temporary. I want to look for a permanent MRF. So, again, I want to wait for, I would want to wait for the ISWMP to come out and tell me what, when or if or should we build a MRF.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I want to, oh, sorry, I want to ask you also have a white goods pickup for Hana?

MR. TAKAMINE: We, we don't have a white goods pickup. What's happening in Hana is over the years they've been accustomed to just dropping it off at the landfill. So, people come drop the white goods off. We, we shouldn't but we pile it into the metal cycle stack. And we're trying to stop, stop that and we, like I mentioned, developing a roll-on/roll-offs so we will now start collecting 'em and keeping it intact and then haul it out. So, the, the White Goods Program in Hana is we don't go door to door but they're allowed to bring to the landfill.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank, thank you, Mr. Takamine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Are you guys composed? Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I'll try to pull it together here. You know I just wanted go back on the Other Services, 6129, for 227,500. And you, Mr. Takamine, you read off a list real quickly of what programs that was addressing. And I sort of remember the list but, and it sounds like a lot of

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good programs. Where was that funded last year because in the same category last year you had 2,500?

MR. TAKAMINE: Are we looking at the 6129?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.

MR. TAKAMINE: In '07, I've got 28..., 287,000 in '07.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: In '07?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: 6129? Well, that's not what I have under the budget. It was 2,500 unless there's another 6129 somewhere. Oh, you said 284,000.

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. Oh, that, that's my, my --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: That's. . .

MR. TAKAMINE: --internal list here but. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, that, that, that was 284,000 under Alternative Programs, 917286. So --

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, this is different index code now.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --it's now put in another category under Solid . . .

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. I'm sorry. I, I don't know where that was last year.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, it's the same program?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. We had Tour de Trash this year. In fact, we're doing it right now. We have the Christmas tree. We have the County recycling. So, everything is being done. I just don't know where it was by line item.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But you're saying the 284,000 last year is what you had allocated for that?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yeah. I can get back to you. I, I, I don't know where it's from, where it was.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: ... *(chuckle)* ... Okay. That's fine if, if you can't. It seems like ... Alternative Programs, no, you see it's twice in here. It's, it's 284,000 this year also under 6129 under Alternative Programs. So, my question is up on top of the page under Solid Waste Alternatives, 6129, is the 227,500 for this year. And in last year's budget it was 2,500. So, it looks like there's another \$200,000 in this year's budget that wasn't in last year's. So, if you could check that out --

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes, I will.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --because you got, did you follow what I said, Mr. Takamine?

MR. TAKAMINE: Yes. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: I'd have to check into that.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: ... *(inaudible)* ...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. Okay. Members, 5-33, Equipment. It's a replacement of a minivan. Member Victorino, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. On this, I guess, replacement that means we already have one?

MR. TAKAMINE: That's correct. Actually, it's page, on my handout I gave you Page 1.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Page 1.

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MR. TAKAMINE: And Councilmember Hokama mentioned the, my little note there, but, yeah, it's a 1993 Jeep Cherokee. We do want to get it replaced because it has broken down and, and the, the staff that utilize this are all women. They drive it to Hana. It's, in fact, it's in the shop right now. But it's still good enough to be used in the landfill. I, I, you know, when we, when we get rid of these trucks, they go for \$50. That's, that's what the dealer ends up buying it for.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: And to me, you know, to put, and we always get ridiculed, you know, oh, we, we're not going to buy you a brand new \$20,000 truck and you're going to take it to the landfill because it's the worst environment. So, if we can get this vehicle, if you want me to take the tags off, I'll take the tags off. But it's a good four-wheel drive vehicle and right now we, we've started accumulating, we got two light sets. We got a six-inch pump. We got, I'm buying a litter vac.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Wait a minute.

MR. TAKAMINE: All these equipment needs . . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Excuse me. I'm reading over here a minivan.

MR. TAKAMINE: Correct. That's the replacement. That's the . . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: A minivan is going to do all of that?

MR. TAKAMINE: No, that's the replacement for this Jeep Cherokee which my -
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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: --Recycle section drives.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But you're kind of giving me the indication that this car is going to, this vehicle does a lot of things.

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MR. TAKAMINE: Well, what I'm asking for is instead of getting rid of this vehicle, what I'm asking Council for is permission to keep the replaced vehicle, which is the Jeep --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Yeah.

MR. TAKAMINE: --so I can then use it in my landfill.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. No, I got no problem with that. And then this minivan would be used outside of the landfill.

