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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 2, 2008
Council Chamber, 8th Floor

APPROVED:



Committee Chair

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 of Parks and Recreation
 2 Traci Fujita Villarosa, First Deputy
 Corporation Counsel, Department of
 3 the Corporation Counsel

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 Patrick Matsui, Chief of Planning and
 5 Development, Department of Parks
 and Recreation
 6 Ron Kubo, Golf Course Superintendent,
 Department of Parks and Recreation
 7 Floyd Miyazono, Chief of Recreation,
 Department of Parks and Recreation
 8 Archie Kalepa, Ocean Safety, Aquatics
 Division, Department of Parks and
 9 Recreation

10 OTHERS: Item 1: Daniel O'Connell, President,
 Hnu Photonics
 11 Scott Weeker, Director of
 Development, Hnu Photonics
 12 Others (5)

13 PRESS: Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.
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15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: (Gavel). The Budget and Finance
 16 Committee meeting for April 2nd, 2008 is now
 17 convened. The time is 9:07. And good
 18 morning, Members.

19 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Good morning.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you for being here early in
 21 the morning. I know we had a long night last
 22 night, so I appreciate your attendance this
 23 morning.

24 The Chair would like to recognize the
 25 Members that are here this morning. We do

1 have Member Baisa, Member Medeiros.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Good morning.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina, and Member
4 Victorino.

5 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good morning, Chair.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good morning.

7 From the Administration, we do have the
8 Budget Director, Mr. Pablo, Cheryl Okuma,
9 Director for Environmental Management, and
10 Mr. Taylor from the Wastewater Division.

11 Representing Corporation Counsel, we do
12 have the First Deputy, Traci Fujita Villarosa.

13 Supporting the Committee this morning,
14 we have Gayle Revels, as well as our
15 Secretary, Yvette Bouthillier.

16 So, Members, when we left off -- before
17 we go into the Wastewater Division, the --
18 some of the Members have requested that, if we
19 could, recess at 11:30 because of prior
20 appointments. The Chair will grant a recess
21 at 11:30 and reconvene at 1:30. Hopefully, we
22 can get through with the Environmental
23 Management group in about an hour and a half
24 or hour time.

25 So with that -- and again, Members, we

1 do have a meeting at the Hannibal Tavares
2 Community Center tonight at 6:00 p.m. Hang in
3 there, you know. We have a few more community
4 meetings, so I appreciate your attendance in
5 those Committee meetings vis a vis our
6 community in Maui County.

7 Members, this morning we do have some
8 testifiers, but before we, The Chair calls the
9 testifiers up front, if everyone could turn
10 off their cell phones. Turn it off or put it
11 on the silent mode so that we don't interrupt
12 the proceedings today.

13 For the testifiers, you have three
14 minutes to testify, one minute to conclude.
15 And if you can state your name and the
16 organization that you represent, the Committee
17 will appreciate that.

18 After three minutes, the Committee
19 Secretary (sic) will tell you that your first
20 three minutes is gone, and if you can conclude
21 in that minute, the Committee will appreciate
22 that also.

23 So the first person that had signed up
24 for testimony this morning is Daniel
25 O'Connell.

1 BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY

2 MR. O'CONNELL: Good morning.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good morning.

4 MR. O'CONNELL: My name is Dan O'Connell. I'm
5 president and cofounder of a company based on
6 Maui called Hnu Photonics. The company
7 started about two and a half years ago. We're
8 developing high technologies. We're pursuing
9 about ten patents that range from medical
10 technologies, solar, solar technologies, and
11 various other technologies.

12 I'll have to say that starting a high
13 tech company on Maui has been a daunting
14 experience, but I will say that Maui Economic
15 Development Board has been critical in our
16 survival and our ability to start a company
17 involved with high technology here, based on
18 Maui.

19 The technologies we're developing have
20 global markets, and we're trying to provide as
21 many career opportunities as possible to Maui
22 residents. We've worked closely with MEDB on
23 recruiting. MEDB has supported us with our
24 Kamaaina Come Home program. Also with
25 promoting science and education in, in the

1 high schools and younger kids, to promote and
2 show that there are career opportunities here
3 on Maui.

4 They've also supported us with key
5 connections and introductions at a business
6 level. Also working with the Community
7 College to help support their programs in the
8 sustainable energy.

9 So I strongly support the Mayor's line
10 item for Maui Economic Development Board.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

12 Members, any questions for the testifier
13 this morning? Seeing none, thank you again
14 for your testimony.

15 The second person to sign up for public
16 testimony is Scott Weeker.

17 MR. WEEKER: Aloha, and good morning, Council
18 Members. Thank you very much for the
19 opportunity to testify in support of MEDB.
20 I've testified a few times in the past.

21 Over the last few years, our companies
22 have developed some technologies in defense.
23 As part of that, I began working with Hnu
24 Photonics on applying some of their advanced
25 solar technologies to some defense projects,

1 particularly for sensors and covert systems.

2 The more I got involved with the
3 company, the more excited I was about not only
4 their breakthrough technologies in missile
5 defense, medical imaging, and in renewable
6 energies, but also to the commitment to
7 develop the work force here, to work very
8 closely with MEDB and MCC on creating jobs for
9 people so they, there's a place for them to
10 live and work and create living wage
11 positions. They, very much, have taken that
12 to heart, and that's how the company's set up.

13 So we have been working with MCC on
14 building their new sustainable energy
15 curriculum, working with MEDB on the Kamaaina
16 Come Home as well as the Women in Technology
17 projects, and Project East.

18 In all, at every step of the way,
19 particularly coming from both the startup as
20 well as a company that's already
21 commercializing and selling solar PV systems
22 and high efficiency lighting, to developing
23 new breakthroughs in imaging for medical
24 stuff, MEDB has helped us both in terms of
25 putting us together with professional experts,

1 arranging for us to work with, closely with
2 the Department of Energy in conferences,
3 helping broker meetings and cooperative
4 efforts with MECO and some of the other major
5 companies on Maui.

6 So without MEDB's help in the past as
7 well as continuing, we wouldn't be nearly as
8 far as we are.

9 So again, thank you for your time, and
10 thank you, MEDB, for all your help.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

12 Members, any questions for the
13 testifier? Member Medeiros?

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

15 And, Mr. Weeker, thank you for being
16 here for your testimony.

17 MR. WEEKER: Thank you, sir.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: What company do you work
19 for?

20 MR. WEEKER: Well, I work for Hnu Photonics. I'm
21 Director of Development. I also have -- I'm
22 also the CEO of Ambient Micro, which is a
23 defense company.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and you say you work,
25 or your company works with solar technology.

1 So is your company into any partnership with
2 the, our military or University entities at,
3 in Haleakala?

4 MR. WEEKER: Hnu Photonics does a lot of the work.
5 I can -- I'll have to defer to Dan, who's our,
6 our engineering specialist, but we do a lot of
7 work with the Maui Space Surveillance Site,
8 work with Pacific Missile Test Range. And a
9 number of the key instruments that are up
10 there were built by Dan and some of his team.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, thank you for your
12 testimony.

13 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros.

15 Members, any more questions for the
16 testifier? If not, thank you very much --

17 MR. WEEKER: Thank you very much.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- for being here this morning.

19 MR. WEEKER: Okay.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, Mr. Weeker was the last
21 person to sign up for public testimony before
22 the meeting.

23 Is there anyone out in the gallery that
24 want to provide public testimony at this time?
25 Seeing none, if there's no objections, the

1 Chair would like to close public testimony.

2 COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

4 END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY

5 ITEM NO. 1: FY 2009 BUDGET (C.C. Nos. 08-55 and
6 08-56)

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, when I called the
8 meeting to order, I failed to recognize the
9 Members that are excused this morning.
10 Excused this morning is Member Mateo,
11 Anderson, Johnson, as well as Council Chair,
12 Mr. Hokama.

13 Okay, Members, yesterday, when we left
14 off, we were discussing Capital Improvement
15 Projects with the Wastewater Division. And
16 the next project that is up for discussion
17 this morning is on page 27-37, and this is the
18 Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility Process
19 Study.

20 So at this time, the Chair would like to
21 call on Mr. Taylor.

22 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I believe that
23 we talked about that project yesterday. I
24 believe that we're on 28-28, the Lahaina Force
25 Main No. 3 Replacement.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine. Thank you. Thank
3 you for that correction. Appreciate that.
4 Hard night.

5 Members, if you can turn to page 28-28
6 (sic), this is the West Maui District. The
7 first item up is EPA Consent Decree Sewer
8 Rehabilitation.

9 MR. TAYLOR: And the EPA Consent Decree Sewer
10 Rehabilitation, I believe we --

11 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We did.

12 MR. TAYLOR: I believe that is where we are. Okay,
13 so this is \$1,000,000 for gravity line sewer
14 rehabilitation in the West Maui District.

15 Our, our priority projects that we
16 believe are next on the priority in that area
17 are Kaanapali Parkway and Wainee Street.
18 Kaanapali Parkway would be lined with an
19 in-place liner, and the Wainee Street line,
20 near Baker Street, would be a replacement of
21 that line, because it's too broken to line.

22 So that's about \$1,000,000.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

24 Members, any questions? We'll start off
25 with Member Medeiros.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

2 Yes, Mr. Taylor, thank you. You're
3 replacing that with ductile iron pipe?

4 MR. TAYLOR: These gravity lines, we normally
5 replace with PVC pipe.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, okay. So was the
7 section in ductile? Is that the existing
8 pipe?

9 MR. TAYLOR: I believe that section was, was clay.
10 That area is some of the older stuff that was
11 built, probably around the 1940s, and
12 typically they would use clay.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh.

14 MR. TAYLOR: So when that, when that breaks, the
15 reason we can't line it is it's not -- it
16 might be crushed or cracked, and so it's not
17 smooth. So basically it can't be lined. We
18 have to actually put a new line in, but we do
19 use PVC --

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: PVC.

21 MR. TAYLOR: -- for replacements.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So in previous decades, was
23 ductile iron pipe used?

24 MR. TAYLOR: Ductile iron pipe was mostly used for
25 pressurized line. This was a non-pressurized

1 line, where in previous years they used
2 concrete, or clay, or some other miscellaneous
3 materials.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I just was
5 wondering, because if ductile is used at such
6 a low sea level, you know, how does it react
7 with the potential of, you know, seawater in
8 the ground.

9 So thank you for that information.

10 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

12 Member Molina?

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

14 Good morning.

15 Mr. Taylor, is this, where the work
16 would occur, is this off of any heavily
17 traveled roads in particular, and that could
18 disrupt traffic, I guess, once the work
19 begins?

20 MR. TAYLOR: Yes. Both Kaanapali Parkway and Waihee
21 Street are relatively heavily trafficked.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

23 MR. TAYLOR: So we do our best to do traffic
24 control.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Does this mean a lot of night

1 work?

2 MR. TAYLOR: We make those decisions as we get
3 closer to the project, but probably -- the
4 difficulty with night work in residential
5 areas is people are sleeping, so it's a, kind
6 of a, you know, difficult decision.

7 Wainee Street has so much residential
8 that my guess would be we would do the work in
9 the day and just keep one lane open, and do
10 traffic control that way.

11 So there would be traffic disruption
12 when something like this happened. We would
13 try to minimize them, but we normally wouldn't
14 do residential area work at night.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh. How long would you
16 estimate a job like this would take?

17 MR. TAYLOR: Probably a couple of months.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: A couple of months? Okay,
19 thank you.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

21 Member Victorino?

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I guess most of the
23 questions have been asked, so I don't see any
24 major, other than this needs to be done,
25 right? Because this is one of those older

1 sections of Lahaina town, yeah?

2 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct.

3 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, so.

4 Okay, thank you, Chair.

5 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

6 Member Baisa?

7 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions, Chair.

8 Mr. Taylor seems to have it all under control.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you. Mr. Taylor, next one
11 up?

12 MR. TAYLOR: Any --

13 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Members, page 28-38. I'm sorry,
14 28-28 --

15 MR. TAYLOR: 28-28, yeah.

16 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: -- is that correct?

17 MR. TAYLOR: 28-28 is the Lahaina Force Main No. 3
18 Replacement. This is a pressurized line.

19 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Uh-huh.

20 MR. TAYLOR: It's about two miles long. It runs
21 from the Wahikuli area north towards the
22 treatment plant, in Honoapiilani Highway.
23 So this is a 20 inch ductile iron pipe
24 that is near the ocean, so it's in very
25 corrosive conditions. Wastewater, as you've

1 heard before, actually turns to sulfuric acid
2 in, in these long pipes, so it's being
3 corroded from the inside and from the outside.

4 This line actually burst about a year
5 ago. We had a, about a 10 inch diameter hole.
6 We spilled 700,000 gallons of sewage into the
7 ocean, and that was in about the six hours
8 that it took us to respond and stop it. So in
9 just six hours, we spilled 700,000 gallons.
10 This is the same type of line that burst in
11 Waikiki, causing the Ala Wai spill.

12 We have about 24 miles of this type of
13 pipe, and this is our most critical type of
14 infrastructure. When it fails, there's no
15 backup, there's no parallel line. When these
16 systems fail, they just spill. And most of
17 them are on heavy trafficked roads near the
18 ocean, so they spill directly to the ocean.

19 There's no way we can absolutely prevent
20 these occurrences from happening, because you
21 can have a, in a two mile line, there might
22 only be five feet of bad section, but you
23 don't know where that five feet is.

24 There's no way to inspect them. You
25 can't run TV cameras through them. They're

1 under the road.

2 So basically, we try to just replace
3 them before we get the first failure. So this
4 is part of our programmed replacement. Try to
5 replace it before it fails again.

6 I just want to comment, because Member
7 Baisa mentioned we have everything under
8 control. We, we're doing our best to program
9 things before they occur, but I want to be
10 really clear that these spot failures, there
11 is no way to predict or prevent them. We will
12 have bad wastewater spills of a couple million
13 gallons here or there.

14 What we can promise you is they won't be
15 systemic. You won't hear that the whole
16 system is falling apart. You won't hear from
17 us that, yes, we knew about it and we didn't
18 do anything.

19 We can limit the failures to these
20 unpredictable spot failures, and that's really
21 what our program's about. So this is part of
22 our ongoing, aggressive program to limit the
23 number of failures we have to just those spot
24 failures.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Taylor.

1 The Chair would like to recognize Member
2 Johnson. Good morning, Member Hokama.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning, Chairman.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Ms. Baisa?

5 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: A brief comment.

6 When I said under control, that was
7 exactly what I was talking about. You are
8 aware of emergencies, and have planned for
9 them and how to deal with them, and that's all
10 that the public asks.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

12 I'll have Ms. Johnson get situated
13 before I call on her.

14 Member Medeiros?

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

16 Mr. Taylor, I know many of the lines are
17 failing because they're just old and have been
18 worn out. And I know in Kaanapali, at one
19 time the entire lines failed. And when we
20 helped Wastewater excavate the lines, there
21 were no lines left. It was just the shape of
22 the pipe in the ground. So at that time,
23 there was a bypass line installed.

24 So you still have that same capability,
25 that if you find a section that's like this

1 that may collapse or may give out that, in
2 preparation to repair it, if it's a major
3 repair, can you bypass that line, like a
4 bypass surgery?

5 MR. TAYLOR: We actually -- that's a good analogy,
6 the bypass surgery. We have a fleet of pumps
7 and portable pipe that we can bypass sections
8 of line.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

10 MR. TAYLOR: We only have about a half a mile of
11 that pipe, about 2,500 feet of that large
12 diameter pipe. That can only -- so anything
13 longer than that, we can't bypass. It takes,
14 it can take a day or two to set up that much
15 pipe. So it's, a lot of times, shorter just
16 to fix it.

17 So if a line like this broke -- this
18 line's too long. It's two miles long.
19 There's no way we could bypass this. So even
20 if this line was only a quarter mile long,
21 having our crew set up the bypass would take
22 longer than just fixing the pipe.

23 So basically, in that case, we'd make a
24 decision and we would probably just spill
25 sewage to the ocean while we're fixing.

1 We also have purchased about 8,000 feet
2 of lay flat, 8 inch hose. You've all driven
3 over this in construction sites.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

5 MR. TAYLOR: It's flat and it pops up when it's
6 pressurized.

7 So we can run a 4,000 foot, twin, 8 inch
8 bypass line relatively quickly, in a couple of
9 hours. So we are prepared to do that if we
10 have a bad break and it's less than 4,000 feet
11 long, in one of our smaller diameter pipes.
12 And that fits about, maybe around 60 percent
13 of our force mains fit into that category.

14 We would have to basically close the
15 road, but we could bring crews out, lay this
16 stuff down on the road, and we could avoid
17 that, that problem.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

19 MR. TAYLOR: So we can do that for some of the
20 smaller lines. We can do it for all of the
21 gravity lines. But these long, large force
22 mains, there is no way to bypass them.

23 So that is one of our biggest
24 priorities, and that's where this line is.
25 Two miles long, 20 inch; there is no way to

1 bypass it. We have to replace it before it
2 breaks.

3 And this is similar to the line that's
4 under construction in Kahului Beach Road; two
5 miles long, 20 inch in diameter. We have to
6 get it replaced before it breaks.

7 So that's kind of our overall strategy
8 for these things.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Taylor, for
10 that information.

11 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

13 Member Molina? Thank you.

14 Member Hokama?

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning, Mr. Taylor.

16 I apologize for my delay this morning,
17 Chairman.

18 And if you answered this, I can talk to
19 the Staff later, Mr. Taylor. What's the magic
20 of a Trojan 3000+ system? And why is that the
21 chosen system for this project, please?

22 MR. TAYLOR: I think we're actually still on project
23 28-28, and that --

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: 28-28?

25 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sorry.

2 MR. TAYLOR: So that will be for the next project
3 that we have today, yeah.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sorry. I was jumping ahead.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry, my fault.

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I don't have a problem with
7 the force main.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Victorino?

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, I think Mr. Taylor has
12 explained it well. Thank you.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

14 Member Johnson?

15 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, and I apologize. This
16 is the one that's close to the sewage plant,
17 or is it right downtown?

18 MR. TAYLOR: This goes from Wahikuli Park, the new
19 pump station we built in Wahikuli Park by the
20 old Chart House, and it runs up past the Civic
21 Center to the top of the hill, in Honoapiilani
22 Highway. So that's the alignment.

23 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and it's right in
24 front of Villages of Leialii?

25 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct.

1 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Will there be any disruption
2 to the individuals that live up there?
3 Because every day the traffic is substantial
4 now going up Leialii Parkway.

5 MR. TAYLOR: When this project is constructed, and
6 we have it down for construction in fiscal
7 year 2011.

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

9 MR. TAYLOR: It will almost certainly have to be in
10 a traffic lane, either the mauka or makai
11 traffic lane. Probably the mauka traffic lane
12 to get it away from the ocean. And while that
13 is under construction, that lane will be
14 closed. So it will disrupt traffic when this
15 construction is happening.

16 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and I guess we can
17 always hope that that section of the bypass
18 behind is actually completed by that point in
19 time, although I guess with the delays, we're
20 not really sure of that.

21 MR. TAYLOR: That seems really unlikely, because our
22 design is faster than theirs, and it's already
23 ahead of theirs. So I think that there's
24 almost zero possibility that any sort of
25 bypass will be finished before this project

1 starts.

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and you won't be able
3 to use the old cane haul road behind for
4 ingress/egress.

5 MR. TAYLOR: No, this line is going to have to go in
6 the highway alignment.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

8 MR. TAYLOR: There's really no way around that, and
9 it's going to have to go in a lane.

10 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: All right. Thanks very
11 much.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson.

13 Members, any more questions to this
14 particular item? Seeing none, if you could
15 turn to page 28-38.

16 Mr. Taylor?

17 MR. TAYLOR: Okay, this project takes a little bit
18 of background.

19 We have a conceptual plan to expand the
20 use of R-1 reclaimed water in the West Maui
21 area. In order to do that, we need to do some
22 in-plant improvements. We need to build a
23 storage tank up on the hill. We need to do
24 some piping improvements.

25 And this would allow developers in the

1 local area, plus a bunch of people who are
2 currently using potable water for irrigation,
3 to use the R-1 water.

4 So the overall program is probably in
5 the neighborhood of, say \$10,000,000 of
6 construction.

7 We've been approached by a number of
8 developers and owners of property in that
9 area, that they want this water sooner rather
10 than later. Because of budget constraints
11 that you saw on the Power Point the other day,
12 we told them frankly that we didn't think it
13 was very likely that we were going to be able
14 to afford the entire \$10,000,000 anytime soon.

15 So we told them, actually just a few
16 weeks ago, that if they want to form a hui,
17 and they can come up with the money and build
18 this, and we laid out exactly the system they
19 would need to build, the in-plant
20 improvements, the tank, the piping, and
21 dedicated it to the County, we would then sell
22 them water as per, per the ordinance.

23 So that's kind of where that project is
24 right now. It's on their shoulders whether or
25 not they want to fund it.

1 We hope not to spend this \$250,000 we're
2 asking for. We are hoping that they pay for
3 design and for construction of everything,
4 in-plant, the pipelines, the tank.

5 If it turns out that we have to do some
6 miscellaneous design or construction work on
7 site to make this project happen, if we have
8 to put 250,000 in to have them commit their
9 10,000,000, we really need the money in the
10 budget so the project doesn't fall apart if
11 that happens.

12 So that's what this money is. We are
13 hoping not to spend it. We are hoping that
14 this hui will come together, build the whole
15 project, and that we won't have to spend
16 anything.

17 But again, we need the money, that in
18 case we have to come up with some to, to make
19 it happen, we need that in the budget.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

21 Member Johnson?

22 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, and I'm assuming one of
23 the members of the hui is the Kaanapali Land
24 Management Corporation?

25 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct. They've been at the

1 meetings.

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and let me ask if --
3 because one of the problems that we have in
4 that whole area is some of us do not have dual
5 irrigation lines, plus there's storage. They
6 would be building the storage for this
7 particular --

8 You know, because one of the reasons, if
9 people are going to use this, everything is
10 mauka. So in order to do gravity feed to make
11 this project work, whether it's done with
12 private funding or County funding, they'll
13 need to build a substantial storage tank.

14 Is that included within the projected
15 amount for this budget?

16 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct, and that's something
17 that we told them; they would have to build an
18 elevated storage tank, about a million
19 gallons. They would have to do the exact
20 engineering, but around a million gallons,
21 mauka of the plant, up on the hill.

22 And that would be given to us. It would
23 become our pressurized storage tank that would
24 be used as our core system for anyone else who
25 would tie in.

1 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and with regard to the
2 pumping, actually, once the water is
3 treated -- obviously, electrical costs are
4 going up.

5 So because there is substantial
6 development planned for the area, as well as
7 substantial development already in the
8 adjacent area, will the cost of that pumping,
9 will that be borne by the developer, you know,
10 over a period of time? Or will it just be
11 included with our rate when we sell the water
12 back to them?

13 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct, it will be included in
14 the rate. And as we set rates and revise
15 rates, as the years go by, like any other
16 users, these users would pay our rates. So
17 those rates take that power cost into account.

18 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and the other thing
19 would be that the existing users that are on
20 County recycled or reused water, which I think
21 would be makai, some of our properties that
22 are in Kaanapali, for the resort area. Is the
23 golf course one of those that's using the
24 recycled water?

25 MR. TAYLOR: Currently, in West Maui, we really only

1 have one customer, and that is the golf
2 course. And some -- and the landscape areas
3 along the side of the road. But that's all
4 really the same customer.

5 So we have a dedicated line and
6 dedicated pumping system, dedicated pumping
7 system to their storage reservoir. And
8 essentially, we just fill up their reservoir
9 and they irrigate.

10 So we don't really have a core system.
11 We have a dedicated system for one user, and
12 that's the Kaanapali Golf Course. So this
13 would be a core system that would allow
14 multiple users to tap in in the general area
15 that it serves.

16 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and that's actually
17 the State right now. They're the owners of
18 Kaanapali Golf Course, so, the State Employees
19 Retirement System.

