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ATTENDANCE

LANAI GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING: John F. Summers

Kathleen Aoki

Erin Wade

DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: James Giroux

LANAI GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mae Ulep, Chairperson
Frederick Sandi, Vice-Chair

Lisa Marie Kaniho
Ron McOmer

Linda Kay Okamoto
Pat Reilly

Cyndi Arruiza
Ricky Sanchez

Edith Mirafuentes
Kristi Alboro

Angel Allas

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4 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

5 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: I'd like to call this meeting
6 to order. The time is now 10:05 am. We will start with any
7 announcements, if any of the members have any announcements
8 to make. Any announcements from the staff?

9 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of
10 the committee. Thank you very much for coming out this
11 morning. The only thing I'd like to remind everybody of is
12 if we can state our name for the record it's very helpful
13 for the minutes. And also to speak into the mic and try to
14 speak one member at a time. That will really help our court
15 reporter out. So thank you very much.

16 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: If there are no more
17 announcements we can move onto the agenda. Does anyone have
18 changes to the agenda?

19 MR. REILLY: Madam Chair, Pat Reilly. Again,

20 trying to address the issue of D, public testimony, I'd like
21 to make a motion that we not close public testimony to
22 permit the public to testify maybe as needed as we cover
23 different sections of our agenda, so at least they have a
24 chance to hear what's being said and then can comment at
25 some point, just maintaining the three minute rule and those

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1 kinds of things. So that would be my recommendation, thank
2 you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Member Reilly has a motion for
4 public testimony to be done throughout the meeting. Does
5 anyone want to second that?

6 MS. OKAMOTO: I'll second it.

7 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Seconded by Linda Okamoto. So
8 we will allow public testimony throughout the meeting. Any
9 other changes to the agenda?

10 MR. REILLY: Actually, I had two items. Under H,
11 the Planning Director's report, I'm wondering if we
12 shouldn't hear those items before we start the discussion in
13 the workshop, particularly Linda Kay's letter, and maybe the
14 status of things. That will help me frame where we're at in
15 the process.

16 And then the second question I had was what are we
17 discussing today? I see it's housing and natural
18 environment, and then we have a discussion on Section 4. So
19 I was a little confused about how those two go together.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think
22 it's an excellent idea to discuss the letter submitted by
23 committee member Okamoto and really to consider that part of
24 our handouts, the background material, as we're working
25 through the workshop. Regarding the workshop itself, these

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1 are four sections in Section 4 of the report. So we have
2 noticed on the agenda four sub-topics or areas that are
3 discussed in Section 4. We're trying to be consistent with
4 Molokai and Maui so that the GPAC's are consistent,
5 discussing the same sections at the same time. That's the
6 reason for that.

7 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Any other questions from the
8 members? At any time the public may address the members or
9 the staff.

10 If there are no more questions or changes to the
11 agenda, we can move on to election of the general committee
12 chairpersons.

13 MR. REILLY: Madam Chair, Pat Reilly. I'm not
14 sure, I guess we're taking them individually, so I move to
15 elect May Ulep as the chair of the GPAC for Lana'i.

16 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOمبر, second.

17 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: It's been motioned and
18 seconded. Does anyone care to, well, I guess we vote now.
19 So all those in favor?

20 MR. REILLY: We will put her name on first and

21 then ask for other nominations.

22 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: We will ask for any other

23 nominations at this time. Then all those in favor raise

24 your hand.

25 (A show of hands)

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2 (Applause).

3 Any motion for Vice-Chair?

4 MR. ALLAS: Madam Chair, Angel Allas. Frederick

5 Sandi.

6 MR. SANCHEZ: Madam Chair, I second. My name is

7 Ricky Sanchez.

8 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: It's been motioned and seconded

9 as Vice-Chair for Frederick Sandi. Any other nominations at

10 this time?

11 MR. SANDI: I have one. I'd better say something

12 now. Frederick Sandi. I'd like to nominate Angel Allas.

13 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. I second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: It's been motioned and seconded

15 as Angel Allas for Vice-Chair. Any other nominations? We

16 will vote at this time. Anyone in favor of Frederick Sandi,

17 please raise your hand.

18 (A show of hands)

19 MS. AOKI: Seven.

20 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: That was a vote for the
21 majority. Frederick Sandi, Vice-Chair.

22 (Applause)

23 That's completion of the election of chairpersons.

24 We can move onto the approval of the minutes.

25 MR. REILLY: Madam Chair, I move to approve the

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1 minutes of May 12, 2006. I guess maybe we're taking these
2 separately, that's the best way to do it. So maybe I will
3 amend that motion starting with December 7th. I move to
4 approve the minutes of December 7th, 2006.

5 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Any one second that?

6 MR. McOMBER: I'll second. Ron McOmber, I'll
7 second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: It's been moved and seconded,
9 approval of the minutes.

10 MR. McOMBER: Madam Chair, before we move on, I'd
11 like to make a note, I didn't get my packet in the mail.
12 That's all right, I didn't get it though. That doesn't mean
13 it didn't come to my house, but I didn't see it for some
14 reason. (Laughter) So staff, don't get all flustered about
15 that. I lose a lot of things on my tabletop, so I
16 apologize.

17 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Any motion to approve the May
18 12th, 2006 minutes?

19 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I move to approve the

20 minutes of May 12th, 2006.

21 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler. Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: It's been moved and seconded to

23 approve the May 12th, 2006 minutes. All those in favor to

24 approve the minutes.

25 (A show of hands)

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1 We will move on to approving the minutes for May
2 13th, 2006. Any motion?

3 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I move to approve the
4 minutes of May 13th, 2006.

5 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas, I second.

