

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 2, 2007

**Committee
Report No.**

07-121

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on October 1, 2007, makes reference to Contract No. C1567-3, between the County of Maui and Brown and Caldwell, for additional training for the Wastewater Reclamation Division, in the amount of \$104,260.

Your Committee notes that this is the third amendment to the contract for the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Facility Upgrades. The amendments to the contract total \$821,951, which represent a 92 percent increase to the initial contract of \$890,866.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director; the Director of Finance; the Director of Environmental Management; the Wastewater Reclamation Division Chief, Department of Environmental Management; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director of Environmental Management stated that the process of treating wastewater has become more complicated, and additional training is necessary to optimize operations. She further stated that optimizing operations will decrease electrical costs, improve treatment of wastewater, and improve the capacity of the facility.

Your Committee was concerned about the number and total amount of the amendments made to the contract.

The Director of Finance stated that the contracts with amendments or change orders greater than 20 percent of the initial contract price are scrutinized by the Purchasing Division of the Department of Finance.

The Director of Finance further stated that the amendments to this contract were appropriate based on the type of services provided.

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The Wastewater Reclamation Division Chief stated that the original contract included \$49,000 for limited training of County employees to become familiar with the upgraded process at the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

The Wastewater Reclamation Division Chief further stated that additional training is necessary for employees to optimize the processing of wastewater at all County wastewater reclamation facilities.

Your Committee was concerned that the Department amended a contract specifically for the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility upgrades to provide additional training for employees at various facilities rather than doing a separate procurement for training.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing the contract.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Contract No. C1567-3 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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