20 So just so I understand, you would have
21 the regular water rates, but then for the
22 reclaimed water, that would be a separate rate
23 that would be developed based on what it cost
24 to pump for the electric as well as -- how
25 about the development costs? We're not going

1 to pay -- are we going to pay back the
2 developer?

3 MR. TAYLOR: No, we're not. Part of -- what we,
4 what we approached the hui with was that they
5 would build everything and dedicate it to the
6 County.

7 Now, of course, that would depend on the
8 County Council --

9 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

10 MR. TAYLOR: -- accepting that, which we would hope
11 you would. But once we owned it, we would not
12 give them any money. They would be treated
13 like any other customer, and we would charge
14 them the rates as per the ordinance.

15 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, yeah. I really
16 appreciate that, because that -- you know, it
17 sits better once we know that the development
18 that this is probably going to be utilized for
19 is a private development, and I believe they
20 should be paying those infrastructure costs.

21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson.

23 Member Medeiros?

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

25 Mr. Taylor, so currently, the R-1 water

1 transmission lines from the plant just goes to
2 the Kaanapali Golf Course?

3 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: It doesn't extend any
5 further southward?

6 MR. TAYLOR: No.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And what about northward?
8 Nothing?

9 MR. TAYLOR: No, there's one line that runs directly
10 mauka of the plant that goes up to a couple of
11 reservoirs that are at 300 feet and 700 feet
12 elevation. Maui Land & Pine owned, operates
13 the 300 foot elevation one.

14 They don't have a need for a lot of the
15 water, and frankly, getting it to 700 feet,
16 just -- it costs so much in electricity, it's
17 not worth it. So we don't really use that
18 very often.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. But they use that
20 for irrigation purposes?

21 MR. TAYLOR: They use their, their reservoir at 300
22 feet for -- you know, they fill it with their
23 ditch water and use it for irrigation, yes.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and then with this
25 potential project and development of this,

1 more capacity to produce R-1 water, an
2 increase in disinfection capacity, would this
3 help with the odor problem?

4 MR. TAYLOR: This would be unrelated to any sort of
5 odor problem.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see, okay. Thank you,
7 Mr. Taylor.

8 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

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

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Have your division, has your
12 division, Mr. Taylor, looked at -- since you
13 have a private partner, I guess that's a way
14 to look at it, that the County then might want
15 to take it -- gosh, is it too far to, for us
16 to consider the Lahaina Civic site as a
17 potential user of reclaimed water?

18 MR. TAYLOR: Right now, that's really far. When the
19 original Villages of Leialii project was
20 proposed, they were going to run a direct
21 sewage line to the treatment plant and put a
22 reclaimed water line all the way back to their
23 project.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

25 MR. TAYLOR: Now, if that had happened and if that

1 ever happens in the future, you will have
2 elevated R-1 water for the golf course they
3 were going to build up on the hill, and that
4 will be at elevation where we could very
5 easily serve, you know, anything below that.

6 But until that happens, that's really
7 far away.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Well, I'm glad that you
9 folks at least looked at it, so I can
10 appreciate that effort.

11 With the potential land use projects
12 that -- gosh, you know, I apologize. I can't
13 even recall what the, what the old Amfac has
14 morphed into, but, you know, with their
15 Kaanapali 2020 master planning, between the
16 Civic Center, and there's a treatment plant,
17 or plans for development and some other land
18 entitlements.

19 So if that happens, do you see us having
20 the opportunity to have a dual system for that
21 area, to take care of landscaping needs and
22 other irrigation requirements?

23 MR. TAYLOR: It could happen. I mean, we have
24 enough volume of water to support a large
25 amount. It would really come down to funding,

1 who would pay for the additional disinfection,
2 the additional transmission --

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

4 MR. TAYLOR: -- and the additional storage.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay, but you have enough
6 on site for the expansion of this type of
7 program?

8 MR. TAYLOR: We have enough space and we have enough
9 water.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We've heard comments from
11 the South Maui area about potentially some of
12 our impacts from our, our system on the reefs.

13 So again, because we are in a makai area
14 for West Maui, have you been made aware of
15 similar concerns regarding the quality of our
16 reclaimed R-1 water and its potential, or what
17 people are assuming is happening to our near
18 shore waters?

19 MR. TAYLOR: We are, we are well involved with all
20 of those comments and all of those programs.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Good.

22 MR. TAYLOR: And first, to clarify, a lot of people
23 think that what we do is take raw sewage and
24 put chemicals in them and put them down these
25 injection wells. Just to be crystal clear,

1 this is the water that we put down the
2 injection wells.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Crystal clear.

4 MR. TAYLOR: Literally, it is crystal clear. This
5 came from the Kihei treatment plant two days
6 ago.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And that is R-1 water, right?

8 MR. TAYLOR: This is R-1 water. R-2 water doesn't
9 look any different. It just isn't, it just
10 isn't -- doesn't have the same disinfection.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

12 MR. TAYLOR: But you can see the water is incredibly
13 clear.

14 If you took this to the water lab and
15 lied to them about where it came from, and
16 they just ran their normal tests, they would
17 probably say that it meets drinking water
18 standards. It's really because of where it
19 came from that you're not allowed to even take
20 this in to the water lab and you're not
21 allowed to drink it.

22 But if you actually did the test -- I
23 mean, you can see how clear it is. This water
24 is really, really clear. So I just want to
25 leave that right there.

1 And as far as the tests that have been
2 done, I know Member Johnson is well aware of
3 this. In 1997, after, after a number of
4 people made allegations that injection wells
5 were causing algae blooms and coral reef
6 degradation, the EPA and the Department of
7 Health did a major effort that was called the
8 West Maui Watershed Owner's Manual, which is
9 basically put together by the West Maui
10 Watershed Advisory Committee, this document.

11 And they looked at everything. They
12 looked at injection wells. They looked at
13 runoff. They looked at all sorts of other
14 human interference with the ocean. They spent
15 hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars.

16 And on page 103 of this document, their
17 findings and recommendations, they said that
18 "No wastewater plume was found in waters
19 offshore of the Lahaina wastewater injection
20 wells, and wastewater injection wells were not
21 shown to be a significant source of nutrients
22 for algae growth and other problems."

23 So this has been the most thorough
24 investigation of wastewater injection well
25 impacts on ocean water quality.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

2 MR. TAYLOR: Almost everything else that's been done
3 has been less intense than this, and has not
4 been nearly as scientifically intensive.

5 So I know there's a lot of public
6 discussion in the community, thinking that
7 these injection wells are a part of the
8 problem, but the scientific data really does
9 not support that at this time.

10 So that's my two cents on that.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

12 MS. OKUMA: Maybe I can just mention, too, because
13 this has been an ongoing issue.

14 Through Dr. Celia Smith at the
15 University of Hawaii, as a result of a NOAA
16 grant, I believe, NOAA funding, I was invited
17 to participate as one of the representatives,
18 and I know Kuhea Paracuelles from the Mayor's
19 Office is also a participant, together with
20 Councilmember Anderson, on these very issues
21 involving impact on our waters, on our coral
22 reef.

23 And I think at least part of the
24 discussion coming out of there is concerns
25 over the fact that there's limited number of

1 resources to attack any kind of, you know,
2 problem, perceived or real. So people are
3 very --

4 There is that level of discussion going
5 on. We are participating in that. We are
6 always concerned about what's happening in our
7 marine environment, on our coral reefs.

8 But I think, as Dave has mentioned, to
9 date, the data does not support the fears that
10 people have in terms of the relationship
11 between our injection well and what's
12 happening in the marine environment.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for that, Director. I
14 appreciate the Department's efforts to address
15 some of these issues out there.

16 One of the things, though, for me is,
17 and so I quickly can understand, your current
18 capacity is 2,000,000. And the request is to
19 expand it to what level, Mr. Taylor, please,
20 again?

21 MR. TAYLOR: I think currently, we, we basically can
22 deliver to our one customer about a million.
23 It goes up and down a little bit. And their
24 user, they have a backup water source. They
25 have their own brackish water source.

1 So our water to them doesn't have to be
2 as reliable, so we can give them more at some
3 times and less at other times, but it's more
4 like around a million. This would add,
5 basically, another million or two gallons to
6 our reliable capacity.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, because our understanding
8 from reading the project narrative, it says
9 you currently, only -- it says 2,000,000
10 gallons per day can be produced.

11 MR. TAYLOR: Just to explain that number.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, please.

13 MR. TAYLOR: That's sort of a best case, with
14 everything turned on, with everything going
15 well. We can definitely get 2,000,000 gallons
16 of water out right now, if everything's
17 working and everything's okay.

18 So, but if people are using this as
19 their water source, you know, we have to put
20 some safety factor onto that. So it's more of
21 a reliable number versus your maximum
22 production number. So we have difficulty kind
23 of explaining this, because there's so many
24 different numbers that explain capacity.

25 But basically, we can't support,

1 reliably, more customers at this point with
2 this, with the system we have. So whether you
3 call it 2,000,000 or 4,000,000 and peak
4 capacity or average capacity, we're basically
5 maxed out with this system right now.

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. So I
7 understand what you shared earlier, this 3.6
8 million in '11, 2011, is the private sector's
9 investment?

10 MR. TAYLOR: When we put the budget together a few
11 months ago, this was an effort that we
12 thought, we'll probably have to put this in
13 our CIP later. It was since the time --
14 actually, this meeting happened after we even
15 delivered the budget to the Council. That's
16 when we took this stand.

17 So if they come through, this 3.6
18 million will be dropped from the County CIP
19 budget.

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

21 Chairman, if you will allow me, I'm just
22 trying to make a time so I can understand
23 this.

24 So, Mr. Taylor, then, on -- just again,
25 a brief -- because this project, you know,

1 under the, your narrative, that was the
2 ultraviolet disinfection. And then when I
3 look at your -- I'm not picking it up.

4 Is there another component of your
5 project that is dealing with the --

6 MR. TAYLOR: Yes, there is. I can tell what you're
7 asking. I can address it --

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, 31 --

9 MR. TAYLOR: -- without the number.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, under Countywide, you also
11 have, for '09, \$3.4 million in bond requests,
12 and part of it is for the Lahaina Clarifier
13 corrosion control and weir ultraviolet cover.

14 So I'm trying to understand, is this two
15 separate projects or is this one project
16 broken into two separate appropriations?

17 MR. TAYLOR: The second project you're referring to
18 is unrelated.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. This weir ultraviolet
20 cover is nothing to do with this ultraviolet
21 disinfection expansion?

22 MR. TAYLOR: No, that has nothing to do with it.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, it's two different
24 projects, two different areas of your system,
25 Mr. Taylor?

1 MR. TAYLOR: They're both in the treatment plant,
2 but they're not related to the same part of
3 the treatment plant operation.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so when we get to that,
5 you can tell us --

6 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- why it's a separate
8 appropriation. Okay.

9 MR. TAYLOR: But to follow up, I would mention, if
10 you look at the board, which looks at all of
11 our treatment plant projects, right at the
12 very top you see a band of purple, right along
13 the very top. Those are all the projects
14 having to do with the West Maui R-1 system
15 expansion.

16 And if this private hui builds it all,
17 all of those will disappear, because
18 essentially we'll be getting all those without
19 having them in our CIP budget.

20 So if you look in our six year CIP plan,
21 you'll see all of those projects listed. And
22 essentially what we're telling this, this hui
23 of developers is if they don't build it, we're
24 not going to be pursuing it in the six year
25 CIP plan.

1 So there are definitely tie-ins to a
2 number of other projects; just not that one.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, and my last one on the
4 Trojan 3000. That is the system your division
5 has picked to be the system for this project?

6 Or is this, or are you telling the hui
7 that if you want to do this, this is the
8 system that we would be open to accepting,
9 since you understand its reliability and
10 ability to perform?

11 MR. TAYLOR: We currently have the Trojan 3000
12 systems at both Lahaina and Kihei. Because of
13 the way the system's built, we'd have to get
14 another one of the same type.

15 It was, basically the original
16 infrastructure at the plant was built to fit
17 this unit, so when you put the next one in, it
18 has to basically go into the same place. And
19 we're -- unless there was a major structural
20 renovation, we have to put the same type of
21 unit to match the one we have.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Taylor.

23 Chairman, thank you.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

25 Member Victorino?

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, thank you, and I
2 think we've gone over most of this stuff. I'm
3 glad to see that if we can get this upgrade
4 and make the people that are going to use it
5 and benefit from it pay for it, I agree with,
6 like Member Johnson. It's something that
7 should be done that way.

8 So I'm all for this, so long as we get
9 those users who benefit from it paying for it,
10 so that we, the people of Maui County, get the
11 usage of it.

12 And whether it's an effect or not, less
13 R-1 water is injected into the ground. No one
14 can deny that will help in the environmental
15 area. So it's a win win in this one, so I
16 would support something like this so long as
17 we get them to do it.

18 Thank you, Mr. Taylor.

19 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino.

22 Member Molina?

23 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair.

24 Just one follow-up, and I'm sorry if
25 this question was already asked, with regards

1 to the, I guess the 2,000,000 gallons of R-1
2 that's currently produced by the Lahaina
3 treatment plant.

4 What is the current demand for it?
5 Because I know in your, your statement here,
6 back in the Program Budget, the demand for
7 recycled water in West Maui for irrigation
8 purposes is rapidly increasing.

9 What would be the current demand, or
10 guesstimation that you have?

11 MR. TAYLOR: Demand is a, kind of a hard number to
12 nail down. The demand is really high if
13 nobody has to pay for it. The demand is not
14 so much if people have to pay to put in the
15 tanks and the piping. There are a lot of
16 people who want the water.

17 Steve Parabicolli from our group has done
18 a fantastic one-man show in the last ten years
19 of convincing, basically, everyone on this
20 island that it's safe and it's reliable, and
21 there's no reason not to use it. So he's done
22 such a good job that everybody wants it, but
23 because we've been charging less than real
24 costs, now we're, we've almost sort of
25 philosophically oversold it.

1 Everyone wants it, but now they're
2 seeing the real costs. And if we put in
3 lines, lots of people want it.

4 So it's really, it's really a financial
5 issue, is if we can upgrade systems, build
6 distribution systems, build lines, we could,
7 we could use almost an infinite amount of it.
8 It's just a matter of how to pay for the
9 distribution systems.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And that bottled water you
11 brought in and showed us all, that's
12 drinkable? I mean, if you, if you didn't tell
13 a person where that water came from, can he
14 taste the difference?

15 MR. TAYLOR: I don't know, because I've never tasted
16 it.

17 According to the Department of Health,
18 you cannot drink it without another level of
19 treatment. There may be, because of where it
20 came from, there is concern that there may be
21 a few pathogens here and there that weren't
22 killed by the UV. So that's basically why
23 you're not allowed to drink it.

24 So you'd have to run it through another
25 system, like a reverse osmosis, to know that

1 you got those out of there.

2 And so when you hear about these, these
3 toilet to tap programs, I think San Diego or
4 Orange County, somewhere --

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chicago has one.

6 MR. TAYLOR: Chicago, Australia. That's really the
7 issue, is you need one more level of treatment
8 to know that you got any dangerous pathogens
9 killed. And since we don't do that, you
10 shouldn't drink it.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I see. Councilmember
12 Medeiros is suggesting to me that you bring a
13 bottle of water, what it looked like before,
14 and then he'll do a comparison. This is what
15 it looked like before --

16 MR. TAYLOR: I almost did that, but I didn't want to
17 accidentally spill it on the carpet, so.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: We don't want any spillages
19 in here, right? Okay, thank you.

20 Thank you, Chair.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina.

22 Member Baisa, question?

23 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair.

24 No, I'm very pleased with what I'm
25 hearing. It's very important. We have to

1 start using more of this water. We have very
2 little water as it is, so it's a shame, too,
3 that we lose any of it.

4 So I'm very happy to hear that we're
5 trying to make progress to use more of our
6 reclaimed water.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

8 Member Medeiros?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

10 Just a follow-up, some follow-up
11 questions. What revenues do we receive from
12 Kaanapali Golf Course and Maui Land & Pine
13 customers per year for R-1 water?

14 MR. TAYLOR: I don't know the numbers, but they pay
15 the rates according to the ordinance. I don't
16 know exactly what the revenues are, but it's,
17 it's as per the rates of the ordinance.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And what are the rates
19 right now for R-1?

20 MR. TAYLOR: Rates are \$.25 for agricultural users
21 and \$.97 per 1,000 for all other users.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and is, are those
23 statistics as far as revenues from those two
24 customers available? Can we get that?

25 MR. TAYLOR: We can get that in writing.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I'd appreciate it,
2 Chair, if we could get that.

3 And then this private hui project, the
4 R-1 water system that they are planning to
5 develop and dedicate to the County, this will
6 be just to their properties?

7 MR. TAYLOR: They would be building a main
8 distribution system that would be given to us.
9 Any properties in between our system and
10 theirs, we would now have a pressurized feeder
11 line that we could hook in to anyone else, and
12 that would be ours at that point.

13 So it wouldn't -- it would serve as a
14 core system to anyone in between, and even if
15 we did system extensions, it would service
16 that, too, within, you know, the immediate
17 geographical area.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Well, you answered
19 the next question I had; can we connect and
20 extend that system after it's developed.

21 So the private hui properties would be
22 in what areas?

23 MR. TAYLOR: Basically near the treatment plant.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

25 MR. TAYLOR: Across the street and, you know, north

1 and south, but basically all those landowners
2 are relatively close to the treatment plant,
3 which is why it's, you know, feasible for them
4 to embark upon a program like that.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And finally, you
6 know, you made a good case about the injection
7 wells and the quality of the water that goes
8 into those wells.

9 But because, you know, we produce R-1
10 water and can't use it all, and that's the
11 reason we put it in injection wells, has there
12 been any plans for storage tanks for these R-1
13 waters so that they can be utilized as needed,
14 but stored in the meantime, instead of all
15 going to injection wells?

16 MR. TAYLOR: Basically, that's essentially what this
17 project would be, would be a million gallon
18 storage tank.

19 It really comes down to the distribution
20 systems. We usually use storage tanks in
21 water and wastewater distribution just to
22 balance the flow, but we don't store it up
23 for, you know, months and months and months.

24 So basically you have to have a
25 distribution system that on at least every

1 couple of days you can get it to the people
2 who need it. Any more than that is not really
3 realistic to store for something like this.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and the projected use
5 by these, the hui properties, would be for how
6 many gallons per day?

7 MR. TAYLOR: Probably between 1,000,000 and
8 2,000,000 gallons, depending on which parts of
9 the hui, you know, come together and which
10 don't.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Taylor.
12 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

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

15 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, Dave, and because you
16 made the comment you did about the injection
17 wells, one of the things I want to find out is
18 that with regard to the injection.

19 When the water, even though that water
20 may be clean, because the area has been, I
21 guess the recipient of heavy chemicals over
22 many, many years, they leach down sometimes
23 into that groundwater area.

24 Is it possible that the injection wells,
25 once the material or the water goes into the

1 ground, is causing some of that leaching then
2 into the area?

3 MR. TAYLOR: I'm not a hydrogeologist. We don't
4 have a hydrogeologist on staff.

5 Basically, anything I would say is
6 from -- one hydrogeologist from USGS did a
7 study of exactly that in South Maui. And we
8 read that, and basically it showed that the
9 mauka/makai flow of groundwater is constantly
10 moving. There's a high volume of it. And our
11 injected effluent moves with that.

12 So it's not like all the water is still
13 down there, and we're the only water that's
14 being pushed through. Water is naturally
15 moving mauka/makai all the time to the ocean,
16 and ours is just sort of adding to that.

17 So my guess would be that it wouldn't be
18 a significant difference, because there's such
19 a high volume of water that just naturally
20 moves, you know, from the mountain to the
21 ocean in any case, that I find it hard to
22 believe that our little bit of water makes any
23 sort of difference to that overall movement.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and it could be due to
25 runoff, but, you know, that is a separate

1 subject, so I won't get into that.

2 But I think that during periods of
3 drought, Mr. Chair, I know that the movement
4 of water, at least from the traditional, you
5 know, mauka to makai, that is limited, and we
6 have had, been -- we've really been in a
7 drought for a while.

8 So any kind of -- even though this water
9 is disinfected, if we're not utilizing it now
10 because of lack of distribution systems, then
11 I would also hope that the water --

12 I guess right now you're not producing
13 sufficient amounts; only enough for the golf
14 course. Is that correct?

15 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct.

16 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, but even irrespective
17 of anything else that's done by any private
18 party, if that whole deal falls apart, this
19 particular project would still go forward to
20 increase the amount of water that you can
21 actually disinfect?

22 MR. TAYLOR: Probably not. I mean, basically if the
23 hui falls apart, we won't spend this money.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh.

25 MR. TAYLOR: Even if the hui goes forward, we hope

1 not to spend this money. We hope that they
2 will pay for everything, and that's really our
3 position. We're --

4 We want to kind of keep this in reserve.
5 If the whole thing is going to fall apart,
6 unless we can bring \$250,000 to it, we kind of
7 have this available.

8 But, no, our intention, just because of
9 the presentation you saw the other day --

10 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

11 MR. TAYLOR: -- about our priorities and our limited
12 funding for the future, we don't think we can
13 really support within our CIP, you know,
14 another \$10,000,000 project to do this unless
15 the private funds are there.

16 So we would probably drop it if the hui
17 falls apart.

18 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and then because this
19 is shown as a cash project -- am I correct
20 about that?

21 MR. TAYLOR: That is correct.

22 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Why would you not
23 show it as bond and then not float the bond?

24 MR. TAYLOR: We basically just tried to balance our
25 revenue with our overall expenditure, and this

1 ended up, because it's a relatively small
2 amount, being cash, just to make the -- it
3 balances.

4 So if we didn't do it, we would have
5 carryover savings for next year's, which
6 instead of, you know, a larger rate increase,
7 we could limit that rate increase.

8 So either way, if we have a little extra
9 cash as carryover, it's not going to make any
10 real difference to the overall budget over the
11 next few years.

12 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you very much,
13 Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

15 Members, any more question regarding
16 this particular item? If not, we'll go into
17 Countywide, 31-20.

18 Mr. Taylor?

19 MR. TAYLOR: Okay, this project, Countywide EPA
20 Consent Decree Wastewater Reclamation Facility
21 Renovation Projects.

22 The Consent Decree, as I mentioned
23 yesterday, is basically at this point a proper
24 management practices document that we have to
25 follow.

1 Part of the Consent Decree dictates that
2 for all of our, I'll call our midsized
3 equipment, things that wouldn't be considered
4 infrastructure, pieces of the treatment plant,
5 large, multi-hundred thousand dollar type of
6 equipment, we have to, on an ongoing basis,
7 evaluate it, prioritize its estimated life,
8 and have a prioritized, cost-loaded schedule
9 to replace it before it fails.

10 So these are things like large filter
11 units, major pumps, structures that are within
12 the treatment plant of certain tanks and
13 things like that, internal mechanical elements
14 of major tanks and blowers, and things like
15 that. Things that have values of a few
16 hundred thousand dollars, usually. Too big to
17 be in the operations budget, too small to be
18 single line items in the CIP budget.

19 So that's what this is about. It's
20 about supporting that program to replace these
21 major mechanical, electrical, structural
22 elements before they fail.

23 And to try to get some economy of scale,
24 we tend to group them together so that we can
25 do blueprints and specifications, have the

1 engineers put them out to bid, and get a
2 contractor to come in and do, you know, a
3 couple million dollars of work at a time,
4 rather than trying to put it out a hundred
5 thousand there and a hundred thousand here.

6 So that's what this project is. It's
7 really all things within the fence lines of
8 the treatment plants and the pumping stations,
9 which are considered major elements, but not
10 large enough to warrant their own line item in
11 the CIP.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

13 Member Johnson?

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. In, I noticed one of
15 the first projects on here is the Lahaina
16 Clarifier No. 5 corrosion control and weir
17 ultraviolet. Same thing for Kihei.