6 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Any discussion? All those in
7 favor, raise your hands.

8 (A show of hands)

9 All the minutes have been approved.

10 MR. SUMMERS: Madam Chair, do we have a vote on
11 December 7th? I don't recall actually having a vote. We
12 will need to have another motion and a vote to approve the
13 December 7th minutes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Okay.

15 MR. REILLY: I move to approve the -- Pat Reilly.
16 I move to approve the minutes of December 7th, 2006.

17 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Any discussion? All in favor
19 raise your hand.

20 (A show of hands)

21 Not that the minutes have been approved, we can

22 move onto the workshop.

23 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. I thought we were

24 going to move to his report first.

25 MR. SUMMERS: That would be great, thank you,

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1 Madam Chair. If we look in our packets you will find a
2 three page matrix. I know you have several of them. Again,
3 the main thing on the progress report, as we're now in this
4 phase of reviewing the document, it has shifted from really
5 preparing a draft of the document to reviewing the document.

6 The numbers on the second page related to our
7 actual meetings. Those percentages, if you turn to page 2,
8 phase three, public outreach, on this progress report we
9 have GPAC meetings listed, and then we have under phase four
10 plan preparations, work with Molokai, Lana'i and Maui GPAC's
11 to review the Countywide Policy Plan. So these are really
12 the percentages that will increase as we move through our
13 meetings.

14 I'd also like to note that we have had planners
15 over here photographing and GPS'g historic view corridors,
16 so that product is almost ready. That will be an important
17 product primarily for your planned update. We have been
18 working with the Moloka'i GPAC on the resolutions, and as we
19 move forward with that and introduce those to the Council,

20 we will be having some additional work done in terms of
21 preparing the scope of services in the RFP for the community
22 plan update.

23 The approval of those resolutions is important, so
24 that's something that on Moloka'i remember we had the big
25 Kona winds around the 30th and the 1st. So we weren't able

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1 to get to Moloka'i for the last GPAC meeting because of
2 that. So they have to review those resolutions. The
3 feedback is that they're very supportive. Once we have our
4 meeting on Thursday night we will be able to move those
5 forward.

6 Again, if there are any members who have questions
7 about serving on the Community Plan Advisory Committee we
8 would need to know that, because the names being forwarded
9 to the Council are the same names of the members serving on
10 this Gen Plan Advisory Committee. So the work is
11 progressing. We're really in the review stage right now of
12 the Countywide Policy Plan. Once we have contracts in place
13 for the community plan we will be beginning the preparation
14 of that document.

15 Any questions from the members on the progress
16 report? And I really highlighted item two in that
17 discussion as well, the status of our proposed resolutions.
18 At the last meeting I didn't hear any objections to that, so
19 really it's in Molokai's court on Thursday night to move

20 those forward and provide us with direction.

21 The last item, Madam Chair, on the Planning

22 Director's report is the letter from committee member

23 Okamoto, which provides some excellent comments related to

24 the work we are about to embark on.

25 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. The letter is not from

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1 me, it is from a community member directly, and I simply
2 passed it on.

3 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you for that clarification.
4 So I think as we work through our workshop I would keep
5 this, it's a double-sided handout, the title of which is,
6 Thoughts on the Maui Countywide Policy Plan 2030. And this
7 will be a constructive tool as we move forward in the review
8 of the document. And a lot of the questions here will help
9 us focus on the policy statements, primarily the clarity,
10 being able to measure our objectives, being able to make
11 sure that the language in the policy statement achieves the
12 goal that we laid out in the section.

13 And there's a number of examples here, and we can
14 go through that. All of these examples as we get into the
15 workshop, in addition to some of the other items we have,
16 and what would be the wish of the committee?

17 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. For me, it would be
18 better if we integrate the questions as we address the
19 specifics as we go through it, because some of them will

20 apply to different sections. So that's my opinion, let's
21 address them kind of as a template on each of the individual
22 sections. Thank you.

23 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. I did get a chance to
24 talk with Les, who did this. He does business plans for
25 lots of businesses, and so he really is into planning. And

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1 I guess his big focus when I talked with him was length.
2 That 25 years is a long time for a plan. That's very rare.
3 And the specifics, really knowing where you're going. So he
4 was very articulate. And because he does work with plans he
5 kind of had some good ideas. And so if anybody has
6 questions about it, I can either possibly answer or can get
7 back to him.

8 MR. SUMMERS: And if I may add to that, if you
9 look at page 2 of 2 at the top, this statement about the
10 commitment to the plan I think is extremely important, and I
11 would say that this really jumps out. I mean when we went
12 through the last community plan update, in some instances we
13 didn't have the kind of commitment from some of the
14 implementing agencies. Particularly with the community plan
15 and the island plan we're doing on Maui, it's going to be
16 very important to have that commitment. And the public
17 process is important because it allows us to get community
18 buy-in.

19 So I think that's an area that we want to be

20 cognizant of throughout this process, is are we getting the
21 commitment from the critical stakeholders who will be
22 implementing the document.

23 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. From what you know, do
24 you think we do have the commitment at the top?

25 MR. SUMMERS: I think we do have a commitment at

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1 the top. When I say "top" I'm talking about at the
2 executive branch level, at the Mayor's level. The Mayor
3 very much wants us to succeed, and the Mayor is very much a
4 pro planner, has been for many years. So I think we have
5 strong commitment from the Mayor.

6 We have been working very closely with all the
7 agencies to try to get their buy into the document, so
8 they're pouring through this document as well as the island
9 plan and the community plans that we will be doing. That's
10 been one of our goals, is to make sure that they get their
11 fingerprints all over the document so that they feel they
12 have an investment in it. Likewise, that's where the
13 community is important as well. We can have the agency buy
14 in, but we need to make sure we have community support.