MR. TAKAMINE: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. That one you was confusing me when you started --

MR. TAKAMINE: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --talking about the landfill. Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: Because the normal process and, and, and I know we went over this last year is once you replace it it's gone. But, but I, I get a hard time when, when it goes for \$50 or less. And, and they go around and they, they turn around, you know, and sell it for four or five thousand dollars. And that, you know, I, it's perfectly mechanically sound to work in the landfill and, and it's a four-wheel drive vehicle that can haul what we need to haul. So that's, that's what I'm asking is. In fact, right now, we're going to be turning one in right now which is the supervisor's jeep that was approved last year that he drives in the landfill. And he, you know, it's, it could be used in the landfill and it's going to go for \$50. So, that, that's what I'm asking. I just want to be able to keep this. And it will probably run for another five, five to six years I think in the landfill as long as we maintain that thing.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: See, the only challenge I find with what you just said, and I agree with you if you could just keep it in the landfill not a problem. But somebody on one afternoon decides "oh, I need something from Napa because the parts" and that's the only vehicle around. They jump in and go down to Napa and on their way to Napa gets into an accident. No even have to be a major accident, minor accident. But you've taken out the plates; you've taken all these other stuffs, no safety check, and all that, that really puts a big liability back on the County.

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Okay. See that's the only challenge I think many companies face when you have such, such a suggestion while a vehicle that can be put on the road at any time is not taken out of commission, done whatever you plan to do. But something happens when somebody, and they innocent not really meaning any harm, takes it, does something, and that's when it's going to happen. That's when they, the, the situation will arise and that's when you get into a lot of hot water.

So, I agree with what you're trying to say but I'm just saying for my take on it, there's a liability issue that never goes away and that if you take a vehicle and you try to what I call "decommissionize [*sic*]" it just to use in the landfill and that vehicle or one day some laborer decide he needed something right away, bam, and it will go heck breaks loose just because of that. So, I'm not ask... I'm sorry, I got confused between the minivan and what you were talking about but just my forewarning on that issue. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Victorino. . . .(end of tape 10A - 10:43 p.m.). . . Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Okay. Last area, Diversion Program, 5-34. Members, any questions on any of the programs, Deposit Beverage Container Program? Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Zero. Do we still do that oil, oil paint, I mean, Paint Exchange Program, Mr. Takamine?

MR. TAKAMINE: Paint Exchange?

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know when people, you know, bring their leftover latex paint and, you know, maybe somebody say “hey, I could use that for my fence post around my pasture” so, you know, they would take the paint. Then that way it wouldn’t end up in the landfill.

MR. TAKAMINE: Actually, that, we don’t do it. The County doesn’t do it. We do through this, I think, I mentioned it, the one on Lower Main Street.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Community Work Day does it? Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: No, no, no. The. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I just was wondering if it was, we, we had a special fund that provided the ability for us to, to do that.

MR. TAKAMINE: The, the Habitat for Humanity Restore.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMINE: You know they take it down there.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. TAKAMINE: And I think Community Work Day also does that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I would just like to know are all these grant programs funded with State funds?

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MR. TAKAMINE: The first one Deposit Beverage Program is, yeah, and that's no longer there. It's going to be zero. Glass, the State, used oil is State. Yes --

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: It's all State funding.

MR. TAKAMINE: --it's all State.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions on 5-35?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: No questions? Thank you very much. That completes the Solid Waste area. I thank you, Members, for enduring this long day. Tomorrow, we'll continue with the . . . tomorrow is CIP actually. We'll start off with the Housing and Human Services area, Department of, we'll, start with the Department of Water Supply, then at 1:30 we'll have the Mayor and possibly the Manage... Managing Director's Office providing their CIP requirements. And then we'll continue with the Department of Water Supply.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And if time permits, we'll take care of the Finance. And remember, Members, tomorrow at 6:30 we do have the Council's public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Don't we start with Wastewater first thing tomorrow?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes, we. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Friday. Friday.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: No, no, on Friday.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Friday?

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: On Friday, we start off with Wastewater --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --and then we go directly into the CIP for both Public Works and the new Department Environmental Management.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Questions?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I'm sorry. I didn't get that clearly. We're starting first with DWS?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: No. Tomorrow we'll start off with Housing and Human Services.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: DWS and then at 1:30 we'll take the Mayor, and then continue again with DWS.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And then if time permits, we'll take care of Finance and then at 6:30 we do have the public hearing. Members, any more comments? Well, again, I thank you very much, Members, as well as the Administration and Staff for enduring this long day. I, I know it's been tough on all of us. So, have a good night's sleep. This meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 10:48 p.m.

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