18 What, what does -- because I'm obviously
19 not, you know, an engineer. What does that
20 actually mean?

21 MR. TAYLOR: What that is, is there's some, there's
22 mechanical equipment in our, some of our large
23 tanks. If you flew over those plants, you'd
24 see these big circular tanks, and there's
25 mechanical equipment inside there that,

1 exactly, that goes round and round. And those
2 things rust, and the sun hits them, makes
3 algae grow, et cetera, et cetera.

4 So this would be an expensive project.
5 Those things have to be replaced from time to
6 time, to basically yank out the mechanical
7 systems, replace them, cover them so the algae
8 doesn't grow, et cetera.

9 So again, it's not something that we'd
10 want to make a line item in the CIP. It's way
11 too big to be an operations project, and it
12 lasts too long to be an operations project,
13 but it's too small -- we don't want to put it
14 out to bid all by itself, so we combine it
15 with these other things.

16 There also may be things that haven't
17 come up yet. Our mechanics, electricians,
18 engineers, are constantly evaluating all this
19 and re-prioritizing it, and so something may
20 come up tomorrow.

21 A lot of our equipment, unfortunately,
22 isn't inspectable. It's buried under sewage,
23 it's buried under the ground. And some of
24 this stuff only gets taken out of service
25 every, you know, five, ten years, sometimes

1 thirty years.

2 So sometimes when doing normal, routine
3 maintenance, we find something, we have to
4 replace it, and it may be a few hundred
5 thousand dollars. So something could bump up
6 to the top of this list next week, and we bump
7 the lower one to next year.

8 So this is more of a rolling fund for
9 these, what I call these midrange equipment
10 and structural elements of the treatment
11 plants and pumping stations that are an
12 ongoing prioritization and replacement effort.

13 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and I know the piece
14 of equipment that you're referring to, because
15 I have seen that in operation.

16 There's terminology in the next section.
17 The mixed liquor channel rehabilitation?

18 MR. TAYLOR: That's not what it sounds like.

19 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. It sounds, you know,
20 like we should have Mr. Silva from Liquor
21 Control here, but I guess that's not what
22 we're talking about.

23 MR. TAYLOR: Mixed liquor is a wastewater term for
24 at a certain stage in the wastewater treatment
25 process. For some reason it's called mixed

1 liquor. I'm not going to tell you what it
2 actually is, because you --

3 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I -- you know, it just
4 sounds sort of evil, you know, so I'll just
5 leave it at that.

6 But this is, again, where you're trying
7 to batch projects so that you can get a
8 contractor that will do the whole thing at one
9 shot?

10 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct. That project is a
11 concrete structure. It's a, within the
12 treatment plant as a whole. It needs
13 structural rehabilitation. We don't want to
14 put it out to bid just by itself.

15 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

16 MR. TAYLOR: But when you put all these projects
17 together, they end up being the size of a
18 small treatment plant renovation. They may
19 not even be geographically proximate.

20 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

21 MR. TAYLOR: I mean, you may have a couple in Kihei
22 and a couple in Lahaina and one in Molokai,
23 but when you put them all together, now we can
24 get one of the bigger construction companies
25 to actually come and give us a good cost. We

1 can afford to do blueprints and
2 specifications, et cetera, et cetera, and have
3 that economy of scale.

4 So that's why we always have this
5 project, and we put the midlevel, major kind
6 of equipment, structural elements together in
7 these projects.

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and I see that this is
9 coming from bond because, you know, part of
10 our money, of course, from the Revolving Fund
11 is not available, so. And I don't even know
12 if you would --

13 Would you be able to tap into that
14 Revolving Fund if it were available?

15 MR. TAYLOR: We tend to use bond for this, because
16 the projects that we do last for a long time.

17 It's difficult to use Revolving Fund for
18 this because we don't know exactly what the
19 projects are going to be. As I mentioned,
20 they may change next week, so, based on some
21 new information we find. So it's sometimes
22 difficult to use the SRF loan money.

23 You know, we don't have any this year.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

25 MR. TAYLOR: Obviously. But even if we did, they

1 want to know exactly what the project is. So
2 it's hard to use it for these generalized
3 equipment replacement and structural
4 replacement funds, because they want exact
5 blueprints.

6 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

7 MR. TAYLOR: Preliminary engineering report,
8 environmental assessment. They want to fund a
9 very specific project with that money. So
10 we --

11 It's difficult to use for things like
12 this, which end of being sort of a catchall.

13 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and I guess, too,
14 because of the length, you know, the longevity
15 of the project, how long the infrastructure
16 will actually last, then you're looking at
17 usually a project that will last 20, 30 years,
18 I would assume.

19 MR. TAYLOR: Because of the longevity is why we
20 bond, that's correct.

21 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, thank you.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson.

23 Member Medeiros?

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. No
25 questions at this time.

1 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

2 Member Molina?

3 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

4 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Member Hokama?

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Pablo, how, if you float the
6 bond, how do you anticipate to report on the
7 expenditures and use of the bond funds in the
8 quarterly reports? Are you going to break it
9 down by specific item, and then what was the
10 bond amount, and what is encumbered or
11 expended?

12 MR. PABLO: Yeah, what we'll do is work with the
13 Finance Department on this. We have our
14 Treasurer, Suzanne Doodan, who would identify
15 how the projects go out to the bond issuance,
16 and then that would be reflected in the
17 quarterly report.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Chairman, you know, I
19 understand the approach of the Department for
20 budgeting purposes.

21 But on the reporting back, so that we
22 can be assured of the actual use and the
23 Division's implementation as well as
24 completion of projects, it doesn't help me to
25 read in a quarterly report a general

1 Countywide EPA project, \$3.4 million, and then
2 just tell me that 3,000,000 has been
3 encumbered and there's a \$400,000 balance.

4 Because I have no idea whether or not
5 the Division did Lahaina Clarifier 5 or they
6 did Kihei Clarifier 3, or that they did a
7 return activated sludge header modification.

8 Unless it is the intent of the
9 Administration that when we do these quarterly
10 reviews, then every Department is going to
11 come back and explain exactly how CIP has been
12 implemented and what is the performance of
13 completion.

14 So we can do it one way or we can do it
15 the other way, but if the information is
16 provided to us, then, of course, it's easier
17 just to ask clarification to the appropriate
18 Division and Department.

19 Other than that, I foresee the Director
20 and Mr. Taylor having to come back before
21 Finance Committee's requirements -- for BF --
22 to explain exactly what happened to the \$3.4
23 million.

24 So that would be my request, Chairman.
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you. Good request.

2 Member Victori no?

3 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Nope, I think I'm
4 satisfied, what I've read and heard. Thank
5 you.

6 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

7 Member Bai sa?

8 COUNCILMEMBER BAI SA: No questions.

9 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Members, any more questions
10 regarding this particular item? If not, we go
11 to 31-22, Countywide Pump Station Renovations.

12 Mr. Taylor?

13 MR. TAYLOR: Okay, Countywide Pump Station
14 Renovations is \$8,000,000 in bond for four
15 pump station renovations. We've finished the
16 design.

17 As you know, we have 42 pumping
18 stations. They're all in various state of
19 degradation, replacement. So this is
20 basically an ongoing budget line item. Every
21 year we do some more designs, the next phase
22 of construction, et cetera. It follows the
23 prioritization chart that's to my right.

24 This year we have the four pumping
25 stations in Kuau. These are all Hookipa side

1 of Baldwin Avenue, the pumping stations that
2 provide service to that area. Design is, will
3 be, will be complete soon. It's already under
4 design, and will be ready for construction.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

6 Mr. Molina?

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair.

8 Mr. Taylor, just regarding the pump
9 stations in Kuau. When was the, I guess the
10 last upgrade done to it? I mean, how old, how
11 old are the pump stations?

12 MR. TAYLOR: They were built in the mid 1980s, and
13 they've never been upgraded.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Never been upgraded.

15 MR. TAYLOR: Uh-huh.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Wow, it's about time. Have
17 we had any types of disruption since -- I
18 mean, this is, I know this is preventative
19 maintenance, but what kinds of disruptions
20 have occurred in recent times?

21 MR. TAYLOR: We've had a lot of disruptions.

22 I don't know if anyone drives out there.
23 If you've seen where these pump stations are,
24 the first one's in the Paia Community Center
25 parking lot. Then there's one by the blue

1 tile roof house, right by the bay. There's
2 one right across from Mama's Fish House, and
3 there's one, also another one on the side of
4 the road mauka.

5 If you drive by, you'll almost always
6 see our orange pumps sitting there, our
7 trailer mounted orange pumps. Trailer mounted
8 orange pumps are a replacement, are basically
9 our backup pumps; that if a system fails, we
10 roll those out and hook them up.

11 The number of times that those are out
12 there is unacceptable. I mean, that's meaning
13 that the systems, the stations are failing,
14 mechanically, electrically, structurally, et
15 cetera, and we bring out those orange pumps to
16 basically run the station while we're fixing
17 things.

18 And so just from a, just from even you
19 driving by and how often those pumps are
20 there, those things are always breaking down.
21 We're basically relying on our staff's ability
22 to respond very quickly to outages and bring
23 out our temporary equipment and set it up.

24 So they're very -- they're at the end of
25 their life. I mean, I think that's shown by

1 the frequency that we're repairing them and
2 bringing out our portable pumping equipment.
3 So we need to get these under control before
4 we have something that we can't respond to.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Great. The sooner, the
6 better. Thank you.

7 Thank you, Chair.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

9 Member Hokama?

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, one quick one, just so
11 that I can understand.

12 Mr. Taylor, you know, years, a couple
13 years ago we gave you some funds to do a West
14 Maui process study. In the study that was
15 done for your Division, did they come up with
16 some of these recommendations that you now
17 implement through CIP requests? Or that has,
18 that has nothing to do with CIP in the process
19 study regarding the plant operations and
20 capacity?

21 MR. TAYLOR: Actually, as a matter of fact, we have
22 under construction right now one of the first
23 projects in the Lahaina treatment plant that
24 was recommended by that study. That study,
25 just like yesterday, we talked about the Kihei

1 study.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right, right.

3 MR. TAYLOR: Basically a de-bottlenecking study.

4 What are the bottlenecks, what do we do to get
5 rid of those bottlenecks.

6 That's what we did for Lahaina, and
7 that, I'll call it the low-hanging fruit, has
8 already been implemented. You know, what are
9 the little things we can do to get big returns
10 on investment.

11 So we've actually already begun those in
12 Lahaina, and that's exactly the purpose, is to
13 better define the CIP projects that have the
14 best bang for the buck.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much,
16 Mr. Taylor.

17 Thank you, Chair.

18 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

19 Member Victorino?

20 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No questions at this time,
21 thank you.

22 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

23 Member Baisa?

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAI SA: No questions, thank you.

25 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Member Johnson? Member Medeiros?

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

2 Just one question on the description or
3 the identification of where the pumps are, the
4 upgrade stations. You have Spreckelsville.
5 Where is Kaa?

6 MR. TAYLOR: Kaa is the, is the pumping station
7 right at the Kite Beach entrance. There's a
8 pumping station right next to the entrance to
9 Kite Beach, on Amala Place.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. Okay, so
11 close -- well, close to Kanaha Beach Park
12 area.

13 MR. TAYLOR: It's half -- it's right between Kanaha
14 Beach Park and the treatment plant.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, thank you,
16 Mr. Taylor. Mahalo.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

18 Members, any more questions regarding
19 Countywide Pump Station Renovations? Seeing
20 none, Members, 31-23, Countywide Wastewater
21 System Modification.

22 Mr. Taylor?

23 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Countywide
24 Wastewater System Modifications is \$2,000,000
25 in cash, which is essentially a contingency

1 fund to the other CIP projects.

2 Last year in Budget we had discussion on
3 this. There was a lot of discussion by the
4 Council. And the Council, we want to thank
5 the Council. You gave us a chance to try to
6 implement this, and it's worked out very well.

7 Because construction costs are
8 fluctuating wildly, it's almost impossible for
9 us to accurately predict the bid price of any
10 one project.

11 But what we do, so instead of bumping up
12 every project to cover unknowns in bidding, we
13 leave all the projects at their kind of base
14 estimate, and we take that bump up and put it
15 all in this project. So that way, if some
16 projects are high and some are low, we use
17 this money to supplement the ones that are too
18 high and are able to keep going.

19 We, we really don't know any other way
20 in today's climate of fluctuating construction
21 costs to keep our CIP effort ongoing. If you
22 look at our, at our chart, we basically have a
23 pretty tight schedule for the next 15 years.
24 We have to keep these projects on track.

25 So the problem is, is when, as you guys

1 know, when the bids are high and we have to
2 come back to Council or push it off to next
3 year, what that does is now we have too much
4 next year. We don't have the staff to do
5 them. We don't encumber the funds. We fall
6 another year behind, and we never catch up.

7 So this money allows us, assures us that
8 we can adjust money as we go to keep the CIP
9 program going. It's, I think, really vital to
10 us in today's fluctuating construction bid
11 market.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Taylor, one fast
13 question. Have you utilized prior
14 appropriations for your projects for 2008?

15 MR. TAYLOR: We've utilized about half of the money.
16 We've been really careful about not
17 overspending that money, because we know it's
18 only limited.

19 So we do not use it to expand the scope
20 of projects. We only use it when the bid
21 prices are high, it's the next project on our
22 priority list, and we have to do it.

23 So we've used about 1,000,000 of the
24 2,000,000 that the Council allocated last
25 year, and this is money we hope not to spend.

1 Hopefully, we won't spend it. We'll come back
2 next year and say we didn't spend any of it.

3 So we're very careful, because we
4 realize that the Council is watching our
5 expenditures on this, and it's so important
6 that we, that we continue to be allowed to
7 have this that we are, we are very, very
8 careful with how we spend this money.

9 And we will only use it for the priority
10 projects, the yellow projects, which are
11 reliability based, and only if the bids are
12 too high that we have to supplement them to
13 keep them going.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

15 Member Baisa, questions?

16 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, but I think it's a very
17 good way of doing it, because you don't know
18 which projects are going to cost more than
19 others, and this way you have a pool to go to.
20 So I think it's a good idea.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

22 Member Johnson?

23 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: In terms of the, I guess how
24 this is expressed for cash, this will be
25 coming from dedicated funds or restricted

1 funds from your Division, right?

2 MR. TAYLOR: That's correct.

3 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So as far as people being
4 concerned about tying up general funds, you
5 know, that's not a concern?

6 MR. TAYLOR: No.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, thank you.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

9 Member Medeiros?

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

12 Member Molina?

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: None, thank you.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Victorino?

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: None at this time, thank
18 you.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

20 Members, 31-26, Environmental Protection
21 Agency Consent Decree Compliance Projects.

22 Mr. Taylor?

23 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This Countywide
24 EPA Consent Decree Compliance Projects is
25 similar to the three projects that we talked

1 about previously, which were in specific
2 areas.

3 These are basically gravity line,
4 gravity sewer line, inspection and
5 rehabilitation projects. Countywide means we
6 can use the money anywhere.

7 What we're planning for this money is
8 doing CCTV inspections of the Molokai and
9 Lanai systems, which have not been done yet,
10 and then some miscellaneous pipes that we
11 haven't gotten to here and there.

12 We, we believe this is probably the
13 last, or most of the last of the first CCTV
14 round of all the pipeline projects. Since
15 yesterday, our staff did inform me that of the
16 210 miles of gravity lines, we're only TV'ing
17 about 50 miles. The other 150 miles or so has
18 been looked at as saying either too new or
19 PVC.

20 So this will be sort of the last of that
21 50 miles that was considered critical that we
22 need to run TV cameras through. So we'll
23 finish that, and then we'll use whatever is
24 left to do spot repairs for whatever we find.
25 And this way, we can use it Countywide for

1 whatever we find.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

3 Member Baisa?

4 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I have a question.

5 We've been talking quite a while now
6 about preventing fines because of spills,
7 unexpected spills. Can you give us an idea?
8 I'm sure that the public would like to know
9 also. What does a fine look like?

10 MR. TAYLOR: According -- we have, we have two
11 Consent Decrees.

12 A Consent Decree from the EPA, which
13 basically is for violations of the Clean Water
14 Act, meaning you spill sewage to the ocean or
15 waterways.

16 And then a Consent Decree from the
17 Department of Health for, for wastewater
18 spills that go to the ground, that don't go to
19 waterways, that are not covered by the Federal
20 Clean Water Act.

21 So the ground spills are only \$500.
22 They increase if you have a repeated. If you
23 keep spilling because of the same reason, they
24 up those. So I don't remember how quickly
25 they go up, but they go up pretty quickly.

1 The wastewater spills to the ocean are
2 \$25,000 your first, your first time. And I
3 believe those even go up.

4 So you can see that just from a cost
5 standpoint, the fines are so expensive that
6 it's certainly worthwhile to prevent them.

7 And the bigger fine, they aren't even
8 talked about or written about, is probably
9 more in the economics of a tourism driven
10 economy, if we get the reputation that there's
11 sewage in the ocean.

12 So from just a dollar to dollar basis,
13 it's cheaper to pay the fines than to fix the
14 systems. But it's really the longer, the
15 bigger picture of economics to the tourism
16 driven economy and the recreational uses in
17 the ocean.

18 And we understand our responsibility to
19 prevent those. If we were just looking at,
20 you know, if this was just a profit business,
21 it's cheaper to pay the fines. But there's a
22 larger economic impact, clearly, and that's
23 really what's driving our, our program.

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much for that
25 explanation. It certainly makes it very clear

1 to me why we need to be doing this.

2 And thank you for not taking us where
3 some others have gone, which is waiting too
4 long and then having to pay even more money.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa.

7 Member Johnson?

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, Dave. And because of
9 what you just stated with regard to the
10 perception and, you know, the reality of our
11 pristine waters being available for everyone,
12 how has the State been in terms of looking at
13 the near shore water quality, looking at some
14 of the issues because of what happened on
15 Oahu, which, you know, impacted negatively
16 some of their tourism?

17 Has the State offered any kind of
18 assistance with regard to helping to fund
19 these kinds of projects that may help improve
20 the water quality for the benefit of the
21 tourist industry?

22 MR. TAYLOR: I'm not really familiar with programs
23 outside of the Department of Health's role as
24 a regulatory agent to us.

25 So in that role, the Department of

1 Health is EPA's representative here in the
2 state, so they oversee our compliance with the
3 Consent Decrees. We deal with them on
4 regulatory issues, and we deal with them with
5 borrowing the SRF loan money.

6 So I'd have to say that before this
7 year, they were -- we got so much of the SRF
8 loan money that I would have to say they've
9 been very cooperative, and hopefully, that
10 will continue in the future.

11 But what they do outside the realm of
12 wastewater regulation, I'm really not familiar
13 with.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and I'm looking at
15 this because, obviously, the people that are
16 paying these kinds of rates, you know, or who
17 will be paying for these kinds of
18 improvements, because it comes from restricted
19 funds, are the users, you know, of these
20 systems.

21 So my thought would be if everyone's
22 paying their fair share, then hopefully the
23 resorts are already paying for these costs to
24 clean up the water or to keep, you know, our
25 infrastructure current, so that these won't

1 negatively impact their particular facilities.

2 And I'm not sure whether that kind of
3 study has ever been done, but I, from a
4 personal standpoint, would like to see more
5 things being done to actually look at our
6 waste stream in general, where it's coming
7 from, and what it costs us all as rate payers
8 to maintain.

9 Because if the impact is coming from a
10 specific segment of the industry, if it's
11 coming primarily from visitor industry, are
12 they then paying their fair share.

13 So, and because this is coming from, I
14 guess cash, you know, it's kind of a nonissue.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

17 Member Medeiros?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No questions, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina?

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Taylor, we have been giving
23 you some flexibility for a long time now, and
24 then you're showing under prior
25 appropriations, about \$6,000,000 in this area.

1 So could you tell us what projects
2 you're encumbering monies for to comply with
3 this project scope, please?

4 MR. TAYLOR: In the past, are you asking?

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, you know, because it's
6 still on the books. We have Compliance
7 Consent Decree, EPA Consent Decree. You know,
8 we're still showing '95, '96, '97, '98.

9 I'm happy you've encumbered the funds.
10 I just want to know what, what kind of work
11 have you been doing with this monies.

12 MR. TAYLOR: That money, I'd have to look at the
13 details of -- does it have any more details of
14 what you're reading, of what the old ones,
15 '95, '96, '97? Are they small numbers?

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, you know, if we look at
17 '90 -- and again, that was my comment to the
18 Chairman and Mr. Pablo earlier. All we know
19 is what -- it just says EPA Consent Decree or
20 EPA Consent Decree Compliance.

21 So we're talking about '95. You still
22 have another 85,000. '96, you got another
23 233,000. '96, you got another 120,000.

24 '97, you have two. Both says EPA
25 Consent Decree Compliance. 832. You have a

1 renovation for 1.5 million.

2 You have, '98, you still haven't
3 encumbered another -- you've expended some,
4 basically, of 1.2 million in one renovation
5 area, and then the next one under '98, you
6 still have another 540,000.

7 So I'm just wondering what type of
8 projects have you been able to accomplish with
9 the, with the fundings we've been providing
10 you.

11 MR. TAYLOR: We've done an enormous amount of
12 CCTV'ing the gravity lines and evaluating
13 them. We've done a lot of lining and
14 rehabilitation of our gravity lines with this
15 type of funding money.

16 I think for any more details, we'd have
17 to get back to you in writing. I'm a little
18 confused, because we didn't even have a
19 Consent Decree, you know, till 1999. So I'm
20 not sure what those titles are.

21 But we can get back to you on that in
22 writing.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, and that's why,
24 Mr. Taylor, what we are provided in the
25 quarterly reports are these generic accounts.

1 And that's why we ask you these
2 questions during this type of budget review,
3 so we can understand what you've been doing,
4 and why your current year's \$1,000,000
5 request, you know, continues to move the
6 project forward, or the compliance issues.

7 MR. TAYLOR: In general, in general, all of the
8 gravity line rehabilitation work, all of the
9 lining we've done, all of the replacements
10 we've done, have all been funded out of these,
11 these titles of these projects, these EPA
12 Consent Decree projects.

13 So there's been, I don't know how many
14 miles, but miles and miles and miles, and you
15 see it out on the road. It all comes from, it
16 all starts from here, from these EPA
17 compliance investigations and then, and then
18 implementation.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Again, you know, are you -- I
20 have confidence in the Department and the
21 Division of what you're doing because, you
22 know, we see it daily with the Lanai
23 operations. I'm well aware of the Maui
24 requirements. I don't know what's happening
25 on Molokai.

1 By estimates of what we have available
2 to us, though, Mr. Taylor, it doesn't have
3 enough meat on the bones, if I could state it
4 that way, for me not to ask you these
5 questions, because I have no idea, just by
6 what I'm presented, of being able to
7 understand what the Division is doing to take
8 care of the needs that we are appropriating
9 funds for.

10 And I hope you can appreciate our
11 responsibility of accountability back to the
12 tax base, especially the rate base that is
13 paying for these special funds.

14 MR. TAYLOR: And we can -- I'm not exactly sure how
15 we'll ever be able to, to accurately explain
16 this to the Council, because essentially we've
17 got 250 miles of pipeline.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

19 MR. TAYLOR: And I suppose we could make a map --

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know what way -- you might
21 want to --

22 MR. TAYLOR: -- showing what sections were fixed.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- Mr. Taylor, then might be
24 able is that if, you know, when you get down
25 to the process, eventually you are going to

1 ask Budget Director and Finance Director to
2 authorize contracts.

3 The Finance Director is going to
4 authorize certification of funds and the
5 Budget Director is going to say yeah, you
6 know, we're going to let it go. We have
7 enough cash. Unless an accounting issue,
8 accounting issue, not a problem.

9 So I know there's ways we can track it.
10 I just was hoping that you had something in
11 the Division that said this is what we did
12 with this million dollars. We spent half a
13 million for --

14 MR. TAYLOR: We can get back to you in writing,
15 because we do have that. We do have that.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that would help us.

17 MR. TAYLOR: It might be with some visual aids of
18 some maps and things, you know, with -- on our
19 GIS system, where we track that.