15 MR. McOMBER: Madam Chair, I'd like to ask
16 Mr. Summers something. Ron McOmbler. What kind of an impact
17 are we getting when we're seeing the County Council
18 discussing things like transit accommodations, vacation
19 rentals as we go through this process, because we're all

20 going to address those things. Does that have much of an
21 effect on the GPAC process? Are we supposed to be watching
22 that process alongside this, or how is that going to relate
23 to what our decisions are?
24 MR. SUMMERS: I think it's important to catch
25 these merging issues as they come up. It's very useful to

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1 have that kind of information as we structure our policy.
2 Ultimately they're dealing with a short-term situation right
3 now, and what we're tasked with doing is looking at the
4 long-term direction of the County. So there may be
5 decisions that are made sort of in the short-term of the
6 present that may not reconcile easily with the desire of the
7 community in the long run.

8 So there may be instances where we have direction
9 set at the Council level that ultimately the department and
10 the GPAC's and the community feel in the long run should be
11 cast a little differently, and we will have to cross those
12 bridges as we get to them. But I think it is very important
13 to keep our ears open for these kinds of policy debates so
14 that we're as informed as possible as we move through this
15 conversation.

16 MR. McOMBER: Would that pertain also to like
17 water issues, because that's going to be paramount. We're
18 lucky we have almost a completed plan, but I don't hear this
19 from other sections of Maui island.

20 MR. SUMMERS: Absolutely. That's very important.
21 The other reason it's important is that these things can
22 explode on you. So if we have a situation where we're
23 having this heated debate, we're having law making occur, or
24 we're having infrastructure or public facility issue, we
25 have to keep a pulse on the community because it can get

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1 volatile and it can end up at GPAC meetings. So there are a
2 number of reasons why we should be apprised of it to monitor
3 the situation, but ultimately you may want to take a
4 different tack for the long-term direction of the County.

5 MS. AOKI: Kathleen here. I just sort of wanted
6 to address Kay's comment about the buy-in. Just so that you
7 all are aware, we emailed all the department heads and some
8 of their staff to look over the policy plans, water,
9 wastewater, state DOE, everybody giving their comments. I
10 have gotten comments back from the Director of Water Supply,
11 Jeffrey Ing, I have gotten comments back from wastewater,
12 transportation, solid waste, Housing and Human Concerns,
13 John Tomoso for the elderly section.

14 So I just want you guys to all know that we are
15 sending this out to the agencies and we do want their
16 comments. Now, whether they respond to us, I can't force
17 them to, but you will be happy to know that a lot of them
18 are responding, and for the most part, we have gotten
19 positive comments. Some little things here and there which

20 nobody is saying this plan is perfect, and that's why we
21 have you and that's why we have them and the community, to
22 come out with the best thing. So we're taking their
23 comments into consideration and we will be making changes.
24 The assistant chief of police just praised the document,
25 which was nice to hear. Just so you know we are doing that,

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1 and we want to do that because we want the buy-in. We don't
2 want a policy where it's not going to work for them and is
3 useless. So I hope that kind of puts your mind to rest.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. McOMBER: Just a follow-up. Ron McOmer. To
6 follow up on that, Lana'i has several working groups on
7 different facets in this community. Would it be a help to
8 you to have the names of those organizations so that you
9 could also ask them to participate when we get to a
10 community plan? Because we have the Filipino Association,
11 we have the Manele Advisory, we have the Hulapo'e Park
12 Council, we have the water working group. All of those
13 should probably be notified so they can put comment in, at
14 least when we get to the community plan part.

15 MR. SUMMERS: That would be much appreciated.
16 It's very, very important. Provide a draft of the document
17 so they can red line it and make sure they know when the
18 meetings are so they can attend. We'd much appreciate that
19 information.

20 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. One thing I noticed on
21 the 1990 plan, there would be recommendations for things
22 like parks. And here it is 17 years later and nothing has
23 happened. So I think it was kind of a comment that came up
24 at the last meeting, and I think that's where I was more of
25 the buy-in. If the recommendation from the community says

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1 we need this or we want this, but the county agency that's
2 in charge of it doesn't move forward, then it's kind like we
3 feel like we're spinning our wheels. So I think that's too
4 where we're talking about buy-in.

5 MR. SUMMERS: I think if I had to classify one
6 structural breakdown in the system it would be
7 implementation. It's a significant issue. And part of the
8 problem is a lot of the policy makers, you have this big
9 ramp-up to get the plan adopted, you had all this energy
10 focused around preparing the plan. The plan is adopted, and
11 there's this feeling that the work is done. And you don't
12 see the investment in implementation that you really need to
13 see.

14 MR. REILLY: Madam Chair, you're raising my
15 anxiety here. Let me just say this. I appreciate getting
16 the Lana'i Focus Maui Nui. But when I read the County draft
17 plan, to me, it's an aspirational plan. It's like people
18 going to Santa Claus and saying, "These are all the things I
19 want for Christmas." It even says in there it's

20 unrealistic, because the County will not have the resources
21 to give you everything you want for Christmas. Santa Claus
22 doesn't exist, because we are the taxpayer's and we're Santa
23 Claus to ourselves, unfortunately.

24 So when I look at a plan, to me it's not a plan,
25 it's a wish list. Now, how do you convert your wish list to

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1 Santa Claus into a realistic 20 year plan that requires the
2 allocation of tax resources, and construct benchmarks and
3 standards so you know over 20 years you are going to
4 accomplish them. Because the taxpayers have to and the
5 Council obviously has to allocate resources, and their
6 resources are limited. And I noticed in the first portion
7 of the plan, particularly for Maui County, it says well, we
8 will take preservation of certain items over economic
9 growth. Boy, I took a step back when I read that, because
10 to preserve anything requires resources. You have to spend
11 money to preserve. So where is the money going to come
12 from?

13 So I feel, holy smokes, if this is an aspirational
14 plan, there's nothing wrong with having a plan that says --
15 and I thought the Focus Maui Nui process was very good, but
16 okay, now we have a wish list from all of Maui County, so
17 what do we do with it? In creating a Maui County plan do we
18 rewrite the wish list, or do we just flow all the wishes out
19 to every agency and say, well, this is what Maui County

20 wants and this is kind of the priorities on Lana'i and kind
21 of the priorities on Moloka'i and kind of the priorities on
22 the individual communities on Maui. I get nervous. If
23 that's the way it's going to end up, I don't think we will
24 have a plan that we can support 20 years from now, given
25 this example, like well, we want parks and 20 years from now

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1 we still don't have parks. Oh, we wished to have parks, but
2 there was no concrete process to make sure we had parks.

3 The second aspect, I think this plan completely
4 ignores the interaction between the different communities,
5 between the islands. I'll give you one example. Maybe this
6 is not a good example, but I will give you one example.
7 What happens on Maui impacts Lana'i in very different ways,
8 so the economic growth or development or the increased
9 population on Maui has an impact on what residents or even
10 policy makers want to happen on Lana'i.

11 For example, maybe like the boat harbor. You have
12 a very crowded boat harbor which is run by the state, not
13 the county. So now you have all these different layers. As
14 Ron points out, you have all these different agencies who
15 have different agendas, and that has to be strained through
16 our plan. And some agencies can just ignore the plan by
17 law. So you have a crowded harbor on Maui and they decide
18 to come to Lana'i and say, well, we will do this on Lana'i,
19 that will help us on Maui. But it may not be appropriate

20 for Lana'i. There may be people on Lana'i who don't want to
21 take the burden of what's happening on Maui, because they
22 didn't plan for it on Maui, but we're going to let Lana'i
23 take the overload.

24 The point I'm trying to make, and I know I'm long
25 winded here, but there is a relationship between the islands

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1 and the communities, and unless we examine how that
2 relationship works we're going to end up with nine little
3 plans, but we will not have any kind of feeling for if Maui
4 continues to grow what impact will that have on Lana'i and
5 Moloka'i or the different portions of Maui County. Unless
6 we address that, I think we're not going to achieve what's
7 comfortable for us, and we won't leave here secure that we
8 have a plan that's doable. Thank you.

9 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. If I may,
10 fortunately, the policy makers during the revisions of our
11 enabling ordinance, that 2.80(b), Bill 84, now Bill 53,
12 recognized implementation as a serious issue in the last
13 update. So they strengthened the ordinance and they've
14 required a number of new tools to make sure that we're
15 focused on implementation. These tools will be applied more
16 so at the island plan and the community plan level, and
17 those would be one of the first tools that will be required.
18 And you will see the specificity in the community plan is
19 the development of a financial planner program that's tied

20 with benchmarks or milestones. So that's one important

21 upgrade to the system.

22 The second major one is there's a program or a

23 requirement to have progress reports submitted as far as a

24 budget implementation process. So those are two areas that

25 I think will really upgrade the planning structure so that

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1 we can achieve implementation and make sure that we don't
2 end up with a wish list, because none of us want that.

3 MS. WADE: This is Erin Wade. In addition, I'd
4 just like to point out that what this level of plan document
5 allows us to do is define the status today and then explain
6 what we want in the future. Then the next level of plan
7 defines who is going do it, where are they going to do it,
8 how much is it going to cost, how is it going to happen.
9 All those kinds of things will come in at the next plan
10 level, because it's going to materialize in different ways
11 at each community level.

12 On Maui last week they wanted to eliminate AXIS?
13 Dear. We knew that wasn't going to be representative of
14 peoples' feelings on other islands, so we said well, that's
15 not going to be a countywide policy, but they might want to
16 do it at their level. So we went back to invasive species,
17 the larger, broader picture. So that's just an example, but
18 we will get a lot more specific with that who, what, where,
19 when at the next level. This is just where are we today,

20 where do we want to be in the future, then we can move on to
21 the next planning levels.

22 MR. SUMMERS: And the process, again, has been
23 strengthened with these requirements. Every agency has to
24 submit an annual report to the Planning Department on how
25 they're implementing the community plan or island plan. So

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1 there are process issues within our government that have
2 really been strengthened by the new ordinance.

3 Regarding this interaction between the different
4 islands, I think that's a critical item that we need to make
5 sure we have adequately addressed in this document. So if
6 we haven't done that, we will need to strengthen that
7 portion of the document.

8 MR. REILLY: Madam Chair, just one question. You
9 mentioned that these different agencies and departments are
10 making comments. Are we getting or are we seeing those
11 comments? To me, I mean I'm kind of hearing what Ron is
12 saying. To me, if an agency is commenting on the plan, I
13 want to see what that agency is saying, because it will have
14 an impact on what we do here. Thank you.

15 MR. SUMMERS: Shall we move on to the workshop?

16 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: We will move on to the
17 workshop. Kay?

18 MS. OKAMOTO: Madam Chair, one question. We have
19 got so many different sets of the drafts. Can you tell us

20 which one we're working off of?

21 MR. SUMMERS: Excellent question. If we turn to

22 this large matrix, these would be the principle handouts.