20 But we can certainly put something
21 together to answer the questions of that.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I appreciate that. Thank you
23 very much.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

25 And, you know, it would be real good if

1 the Committee subject matters would, you know,
2 review Capital Improvement Projects on a
3 quarterly basis as we get these reports, so
4 that at least we will know what projects are
5 being done, if it's being done, and being
6 completed on time.

7 Member Victorino?

8 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, no questions at this
9 time.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

11 Members, any more questions in regards
12 to the EPA Consent Decree Compliance Projects?

13 COUNCIL MEMBERS: No.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: If not, that concludes the
15 capital --

16 Oh, do you have a question, Member
17 Medeiros?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No question.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: If not, this concludes the CIP
20 portion for Wastewater Division. I'd like to
21 thank Ms. Okuma as well as Mr. Taylor for
22 being here the last two days to answer
23 questions by the Committee Members.

24 So, Members, looking at the time, it's
25 10:30. We'll take a 15 minute break. We'll

1 return back to these Chambers at 10:45. This
2 meeting is in recess. (Gavel).

3 RECESS: 10:30 a.m.

4 RECONVENE: 10:55 a.m.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: (Gavel). The Budget and Finance
6 Committee meeting is now reconvened.

7 Members, we do have the Department of
8 Parks and Recreation with us at this time.
9 I'd like to welcome Director Tamara Horcajo as
10 well as Mr. Miyazono, who is sitting in the
11 gallery this morning.

12 Members, if you can turn to your
13 Proposed Bill, page 8 and 9, as well as your
14 Program Budget, page 14-1 to 14-19. And on
15 the Budget Details, page, pages 12-1 through
16 12-63.

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'm ready.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: But before we go into our
19 deliberations, I'd like to have Mr. Pablo
20 provide the Committee with an overview. And
21 what's in front of you and passed out by the
22 Director is a Parks and Recreation overview of
23 general and golf program budgets.

24 Mr. Pablo?

25 MR. PABLO: Thank you, Chair, and good morning,

1 Members.

2 Right before you, you have, you should
3 have a ten page handout, where I try to
4 summarize the pertinent points for the
5 Department of Parks and Recreation.

6 This Department is divided into two
7 funds. There's a general fund, with seven
8 programs, and there's a golf fund, which is an
9 enterprise fund, which means it's run like a
10 business, a proprietorship, and it's run to
11 break even.

12 In the general fund, you'll see that
13 there's an increase from 2008 to 2009 of
14 \$339,000. This is a very small amount. It's
15 basically a flat budget. It increased 1.2
16 percent.

17 The interesting thing about this to
18 point out is there's a salary increase for
19 this Department of 441 employees of 1.2
20 million. So just by knowing that information,
21 the Department needed 1.3 million, but they
22 only got 338,000.

23 So you know that there were some
24 significant trimming and focusing of the
25 budget in the programs. And I'll go through

1 each of the programs and try to explain it.

2 For the expansion positions, in the
3 general fund, there's one employee expansion
4 position in the Administration Program, and
5 another one position being requested in the
6 Recreation and Support Services Program.

7 For the golf fund, there's a .6 EP count
8 being requested.

9 For equipments, they're a lot less than
10 last year, as we go through each program.

11 The general fund, there's a request for
12 \$334,000 in equipment, covering the
13 Administration Program, Park Maintenance
14 Program, and Recreation and Support Services
15 Program.

16 The golf fund is also requesting
17 equipment in the amount of 146,000.

18 Page two is just for your reference.
19 This only is an overview of the general fund,
20 but we can go straight into the actual
21 programs themselves, which start on the
22 following page.

23 On page three is the Administration
24 Program. I'll go through all of the general
25 programs and golf fund program, and then

1 Director Tamara Horcajo will be able to answer
2 your questions on each of the programs, and
3 eventually her staff will also be joining her.

4 In the Administration Program, again, if
5 you look at the overall picture, the increase
6 from '08 to '09 is a small amount of \$80,000.
7 The largest increase is for salary and wages,
8 of about 139,000, and this covers 21
9 employees.

10 Again, this program is requesting a
11 Clerk III expansion position, which Director
12 Horcajo will later explain.

13 When you look at the operations
14 increase, it went to 87,000 over last year.
15 And the major changes are for the Lahaina
16 Restoration Foundation and the Skate Park
17 Management.

18 While we're on here, on this item, on
19 the Lahaina Restoration Foundation, there will
20 be an adjustment to this amount. The amount
21 being requested for 2009 should be \$178,828,
22 not the 303,828 that you see there. There's
23 an adjustment. In reviewing the budget before
24 coming to this presentation, we noticed that.

25 And the Skate Park Management, that has

1 increased, and again, Tamara Horcajo will be
2 here to explain that.

3 Equipment, the equipment being requested
4 is a desk for the expansion position of the
5 Clerk III.

6 The next program is the Aquatics
7 Program. And again, if we go through it, the
8 largest increases were salaries and wages of
9 448,000. You can see that the net increase
10 over '08 is only 240 -- \$252,000. The salary
11 increase is because of the collective
12 bargaining agreement, and that covers 109.8
13 EPs.

14 Their operations budget has actually
15 gone down \$87,000 over last year, and the
16 major changes are there in the middle of the
17 page, on page four.

18 Let's go to the next program, which is
19 the Park Maintenance Program. Similarly here,
20 you can see that the increase over '08 is very
21 insignificant. It's a 3.4 percent increase.

22 The salary and wages have gone up
23 \$109,000, and that's for 39.8 equivalent
24 personnel count. There's no expansion
25 position being requested.

1 The operations have gone up \$273,000
2 over last year, and you can see the major
3 changes are right there in the middle of the
4 page. Repairs and maintenance for the
5 Countywide Community Centers. There's a new
6 account of 150,000. This was recommended by
7 the Mayor to cover replacement of small
8 furnishings, tables, chairs and so forth at
9 the Community Centers.

10 And then there's Parks Maintenance.
11 There's contractual services for 50,000 and
12 computer software for \$70,000. Again, Tamara
13 Horcajo will be able to answer any inquiries
14 you have on those two items.

15 The equipment comes out to \$170,000,
16 which is at the bottom of the page. This is a
17 lesser request than last year.

18 We go to the next program, which is
19 Planning and Development. And again, when you
20 compare the '09 to the '08 request, it has
21 gone up \$8,000, a 1.7 percent increase.

22 The major item there, again, is for
23 salaries and wages, resulting from the
24 collective bargaining agreement, for \$34,000.
25 This covers equivalent personnel count of 8

1 employees.

2 You go to the next program, Recreation
3 and Support Services. I would say that this
4 is the, the largest Division within the
5 Department. The Department runs on a budget
6 of 28,000,000, and you can see that half of
7 the budget is for this particular program, of
8 14,000,000.

9 What we did here, because of the salary
10 increases, we've tried to keep the '09 budget
11 pretty close to what the '08 and '07 were,
12 which is roughly around 6,000,000. Some items
13 had to be trimmed, but we wanted to ensure
14 that the salaries and wages were kept to cover
15 the collective bargaining agreement. That
16 amount is \$525,000, excuse me, for 199
17 employees.

18 There's two positions being requested in
19 this program. One is for a Clerk III at .5 EP
20 count, and a Park Caretaker for .5.

21 The Operations, you can see that there's
22 quite a bit of pluses and minuses. The net
23 change is \$260,000.

24 And this does go on for two pages, so.

25 And then there's also equipment requests

1 for \$163,000. Again, you can see, comparing
2 it to '08, the equipment request is quite less
3 than last year. It's a net difference of
4 886,000.

5 In the PALS Program, this is the last of
6 the general fund programs. Again, if you look
7 in column three, the net change is a decrease,
8 and they have, there's 62 employees in this
9 program.

10 Then on the last page, on page ten, is
11 the golf fund. This is a separate fund from
12 the general fund. Like I say, the golf fund
13 is an enterprise fund. They run as a business
14 should.

15 There's salaries and wages, increase of
16 \$63,000 for 22 employees. An expansion
17 position for a Janitor I is being asked at,
18 for .6.

19 The operations have been decreased by
20 about \$43,000 over last year, and there in
21 front of you. What has increased is the
22 operations special costs.

23 As an enterprise fund, and as do special
24 revenue funds, the Countywide expenses are
25 allocated to enterprise funds and special

1 revenue funds, and this is their share. You
2 can see the increase has gone up quite a bit,
3 \$134,000.

4 And if you look in the middle page,
5 which explains the major increases and
6 decreases during the, for the year, the major
7 change there is for the OPEB contribution.

8 And that's, that's what we had talked
9 about last year regarding the EUTF, unfunded
10 liabilities. We have funded for that, and the
11 cost of that funding is allocated to
12 enterprise funds and special revenue funds.

13 The golfing program is requesting
14 equipment below, totaling \$146,000.

15 That's my overview for the Department of
16 Parks and Recreation and the different
17 programs falling under the Department.
18 Director Horcajo is here to answer any
19 questions you may have. Thank you.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Pablo, for that
21 quick overview.

22 Members, the Chair would like to go in
23 this fashion. We'll take each program
24 separately, so that we don't get ahead of
25 ourselves.

1 The first program is the Administration
2 Program. And, Members, if you can turn to
3 page 14-3 of your program book, and 12-3 of
4 the Details.

5 At this time, Director Horcajo, do you
6 have any comments to make, opening comments?

7 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you, Chairman Pontanilla and
8 Members of the Council.

9 And I want to recognize and support all
10 of the efforts that the Budget office has done
11 for all of us in trying to summarize a very
12 lengthy process and by pointing out our
13 Department's relevant changes for the '09
14 budget. So I do want to start by thanking you
15 for that.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

17 MS. HORCAJO: Our Department has a very small, as
18 you see, the 1.2 percent increase for '09,
19 which basically reflects the collective
20 bargaining adjustment, electric, electricity
21 increases, as well as a preventive maintenance
22 program.

23 We believe that these current changes in
24 our economy, with the closure of the two large
25 companies, has an effect on our economy and

1 our population. We believe that Parks is an
2 area for our residents that is important to
3 maintain in these challenging economic times.

4 So I do want to just say that with our
5 limited resources, Parks is trying to be
6 proactive in managing our limited resources
7 for the betterment of the quality of life for
8 our residents.

9 So thank you for that, and thank you for
10 that support.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Director.

12 Members, we do have some Members that
13 need to go to various appointments. And,
14 Members, like I said earlier, when we started
15 the meeting, that we will call a recess at
16 11:30. And, Members, we'll go as far as we
17 can up to 11:30, and then come back again at
18 1:30 to continue the review with Parks and
19 Recreations.

20 So with the opening comments by the
21 Director, Members, I'd like to call on Member
22 Victorino, if you have any questions?

23 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, thank you, Chair.

24 On the Administration overview, and I'm
25 looking at your operational budget, I see on

1 page 12-7, I go to cellular phone, 6152, first
2 of all. Page 12-7 on the --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 12-7.

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, got 'em. Okay, so I
5 want -- you know, because the last time I was
6 accused of not getting the page. Want to make
7 everybody on the same page.

8 MS. HORCAJO: The cell phone.

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: From '07 to '08 and '09,
10 big increases as far as cellular phone.

11 Is that because all of the Departments
12 now, all of the safety officers are equipped
13 with cell phones? Is that what -- I mean,
14 not safety officers, but all the
15 administrators have cell phones now?

16 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct, and under the Admin
17 Office, our park rangers do fall under the --

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The park rangers fall
19 under that? Okay, that was my next
20 question --

21 MS. HORCAJO: -- Admin Offices.

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: -- if that fell under
23 there. Very good, thank you.

24 And then the other one that I looked at
25 was a drop in 6112, down on the same page, for

1 contractual service. That was for safety,
2 under safety and training section, materials
3 and supplies.

4 Why the big drop? And, you know, you
5 had stated 4,000, with the tremendous increase
6 in safety. What, what services did we drop
7 and how is it working out?

8 That's on the same page, 12-7, under
9 6112.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: That's for medical supplies?

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, under safe -- yeah,
12 safety, training section, material and
13 supplies. You had, under that, had
14 contractual service.

15 MS. HORCAJO: Councilmember Victorino, on this one,
16 I know that we did -- I see the drop here from
17 11,000 to 4,000, but we did increase -- oh,
18 let's see.

19 I think we were indicating the costs as
20 they actually were. So basically the budget
21 reflects what the actual costs were.

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so what services was
23 with that contract?

24 Because it falls under safety and
25 training section, and I'm always curious when

1 we cut costs in safety and training, what did
2 we cut and why did we cut it.

3 MS. HORCAJO: Well, I believe that adjustment was
4 made because that program hasn't been up and
5 running yet, and we'll better be able to
6 evaluate those costs next year, now that we
7 have our park rangers on and up and running.

8 Our safety and training program, we are
9 in the middle of implementing an employee
10 orientation program, and so those costs are
11 more reflective in-house now, as we're
12 providing the training in-house.

13 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, and going to the
14 next page, 12-8, I go to 915728, the Lahaina
15 Restoration Foundation, for which Mr. Pablo
16 informed us that there was a reduction to a
17 hundred and --

18 I'm sorry. I wrote it down, and I
19 forgot what page I wrote it on, because he
20 said it while I was reading it. Oh, here it
21 is.

22 MR. PABLO: 178,000.

23 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: 178.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: To 178,000, okay? And you

1 had budgeted for 300.

2 But my question is, why the tremendous
3 drop? What has changed? Any scope of service
4 has changed with the Lahaina Restoration
5 Foundation?

6 MS. HORCAJO: Actually, the reflection of the
7 125,000 that is being taken out.

8 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes.

9 MS. HORCAJO: Was because of the onetime grant that
10 was supported in the FY '08 budget for the
11 Lahaina Restoration Foundation to improve
12 their restroom facilities.

13 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

14 MS. HORCAJO: So it was inadvertently added
15 originally, but we have just caught it, and
16 took it out.

17 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And so that would be
18 placed somewhere else?

19 MS. HORCAJO: Actually, the 125,000 was a CIP, was a
20 onetime funding that was granted in '08.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

22 MS. HORCAJO: So it has been completed.

23 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so that's not going
24 to be in there at all.

25 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And under the Skate
2 Park -- you know, you're going to talk a
3 little bit about that. And since we're in
4 that subject matter, I will ask you a little
5 bit about that and why the increase in, in the
6 allotment, about \$30,000.

7 MS. HORCAJO: The increase is targeted for Molokai
8 Skate Park. They just had a wonderful
9 opening. They have a great little skate park
10 up there behind Mitchell Pauole Center, and
11 we're including \$30,000 for the repair and
12 maintenance as well as the programming
13 assistance for that site.

14 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's good. I'm always
15 happy to hear when our neighbor islands,
16 especially Molokai or Lanai, or the District
17 like Hana, gets something that all the other
18 Districts have had, or should have had all
19 this time.

20 So that's enough for my questions. I'll
21 yield to the other Members. Thank you, Chair.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

23 Member Mateo?

24 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Mr. Chairman, thank you very
25 much. Chairman, for Administration, I would

1 I like to ask a specific question, and you can
2 tell me if it's appropriate in this section or
3 not.

4 And it would be involving the multiple
5 leases that the Department has, specifically
6 on Molokai with Molokai Ranch. Because as
7 they depart the island, we have leases with
8 the ranch for a good number of our parks, a
9 good number of our Community Centers. There's
10 the Community Center in Maunaloa that needs to
11 be completed, that the taxpayers invested
12 \$700,000 in.

13 So I'm just curious at this point what
14 we need to do to assist the Department in
15 getting some kind of an understanding on the
16 existing leases and on commitments.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

18 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you, Councilmember Mateo. Zach
19 is, Zach Helm is with our Department, and he's
20 our Deputy Director, and he's been compiling a
21 list for the Mayor. So if it's okay with --

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, we'll take that on right
23 now in regards to the number of leases that we
24 do have with Molokai Properties, Limited.
25 Zach, if you can? Or you can give us a copy

1 of that once you make your presentation.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. HELM: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and
4 Councilman Mateo.

5 Yeah, your question regarding leases on
6 Molokai with MPA, MPL, it's my understanding
7 that the Kaunakakai ballpark, which is located
8 directly across Mitchell Pauole Center, as
9 well as the soccer field, tennis courts, is
10 still under lease with Molokai Ranch.

11 And also the Maunaloa Recreation Center,
12 which is under construction as far as the new
13 center is concerned, that is a year to year
14 lease.

15 And regarding the status of what's going
16 to happen with the new facility, we haven't
17 gotten word as far as what the position is as
18 far as the ranch is concerned.

19 So that's pretty much it. I'm not
20 familiar with any other leases as far as what
21 the ranch has at this time, other than what I
22 just shared.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Mr. Helm, are you aware
24 whether there would be any impacts to the
25 existing leases that we hold?

1 MR. HELM: I would say definitely, because, you
2 know, the lease properties are being utilized
3 by the general public, you know, with our
4 recreational programs that's currently going
5 on right now.

6 Especially the Kaunakakai ballpark and
7 the soccer field, the tennis courts, and the
8 skating park. It's currently being utilized
9 by the general public with our current
10 programs.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Mr. Helm, the Kualapuu
12 Community Center and Park, is that also --

13 MR. HELM: No. That was purchased through the
14 County, I think under the Lingle
15 Administration.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay, and there is no
17 expectation that we, we are in jeopardy of any
18 type of dis --

19 MR. HELM: Not to my knowledge, Councilman Mateo.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay, great, thank you.

21 Chairman, thank you for allowing me that
22 leverage that --

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

24 The leases that we have with Molokai
25 Properties, are those long-term leases? Do we

1 know?

2 MR. HELM: I believe the Kaunakakai ballpark, the 50
3 year lease ran out, like about, I think in the
4 late nineties, and they've extended. I
5 think -- you know, how many years, I'm not
6 sure. Maybe another 10 years as far as the
7 Kaunakakai property, Kaunakakai ballpark.

8 But the, the property where the
9 Kaunakakai soccer field, the tennis court, and
10 the skating park, I'm not sure what the
11 current lease agreement with the ranch is.

12 Maunaloa property, as far as the ball
13 field, which is right next to the elementary
14 school, that's, that's ours, so there's no
15 lease with that.

16 And the property where the Community
17 Center is, it's also a year to year lease.
18 There's no long-term agreement.

19 As far as I know, as soon as the
20 facility is completed, they were going to
21 dedicate that facility to the County, the new
22 rec center.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Now that they're no longer in
24 business, what is the status in regards to the
25 dedication of the Community Center? Do we

1 know?

2 MR. HELM: Well, we hope it's still the same. I'm
3 not sure if any of the representative from the
4 ranch has contacted the Administration. We
5 don't have any information as far as, you
6 know, any recent information that came to our
7 Department, so I'm not aware of that right
8 now.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Do we have, like, a written
10 agreement of some kind?

11 MR. HELM: I'm pretty sure we do, but, you know,
12 we'll have to have it provided for you.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. If you can provide us an
14 update in regards to the leases that we have
15 for, you know, all of these facilities, and
16 hopefully we have an agreement with the
17 Molokai Properties in regards to the Community
18 Center at Maunaloa.

19 MR. HELM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. That can be provided.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

22 Member Baisa?

23 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just looking at the
24 administrative part here, I notice that we
25 are, we have a contract for management of the

1 skate park.

2 I'm concerned, I always have been, about
3 the skate park, and I'm wondering if anybody
4 could tell me how this, how this goes, and is
5 this park okay, or do we have a lot of
6 problems with it? I'd like to know.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

8 MS. HORCAJO: We currently operate Keopuolani Skate
9 Park as well as Kalama Skate Park, and just
10 recently now, Molokai Skate Park.

11 We have in the budget the ability to
12 contract an organization to assist us with
13 clinics, demonstrations, classes, as well as
14 the money for repair and maintenance of these
15 skate parks, because it does -- we do have
16 specified materials that we need to purchase,
17 the skate light for these skate parks, as well
18 as in some cases, a special assistance with
19 the construction.

20 We had some difficulty with the amount
21 of the contract this year. Providers came in
22 higher than we had anticipated, and therefore,
23 we piecemealed together the program.

24 We have indication from some of the
25 providers, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, and a

1 couple of the other youth centers, that when
2 we are ready to go out for our request for
3 proposal in July that they will be coming in
4 with a more reasonable bid, that they can help
5 us with some programming service.

6 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So you feel like the amount
7 you're requesting would be sufficient?

8 MS. HORCAJO: We certainly hope so. It was not
9 sufficient last year -- or this current year.
10 The one proposal that we got back was 90,000
11 to manage one of the parks, and we could not
12 afford to do that, because we had two, and now
13 three parks to manage.

14 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. As far as
15 operationally, do we have any claims coming
16 from these skate parks, or do the operators
17 take care of -- say if a child is injured in
18 the skate park, are we covered for that?

19 MS. HORCAJO: The State Legislature does have a
20 legislation, a tort reform, I don't remember
21 the bill number right now, that does cover
22 governments, County and State, for skate parks
23 specifically, unless there's gross negligence
24 involved.

25 There was an injury in South Maui where

1 a claim had been submitted to the County
2 Clerk's office. No gross negligence was
3 found. And I don't quite know the status of
4 that, because those are out of our hands.

5 But for the most part, that's the major
6 incident that we know about.

7 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And I'm assuming that the
8 contractors have insurance to cover us, to
9 indemnify the County.

10 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, they would. That is part of the
11 condition of the request for proposal.

12 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Very good. You know, the
13 exposures there are kind of serious. I'm not
14 telling you anything you don't know, and these
15 things kind of scare me. But thank you very
16 much.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa.
18 Member Medeiros?

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

20 Director and Deputy Director, I'd like
21 to direct your attention to the Budget Details
22 book, and on page 12-3.

23 Your expansion position, the Clerk III,
24 is that the complete title of that position?

25 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, it is.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And this position will be
2 in the Director's office?

3 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, it would be.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Then I have a question
5 about, which will be on 12-4 and 12-5.

6 Your special events specialist and your
7 volunteer action coordinator. I'm pretty
8 familiar what the special events specialist
9 does. What does your volunteer action
10 coordinator do? Because there's a substantial
11 difference in salary between both.

12 The volunteer action coordinator is on
13 12-5, and the special events specialist is on
14 12-4. It's a difference in pay of about
15 \$11,000.

16 What does the volunteer action
17 coordinator do for \$62,000?

18 MS. HORCAJO: Currently, that position, it is an
19 SR-24 position, professional series position,
20 and they coordinate the activities in the
21 Department that work with the community, with
22 special projects, with Boy Scouts, with Adopt
23 A Park programs, those kind of activities.

24 Under that particular, that position has
25 changed over the past years, and is now also

1 involved with the training and orientation of
2 our program.

3 The special events specialist position
4 is an SR-22 position. And we agree, we'd like
5 to see that reallocated. We are working with
6 Department of Personnel Services to see if
7 that position can be reclassified, because
8 currently, it does have the supervisory
9 responsibilities of the five park ranger
10 positions.

11 So we have discussed this with Personnel
12 Services, and we are looking at the
13 classification of that position.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, thank you for that
15 information and your response.

16 And then going to your vacancies in your
17 Director's or Administration's office, there's
18 a private secretary vacancy. Is that still
19 current, that it's vacant?

20 MS. HORCAJO: No, we're very happy that that
21 position is not vacant. Lisa Sakamoto has
22 been --

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so you filled that
24 position.

25 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, we did.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: What about the special
2 events specialist?

3 MS. HORCAJO: The application deadline has passed.
4 The applications, I understand there's quite a
5 few, are in Department of Personnel Services,
6 and the program specialist is reviewing those
7 applications to see who's qualified. So we
8 don't have that list yet.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the two Park Security
10 Officer I's, I see on the one that's listed to
11 be filled by January 31st of '08, and the
12 other one is scheduled for exam April 4th.

13 What are the status of those two
14 positions?

15 MS. HORCAJO: We --

16 MR. HELM: Yes, Councilman Medeiros, your question
17 regarding the vacant positions for the park
18 security rangers or park security officers.

19 One of the two positions, the exam is
20 going to be currently held on Molokai for that
21 one vacant position.

22 And the other one is currently not
23 filled yet here on Maui, so we haven't decided
24 as to what we're going to do with that
25 position, because we may want to research

1 regarding possibly having a supervisor type of
2 position to kind of supervise the six security
3 officers. Now we're going through a, you
4 know, evaluating it right now, but that's why
5 it's vacant right now.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so you're going to
7 re-describe that position.

8 MR. HELM: Yeah, possibly we will, and then our
9 Assistant Administrator and myself are
10 currently working on that.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And the other vacancy is
12 for Molokai?

13 MR. HELM: Yes, correct.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

15 MR. HELM: And so hopefully when it goes through the
16 process, we will interview and fill that, oh,
17 within the next three, three weeks.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: What about your Capital
19 Improvement Projects Coordinator? Is that
20 position filled?

21 MS. HORCAJO: We currently have a limited term
22 person temporarily filling that position while
23 we're awaiting for the recruitment and the
24 list.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so when did you, when

1 do you project that you can fill that position
2 permanently?

3 MS. HORCAJO: We're anticipating within the next few
4 months, two to three months.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And finally, your Parks
6 Project Manager. What's the status of that
7 position?

8 MS. HORCAJO: You would think we would know all of
9 our positions.

10 Parks Project Manager, that is a mis, I
11 think.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: It was vacant since July
13 15th of '07.

14 MS. HORCAJO: Yeah, I believe that's a misnomer in
15 the personnel report here. I believe that's
16 our safety technician position. I think it's
17 named incorrectly there in that report,
18 because we're currently working with Personnel
19 Services to classify that position so that we
20 can fill it as a safety services.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so you're saying that
22 you don't have a position called Parks Project
23 Manager?

24 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct. I believe that that
25 position is the safety.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So do you know what PR 0308
2 position is? Which DPS describes as project,
3 Parks Project --

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Excuse me, Mr. Medeiros. Is that
5 on the program administration, Administration
6 Program, vacancy?

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: It says --

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Or planning development vacancy?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, that's not part of
10 the Administration office?

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: No.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, I'm sorry.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: The only one that we have is the
14 expansion position.

15 But, Ms. Horcajo, if you can answer that
16 last question.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, that will be the last
18 one.

19 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you, Councilmember. We do have
20 a project manager in planning.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

22 MS. HORCAJO: But the, that project is being -- the
23 one, I think, in Administration is our safety
24 specialist that's being classified.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, Department, thank you

1 for your responses.

2 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

4 Member Molina, on the Administration
5 Program?

6 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair.
7 You know what? I think we're past that hour
8 that you wanted us to be, to, I guess recess,
9 so I'm not going to hold up my colleagues and
10 the staff and the Administration with
11 questions.

12 At this point, however, I would be happy
13 at the start of the 1:30 session to start off
14 with my questions related to the park security
15 officers' positions.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, so not, nothing on the
17 Administration?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Happy to recess now, and then
19 so Members can take care of their
20 appointments.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: I'll take one more Member.
22 Member Hokama?

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: My Admin question's going to
24 take time, Chairman.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. With that, Mr. Hokama,

1 I like the Chair said, we're going to be
2 recessing at 11:30. I think some of us has
3 commitments. So this meeting is in recess
4 until 1:30 this afternoon. (Gavel).

5 RECESS: 11:34 a.m.

6 RECONVENE: 1:32 p.m.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: (Gavel). The Budget and Finance
8 Committee meeting is now reconvened. Members,
9 when we left off, we were still on the
10 Administration Program.

11 Mr. Molina, you got any questions?

12 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, I'm
13 glad you asked. Good afternoon.

14 My question relates to Budget Details
15 12-4, or the, I guess the \$94,000 increase
16 from FY '08 to FY '09 for salaries. I guess
17 the bulk of it relates to the park security
18 officers. If I could get a comment from the
19 Department as to the need for the increase.

20 MR. HELM: Yes, Councilman Molina, just to clarify
21 your question regarding the increase on the
22 salaries.

23 Basically, when these positions were
24 created, we created as for eight month period,
25 and the extra funds that you've noticed, it's

1 for a twelve month period. So that's the
2 additional \$94,000.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, and has there been any
4 assessment at this point?

5 Well, I guess things must be going right
6 if you're looking at expanding from eight
7 months to twelve months.

8 Has there been an assessment as far as
9 the objectives have been reached with the park
10 security officers? They've been making
11 things, I guess safer, and keeping order in
12 our beach parks?

13 MR. HELM: Well, we're very excited to have these
14 employees on board. I believe it's going to
15 make a big difference in our Department as far
16 as providing safety. And they're enjoying it.

17 But we do our -- we are currently
18 training these officers, and they're becoming
19 familiar with the ordinances as far as the
20 Department and also the rules and regs.

21 And I think it's going to be a big asset
22 to the whole County of Maui, because, you
23 know, they'll be monitoring all of our parks
24 on a regular basis, as in the past we've never
25 had this type of support. So, so far it's

1 been real, very successful.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, so they haven't been
3 officially on duty yet --

4 MR. HELM: Oh, yes, they have.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, so they have?

6 MR. HELM: They have.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

8 MR. HELM: They've been on duty about a month and a
9 half.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

11 MR. HELM: Yeah. On the job training.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay, okay. Thank you
13 for that clarification. So, and I guess
14 they've been handing out citations and -- at
15 this point? Or --

16 MR. HELM: Well, not exactly. I think they're
17 pretty much educating the public.

18 And as far as citing individuals for
19 doing, oh, like, you know, parking where
20 they're not supposed to be parking, illegal
21 campers, I think it's pretty much under
22 control where they're educating the public
23 that they need to, you know, comply with
24 rules. And I think if it's necessary, they
25 will start citing people.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Now, they don't carry
2 any type of weapon, not of that sort, at this
3 point?

4 MR. HELM: No, not at all, not at this time.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, so I think the key is
6 just establishing presence, educating the
7 public.

8 I think this is a good thing, because I
9 think our residents deserve to feel safe when
10 they go to our beach parks. You know, we
11 don't need a lot of the vagrant and lewd
12 behavior that goes on. A few individuals
13 choose to do so at our beach parks. So, you
14 know, I think this is something really good
15 for the Department and for the community as a
16 whole.

17 So I want to thank you folks for, you
18 know, I guess putting them out there and
19 continuing the education process with this
20 particular matter.

21 MR. HELM: And thank you. We appreciate all of your
22 support.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

24 Thank you, Chair.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina.

1 Member Hokama?

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you. My
3 questions today for the Administrative portion
4 of the Department, Chairman, is to ask the
5 Department how they're going to be approaching
6 items that I think can assist the Department
7 and the County by having --

8 You folks have, do you folks have a
9 current departmental policy on concessions?
10 Or are you just relying on what the Council
11 has put regarding very limited parameters
12 within the County Code?

13 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct. That's what our
14 Department relies on right now, is what's in
15 the Maui County Code.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: There is no attempts to see if
17 the Department can receive additional revenues
18 from adjusting certain concession approaches?

19 MS. HORCAJO: At this time we are looking at
20 different options in our rates and fees
21 categories, but we have not approached the
22 concession. If you do have ideas, we'd very
23 much like to hear them.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I guess when we get to rates and
25 fees might be the appropriate time, Chairman.

1 You know, it seems that I've been pitching for
2 ten years, and I'm concerned when enterprise
3 programs are not performing at levels that,
4 for me, is acceptable.

5 So within your Department, of course.
6 For me, I have a problem with the golf, golf
7 component of the Department's program. And we
8 can talk about that when we get to the golfing
9 specifically.

10 And just so the Committee is clear --
11 and I appreciate the Director meeting with me
12 to informally discuss some of my concerns.

13 You know, years ago, when Chairman Pat
14 Kawano was with us yet, and I was in charge of
15 the Budget Committee, he and I met with the
16 Maui Interscholastic League.

17 And at that point, the League was paying
18 the County concession fees, or gate concession
19 fees, a portion of. And we were asked to
20 support an adjustment in that approach,
21 whereby whatever the County was receiving, we
22 would be agreeable that those dollars then be
23 used by the League to assist rural schools,
24 particularly Hana, Molokai, Lanai, to travel
25 to Maui, as well as Maui teams going to those

1 three districts for Interscholastic League
2 requirements, and a way to offset those costs
3 associated with such travel, including
4 overnight requirements.

5 I tell you, for me, I don't have a
6 problem with supporting that. What bothers me
7 is that we are not getting an accounting of
8 what we are not receiving and how the League
9 has been using those funds that justifies the
10 continuation of this direction we've allowed
11 for the last eight years or so.

12 And I would like to know whether or not
13 that intent of what we had originally agreed
14 to is still being fulfilled by the League, or
15 if the League is making money off this and not
16 spending it on school travel for athletic
17 requirements. And that's what we need to
18 know, because I'm willing to make adjustments.

19 As well as an accountability. If we use
20 this public County, County public facilities,
21 and what we are giving up in return for what I
22 still believe is something worthy, which is to
23 assist our student athletes of getting a fully
24 rounded educational experience that includes
25 athletics and sports activities.

1 And let's take it to the next level. I
2 know we are asked to be cosponsor of main
3 events department, and you have done a great
4 job, but I think we need to draw lines of what
5 we will cosponsor and what we will not.

6 Because if cosponsorship is just for the
7 purpose of waiving community fees, park
8 facility fees, that is not good enough for
9 this Member. Okay? It needs to have a
10 greater public good than just asking the
11 County to cosponsor, to waive fees.

12 And if we are waiving fees, and yet
13 you're still generating revenue, or using that
14 facilities to post banners that are advocating
15 sales of a private entity's product and making
16 revenue off that, why isn't the County then
17 getting its fair share of revenue from those
18 commercially sold advertisements on County
19 public facilities that we get nothing from,
20 because we are a cosponsor? I have issues
21 with that.

22 I'm not here to subsidize private
23 sector's revenue opportunities of public
24 facilities, and the County gets nothing in
25 return for the taxpayers' investment.

1 So if you have a response at this time,
2 Director or Deputy, I would appreciate it. If
3 you feel you want some time to think of an
4 appropriate response and return it to Chairman
5 Pontanilla in writing, I'm happy to allow
6 either option.

7 But I'm expressing my concern because we
8 are going to all face hard times, and I'm
9 looking at ways either to cut the bleeding or
10 increase the revenue to allow us to continue
11 to function at the level we believe is
12 necessary for the community.

13 Thank you, Chairman.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

15 Comment? Department?

16 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you. I think we'd like to
17 answer both ways; right here, and then in
18 writing as well.

19 I will give the opportunity for the MIL
20 to respond regarding the concessions at the
21 War Memorial football stadium, which is, I
22 think, what you're discussing. That is an
23 activity that we would like to work with them
24 on as well, and make sure that the funds are
25 being used for the youth travel. That is a

1 very good thing.

2 And if, in fact, it is being used for
3 that reason, the intent should continue. If
4 it's not, then we need to reevaluate it.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Indirectly, a part of it is that
6 I'm hoping in your communications with the
7 League that they be able to respond in
8 writing.

9 And I'm hoping that they are doing their
10 annual financial reporting appropriately, too,
11 because that is another way we can ensure that
12 the use of County, public County facilities
13 has met our requirements, and it is through an
14 independent auditor that has verified the
15 proper use of public assets.

16 So I hope that would be a part of your
17 communications, please.

18 MS. HORCAJO: Okay, we will do that.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

21 Deputy, do you have anything you want to
22 share?

23 MR. HELM: Yeah, I just wanted to mention about what
24 you have brought up regarding cosponsorship.

25 And I agree that, you know, the County

1 has been pretty much generous in some ways as
2 to providing very feasible fees for
3 cosponsorships. And, you know, I think that's
4 an area that we really need to revisit.

5 For example, you know, if there's a
6 nonprofit, you know, they might be exempt in
7 certain, but they, you know, they might profit
8 some funds. But at the same time, you know,
9 it will give ten percent of the gross income
10 or whatever's greater regarding the fees, is
11 what the County is going to receive.

12 So I think, you know, maybe this, this
13 is the time for us to revisit and take a look
14 at that area as far as maybe bringing in more
15 revenues. This is my own thoughts.

16 But regarding the golf course, I think
17 that's one of the areas I think we'd really
18 like to improve in regarding the way we do
19 business there.

20 I don't have any other answers at this
21 time. That's all I have to say.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Helm. And
23 when Chairman brings up that specific
24 component of the Department's Budget review,
25 I'll be happy to express my, my thoughts on

1 that, too.

2 But I appreciate both you and the
3 Director's comments at this time.

4 Thank you, Chairman.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

6 Member Victorino?

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, thank you, Chair.

8 And I, although I have some concerns in
9 what Chair Hokama has just brought up, I will
10 say from what I understand and know, because
11 I've worked with the MIL for many years, that
12 travel funds are still being made available to
13 Lanai, Molokai, and they have provided buses
14 through this fund for their travel on this
15 island, and as well as when the teams go to
16 Lanai and Molokai.

17 So, Mr. Chair, I can say that for a
18 fact, and you can ask.

19 The MIL is in a flux right now because
20 the current MIL director has retired, and they
21 have not named a new one as of this moment.
22 In fact, we're having his dinner on Saturday
23 evening.

24 Also, there has been some grave
25 challenges. In fact, some real challenges,

1 because many of the schools now have their
2 fields for which football and other sports are
3 being played on, and those revenues stay
4 within those schools. It's not given to the
5 MIL.

6 So there is a definite drop in income,
7 because Kamehameha has their own field. King
8 Kekaulike has their own football field.
9 Lahaina, as of this year, had. Next year,
10 they're going back to the War Memorial
11 complex.

12 So there are some real financial crises,
13 and with the changes in travel, there will be
14 even more crises for our children to travel
15 between the islands to participate.

16 So I agree with Chair Hokama,
17 accountability is very important, and I would
18 also concur that we should get that.

19 But let's say that I, for, at this
20 moment, I have watched the MIL and Stephen Kim
21 really work diligently to put money so that
22 these children can travel between the islands
23 for all of our, our keikis that play sports.
24 So that, I can assure you, has been occurring.

25 Also, these monies pay for officials,

1 pay for supplies like game balls and things of
2 that nature. So all of this is all equated
3 into what the MIL has been, what you call,
4 arriving at funds.

5 And there are many sports, like soccer
6 and track, and a lot of these things that
7 don't really bring a lot of money in, and a
8 lot of times is in open fields where there is
9 no way.

10 Softball is another one that's very
11 difficult to collect funds. And there's a
12 number of other ones I can go into, but I
13 won't go at this point.

14 But I agree with Chair Hokama.
15 Accountability is important, but also, we've
16 got to remember, these are the kind of
17 products that keep our children out of
18 trouble. These are the things that keep our
19 children active in our community. And I would
20 not want to be detrimental towards them.

21 If you want to look at other leagues and
22 other things -- in fact, we should take a
23 comprehensive look at everything. I agree,
24 that's something that's long overdue, and
25 maybe we have to.

1 But I think you folks have brought forth
2 a fee structure, which for Mr. Steven Ashfield
3 has e-mailed everybody the differences and all
4 that. The day has come that maybe we've got
5 to be more cognizant how we use these. Use on
6 community centers, fields, I don't know, but
7 the gravy train has stopped, and now we've got
8 to start really looking at how we can better
9 utilize our facilities and keep --

10 And we don't want to charge our local
11 people, because they need this activity. They
12 need this ability to use these facilities.
13 But how can we make it fair for those who make
14 a profit?

15 I agree with Chair Hokama. Let's really
16 take a good look at it.

17 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you,
18 Department.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

20 Members, any more questions in regards
21 to Administration Program? Member Medeiros?

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: This is in Aquatics?

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: No, the Administration.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, it's the --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Admi n.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: It's the first
2 Administration, the Department Administration.
3 Okay. No, I already expressed my
4 questions, thank you.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, also within the
6 Administration Program, we do have the grants,
7 so.

8 Mr. Molina?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, just one quick question
10 on the skate parks.

11 I know the \$30,000 increase -- and I'm
12 sorry if I missed it. That money will go
13 towards management, managing additional skate
14 parks? Am I correct?

15 MS. HORCAJO: Molokai.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Molokai, okay, that was it.
17 Okay, thank you.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina.

19 Members, any more question? Member
20 Hokama?

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you.

22 12-7, Members. You know, I used to be a
23 real enthusiastic supporter of the work line
24 program, and then I know we've had challenges
25 in the recent past. What assure --

1 How many lines are we talking about now
2 with this 130? Three, three crews?

3 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct, three crews.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: What is the assurances we have
5 that we will have the ability of having three
6 crews to provide assistance to the County?

7 MS. HORCAJO: We have an agreement with MCCC for
8 these crews to keep operating, and MCCC does
9 have a staff to maintain the supervision.

10 We don't have a guarantee on a day to
11 day basis, if there's some kind of shutdown or
12 not enough staffing. But for the most part,
13 that is our agreement with them.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Staffing, you are referring to
15 the ACUs (sic)?

16 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Excuse me, ACOs.

18 MS. HORCAJO: In case their supervisor for that
19 particular line is ill or on vacation, or some
20 kind of short staffing. There are times when
21 only two crews would be available if the
22 supervisor were not available to supervise the
23 crew.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. The Department and Budget
25 office has decided to change how, I guess,

1 we're going to do the costing allocations to
2 accounts, so can you explain to us what, what
3 is driving that, please?

4 Why are you changing the accounts that
5 you're going to be charging off the use of the
6 130,000?

7 You know, we had it under grant, County
8 grant for work line. Now it's considered a
9 miscellaneous cost. So what's driving this
10 adjustment in costs in our County?

11 MR. PABLO: Let me try to explain it. It's the
12 first time I've noticed it, so it could be, it
13 could be an error in posting. Excuse me.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, if you can get back to
15 us --

16 MR. PABLO: Certainly.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- Mr. Pablo, I would appreciate
18 understanding the change in the approach.

19 MR. PABLO: Yeah, I believe it should be under
20 County grant subsidy.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And then, Department, I know
22 this is under Parks and Recreation oversight
23 at this time. What is the accessibility of,
24 let's say highways for maintenance of culverts
25 and drainage areas to access the work, work

1 line?

2 Can you tell us how, what is the
3 primaries of work line, who has first priority
4 of use of this labor, and then what are the
5 other programs that have access and have
6 utilized the work line program?

7 MS. HORCAJO: Chairman Hokama, I can give you a
8 brief overview, but the work line is managed
9 by our maintenance section. And Francis
10 Miyazono is here, if we'd like to bring up
11 that topic at that time, or I can have Francis
12 come down.

13 Our priority is the parks. The roads
14 and the culverts are Public Works, so.
15 Basically our work line does not enter into
16 those areas, if I'm correct.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And you know what? In the past,
18 that wasn't the Council's understanding of
19 what, why we're funding work line. It was to
20 assist the County in the various program areas
21 that can utilize this, this pool of labor for
22 various components. And it was not intended,
23 in my, in ten years, that it would only be a
24 Parks thing.

25 MS. HORCAJO: I'd like to defer to the maintenance,

1 if Francis would come on down? He's the
2 chief.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, we look to you for the
4 direction of -- if this is the appropriate
5 time, or you would wish that this be brought
6 up in another area.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Well, we can have Mr. Miyazono
8 come down and answer your question.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

10 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you very much.

11 MR. MIYAZONO: To answer your question, Chairman
12 Hokama, we've helped Public Works on many
13 occasions on --

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, I know that.

15 MR. MIYAZONO: -- on, for roadside maintenance when
16 they're in a pinch. So we are not using the
17 work line only for Parks, but most of the jobs
18 are in the Parks. But if Public Works ask us
19 for help, we have assisted them in previous
20 times.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. You know, we've gone
22 through a big cycle and, Mr. Miyazono, you've
23 been around Parks long time, as well as your
24 brother, so you understand the pre Konno
25 decision error, the Konno decision error, and

1 then the post Konno decision error. And this
2 is regarding use of private contractors,
3 whether it be Ka Lima O Maui.

4 And then we had to, with the Konno
5 decision, we had to re-beef up the
6 Departments, particularly Parks, with
7 equipment and positions, because we were told
8 we could not use private contractors that the
9 pre Konno decision allowed us. And then, of
10 course, now we're dealing with the post Konno
11 decision aftermath.

12 Why is this not considered then an
13 outside type of labor, like a Ka Lima
14 contract? And why this is not an issue with
15 us, with our collective bargaining component?

16 MR. MIYAZONO: As far as I know, in this position I
17 have, really have not gotten any complaints
18 from UPW or any other entities regarding our
19 work.

20 We do work with our construction and
21 maintenance section and, you know, try to
22 watch what we do. And that, so far, you know,
23 has been working out real fine.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So in your understanding, what,
25 how is -- through this \$130,000 and use of the

1 work line, what does this come out as far as
2 total? I mean, you know, for people like me.
3 Does this equate to, like 100,000 hours of
4 labor --

5 MR. MIYAZONO: No, it's --

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- or something?

7 MR. MIYAZONO: It's 30,000 hours.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Hours a year?

9 MR. MIYAZONO: A year.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: A year?

11 MR. MIYAZONO: A year, yes.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So this 130,000 --

13 MR. MIYAZONO: 30,000 hours, yes.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So now we need to pay attention
15 to minimum wage and a few other things, right?
16 Or we don't have to?

17 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, we don't have to.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No kidding? As a government,
19 we're not required to pay minimum wage.

20 So tell us, as far as EP count's
21 concerned, if you are knowledgeable,
22 Mr. Miyazono, the use of the work line saves
23 us how many positions that we would have
24 otherwise have to have funded on a full-time
25 collective bargaining count? This would be

1 equivalent to a six man crew full-time,
2 year-round?

3 MR. MIYAZONO: I would say, well, on the average we
4 have, per crew, between five and six inmates.
5 So you figure if we go to a minimum five,
6 maybe fifteen men, fifteen EPs, I think
7 saving.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Full-time?

9 MR. MIYAZONO: Full-time.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So this work line is offered to
11 us forty hours a week?

12 MR. MIYAZONO: No, but their output is, you know,
13 it's pretty good. They work really hard. So
14 even if they don't work the whole week, their
15 output is, you know, I consider fifteen man
16 hours per week, actually.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So that's scary, because then
18 I'm not happy with what we're getting as far
19 as production from our regular work crew then.

20 MR. MIYAZONO: They, you know, may I interject that
21 with the work line, we've really -- I mean,
22 they really assisted our Department in, you
23 know, in the manual labor area, because a lot
24 of projects that they do that we cannot, you
25 know, do without, without them, and because

1 our caretakers are so tied up with their daily
2 operations, et cetera, et cetera.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So help us understand the scope
4 of where they work at, where they work. They
5 work mostly in our large parks, Keopuolani,
6 Kalama? Or are they, you know, are they at
7 the Community Center pool sites, like Lahaina
8 Aquatics or Kihei's community and pool kind of
9 sites?

10 MR. MIYAZONO: Well, they are not in any particular
11 park. Like, of course, you know that one crew
12 takes care of the medial strips and the beach
13 right of ways, and that, you know, they do
14 that maybe every week. So one or two days we,
15 we schedule them to do that work.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Miyazono, you're the perfect
17 guy. Thank you for bringing up medial strips,
18 because you have enough -- I'm trying to
19 understand how the County maintains State
20 medial strips, like Kaahumanu Avenue. That's
21 not our people.

22 MR. MIYAZONO: Kaahumanu, no. Those are not.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there any place that we do
24 State roads?

25 MR. MIYAZONO: No, not in my --

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Not that you know of?

2 MR. MIYAZONO: Not that I know of.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because I've had phone calls,
4 why is County employees doing work on State
5 area, State areas, so.

6 MR. MIYAZONO: No.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so not to your knowledge.

8 MR. MIYAZONO: Not to my knowledge.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Where else do you use them?
10 Golf course? You use them at --

11 MR. MIYAZONO: No, we use them --

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- parks?