23 And the matrix will be very helpful for us as we try to

24 document the comments coming out of all three GPAC's. So if

25 we can use the large matrix as the primary document for this

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1 conversation. And the 8 and a half by 11 handouts that are
2 affixed to that will be background pieces. And I would add
3 the double sided piece that was transmitted from committee
4 member Okamoto to that. So the 8 and a half by 11's that
5 are clipped to the large matrix will just be background
6 helpful information. The matrix itself has the actual
7 policy language in Section 4. So I think all we really need
8 to have before us is this large matrix. And I would note
9 that the language itself, we've tried to enhance the
10 sentence structure of some of the policies. We felt that
11 that was an area that we could improve upon so we would
12 avoid wordsmithing as we work through it. We have tried to
13 shorten some of the policy statements so we can be more
14 focused on the policy.

15 The first section that we'd like to try to work
16 through today would be the housing, protect the natural
17 environment, and I am going to turn it over to Erin. We've
18 got some critical questions, and I think if we can be
19 concise and work through these questions and try to be

20 cognizant of the watch, give ourselves four to five

21 statements of policy, I think we'll be very efficient.

22 One of the major areas that we really want to

23 focus on is policy gaps. If there is an area that you think

24 we've missed, it's very important we try to catch that. We

25 don't have to get into the exact wording of the policy, but

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1 if there's something there that you feel we didn't catch,
2 please let us know and we can work on policy recommendations
3 for future meetings.

4 MS. WADE: Thank you. This is Erin Wade. We have
5 provided you a few tools for reviewing the draft document
6 today. We gave you the Reviewing Round 1 Priorities sheet.
7 You remember we did the brainstorming at the last GPAC
8 meeting. This includes both yours and Maui's. As John
9 said, we never made it to Moloka'i. But this is yours, and
10 what we'd like to do is, as we go through it, ensure that
11 you've utilized your priorities and your thoughts within the
12 document and that we've addressed your concerns as we go
13 through. So that's that list.

14 I also provided on the orange sheet, just remember
15 what an objective, a goal and a policy is as we're going
16 through it, and just some brief definitions to assist you to
17 ensure that we've met the criteria and it's structured right
18 in order to make it effective. And then really the most
19 important thing I guess to use as we go through is the tiny

20 little green sheet which gives you some questions to ask,
21 asking, "Is the statement warranted," is there a good reason
22 for us to have this statement in here. "Has anything been
23 left out that should be added?" "Is there anything in the
24 statement that is unnecessary and that should be deleted?"
25 "Should the statement be broadened or narrowed in scope?"

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1 And we've already caught a couple of things that we thought
2 fit that number four that probably need some adjustment.
3 And then finally, as we get to the end of the goals section,
4 just looking over the entire area and saying have we missed
5 anything in general, is there an area that we just totally
6 have not addressed.

7 So essentially the way we did it on Maui, it
8 sounds a little overwhelming, but as we get into it you will
9 start to get the hang of it, you'll get in the groove. Just
10 go through them one by one and address if you think it needs
11 to be changed in any way, address the questions and the
12 orange sheet to determine if you think it's met all of those
13 things, and we will keep heading down the page.

14 Okay, everybody ready to get started? If you
15 like, I can just assist on the way through, Mae, if you
16 prefer. If you would prefer to run it or if you want me to
17 assist.

18 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Your assistance would be great.

19 MS. WADE: Sure, no problem. Does everyone have

20 the large spread sheet? All right, for the first one is
21 goal B, Protect the Natural Environment. "Maui County will
22 have significant areas of permanently preserved natural
23 resources, and adopt policies to ensure their protection."
24 Any comments? Is this statement warranted, do you feel?
25 MR. REILLY: Well, again, Pat Reilly. Maybe it's

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1 my school teacher thing, protect the natural environment,
2 now, to me, that's the Santa Claus statement. What's
3 natural, what's the environment? I'm part of the
4 environment; protect me. So when somebody says that to me,
5 they have something in their head already that they know is
6 the natural environment that they want to protect, but
7 that's undefined here. So to me, that means anybody can do
8 anything within the context of that general statement.
9 Unless it's really specified, how are we going to measure
10 whether we accomplished protecting the natural environment.
11 That's the struggle with words.

12 MS. WADE: Let's go back and look at what your
13 goal is. On your orange sheet the goal is define your
14 desired end. It's almost like a vision. It's like a mini
15 vision for each category. It's supposed to be stated in
16 positive terms, be bold, but realistic. And the reason for
17 this is to avoid what we had last time, which was no
18 implementation. You don't want a very bland goal because
19 who is going to want to work towards it, who is going to

20 want to try to implement it? You want something that makes
21 it desirable to work to achieve. And then finally, reflect
22 a consensus. So for all the countywide this has to be
23 something that would be widely supported, which is why it
24 does sound like sort of a Santa Claus statement.

25 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. I laughed when Pat

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1 said that because it's almost exactly the words I emailed to
2 you, and I hadn't talked to Pat. I really think, in the
3 environmental one especially, there needs to be a dictionary
4 of what the terms are. What to me farther down might be a
5 locally valued natural resource maybe isn't to somebody
6 else. And significant areas, is two percent significant, is
7 40 percent significant? You know, it's just way too vague.
8 I felt this whole natural environment was more so than
9 others. And you can tell it's written by a naturalist,
10 which is fine, but the rest of us may not be. So there
11 really needs to be a dictionary of terms.

12 MS. WADE: Dictionary of terms, okay. Anything
13 else on the goal?

14 MR. SUMMERS: I would just say that looking at the
15 Community Plan for Lana'i, which I think is a very fine
16 document, you have really outlined in your maps large areas
17 of the island to be protected. So I think Lana'i has done a
18 pretty good job in terms of identifying some of these areas
19 for preservation for future generations.

20 MS. WADE: Okay, any more comments on that goal?

21 As you get into it if you want to go back that's fine, but

22 maybe we should move on to the objective, "Expand the

23 preservation of environmentally sensitive, locally valued

24 natural resources and Hawaiian ecosystems." Is this

25 statement warranted? I heard a yes. Has anything been left

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1 out or should be added or deleted?

2 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I apologize to the other
3 committee members, I see the goal is to protect and the
4 objective is to expand. Protect means you maintain, but
5 that may not be the intent of that word. Now, when we
6 expand the preservation of environmentally sensitive,
7 locally valued natural resources and Hawaiian ecosystems,
8 again, that's an aspiration. I'm not sure all landowners
9 buy into that. And given the nature of economic development
10 and the pressure to build houses, that's going to be a real
11 challenge.

12 So if we are talking about expansion, again, I
13 would say for me, and maybe we have to go right back to
14 Lana'i, because in my head I can't do Maui County in my
15 brain, if we are going to expand it on Lana'i, how would
16 that look for us? And I just have a hard time visualizing
17 Maui expanding it. But thank you.

18 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. I have to apologize
19 too. Pat and I seem to -- the school teachers, you know.

20 But if you look at your definition of objectives, then I
21 don't think you have got it, because it's not any more
22 concrete really than the first one. To me, it's just a
23 rewording of the original one. I don't see that it's
24 measurable, I don't see that it's got a time frame, it
25 doesn't say who is going to do it. And your written

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1 definition of objectives, I don't think it's specific
2 enough.

3 MS. WADE: At the countywide level it's not going
4 to have -- I mean our time frame is just inherently defined
5 as 2030. In terms of measurability, that's the whole reason
6 we ended up with expand. We know what we have today, we can
7 measure whether or not it's been expanded.

8 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. That was also one of
9 my comments, do we really know what we have today throughout
10 all three islands?

11 MR. SUMMERS: We don't obviously know exactly what
12 we've got, but we do -- through various plans and studies
13 we've identified areas where we've got invasive species,
14 where the species are, we've mapped critical habitat areas.
15 We've got our maps so we can just look at the Lana'i
16 Community Plan map and we have areas identified through the
17 conservation district or the other community plan
18 designations that are under sort of a protective category.

19 So I think one way to look at this objective, and

20 for those of you who have worked with the Lana'i Community
21 Plan, one way to look at this is the language that many of
22 you are familiar in the community plans on your maps. And
23 the question is, if this is your baseline condition, do you
24 want to expand off of that baseline? In other words, are
25 there areas even within the existing maps that you feel need

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1 to be protected, or is it the opposite of that. And are
2 there certain regulations that haven't been adopted that
3 need to be adopted to ensure the preservation of certain
4 assets? And I can say there are some areas where the
5 regulations or the policies are weak and need be upgraded.
6 So this type of policy or this type of objective would allow
7 us to improve some of those ordinances.

8 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. A lot of these
9 protect-the-environment things fall under the auspices of
10 the state, and what we really need to see in some of this,
11 if you really want to get into detail, is where are the
12 regulations on some of the watershed areas that is being
13 implemented by state and county and private owners on their
14 cooperation for watershed protection and this type of thing.
15 So you could get into a heck of a detail. I mean a lot of
16 this stuff is here but it's not really regulated by the
17 County. Most of it, most of the environment stuff is either
18 state or federal, and that puts a different light on the
19 whole thing.

20 MR. SUMMERS: That's correct. And what we know is
21 that there are state policies that should really be upgraded
22 to improve the watersheds, improve the use of our aquifers.
23 There are some areas in the county code that need to be
24 enhanced. So in the choice of the term "expand" it was a
25 recognition that we do have some areas on the environmental

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1 side that we could do a better job, so that's an improvement
2 over existing conditions. In terms of whether it's a state
3 provided service, what we want to make sure of is that the
4 county can advocate for the citizens here and have policy in
5 our plans to back that up. So it's very important to have
6 that policy, so that when we meet with the state agencies we
7 can encourage them to make adjustments that would be
8 consistent with the peoples' vision.

9 MR. McOMBER: Because right now -- Ron McOmber
10 again. Right now you have two aquifers that are being
11 protected by the Water Commission, one on Moloka'i and the
12 Iao Aquifer on Maui. And even Lana'i, as we talk we're
13 going to be pushing for that direction to get designation
14 here for Lana'i, because it's that important that it should
15 not be in the hands of either a private entity, or even the
16 county for that matter. So this is a very important issue.
17 So as they go through the Maui County one I'm sure that
18 needs to be brought up. Maybe the staff needs to bring that
19 up, that some of that aquifer is controlled by the State

20 Water Commission. And there's one on Moloka'i too.

21 MS. WADE: Great, we got that, thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: We have a member of the public

23 that would like to make a comment. We have a limit of three

24 minutes for public comment.

25 MS. VASQUEZ: Good morning. My name is Toni

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1 Vasquez (phonetic). I just came back from Honolulu. We had
2 three pavalos (phonetic) in Honolulu as of October, November
3 and December in Honolulu with the ecosystem. This is to do
4 with the West-Pac, and these three meetings was to talk
5 about culture and history. Like you're saying about in
6 general our islands has been depleted, all the fish. In a
7 few years from now we won't be having no fish any more. So
8 we had gone to the legislators as well as the senators to do
9 an SM to support the bill, and on Wednesday we had talked
10 about it to the senators and it was passed. Friday we had
11 talked to the legislators and it was passed.