13 MR. MIYAZONO: Well, the different districts, when
14 they need assistance, actually, they turn in a
15 work request if need to be. For example,
16 within a big (inaudible), or activity, a big
17 event that's coming up at the stadium, they
18 need some assistance, we go in and assist
19 them.

20 So it's not any particular area or park.
21 It's all over the County, actually.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

23 MR. MIYAZONO: In all districts.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: What would be the frequency, if
25 any, can you share with us this afternoon,

1 regarding Public Works type of programs, and
2 how often does Public Works have the
3 opportunity to utilize this group of labor
4 pool?

5 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, not too often. Maybe once in
6 three months, when they have the heavy rains,
7 possibly, or if called.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Before or after the rain?
9 Normally, that you can recall.

10 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, maybe after the rain, possibly.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

12 MR. MIYAZONO: But not too frequent.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Is there a problem with
14 scheduling, Mr. Miyazono?

15 I mean, you know, like for people like
16 me, I would prefer them to assist Public Works
17 prior to the storms. So clean out the
18 culverts, take care of the drainage gates, so
19 that during a storm our system works as best
20 as possible, without blockages or other
21 issues.

22 Is it difficult for, if Public Works
23 requests to get scheduling for the use of this
24 work line crew, or are they -- I know, what,
25 they're competing against your Department's

1 request for work line crew?

2 MR. MIYAZONO: Exactly. If I have enough scheduled
3 in, they let me know, you know, way in
4 advance, I can schedule it. Because sometimes
5 there's, of course, there's emergencies and,
6 you know, they don't come out every week.

7 So, but if I know in advance, you know,
8 then I can schedule the work and, you know,
9 work with our Department, you know.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

11 MR. MIYAZONO: Yeah.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Do they do anything at the beach
13 parks for us, the work line crew, whether it
14 be Hookipa or other areas? Is the crew
15 utilized in those areas also?

16 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, installation of posts and rails,
17 and also just beach right of ways.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, like Hookipa get that nice
19 downturn and you got the slope area. Is that
20 part of our area of maintenance and
21 responsibility?

22 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, yes.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So that would be type of areas
24 that the work line would be considered for
25 potential use?

1 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, possibly, yes. And we've got a
2 lot of posts and rails in the beach parks
3 also.

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

6 Mr. Miyazono, thank you very much for
7 being here this afternoon.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

9 Members, any more questions? Member
10 Medeiros?

11 Mr. Miyazono, if you can come back,
12 please. Thank you.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. And
14 while Mr. Miyazono is here, I'll ask the
15 questions for him.

16 And to follow up Council Chairman
17 Hokama's questioning, and I think you answered
18 this partly, but I'm not sure.

19 Briefly, can you tell me how the Parks
20 Department became the authority over the work
21 lines, compared to before, when we in Public
22 Works Highways used to arrange through the
23 MCCC to use the work lines. And then later on
24 it became that when we called for the work
25 lines, we had to go through the Parks

1 Department.

2 When did that authority become the Parks
3 and Recreation's authority?

4 MR. MIYAZONO: I'm -- Councilman Medeiros, I cannot
5 give you an answer to that because, you know,
6 I came later on this, to this position. It
7 was done before my time, probably.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Director, you have any idea
9 what gives the Parks and Recreation's
10 Department the authority over the work lines?

11 MS. HORCAJO: As I understand it -- well, as long as
12 I've been with the Department, over ten years,
13 the contract was with the Parks Department.
14 I'm not sure at what point it was changed or
15 at what date. I can get back with you on
16 that, though.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. Do you have an
18 agreement with them? What do you have that
19 gives the Parks Department the authority over
20 the work lines?

21 MS. HORCAJO: We have a grant agreement.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And with that grant
23 agreement, it allows you to control the use of
24 the work lines over any other department and
25 agency within the County?

1 MS. HORCAJO: As far as I understand it, we
2 administer the work line and make the payments
3 to MCCC. And it was --

4 I will check, and can bring that
5 information for you tomorrow, or put it in
6 writing.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, I'd be interested to
8 know, because we used to call directly to get
9 the work lines for Public Works Highways. And
10 then kind of at the end of my career, then it
11 became that, oh, we have to now go through the
12 Parks Department to get the work lines.

13 Yeah, I'd appreciate to see what, you
14 know, authority it's under for the Parks to
15 control it.

16 Then the funding for that, does that
17 funding go basically for the hourly pay? What
18 does that 130,000 go to pay for?

19 MR. MIYAZONO: It goes to the -- everything. For
20 gas, for the uniforms, for the food, tools,
21 those kind of items.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, because the work line
23 inmates, they get a, either a stipend or pay
24 for hours worked?

25 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, they get a small stipend, I

1 understand.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. Okay, and what
3 types of work lines are left? Because I know
4 we used to use the construction work line, the
5 ones that did the weed eating and brush
6 trimming. There was a painting work line.

7 What's left in the work lines now?

8 MR. MIYAZONO: Okay, we have three work lines. We
9 have the landscape work line.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

11 MR. MIYAZONO: That does the, you know, the weed
12 eating, weed whacking. We have the paint
13 line, which I can interchange also with the,
14 on the landscaping, interchangeable.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

16 MR. MIYAZONO: And I also have the post and rail
17 crew, which does post and rail. And also
18 maybe, right now they're doing recycle bin
19 installation --

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see.

21 MR. MIYAZONO: -- in the South District.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So there's no construction
23 work line now.

24 MR. MIYAZONO: No.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So we purchase

1 uniforms from them? Is that the shirts, or --

2 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, they do purchase their own
3 shirts with the grant money.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Within the grant.

5 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And that includes
7 the meals.

8 MR. MIYAZONO: Pardon?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: The meals?

10 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So when they -- say
12 the Public Works Highways want to use them and
13 you schedule them to go to Public Works
14 Highways, do you also pay for the meals?
15 Because we used to pay for the meals and the
16 drinks before.

17 MR. MIYAZONO: We still --

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: The drinks were soft
19 drinks.

20 MR. MIYAZONO: We still do pay for the meals.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so with that grant,
22 you pay for that now.

23 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We pay for the job.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right, and so the vehicles,
2 because I know they're on County vehicles, is
3 that part of the MCCC fleet of vehicles that
4 the County purchases?

5 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, those are the vehicles that we
6 purchase, and they are, it's loaned to them.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I did have a
8 question on the skate park management, because
9 it went to zero. Is that because it's now
10 contracted out for maintenance?

11 This is on 12-8 of the Details. For
12 '08, '09, it's zeroed out, both for
13 maintenance supplies, all under skate park
14 management.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Medeiros, it's a grant,
16 \$140,000.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so -- oh, so it's
18 covered under a grant now.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Grants, yeah.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and skate park
21 management, the funding for that, is that for
22 Boys and Girls Club, or whoever manages the
23 skate parks?

24 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct. The Department puts
25 out a request for proposal. YMCA had it

1 first.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

3 MS. HORCAJO: And then the Boys and Girls Club.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and then finally, on
5 the parks security officers, which you folks
6 call rangers, we talked a lot about them
7 getting citation authority. Do they have that
8 already?

9 MS. HORCAJO: They do not yet have citation
10 authority.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and has that been
12 worked out, and is that being worked out with
13 the police? Or how do you get the citation
14 authority, and what's your process and status
15 like right now?

16 MS. HORCAJO: Currently -- let me correct myself.
17 One of our rangers, the first one who came on,
18 Mr. Mark Daniels, who's still with us, has
19 gone through the court system, which is the
20 authority for citation power. So it is
21 through the court system that that is being
22 done.

23 Currently, the new rangers who have come
24 on are being trained, and the Police
25 Department is assisting us with that training,

1 and we have not yet gone through that
2 training, which is a pre-requirement prior to
3 citation powers with the courts.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so the court is the
5 one that gives the citation authority.

6 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And then each individual
8 ranger has to go through a specific training
9 in order to receive that authority.

10 MS. HORCAJO: That's right.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, thank you,
12 Department.

13 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you, Mr. Medeiros.

15 Members, we already touched into the
16 grants, and, of course, we do have three
17 grants. One is the Lahaina Restoration
18 Foundation, which we talked earlier, and also
19 the Maui Community Correctional Center for
20 work line program. And we touched on the
21 skate park management grant.

22 Members, do you have any questions,
23 Member Baisa, in regard to the three grants?

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No. No, Chair, thank you.

25 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

1 Member Johnson?

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Just with regard to skate
3 park management.

4 If the center opens at Lahaina, if that
5 project is able to move forward under CIP,
6 would there be sufficient money in this budget
7 proposal to cover the management of that site?

8 MS. HORCAJO: It is our belief and experience that
9 it would not be enough money.

10 And we are requesting for Molokai, since
11 it's up and running. When we get the West
12 Maui park up and running, we will be
13 revisiting this item.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and I know that under
15 YMCA, the skate park management was
16 substantially less. And is there, is there a
17 reason why? Because I know YMCA was actually
18 subsidizing this program, because they
19 believed in it, with money from their own
20 organization.

21 So, you know, I guess what I'm trying to
22 see, is there any possibility that when this
23 goes out to bid that an entity such as YMCA
24 would be able to come in and operate it more
25 efficiently or operate at a lower cost?

1 MS. HORCAJO: We are in communications with, not
2 only the Boys and Girls Club, but YMCA, as
3 well as the youth centers, because there are a
4 number of other youth centers that may be
5 interested, and hoping that when we get our
6 request for proposal to go out to bid,
7 probably it will be advertised in June, that
8 we have some other, or some interest.

9 And we are looking forward to a lot of
10 good things happening at the skate parks,
11 but --

12 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, and, and --

13 MS. HORCAJO: -- it is a matter of communication, I
14 think.

15 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I think it's really
16 important because, for me, you know, I have my
17 own comments about, you know, what was done
18 with the management before with the skate
19 park, because I think that YMCA was doing a
20 good job, and I know Boys and Girls Club
21 really had a challenge coming in and trying to
22 operate them.

23 I'm not saying that they're not doing a
24 good job, but I think you, hopefully, if you
25 do have other people that are bidding on this,

1 is there a chance that this particular amount
2 that you're requesting for skate park
3 management professional services, that that
4 would conceivably go down?

5 MS. HORCAJO: Just to make a correction here. Boys
6 and Girls Club does not currently have that
7 grant management. The Parks Department is
8 managing the skate parks right now, and have
9 contracted to get all of the maintenance done
10 and repair, and we're working with our
11 existing staff on overtime. So just to clear
12 that up.

13 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That's on the maintenance of
14 it, but I thought that the professional
15 services that are outlined in the overview,
16 that's for the actual supervision and --

17 MS. HORCAJO: Right.

18 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- monitors and whatnot.
19 And that's totally separate from maintenance.

20 MS. HORCAJO: Actually, that line item is, covers
21 both, the management as well as the
22 maintenance. And when I say management,
23 that's clinics and programming as well as
24 monies to buy the supplies, like the skate
25 light.

1 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And so that's currently
2 being done in-house then?

3 MS. HORCAJO: Yes, it is.

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Yeah, and I --
5 because it's been a while.

6 MS. HORCAJO: Right.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I was not aware that Boys
8 and Girls Club was not doing that anymore. I
9 thought that they were doing it. And when did
10 that change take place?

11 MS. HORCAJO: This fiscal year.

12 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

13 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you, Member Johnson.

14 Member Medeiros, you have any more
15 questions?

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No, Mr. Chairman, thank
17 you.

18 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

19 Member Molina?

20 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, not on this issue.

21 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Member Hokama? Member Victorino?

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, not at this time.

23 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

24 Members, that completes the
25 Administration Program, and if we can go to

1 the Aquatics Program. And, Members, it's on
2 page 14-5 on your Program Budget, and on your
3 Details, 12-10.

4 At this time, the Chair would like to
5 recognize the Director Horcajo, and if you can
6 introduce the person that's coming down now to
7 the Members?

8 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you very much.

9 This is Malcolm Cooper. Malcolm is TA
10 to the Chief of Aquatics at this time, but
11 other than that, Malcolm is known as the pool
12 guy. He's in charge of all of the pools in
13 Maui County, and does an excellent job, and
14 has been filling in while Marian was promoted
15 to the Mayor's office.

16 So if you have any questions for us.
17 The brief overview, as you can see, Aquatics
18 Division is holding its own right now, and we
19 have no additional requests for EPs. And
20 basically the 4.4 percent increase is for
21 salary adjustments.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

23 Member Victorino?

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, thank you. First of
25 all, under this EP count, you have 109.8

1 positions at this time. Of that 109
2 positions, how many of our -- first of all,
3 ocean safety officers, what is the amount of
4 vacancies we have?

5 Because we've been told that Launiupoko,
6 we don't have enough, so we can't man
7 Launiupoko. They've asked Makena, not enough.
8 And there are shortages, there are times that
9 there are no lifeguards because of sick and --
10 you know, the numbers are not there.

11 So I'm curious, how many -- and I know
12 we have the vacancy report that they just gave
13 us.

14 MR. COOPER: Tamara tells me that was an old one.
15 Right.

16 We have 45 ocean safety officer
17 positions. Three of those are currently out,
18 and then we have 6 positions we're working to
19 fill with personnel, which are new positions
20 which were granted this past year. And we're
21 just waiting to work out the details for their
22 Occumed to, so that we can get them on-line,
23 hopefully within a month or so.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Is that --

25 MR. COOPER: That would give us, that would give us

1 45.

2 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

3 MR. COOPER: Which covers eight towers, and
4 including the captains to manage each one of
5 the three districts.

6 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. What is the Occumed
7 testing? What does that mean?

8 MR. COOPER: When an employee comes in to the
9 County, they have to be tested for a couple of
10 different things. And Occumed is an
11 occupational medical check to make sure that
12 they're fit for the job. And then if, later
13 on, they claim something happened, also we'll
14 have a record of what, what their condition
15 was when they came in.

16 So it's an occupational testing before
17 work.

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, all right. And you
19 know there's been -- and I bring this up, and
20 while we'll probably talk about it a little
21 bit later, but there's been much discussion,
22 or at least some discussion on getting our
23 ocean safety officers moved to another
24 department.

25 What is your take on that as far as we

1 being the only County that has not started
2 that process? What do you think, Mr. Cooper,
3 on that?

4 MR. COOPER: Well, I've been working with Supervisor
5 Kalepa, Archie Kalepa.

6 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh.

7 MR. COOPER: Of Ocean Safety. And what we're doing,
8 we are actually taking some steps along that
9 line. We've put together a, a new
10 reorganization that we've put with our
11 personnel in Parks to work with DPS to take
12 that first step.

13 We are taking the steps so that we can
14 be in -- so that we can expand no matter where
15 we are, and then it's up to whoever the
16 authorities are where, where we end up being.
17 But we need to be able to fit into public
18 safety, as a public safety entity for Ocean
19 Safety, wherever that ends up being, however
20 it ends up being.

21 And no matter where that is, the first
22 steps we have are to get all that paperwork
23 set so that the, so that Ocean Safety is ready
24 to go, wherever they belong.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Okay, good. I

1 mean, I think it's something that eventually
2 we need to really consider, and I think the
3 process is --

4 MR. COOPER: Yeah.

5 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: -- started. I think you
6 and I and a lot of people feel the same way,
7 so.

8 Moving along with pool guards, you know,
9 which are --

10 MR. COOPER: Right.

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: -- our lifeguards within
12 our pools.

13 MR. COOPER: Exactly, yeah. Different system,
14 different qualifications.

15 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Okay, and I
16 understand that part, and I think that people
17 have to understand that ocean safety and a
18 pool lifeguard are vastly different in
19 requirements.

20 MR. COOPER: Yes.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, okay, and that's why
22 the pay scales are somewhat different also.

23 MR. COOPER: That's one reason the pay scales are
24 different, yeah.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: One of many, yeah.

1 MR. COOPER: Yeah.

2 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But I understand, I'm
3 looking at your vacancy over here, and I see
4 that a couple of the -- well, one pool guard
5 position on January 8th of this year, not
6 requested funding, and then you have
7 advertising for the rest.

8 So when you say not requested for
9 funding, is that a position you're not going
10 to --

11 You know, and I'm reading off this
12 vacancy list, so maybe I'm taking advantage of
13 the fact that we got a vacancy list and they
14 give us all these codes, and we ask you to --

15 MR. COOPER: Well, the -- basically, for the pool
16 guard positions, there are some part-time,
17 halftime vacancies that are still out there.
18 We are currently full.

19 Well, we're actually, we're currently,
20 on our full-time positions, all those
21 positions have been filled or are in the
22 process of going through the testing, like I
23 mentioned before, Occumed.

24 In January, actually four of those
25 positions were not full. People have come in

1 after that date. So we've gotten three new
2 ones.

3 In addition, we have some people that
4 currently serve to help substitute at the
5 beach who have gone through all the proper
6 training to substitute at the beach, so we
7 have some, not vacancies, but pool guard
8 positions that aren't there to keep the pools
9 open sometimes.

10 And so we, because we're covering at the
11 beach, because we're -- because we didn't have
12 some of the people there, we advertised to get
13 some new people in, and to cover for when the
14 new six positions are filled at the beach.

15 So we've got to prepare for that, and
16 that's why we advertised to get some seasonal
17 pool guards. We worked with Personnel to get
18 that program, and have been able to keep all
19 the pools open since then, even though we're
20 helping to support the beach with some of the
21 pool guards and will be doing some training
22 for some of them as well to go to the beach,
23 starting this month, actually.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Very good. So that's one
25 of the complaints we get from our

1 constituents, that pools are closed due to the
2 lack of pool guards or lifeguards in the
3 pools, and that has been an ongoing problem.
4 And yet when you're talking, which is more,
5 which is the safe, which -- we need more.
6 Them at the --

7 MR. COOPER: Right.

8 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: -- ocean or them at the
9 pool. That's a hard, because we have a lot of
10 seniors, a lot of youth programs that use the
11 pools.

12 And when they got to be shut down and
13 everyday people get, you know, like, I can't
14 get to the beach, I get to the pool, and now I
15 can't even use that. Got a real challenge,
16 yeah?

17 MR. COOPER: It's a huge, been a huge frustration
18 for a long time, getting those positions
19 filled for the pools and having enough to keep
20 it open.

21 I'm actually proud with the seasonal
22 guards that we just did the training on.
23 Since February, I think we've only had one or
24 two pool closures since that, since we were
25 able to get that going.

1 Part of the problem, of course, is the
2 time it takes to bring in new pool guards.
3 The hiring process takes between four to six
4 months to bring somebody in to be a pool
5 guard, just to get through all the, all the
6 tests, the interviews, the fingerprinting.
7 Everything that has to go on. So whenever
8 anybody leaves, we can't pull from somebody
9 like the beach can.

10 And the other reason that in the past
11 they were using pool guards, we would train
12 them specially to go to the beach, was because
13 we really were struggling at the beach, and we
14 can't close the beach.

15 Unfortunately, we can close the pools.
16 So every morning when we find out who's sick,
17 we have a struggle to find out, okay, how can
18 we cover the pools safely and serve all the
19 public, the seniors that need the -- and all
20 ages --

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

22 MR. COOPER: -- that need to take advantage of this
23 amazing resource we have here on Maui.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: How many pools do we have
25 on Maui now?

1 MR. COOPER: We have 7 pool facilities, 8, and 13
2 pools, and then we also have Molokai, which I
3 want to include there, because it's part of
4 Maui, just --

5 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's fair.

6 MR. COOPER: -- not on this island.

7 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's fair.

8 MR. COOPER: And, yeah, so 13 pools and in 8 pool
9 facilities.

10 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: 8 pool facilities. And
11 then along your Program Budget, I go back to
12 the Program Budget. I look under, first of
13 all, chemicals and other filter supplies.
14 That's on page 4/10.

15 MR. COOPER: Right.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, and I see a
17 decrease. Construction material, I see a
18 decrease. And knowing that filters and
19 chemicals, actually that cost has been going
20 up, I'm kind of finding that kind of
21 different.

22 But can you explain why those particular
23 items have gone down? Is it because of the
24 new filtration systems we've put Upcountry and
25 some of the other places, or what?

1 MR. COOPER: No, actually the prices haven't gone
2 down on there. They're looking -- I think --
3 I'm not sure exactly why that was put
4 out as \$100,000, how that got there. When we
5 put the budget together, we actually
6 consolidated a number of different expenses in
7 our, in the budget, into one line item.

8 And I think it was looked at, and they
9 saw that actual chemical expense from year to
10 year has been about 100 to 110,000. And I
11 think they just said, even though we
12 consolidated many things into one code, one
13 sub-object code, they ended up cutting it down
14 to the amount that we have spent for chemicals
15 only in the past.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. It just seems
17 ironic.

18 Then there was another --

19 MR. COOPER: The expenses actually have gone up for
20 chemicals.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's what I understand.

22 MR. COOPER: Like we have shipping, the safety, all
23 those things.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, and then the other
25 question I had was on that same page, 12-17,

1 other services.

2 2008, you had 140,000, and then 2009,
3 you dropped it to 20,000. That's on 4/10,
4 too, 4, page 4/10.

5 MR. COOPER: Apparently, I'm told they brought that
6 down to actual '07 when they did it, when they
7 were looking at it.

8 I think we were also, again, we were
9 reconsolidating some of the -- when we, when
10 we did our budget for this year, a lot of what
11 we looked at was how we were spending it and
12 then what sub-object codes would get charged
13 for things.

14 We tried to match better what was being
15 charged versus the account that it was in, so
16 some things got moved around a little bit,
17 and --

18 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So what was in that
19 account? What was under that, under that
20 particular sub code?

21 MS. HORCAJO: Can you ask him which one it was?

22 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Other services. What was
23 the --

24 MR. COOPER: Do you have the code number on that?

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: 12-17. That's on the main

1 page, yeah. I'm looking at the main page.

2 MR. COOPER: 6129.

3 MS. HORCAJO: Oh, 6129.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: In your Details, 12-17.

5 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Here it is. It's 6129,

6 under 12-17. That's the page, I'm sorry,

7 12-17.

8 MR. COOPER: I don't know today. I can find out by

9 tomorrow and get that answer to you, but I

10 just don't know today what --

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

12 MR. COOPER: What caused that expense to be higher

13 that year.

14 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Okay, Chair, I

15 would like to, if we can, request an answer to

16 that.

17 And then the last thing I have is under

18 sewer charge. You know, same thing, same

19 page, under sewer charges, I've seen a 20,000

20 decrease, and I'm kind of curious, how do we

21 come up with less? We're doing a great job?

22 MR. COOPER: Well, actually, in a way, yes. We've

23 got, we've gotten rid of a leak at one of the

24 pools that was filling up the sewers. Yes,

25 so.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Hey, if you got a
2 logical answer, I'm --

3 MR. COOPER: Yeah, I am, too.

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

5 MR. COOPER: Not only that, of course, it saves us
6 on both ends there, both filling the pool and
7 the sewer charges going out, so.

8 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So I would assume when you
9 go down to two notches, you got water where
10 you show another \$25,000. So same leak, same
11 problem.

12 MR. COOPER: Yeah.

13 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Same results.

14 MR. COOPER: Yeah.

15 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I think that's great
16 news. The public likes to hear when we can
17 solve a problem and save their money and still
18 run our system efficiently.

19 I'll yield to the other Members, Chair.
20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Victorino.

22 Member Baisa?

23 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'm very interested in the
24 question that was asked earlier. And we were
25 asked when we went to the Lahaina hearing

1 about the ocean safety officers, and they
2 seemed very, very interested. I heard it last
3 year when we were there, too.

4 And they mentioned that they wanted to
5 go to the Fire Department. And I -- the Fire
6 Department's come and gone, so I wondered, do
7 we have any response from the Fire Department
8 about how they feel about it?

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

10 MS. HORCAJO: Councilmember Baisa, we have been in
11 communications with Fire Department. The
12 previous Director, Chief Kaupalolo, was not --
13 he was interested in looking at how the other
14 small Counties merging was going to take
15 place.

16 Now, Hawaii County has just been
17 successful, and they're just looking at -- I
18 believe it's their first year, is that right,
19 Archie -- their first year together.

20 And so now with the new Chief, Captain
21 Murray, who's going to be coming in shortly, I
22 have not had an opportunity to speak with him
23 myself, but I understand that he is looking
24 forward to discussing working together and
25 seeing, you know, how we can start working on

1 this.

2 I think as a Department, as a community,
3 we want to do the best thing for the
4 community, whatever that is.

5 So I have not had an opportunity yet to
6 sit down.

7 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So I guess it's still
8 preliminary and you still haven't -- you don't
9 know exactly what, what the likelihood of this
10 is.

11 The reason I'm asking is because, you
12 know, people ask us.

13 MS. HORCAJO: Right.

14 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And they catch us at Budget
15 hearings or in the supermarket and say, you
16 know, we want to do this, what are you going
17 to do about it. And I think at this point the
18 answer is, it's being discussed, but we really
19 don't have a position.

20 MS. HORCAJO: Well, we're definitely looking at it.
21 And I know the pros for the transfer has been
22 that they gain more support for funding when
23 they're in a safety service department.

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's a very good strategy.
25 Thank you very much.

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa.

2 I just have a question, maybe a comment
3 regarding this particular item. Ocean safety
4 officers, you know, possibility of moving to
5 the Fire and Safety Department.

6 Because we're unsure now, Members, if
7 you can stick your questions to the item at
8 hand. I don't know if the Department, both
9 Departments have any idea how this transition
10 is going to take over in '09, if it ever will
11 take place in '09.

12 So because we don't know the details,
13 you know, it would be fruitless for us to ask
14 all those questions regarding that particular
15 move at this time.

16 So, Members, if you can concentrate on
17 the Parks Department budget itself. Thank
18 you.

19 Member Johnson?

20 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, and this is on, I guess
21 it would be your professional services, on
22 12-17. It went from 1,000 up to 10,000, and
23 can you just highlight that?

24 MR. COOPER: Basically, it's based on actual
25 expenses from previous years. We're just

1 trying to -- as I said, we were moving around
2 where things were charged, and we're trying to
3 get it in the correct sub-object code so our
4 budget would match what we actually spent.

5 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Which is --

6 MR. COOPER: Where it was, yeah.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, okay. And then I know
8 that within your, I guess construction
9 materials, miscellaneous supplies, and small
10 equipment. When you're replacing your pool
11 heaters, this would come in your CIP, is that
12 correct?

13 MR. COOPER: Pool heaters have been through CIP for
14 some of the large projects. For example,
15 heaters that are going in Upcountry. And
16 we're supposed to actually have a precon
17 meeting on it later this week.

18 But the heaters going Upcountry, that's
19 part of a CIP project that's been ongoing for
20 a while.

21 The heaters at Kahului pool last year
22 and the heater that has been recently shipped
23 to Sakamoto pool were actually done through
24 budgeting. They were less expensive heaters.

25 But some of that stuff has come out

1 of --

2 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Your operations?

3 MR. COOPER: -- maintenance, yeah. Or operations.

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So it's come out of
5 operations.

6 MR. COOPER: Right.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: How about the one in
8 Lahaina, that CIP?

9 MR. COOPER: The heater in Lahaina, actually we just
10 had tested today, and it works, and it's not
11 scheduled to be replaced right now. Actually
12 yesterday, yesterday it was actually tested,
13 and it works fine.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, because I believe that
15 that was one of the items that was proposed
16 within --

17 MR. COOPER: Lahaina, filters, I think.

18 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: What?

19 MR. COOPER: It's filters, not the heater in
20 Lahaina, I believe. The filters are a huge
21 problem over there in Lahaina. They're really
22 on their last legs, and much harder to replace
23 than a heater.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh.

25 MR. COOPER: In fact, a heater doesn't, doesn't

1 work, and we can still run the pool. It just
2 could be cold, depending on where it is.

3 Without the filters working properly,
4 we'd have to shut the pool down.

5 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, because I guess the
6 community's under the impression that there is
7 an item in the budget that -- and I could be
8 wrong, you know. That I thought it was --

9 MR. COOPER: Not to my knowledge, on Lahaina heater
10 nor filter.

11 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. It just came up
12 during testimony --

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Right.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- in the Lahaina hearing,
15 you know, and somebody was reading in there
16 that there was -- maybe it is filtration.

17 But anyway, I'll get off that subject.

18 MR. COOPER: Yeah, and certainly not in CIP.

19 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. The other thing I'm
20 looking at is for your rec programs, 12-18,
21 under Aquatics and Beaches. It went from
22 15,000 down to 2.

23 And again, is that, is that directly in
24 response to where you allocated --

25 MR. COOPER: Yes.

1 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- within your budget?

2 MR. COOPER: We certainly have not cut programs. In
3 fact, we've been trying to improve and
4 increase the programs, both by partnering with
5 outside agencies -- or not agencies. Outside
6 groups, swim teams, water aerobics people,
7 adult and age group swim teams, water polo.

8 We've actually increased programs that
9 we're trying to put in, using the pools more.

10 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and aquatics on your
11 beaches. Now, this, of course, would go back
12 to, I guess your safety, safety officers?

13 MR. COOPER: Uh-huh.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: This --

15 MR. COOPER: Yeah, beaches is our ocean safety
16 officers.

17 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right, and so you're looking
18 at just a \$5,067 increase, which would be
19 about 33 percent more. So am I to understand
20 that this would address the requests or some
21 of the requests that have been made?

22 Because I know that a lot of times, they
23 have complained for years that they don't get
24 sufficient funding to actually run their
25 equipment, and they were complaining that some

1 of the jet skis, at least in Lahaina, were a
2 safety issue.

3 So is this money going to be utilized to
4 help bring all of those items up into, I guess
5 a better standard?

6 MR. COOPER: The jet ski, this is the jet ski
7 program you're asking about here?

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, I'm just looking under
9 miscellaneous supplies, under Aquatics and
10 Beaches, and I'm assuming that that would
11 cover repairs? Or are those components
12 hidden?

13 MR. COOPER: Do you have a page for it? Sorry.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, it's just on your
15 summary sheet --

16 MR. COOPER: Oh, the summary sheet, okay.

17 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- for Fiscal Year 2009,
18 Aquatics Program.

19 MR. COOPER: 6035, which is --

20 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So it would be 4-10, or
21 4/10. I'm just looking at your summary, which
22 you're giving us.

23 MR. COOPER: Oh, okay. The miscellaneous supplies.

24 It's actually, in large part there, due
25 to expansion positions that we've got. We've

1 got supplies we've got to get to take those
2 six new ocean safety officers that I was
3 speaking with, before, with Councilman
4 Victorino. The six new expansion positions
5 have some supplies we need to do to get in,
6 get in place there.

7 Yeah, basically that's it. It's the
8 equipment for them.

9 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, so if I'm looking at
10 just -- I guess under Aquatics and Beaches,
11 and I'm looking at miscellaneous supplies and
12 rec programs. Where would I find, within
13 that, the component that would help you to
14 maintain and repair your equipment? Or is
15 that under parks maintenance?

16 MR. COOPER: You got to look at the beaches part.

17 MS. HORCAJO: Sorry, the summary sheet doesn't show
18 the other maintenance. It would be involved
19 with our regular maintenance, repairs and
20 maintenance. 6031, and the funding is at
21 \$50,000.

22 And with our jet ski --

23 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: What page is that on?

24 MS. HORCAJO: 12-18.

25 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

1 MS. HORCAJO: With our jet ski program, our
2 maintenance program, what was set up
3 previously, and we're hoping that it's going
4 to work well, is that we have found a
5 contractor to take care of -- someone who is
6 licensed to service our jet skis.

7 With the additional jet skis that have
8 yet to arrive, but were in last year's budget,
9 we're hoping that the rotation on servicing
10 with our contractor will be adequate to keep
11 our Ocean Safety Division up and running very
12 safely and smoothly.

13 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, because I'm looking at
14 your -- your '08 operating budget was
15 1,733,135. You're going down now to
16 1,645,785.

17 And, you know, I guess if I have to look
18 at that, if we're going to address health and
19 safety or if you're looking at equipment
20 maintenance -- you know, I guess it's the
21 overall Aquatics Program, but because this is
22 covered underneath there, are we going in the
23 right direction?

24 MR. COOPER: Yeah, that cut is actually mostly from
25 that one thing that we talked about before,

1 which was the chemical, the chemical supplies
2 going down \$100,000, and that accounts for
3 pretty much all of that.

4 We do, we have recently reinstated with
5 a contractor to do the jet ski maintenance, so
6 that's going to be addressed so we don't go
7 downhill like we were for a little bit.

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and that contract is
9 going to be covered under what section, under
10 which sub-object code?

11 MS. HORCAJO: I think that one, right?

12 MR. COOPER: Yeah, I think you had it right here.

13 MS. HORCAJO: Yeah. 6031.

14 MR. COOPER: 6031 was the, was the sub-object code
15 for that. Repairs and maintenance supplies?

16 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, so, but it's all
17 lumped together.

18 MR. COOPER: Yes.

19 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So we can't determine
20 what -- and that's only 3,000 more than --
21 well, actually it's the same as it was last
22 year. I --

23 MR. COOPER: But much higher than '07.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, '07, repairs and
25 maintenance supplies were only \$77,828. So I

1 don't see that that's -- there's not much of a
2 difference as far as I'm concerned.

3 MS. HORCAJO: What we're looking at, Councilmember
4 Johnson --

5 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

6 MS. HORCAJO: -- is that in '07, it was 12,701. In
7 '08 it's --

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, I'm looking under
9 sub-object code 6031, and that's, there's a
10 hole punched out here. So it just says
11 repairs and maintenance supplies, and I'm
12 looking --

13 MS. HORCAJO: On page 12-18?

14 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: 12 -- oh, I'm sorry. 6031.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Almost to the top of the page,
16 Member Johnson.

17 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Oh, it's top. I'm
18 looking at -- all right. Okay, so it was
19 12,701, and then it went to 50. I was looking
20 at the previous page, I'm sorry.

21 All right, but still, if you're keeping
22 it level from last year, and you want to
23 increase, I guess the reliability of your
24 equipment, if you -- is it just that you're
25 reallocating?

1 MR. COOPER: No, in this case it's because, in large
2 part, we have newer, we have new jet skis, so
3 we don't have as much maintenance this year to
4 do on it. They may have to go up again next
5 year, as they age, as the jet skis start to
6 age.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And what, what -- do you
8 purchase service contracts with the newer
9 ones? Where -- like the companies, for
10 example.

11 MR. COOPER: Yeah, we probably should call Archie
12 down. He'd know that better.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Director?

14 MS. HORCAJO: If you would like some specifics on
15 that, Archie Kalepa is here, who knows more
16 specific details about the contractual
17 program, if you'd like to go there.
18 Otherwise --

19 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I, you know, I mean, for me,
20 I'm just trying to understand. Based on the
21 testimony that we received the other day, that
22 does not seem to indicate that things have
23 been going really well in that area. I just
24 want to understand that our personnel are not
25 subjected to be placed, being placed in unsafe

1 condi ti ons.

2 And that's where I'm really going with
3 this, Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

5 Yeah, just a fast question to the
6 Department. Whenever you purchase new
7 equipment, I'm sure there's a warranty that
8 comes with the equipment, and --

9 MR. COOPER: Yes.

10 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: That's what Member Anderson (sic)
11 is trying to --

12 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Johnson.

13 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Oh, Johnson, was trying to
14 communicate to you people. And the repair and
15 maintenance basically is the repair and
16 maintenance of existing equipment that you do
17 have on hand.

18 MR. COOPER: Right.

19 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: At the Aquatics Program.

20 MS. HORCAJO: We just pur -- this was last year,
21 right?

22 MR. COOPER: Right.

23 MS. HORCAJO: So last -- we have not yet received
24 the jet skis that we purchased last year, but
25 we, we did get six new, funding for six new.

1 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and where will those
2 be placed into use, or don't you know yet?

3 MS. HORCAJO: They'll be distributed appropriately.

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. I'll just ask
5 Mr. Kalepa.

6 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Yeah, and when Mr. Kalepa comes
7 up, you --

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I don't want to belabor the
9 point.

10 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Yeah, hold that question for him.

11 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thanks.

12 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

13 Member Molina?

14 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much,
15 Mr. Chairman. My colleagues did a great job
16 in asking a lot of questions, and that pretty
17 much covered what I had wanted to ask, except
18 for one thing.

19 As I look at all the increases for
20 supplies, electricity, and other matters here,
21 my next question is, what is the Department
22 doing to at least try to keep energy costs
23 down?

24 And has the topic of -- you know, a
25 little something that, you know, myself, I

1 don't really want to discuss or even think
2 about, but the subject of charging the public
3 a fee for the use of our pools. Because we
4 charge the public for the use of our Community
5 Centers, our golf course.

6 And, you know, the way costs are going
7 for fuel, I mean, it's almost inevitable. I
8 mean, on the mainland, you know, you hear of a
9 lot of jurisdictions, they'll charge the
10 community for the use of their municipal pools
11 and so forth.

12 Can I get some comment on that?

13 MR. COOPER: A lot of our pools are actually very
14 near the ocean. One of the major -- and when
15 you compare this to the mainland, we do have
16 an amazing resource here.

17 Our pools are free, unlike most
18 everywhere else in the country, and they're
19 there for the people here that live on an
20 island, so they don't learn to swim in, or
21 have problems going to swim in an ocean, where
22 they're not even familiar with the water.

23 So we don't want to be keeping out
24 people that can't afford to go to the pools
25 just to go to the ocean, because that's the

1 place they can go. That's one reason we keep
2 it, we like keeping it that way.

3 Another reason we have our pools open to
4 the seniors on, sometimes on fixed incomes,
5 and we don't want to be charging them to be
6 able to come in and use the pools and use the
7 facilities in a safe, safe area.

8 The other reasons we get into are just
9 logistics. If we start charging money at the
10 pools, we've got to have somebody to charge
11 coming to the pools, and the usage that we get
12 at our pools here is actually much less than
13 the usage you get at the mainland, where you
14 have a lot of people.

15 So we'd have to pay another person to
16 collect the money. We'd have to develop the
17 systems for collecting it, that kind of thing.
18 And we'd probably price out many of the people
19 that we really want to be using the pools more
20 than anybody else, out of the market of using
21 them and just going to the beach.

22 So that's, in a nutshell, the short
23 answer to why we keep our pools free and open
24 to the public like we do.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh, okay.

1 MR. COOPER: And we also don't want -- a lot of
2 those pools --

3 I mean, I go to the mainland sometimes.
4 I'm lucky if I can find a pool that's less
5 than 5 or \$10 to get into, and sometimes it's
6 15. And just imagine our kids coming in after
7 school to go use the pool and, oh, got to have
8 \$5 or \$10 to get in.

9 It's not like when we were growing up
10 and it was \$.75, or a dollar, or a quarter, or
11 wherever you were living.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh. I was thinking if
13 ever the day comes when we have to charge
14 something. I mean, just a real manini fee.
15 Like, for example, our Maui bus. A buck, you
16 know, something along that lines.

17 But anyway, just trying to look at ways
18 to how we can offset some of our own costs.

19 Has there ever been, I guess a study
20 done on the pools being used by nonresidents?
21 Because with the explosion of TVRs, for
22 example. Was -- our visitors who stay in a
23 hotel, they already have a pool for their
24 usage. And now with TVRs.

25 Now, I don't know how many people who

1 stay in TVRs or other types of accommodations
2 use our public pools.

3 As someone who's, you know, there at the
4 pool constantly, do you see a lot of -- I know
5 there's a sign-in, and I don't think there's a
6 requirement for --

7 MR. COOPER: No, there's not a requirement on the
8 sign-in. The sign-in is to keep track of what
9 our usage is and to --

10 You know, in case there was something
11 that did happen and we didn't know the child's
12 name, we might be able to get the name off
13 there so we can get hold of somebody.

14 But the -- you -- we don't have numbers
15 specifically on whether they're from another
16 place or not. We don't have people with cards
17 to sign in or anything like that.

18 But just being at the pools every day
19 and also dealing with the swim teams that use
20 it, most of what we get for visitors are
21 probably the swim teams that come, and they
22 are charged a fee for using the pools.

23 And it's in hours when it's not
24 available to the public anyway, or we make
25 sure that the public still has all the access

1 they would normally get if they have to share
2 a lane or something.

3 But we don't -- it's mostly not
4 visitors. It's the, it's the regulars that
5 come in and do their lap swim before work or
6 during the day that are coming in. The
7 lifeguards know most of these people that come
8 in every day. And when they see somebody new
9 that's coming in --

10 People don't expect to be able to go to
11 the pool for free. Plus they came to Maui,
12 not to go to a County pool and swim laps.
13 They came to Maui to go to the beach, in large
14 part.

15 It's mostly people that come here as
16 part of swim teams or water polo teams that
17 would use the pool, or the occasional master
18 swimmer. They want to swim with other people,
19 usually, to give them a little bit of a
20 challenge. We probably get maybe one a month,
21 maybe, at each of the masters workouts that go
22 on throughout the County.

23 So it's not that great a use from off
24 island that comes in.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, so maybe about, I guess

1 if you were to venture on a percentage, maybe
2 about 95 percent of the users are residents?

3 MR. COOPER: That would probably be a good guess,
4 yeah.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, great. Thank you.

6 Thank you, Chair.

7 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you, Member Molina.

8 Just a fast question. Under your
9 electrical costs, I know you guys run pumps.
10 The pumps are run at all pools at all times.

11 MR. COOPER: Yeah, the pumps run 24 hours a day, and
12 that is our big electrical cost for all the
13 pools. It outweighs the lighting that we have
14 for security at night. It -- that's the big
15 cost.

16 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: So the 13 pools on Maui and one
17 on Molokai .

18 MR. COOPER: Right.

19 CHAIR PONTANI LLA: Thank you.

20 Member Medeiros?

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

22 On your, on the Budget Details, on page
23 12-17, your security services are for what
24 purpose? Because you have your park security
25 officers now.

1 MR. COOPER: Security services are for Upcountry
2 pool, Kokua pool, and then some beach sites,
3 to protect the equipment, like jet skis and
4 things that are stored inside storage areas.

5 At the Upcountry pool, we had a number
6 of break-ins about three years ago. I think
7 there were like four break-ins in a row, where
8 people were just breaking glass, stealing
9 tools, things like that. And a security
10 system was installed there.

11 The other security system that we have
12 is on a, not toolshed, but workshop where we
13 have most of our tools, that would be easy to
14 steal and do something with.

15 And not that we don't need security
16 elsewhere. We actually would like to put some
17 more, other types of security, because we get
18 vandalism at a couple of our pools pretty
19 regularly.

20 And even if we did have security
21 services, there are -- what is it, six
22 rangers? Six rangers to cover the beaches and
23 everywhere else, and they're not 24 hours.
24 We'd still want to be able to know if someone
25 were breaking in or, heaven forbid, some kids

1 were jumping the fence and doing things that
2 were unsafe, and got hurt.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, I think that answers
4 my question. So it's not mainly for security
5 contracts for patrol officers. It's more for
6 systems.

7 MR. COOPER: No, these are monitoring systems.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

9 MR. COOPER: These are monitoring systems.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and then on the same
11 page, in sub-object code 6255, under other
12 costs, uniform allowance.

13 Now, is that a requirement of a labor
14 agreement, or is that a Department policy?

15 MR. COOPER: Yes.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: You guys provide that?

17 MR. COOPER: The HGEA agreement has a -- actually,
18 it's pretty formulaic.

19 We, we pay to -- we give them a pay once
20 a year for reimbursing them for the cost of
21 cleaning their uniforms, and that goes to
22 every guard, depending upon how often he
23 worked. I mean, if he's out on vacation all
24 year, he doesn't get it, which wouldn't
25 happen.

1 But there's a uniform allowance built
2 into the contract that has to go out once a
3 year. We calculate it in July for the year,
4 and checks go out to the employees.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so this is both to
6 purchase and clean their uniforms.

7 MR. COOPER: They're also, we also absorb a little
8 bit of the cost of the uniforms -- some of the
9 basic things they get when they first come in.

10 Like when a, when a -- the first
11 uniforms that the employees get are free, and
12 then if they get extra ones, they pay the cost
13 of replacing it. But the cleaning is annual
14 for all employees.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So this is to clean, like
16 shorts and T-shirts for lifeguards?

17 MR. COOPER: T-shirts, shorts. Yeah, exactly.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, and I -- that's
19 interesting. So do they, like, turn in a -- I
20 mean, do they take it to dry cleaning? Just
21 at home?

22 MR. COOPER: No, it's just however they clean it,
23 they clean it. That's by --

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Interesting.

25 MR. COOPER: -- contract with --

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: HGEA.

2 MR. COOPER: Between the County and HGEA.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And then --

4 MR. COOPER: Because they're required to wear the
5 uniforms --

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

7 MR. COOPER: -- at work, yeah.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. On your -- you know,
9 because we were talking about guards, and tell
10 me if this comes under another section.

11 In constructing guard towers, is that
12 under your CIP, or does that come under your B
13 account?

14 MS. HORCAJO: It's under the C account.

15 MR. COOPER: It's under the C account.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Your C account?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Equipment.

18 MR. COOPER: Equipment.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay.

20 MR. COOPER: And you would see none for this year.

21 No new guard towers or --

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: No new towers, okay.

23 MR. COOPER: -- scheduled to be bought for existing
24 tower sites.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. All right, you know,

1 you were asked about your vacancies, and you
2 did give some response to that.

3 And so, you know, under the vacancy list
4 provided to us by DPS, actually under
5 Aquatics, there's a total of 19 vacancies.
6 You may have filled some. 16 are full-time, 3
7 are halftime.

8 So you're comfortable that you're
9 filling those positions timely? Because the
10 concern of the Council is usually tying up
11 money for vacancies that don't get filled.

12 So how comfortable are we, you are, both
13 as Aquatics TA and Chief of Aquatics, and also
14 the Director for the Department, that those 19
15 positions are being filled timely?

16 MR. COOPER: I wish there were a way we could fill
17 them in a more timely manner, our process or
18 procedures allowed it to go more quickly.
19 It's not because we sit around waiting to fill
20 them that they stay open.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Is it because there's a
22 lack of recruits, or is there something
23 slowing the process that we should know about?

24 MR. COOPER: Well, I mentioned the one thing with
25 the Occumed, which we're resolving, which it

1 held up moving some of our oceans, our pool
2 guards to become ocean safety.

3 The general process just takes four to
4 six months, and with a turnover for a number
5 of the pool guards of approximately two years,
6 you can do the calculation yourself to see
7 that you're always going to have a certain
8 number of vacancies there, just because you're
9 trying to fill, and you can't even start the
10 filling process until the person has left.
11 You can't anticipate somebody leaving.

12 So you start there. You go four to six
13 months every time somebody leaves, and that's
14 one reason we're always short.

15 And the seasonal guard has recently
16 allowed us to fill that in a more timely
17 fashion.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. Okay, thank you for
19 your response.

20 And just one comment, Mr. Chair. You
21 know, when we look at, especially the overview
22 on any Department, and we see a decrease in
23 the amount, we think, you know, things are
24 costing less or being more efficient. But I
25 think that the, you know, the part about what

1 we see here, we need more information.

2 And having been somebody that, you know,
3 put budgets together for the County for many
4 years in my Department, the figure we need is
5 what's expended, and that determines how much
6 you request.

7 So we don't see that, you know. We just
8 see '08, which hasn't finished yet. And then
9 we see the request. And then when we see a
10 reduction we think, wow, you know, how come
11 it's a reduction, when materials in that
12 particular account have gone up.

13 But usually it's determined by the
14 expended amount of two previous years, and
15 that usually guides, you know, what you
16 request.

17 So thank you for your responses.

18 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros.

20 Member Hokama?

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you.

22 Real quickly, what's the advantage of
23 keeping your pumps on 24 hours a day, even
24 though we have our pools closed, please?

25 MR. COOPER: You don't want to -- if you don't keep

1 your pumps going, you're not going to be
2 filtering the water on a regular basis.