12 Now the thing is that we have to go back to the
13 drawing board and talk about the ecosystem to do with our
14 fish in the islands. Because why? It's going to go, and we
15 ain't going get no fish on our table to be fed to our
16 families. And of course now it has to go through the
17 financial department to say yes, we have the funding to
18 support this bill. And it is very, very important because
19 we got the kupunas from all the islands, as well as Guam,

20 Micronesia, they were brought in to talk about this issue of
21 what is going on. And it can be in all islands, not only
22 certain counties, it's going to be for all the islands. And
23 it's very, very important that we say our mana'o, our ideas,
24 our issues was coming out.
25 And now I have to go back again to the drawing

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1 board to do another session. But next month, just to let
2 you folks know, we will be having a meeting coming up. It
3 might be on March 9th at the school cafeteria if we get the
4 okay to use the facility, and everybody is invited to come
5 and listen to Bob and Lemina DeMonte (phonetic). They are
6 the ones who are going to be presenting this issue about the
7 ecosystem. And thank you very much again.

8 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Thank you. Does anyone else
9 from the public wish to make a comment or have any
10 questions? Erin, I think we can move on.

11 MS. WADE: Okay, great. Perhaps it would be
12 easier to get into the policies. For me, sometimes it's
13 easiest to do the policies and then work my way to the top.
14 So let's start with the first policy, "Protect and restore
15 near shore reef environments and water quality through
16 strengthened coastal zone management, re-naturalization of
17 shorelines, and mitigation of urban and agricultural
18 runoff." Any comments?

19 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmber. A lot of this

20 protection of the shore reef, again, the state has a big
21 impact on this because a lot of them are harbors and
22 recreational areas that the state regulates, rather than the
23 counties. So we need to get into their minds and maybe talk
24 to them about eliminating the amount of recreational
25 permits, stuff like fuel tanks on shorelines for commercial

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1 boats. We're having that discussion right now at Manele.

2 MS. WADE: Great point.

3 MR. McOMBER: And the other thing is that
4 remember, the state really doesn't have to come to the
5 county for permits if they don't want to, it's their
6 control. I think we're missing the boat here. I think the
7 county, we need to strengthen that the county does have to
8 be a party to that, and take that completely out of the
9 state hands. The state does it, but they should have to
10 come to the community and get this aired out.

11 So it's like the hospital up here. The hospital
12 actually is state property. If they wanted to do something,
13 they could do it without actually consulting with the
14 county, and I think that's a big hole that we need to cover.

15 MS. WADE: Great. Recreational permits, we will
16 try to include that one. Any other comments?

17 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. You know, at this point
18 I'm going to ask the members here, particularly local guys
19 thinking about your kids in the future, as to what your

20 vision is at least for Lana'i. You know how what happens on
21 Maui impacts Lana'i. How do you guys feel about how strong
22 we have to be? I mean I'm in favor of this, but maybe you
23 have some specifics that I don't have. Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN ULEP: Any comments from the members?

25 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I really agree with what

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1 Ron said, especially about the shorelines and things like
2 that. Right now, I guess it's through a federal grant,
3 there's a group, NOA is actually doing shoreline clean-up on
4 Lana'i, and I don't think anybody else knows about it. Some
5 paperwork happened to come across my desk, so that's how I
6 heard about it. When we talk about anything about the water
7 and shorelines it's all the state. There's things that they
8 permit, boat activities, boating, jet skis, you know, those
9 sorts of things, and there's no involvement through the
10 county or the community.

11 There's also, looking at Lana'i particularly,
12 they're doing the ferry improvement down at the harbor.
13 Will that entice more commercial boats to come over to
14 Lana'i, bring more people on island, affect our beaches,
15 things like that? So I think there's a lot of things that
16 we need to think about as we go through this process, and
17 maybe how can we work with the state, or the county work
18 with the state to regulate things like this.

19 MS. WADE: Very good. That kind of blends in with

20 our next policy actually, "Work in partnership with other
21 agencies" and that certainly includes the state, "and
22 organizations to develop programs which preserve
23 bio-diversity, protect native species, and facilitate the
24 control of damaging invasive species."

25 MR. SUMMERS: At the Maui GPAC meeting they

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1 actually wanted to strengthen this by saying "improve
2 coordination with other agencies and organizations to
3 develop programs." So it was this idea of more coordination
4 between the county and the state and the federal government.
5 If the members support that language, that came out of the
6 Maui GPAC.

7 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. I think we need
8 more transparency from some of these organizations, because
9 there's a lot of organizations doing all kinds of work right
10 now, like all the partnerships of all the different ranches
11 and the big landowners, and Lana'i has one also with the
12 Hale and protecting it. We need more transparency written
13 into this stuff so everybody understands what they're doing.
14 A lot of people don't even understand. Like this NOA thing,
15 a lot of people didn't understand it. Some signs were put
16 up on the bulletin boards, but we need more people to
17 understand that the federal government and state government
18 are working in this direction, and the county needs to be
19 involved in that.

20 MS. WADE: More transparency.

21 MR. REILLY: I just happened to pick this up, the
22 Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan, the state plan for
23 ocean resources. They were here and presented this plan.
24 This is what they plan to do. If we don't know about this,
25 we could be -- I mean this baby is a go and it's in the

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1 legislature. So we're sitting here planning this, and it
2 better be integrated into the county plan, because they may
3 have a completely different point of view. So my point
4 being we can struggle, we seem to be struggling with
5 language and words, and to me, the verbs are very soft,
6 cooperate, work with. But I hear from Lana'i people a
7 little stronger verb, which is, we want control of our
8 waters and we want to be able to say what those waters are.

9 I feel very strongly about Lana'i. When I first
10 came here you could look at the waters and you think, holy
11 smokes, man, what a beautiful place, and I hope they don't
12 mess it up. But you get the cruise ship lines, you get all
13 of these commercial activities. People want to make money
14 and they want to use these waters as an economic resource,
15 and I don't know how you protect that. The commercial,
16 those people that are investors and have the ability to
17 create businesses, whether they're small or large, will
18 impact that, and I don't know what an island or a county can
19 do to protect its waters.