3 If you're not filtering your water on a
4 regular basis, of course, like if we, if we
5 did have to close one down for a week, that
6 then gives algae and other things a chance to
7 grow, both in the water and in the pumps
8 themselves, where if you don't have the water
9 flowing through it.

10 So you need to keep the water flowing
11 through it as much as possible.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there an issue with the
13 chlorine contents and the percentages?

14 MR. COOPER: Well, you don't want to put the
15 chlorine too high. It's unsafe for people.
16 And you don't want to --

17 And there are national standards for
18 what we're supposed to -- what the parts per
19 million chlorine, what the total alkalinity,
20 what the pH is, has to be maintained at a good
21 balance.

22 The other issues that come up, if you
23 don't keep the water flowing, you don't get a
24 good mix of the water, and then part of the
25 water on top is going to be more exposed to

1 the sun, and that's -- the chlorine,
2 basically, will evaporate, burn off near there
3 as opposed to someplace else.

4 So you want to keep the water flowing to
5 keep the pool clean, and then avoid more
6 maintenance and more chemicals to be thrown in
7 later on at greater expense.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure. I appreciate that
9 response.

10 You know, some of us are well aware of
11 what happened on Molokai, and the adjustments
12 we've had to make with -- I guess that was a
13 hand application or manual application of
14 chlorine versus the automated --

15 MR. COOPER: Yeah, it's --

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- systems, so I'm sure -- I
17 don't know if you were the --

18 MR. COOPER: Not to mention the --

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We had a health issue with our
20 Kaunakakai pool.

21 Chairman, other than that, I think for
22 this Division, the request is reasonable to
23 me.

24 I can tell you I was, I've been on the
25 Council long enough to let you know that some

1 of the issues that are coming up now with the
2 Ocean Safety Aquatics portion was debated, if
3 I can use that term. We argued about it, but,
4 you know, I'll say debated, about the
5 situation that is here.

6 And I can tell you, as of this point,
7 I'm still not convinced that the branch of
8 this Division needs to be transferred. You
9 want to be a fire fighter, take the fire
10 fighter test and become a fire fighter.
11 That's my position. I think we have enough
12 protocols in place, enough lines of command,
13 that it works the way it is.

14 So I'm being up front with my position.
15 It's been my position for years, Chairman. I
16 haven't changed. I don't see a reason to
17 change. And I thank you for my opportunity on
18 this Division.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama.

20 Members, any more questions to the
21 Aquatics Program?

22 Seeing none, again, Mr. Cooper, thank
23 you very much for being here.

24 The next program that we're going to
25 cover, and we'll cover as much as we can, is

1 the Park Maintenance Program. And we do have
2 Mr. Miyazono coming back again to provide more
3 answers.

4 Director Horcajo, you got any comments
5 to make on this?

6 MS. HORCAJO: Thank you very much. I believe you
7 can see that we have no expansion requests in
8 this Division.

9 The, if you look at our summary sheet,
10 the \$150,000 in the repair and maintenance of
11 supplies, that 150,000 was basically a
12 transfer of funds from our Recreation and
13 Support Services Division to the Maintenance
14 Division, to more accurately reflect the
15 ongoing maintenance requirements of the
16 Division.

17 And we added the contractual service and
18 computer software, which we are trying to
19 follow the Wastewater Division's preventive
20 maintenance plan, and are working towards
21 obtaining that kind of software for our
22 Community Centers, dugouts, ball fields, gyms,
23 pools, so that we can better anticipate
24 repairs before they happen and keep up a
25 preventive maintenance program.

1 Other than that, we have the four
2 replacements of our vehicles that are all well
3 within replacement. And if you have any
4 questions, I can address them.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

6 Members, on your Program Budget, 14-8,
7 and on your Details, 12-19.

8 Member Victorino, questions?

9 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, thank you.

10 Let's start off with, first of all, 39
11 positions. And again, you know, I look over
12 here, and we have a number that are still not
13 being filled.

14 What is the actual number versus what we
15 have from DPS?

16 MR. MIYAZONO: The only position that is not filled
17 from the construction maintenance section is
18 the plumber helper to a plumber, going to
19 change it to a Plumber I.

20 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

21 MR. MIYAZONO: That's the only position outstanding
22 right now.

23 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For the construction
24 section?

25 MR. MIYAZONO: Construction.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For the maintenance
2 program itself, yeah?

3 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

4 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, and then here,
5 looking at, you folks looking at one, two,
6 three, four, five dump trucks, seven. Seven
7 new vehicles, am I correct, under equipment?
8 I see one compact pickup, one multi purpose
9 utility wagon, and then five yard --

10 Oh, I'm sorry. Five yard dump truck. I
11 thought it was five dump trucks. Okay, excuse
12 me. Five. Okay, so three, three, three
13 vehicles.

14 And actually under horticulture --

15 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: -- and beautification, you
17 got one more, so four.

18 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

19 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: These are all needed
20 vehicles because of the replacement and the
21 deterioration of the vehicles you presently
22 use?

23 MR. MIYAZONO: That's correct.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I think that's very
25 important for the people to understand.

1 That's very, you know, that's --

2 And then under maintenance and repair,
3 we go to page 12-23. And again, Mr. Medeiros
4 brought an interesting thing, that you have an
5 actual from one year -- this is 6031,
6 maintenance and repair supplies. In '07 you
7 use 70,388. You budgeted for 21. Again, you
8 budget for 21 in 2009.

9 Again, the question comes up, how come
10 the tremendous decrease?

11 6031, on page 12-23.

12 MR. MIYAZONO: What subject, what sub-object code
13 was that?

14 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sub-object code, I'm
15 sorry, 6031, repair and maintenance supplies.

16 MS. HORCAJO: We don't know.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mr. Chair, a point of
18 information?

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. It starts on 12-22,
21 under index code 915678, construction section,
22 and then it goes to sub-object code that
23 Member Victorino is asking about, which is
24 6031.

25 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: On page 12-23?

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, it's above the top
2 half of these eight items down.

3 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

4 MS. HORCAJO: If I can make a general comment
5 regarding the B account.

6 Between our office and the Budget
7 office, a lot of the B account sub-object
8 codes were changed to more accurately reflect
9 where we were purchasing items from. So some
10 of these minor changes may have been moved to
11 different accounts.

12 So I do apologize for not being able to
13 specifically identify, but we did do a lot of
14 moving around in our, in our B account of the
15 small items.

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You're saying that, you're
17 talking, you're referring to the sub-object
18 codes like 6031, you might have moved it to
19 6 --

20 MS. HORCAJO: Right.

21 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: -- 101, or something like
22 that, yeah.

23 MS. HORCAJO: Correct.

24 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, so --

25 MS. HORCAJO: 6139 or -- we tried to, if you'll

1 notice, we -- well, we did move some of our
2 contractual services accounts around and our
3 contracts around.

4 We didn't think you would get into
5 looking at these budget sheets as much, and
6 I'm sorry we weren't better prepared to answer
7 each one of those.

8 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, this is the only
9 time we get to really scrutinize and see
10 what's happening.

11 MS. HORCAJO: Oh, okay.

12 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Not to micromanage, but to
13 make sure the public understands.

14 You know, when you have tremendous
15 increases, we ask the question, and when you
16 have a decrease, we ask the same question, so
17 that we all understand where and what the
18 money's being spent for. Spent on, I should
19 say.

20 The other question I'd have is really
21 not shown in here, but because we're talking
22 the maintenance, and you mentioned the
23 construction.

24 What's happening with Iron Maehara
25 Stadium and that construction, and what are

1 the permits under? It's not really reflected
2 in here, but yet we see monies being
3 appropriated for this next year.

4 So what's happening with that?

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

6 MR. MIYAZONO: That one, the roof of the Iron
7 Maehara Stadium will go under CIP, because
8 it's all -- a lot of them is rot, rotting
9 away. So it's a big money item, so that will
10 go under CIP.

11 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I wasn't really
12 referring to the stadium itself. I was
13 referring to your building next to the
14 stadium.

15 MR. MIYAZONO: Oh, that? That --

16 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That one, yeah. Sorry,
17 yeah.

18 MR. MIYAZONO: We are still in the permit process
19 right now, so we --

20 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You're still in the --

21 MR. MIYAZONO: So we haven't been spending any
22 monies yet.

23 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so you're still in
24 the permit process.

25 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

1 COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Wow, that's taken a long
2 time, hasn't it?

3 Okay. I think, Mr. Chair, that's enough
4 for me. I would yield to my colleagues.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

6 Member Baisa?

7 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah. The Park Maintenance
8 Program, seems to me this 12-22 repair and
9 maintenance, \$150,000, which they have
10 included, is a good thing, because it's been
11 my observation that our Community Centers
12 really need a lot of repairs.

13 And so I just want to say that I'm, I'm
14 very happy to see this. I hope it's
15 sufficient, because as you travel around to
16 the various centers, you see that, you know,
17 they really need a lot of attention.

18 So I'm extremely supportive, supportive
19 of this, and I hope it's sufficient. Thank
20 you.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. And I
22 think some of those repair work are in the CIP
23 also.

24 Member Johnson?

25 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, and this is just

1 looking at your summary page, and I haven't
2 gone through all of the details yet, but under
3 Park Maintenance, what happens with, let's
4 say, for example, our park in South Maui?
5 That's maintained on an outside contract. Is
6 this part of that park maintenance?

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

8 MS. HORCAJO: Member Johnson, are you referring to
9 the Ka Lima O Maui --

10 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes.

11 MS. HORCAJO: -- contract? So, no, that is not.
12 The construction maintenance section is our
13 skilled laborer section of our Department, the
14 plumbers and the electricians.

15 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, so this is just
16 strictly with the Community Centers and the
17 bathrooms, and other repairs? Construction
18 maintenance, you're talking? Is that what
19 we're looking at now?

20 MS. HORCAJO: That's correct, and we do have the
21 horticulture section, is involved here as
22 well, which addresses our fields and
23 beautification.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, so it doesn't address
25 any of the janitorial or any of the other

1 items?

2 MS. HORCAJO: No, that's under Recreation and
3 Support Services.

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, thank you.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson.

6 Member Medeiros, any more questions?

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Just on your vehicles. You
8 have a replacement program in the Department?

9 MS. HORCAJO: We do have a policy, which is, our
10 goal is to provide replacement at ten years of
11 age or over 100,000 miles.

12 Currently, 27 percent of our fleet does
13 not yet meet that. We are trying to meet
14 that. I believe that with the addition of the
15 vehicles that we're requesting, we'll bring
16 that down to about 23 percent of our 139
17 fleet.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and your vehicles are
19 on purchase, not lease, though?

20 MS. HORCAJO: That is correct.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and your vehicles are
22 still purchased and spec'd out by the Highways
23 Division automotive purchaser.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's correct.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. In your, on your,

1 the details on your B account, on page 12-25.
2 How do we get rid of our grease currently, or
3 grease traps, being that there's no services
4 or any funding for that? For the Community
5 Centers.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: You got a line item,
7 Mr. Medeiros?

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: It's on 12-25.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: And a sub-object code?

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: 915703 is the index code.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

13 MS. HORCAJO: Okay. It's my understanding that we
14 do contract that service out.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And how do you pay for it?
16 By a grant or something? Because it's zero
17 here.

18 MS. HORCAJO: That would be under Recreation and
19 Support Services. It's an ongoing
20 maintenance, operations.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, so used to be under
22 Park Maintenance? Now it's under a separate
23 program? Because there's an index code here
24 for it.

25 MS. HORCAJO: And I just see that it's zero.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh.

2 MS. HORCAJO: I'm not sure why it's listed in this
3 Division's program.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

5 MS. HORCAJO: It shows that it was zero for the
6 three years.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Budget Director,
8 would you know why it's still there?

9 MR. PABLO: No, I don't.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Is it because the expense for
11 this particular -- Director, is it because the
12 expense is located in the recreation and
13 support area, where you have your janitorial
14 services and everything else?

15 MS. HORCAJO: I'm going to make a response here that
16 I'm a little wary on, but I understand that
17 there was a Federal mandate to install grease
18 traps in all of our Community Centers, and we
19 are currently completing that.

20 I believe that this line item may have
21 been included in the budget prior to that
22 installation of the grease traps, and that
23 that was perhaps a part of our program prior
24 to the grease trap installation and the
25 contract of services we have now.

1 I can check on that, though, and get
2 back to you.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Yeah, because even
4 if you installed grease traps, you still have
5 to dispose of it. Right? You still have to
6 have services for that.

7 Then my next question is on the
8 maintenance of street trees, which is right
9 below that, on index 915705.

10 Mr. Miyazono, does that come under you?

11 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, it does.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and do you -- does
13 the, under your Division, you folks do all the
14 trimming currently for even the Public Works
15 Highways Division when it has to do with
16 pruning or trimming of trees?

17 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, we do. We usually contract it
18 out.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and this \$300,000,
20 judging from previous fiscal years, covers the
21 costs for the Highways Division to get all the
22 trees they need trimmed trimmed by a
23 contractor?

24 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, but eventually, in the future,
25 I'm sure we're going to come and see you guys

1 for more monies.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right, because -- yeah, I
3 know there was, you know, always difficulty in
4 getting enough trimming done. But appreciate
5 what you guys do. Thank you, Department.

6 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros.

8 Member Hokama?

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Miyazono, on Lanai there
10 seems to be some confusion, so can you tell me
11 what, how does -- where our Arborist
12 jurisdiction is? Is it basically on just
13 County right of ways and County parks, public
14 facility areas that our Arborist has
15 jurisdiction over? Various types of trees, or
16 landscape material?

17 Or does he have jurisdiction over
18 private property also?

19 MR. MIYAZONO: No, he has jurisdiction only on
20 County properties.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because on Lanai, you know that
22 there's still quite a bit of residential
23 property under Castle & Cooke, and I can
24 vouch, we have 80 plus year old trees from the
25 original Jim Doe days. And, of course, we

1 face two issues because of the age of the
2 tree; dry rot and termite problems.

3 Yet I have residents who are writing,
4 saying they need the County Arborist's
5 approval before they can have this diseased or
6 damaged tree taken down.

7 And so I just wanted to ask you, because
8 I told them that I didn't believe that our
9 Arborist has jurisdiction over the private
10 property.

11 And if it's such of a magnitude of
12 removal that impacts conservation, and so the
13 water requirements, watershed issues, of
14 course, you know, government would be stepping
15 in to ensure that those things are not
16 detrimentally done.

17 But I thank you for the response, and
18 I'm going to be continuing to advise our
19 residents that if it's on their property, as
20 long as the -- if they're not the property
21 owner, the property owner understands, and
22 this is -- yeah, if this tree falls, it's
23 going to hit your house, which I own, then I
24 don't have a problem with removal.

25 That is within the authority of the

1 property owner, right?

2 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that.

4 So, Mr. Miyazono, the other thing that
5 has continually been brought up to me is that
6 on County right of ways, whether they be
7 parks, but mostly it's in the right of ways on
8 the side of -- concrete sidewalks in various
9 subdivisions. We approve a landscape plan
10 during -- the developer presents to the
11 appropriate departments and agencies, and then
12 it gets approved, and then it's implemented
13 and the trees are put in.

14 And yet, for a resident who is -- too
15 much rubbish, it all comes in my yard. You
16 just cut down the tree.

17 In the Department's view, is that a
18 violation of some sort? Because now there
19 seems to be an epidemic that everybody wants
20 to cut down what the County told someone to
21 plant, because it's too much rubbish.

22 Can you -- do you have a response you
23 can share this afternoon?

24 MR. MIYAZONO: Any tree that is planted in the
25 County right of ways, and if someone cuts it

1 down, it's a violation. And the Arborist
2 Committee has been working, the Arborist
3 Committee, for many years, to enforce that.

4 But I don't know what the status is of
5 right now. Maybe one of it is enforcement,
6 you know. But they, it is a violation of, you
7 know, cutting down of any tree on County,
8 County property.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I see. And so, Mr. Miyazono,
10 let's say for various reasons the resident has
11 some very good issues and concerns about
12 either the height under the utility line, or
13 obviously with the wind and everything. 90
14 percent of the time the rubbish is always
15 going to blow in his yard from that tree.

16 What would we recommend to our residents
17 of how they can try and mitigate these issues?
18 Contact your division? Contact the Arborist?
19 Bombard the Director with phone?

20 I mean, how, how can, you know, the
21 resident -- because I get that a lot on Lanai.
22 What would be the recommended way to try and
23 help us resolve these potential issues here?

24 MR. MIYAZONO: Our Arborist gets many, many calls
25 every week regarding these kind of issues,

1 like, you know, rubbish from trees blowing
2 into their yards, so.

3 They would have to call him, and he
4 would have to go down and take a look for it,
5 a look at it.

6 But we don't trim trees or cut down
7 trees because of views or rubbish, you know.
8 That's -- we don't do that.

9 But all he can do is give his
10 recommendation.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

12 MR. MIYAZONO: And, you know, rubbish is not a
13 factor for cutting down a tree, really.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, and I know my colleague,
15 Mr. Medeiros, is very experienced.

16 So our understanding, my understanding,
17 especially between the paved road, the
18 macadamized road, and let's say the private
19 property owner's property line, there's this
20 area, right of way easement, public. Normally
21 it's our, the County of Maui. Sometimes
22 there's a, there's a concrete sidewalk, but
23 other than that, it's a grassed area.

24 My understanding of the Code is that the
25 property owner is responsible to maintain that

1 area, right? So if there's a County tree that
2 was required to be in that area, is the
3 property owner also required to maintain that
4 vegetation or landscaped tree?

5 MR. MIYAZONO: Correct, he's supposed to maintain
6 the trees, too.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because I think there's
8 confusion of who is responsible for those
9 things out there.

10 And again, we have a lot of new
11 ownership because of the new homes being built
12 around the island, around the County, but they
13 mainly feel it's the County's responsibility
14 to maintain that.

15 And I ask you because there seems to be
16 confusion on who has the responsibility to
17 maintain between the road and the property
18 line, including trees.

19 And so, again, once more, I know what
20 you said, but I just need to verify again,
21 please, Mr. Miyazono.

22 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: It's the property owner's
24 responsibility for the maintenance of that
25 area.

1 MR. MIYAZONO: Right. The area, the County right of
2 way in front of each property, the homeowner's
3 responsible to maintain that.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Worse comes to worse, is
5 this something like the Fire Department, where
6 if the County had to go in and maintain it
7 because safety issue and vector control
8 concerns, that the County would then initiate
9 the maintenance of that property and then send
10 that bill to the property owner? Would it
11 come under your, your division?

12 You know, because Fire has the ability,
13 for fire control and other things, to notify
14 property owners to maintain that property. If
15 not, they're going to have a contractor go in,
16 do it, and then send the bill to the owner on
17 record.

18 So is it something that your Department
19 does also?

20 MR. MIYAZONO: Yeah, we would also do the same
21 thing. If it becomes a hazard, then we would
22 take care of it and bill the owner, homeowner.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much for
24 that.

25 And one thing I would ask, Mr. Pablo and

1 Chairman, that might help us with the
2 understanding of the replacement equipment.
3 One would be the year, and if it's a vehicle,
4 the mileage. And we already heard the
5 Department's criteria.

6 So I would ask, one, if Mr. Pablo can
7 check, if this is a standard that's applied
8 throughout all departments, ten years, 100,000
9 miles.

10 But I would also appreciate the County's
11 equipment identification number, because I
12 think we can help the Departments keep
13 inventory of what is being replaced and what
14 is taken off the books through this budgetary
15 process. That will assist the Departments
16 then to be able to verify and certify the
17 physical inventory that they are, that's under
18 their jurisdiction or control, Chairman.

19 That would be my request and suggestion,
20 please.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

22 And, Budget Director, that would be for
23 all of the Departments that are requesting new
24 equipment or replace equipment.

25 Members, any more questions in regard to

1 the Park Maintenance Program at this time?
2 Member Medeiros?

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

4 Yeah, I just wanted to add some
5 information to Council Chair Hokama's inquiry
6 with the Parks Department regarding trees.
7 And, you know, he's correct, that -- and so is
8 Mr. Miyazono, about the ordinance that the
9 property owners are responsible for the
10 frontage of their property up to the pavement
11 line.

12 But many people have, within the County
13 right of way, very old trees. And then that
14 becomes a question of the review and the
15 decision of the Arborist, but it also involves
16 Outdoor Circle many times, whether you can cut
17 down a tree that's historical or not.

18 So property owners should realize that,
19 that they just can't go out and cut any tree
20 they want because it's blocking their view or
21 causing leaves to drop in their property.

22 But I wanted to ask Mr. Miyazono. In
23 your budget for this, because I know many
24 times in my experience, trees that are planted
25 in the County right of way as part of the

1 landscape plan become trees that start to lift
2 the sidewalks, our pavements, our curb and
3 gutters.

4 And then sometimes there are some
5 remediation ways of, you know, cutting the
6 roots and installing root shields, but
7 sometimes the trees have to be removed because
8 they're just too large. And cutting the roots
9 sometimes becomes dangerous because you take
10 away the stability of the tree.

11 So in your, you budget for that when you
12 got to remove the trees totally, in order to
13 remove the danger and the cause of that tree
14 in uprooting our roads and sidewalks?

15 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, it's reflected in our budget,
16 and many times we ask Public Works for their
17 assistance --

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

19 MR. MIYAZONO: -- with the equipment like that so,
20 you know, we don't have to pay for the
21 equipment usage.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, thank you,
23 Mr. Miyazono.

24 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

1 Members, any more questions regarding
2 the Park Maintenance Program at this time?
3 Member Johnson?

4 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Just with regard to the
5 restrooms, and I know sometimes they're really
6 beat up.

7 This would also be the contract where if
8 there's repairs required to restrooms, or
9 possibly even minor reconstruction projects
10 having to do with expansion of the restrooms,
11 your Department would do that, Mr. Miyazono?

12 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, we would.

13 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. If, I guess, things
14 continue the way they are and we continue to
15 have vandalism, as we've had in many of our
16 parks, do you have any way that you could
17 address, I guess, the fixtures or any of the
18 things that are within your control?

19 You know, maybe it might be going to
20 stainless instead of the porcelain, or going
21 to -- I mean, really heavy duty kinds of
22 vandalism resistant types of fixtures? So
23 that we don't keep having these problems.

24 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, vandalism is a major headache to
25 the Department, but. We're thinking about

1 stainless steel sinks, but, as you know, you
2 know how expensive they are.

3 But a lot of the restrooms are now
4 being, installing iron gates, so after-hours,
5 the restrooms are locked.

6 Actually, you know, I think that's the
7 best solution that we can come up right, right
8 now, because I don't think there are too many
9 fixtures that are vandal-proof out in the
10 market. It's really tough.

11 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I know, and Oahu's got
12 their problems with them stealing copper, I
13 mean, in broad daylight almost, so.

14 I guess in -- what is the cost to, like,
15 install that kind of a gate?

16 MR. MIYAZONO: I'd say it would run approximately
17 \$1,500.

18 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and that, are almost
19 all of our bathrooms now secured with those
20 gates?

21 MR. MIYAZONO: Most of them are right now, yeah.

22 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and do you have money
23 within your budget to secure the rest of them
24 so this will not be an ongoing problem?

25 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes. The Recreation Support and

1 Services do use their monies to put up the
2 gates.

3 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, but you do have
4 enough, enough in the budget from that
5 perspective to take care of those expenses?

6 MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, we do.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, great. Thank you very
8 much.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson.

10 Members, if you do have more questions
11 regarding the three programs that we covered,
12 Administration, Aquatics, as well as Park
13 Maintenance, if you can forward your questions
14 to the Chair so that we can get some response
15 from the Department.

16 Members, it's 3:30, and we do have a
17 meeting at the Mayor Tavares Community Center
18 this evening at 6:00 p.m. There, we'll take
19 public testimony again. So, Members, without
20 any --

21 Oh, you have any announcements to make,
22 Members, at this time? If not, this meeting
23 is adjourned. (Gavel).

24 ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

25 ADJOURN: 3:30 p.m.

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