20 MS. WADE: You're all talking about boating, a lot
21 of boating, recreational boating being a problem. Are there
22 specific things that are problems about boating that we
23 haven't addressed in any of these policies that you have
24 seen, dumping, or are there things that you want us to
25 include here that aren't here? Because perhaps if we

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1 formulated something about that we could then move through
2 these a little easier.

3 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. Would a statement
4 from this group, even though it doesn't directly affect us,
5 in support of the county's approach to the Super Ferry
6 because of the possibility -- there's a resource, which is
7 those whales. And look what happened to the Expedition the
8 other day, they were accused of hitting one, whether they
9 did or they didn't. And they travel at a very light speed
10 compared to what the Super Ferry is going to do when they
11 enter our waters. Is this a proper place to make a
12 statement that we make sure that we support that protection,
13 because that is one of our resources?

14 MS. WADE: Yes, this would be a good place to do
15 that.

16 MR. McOMBER: So be it.

17 MR. SUMMERS: So we will craft a policy.

18 MS. WADE: Support protection of marine mammals,
19 limit offshore dumping. Are there other things to include

20 in that? You already said limit recreational permits. This
21 could be crafted into one policy.

22 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. When you come to the
23 whales and the Expedition, for instance, I'm sure that the
24 whales are becoming more and more prevalent every year, and
25 I personally would not want to see something stated so

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1 strongly that all of a sudden, oh, the Expedition trip is
2 going to take us two hours every day because they have got
3 to watch out for every fish that comes along. It has to
4 have a balance. I think, yes, certainly I agree with the
5 Super Ferry, that's going to be a different class. And even
6 people who are out on their fishing boats, they're going
7 out. Is everything going to have to stop for the whales?
8 And I agree they should be protected, but we have got to
9 balance it.

10 And then the other comment was about the number of
11 boats, somehow the number of boats that come in and use our
12 waters. They're not really ours, but we like to think they
13 are. The number of boats that are coming in, whether
14 they're dumping or not it's just that additional. I don't
15 know if there's any way to -- I mean it's two separate
16 issues.

17 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmer here. The reason that
18 this is really important for Lana`i people is because we're
19 already seeing outside boats from the county coming to

20 Lana'i to dump their people on our beach at Hulapo'e, and
21 they're doing it without any restriction from the county. I
22 think the county needs to step in and take a very positive
23 approach to this. We have rules in place at Hulapo'e at the
24 beach area, no trespassing laws, but we need the county to
25 support our local individual park council and people like

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1 that. We can't seem to get the state to want to react to
2 this. We need to have the county have a strong, very, very
3 strong approach to that.

4 And again, like Kay said, we have got to be very
5 careful what we do. We do not want to lose the Expedition.
6 We're putting \$14 million down at Manele. They're already
7 restricting themselves by slowing down a lot, because there
8 seems to be an awful lot more whales this year than last
9 year. And I know that crew, the crew would not hit one
10 intentionally or even by accident. They may even have to
11 stop all night runs because, boy, can you imagine if you
12 can't even see them in the daytime, what the hell they're
13 going through at night? So it's just an ongoing policy.

14 We also want to protect the services that are
15 coming to Lana'i. If we had airlines in here that would
16 service us we'd want to protect them too, but they aren't.
17 But most of us use that ferry going to Maui. It's a
18 tremendous link for us, so we need to protect that with
19 whatever language we can.

20 MR. SUMMERS: If I may, Madam Chair. I'm hearing
21 hints of this home rule discussion, and on the back of this
22 matrix we have a Stride For Good Government section. I
23 don't want to lose that discussion on sort of more home rule
24 decision making. So if everybody can make a note of that on
25 that matrix under Strive For Good Government then we can

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1 discuss that as sort of an over-arching issue at that time.

2 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. Playing the devil's
3 advocate, we object to so many people coming over and using
4 the beaches and so forth. And as many of us who do go and
5 use Lahaina harbor, what if the people of Maui were
6 objecting to all of us coming and using Lahaina harbor? We
7 have to, as Pat said, we're all interconnected, especially
8 Maui County. You see a lot of people coming over camping,
9 Maui County people, and so we have to think of how much
10 we're using resources on that side too, and I think just the
11 balance again.

12 MS. WADE: Great point. Okay, number 31,
13 "Preserve and reestablish habitat connectivity through green
14 ways, watercourses, and habitat corridors." Let me just
15 point out that this objective really deals with specific
16 species, sensitive resource protection. The next objective
17 really deals with open space view corridors, that kind of
18 thing. Any comments on 31?

19 Okay, 32, "Evaluate development to assess its

20 impact on the county's marine resources."

21 MR. McOMBER: We just discussed that.

22 MS. WADE: This is really about development too,
23 evaluate development. 33, "Support programs and regulations
24 which will foster the restoration and protection of the
25 county's upland forest environments." We're starting to get

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1 into stuff where we do have some authority here. The county
2 has got some authority to require things within the
3 development process that will lead to the implementation of
4 these things.

5 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler. Question. We're
6 having this going on right now, they're fencing the Hale off
7 to protect the major watershed area, but it's not the county
8 per se, it's state and federal. Once again, the big monies
9 are coming from the state and federal, plus Castle & Cooke.
10 I mean it's a partnership just like the partnership on Maui
11 on some of those big ranch areas. Do you perceive that the
12 county will start to get involved with those things as part
13 of that partnership?

14 MR. SUMMERS: It's certainly possible, but this
15 would enable the community to advocate to the state if they
16 feel that there needs to be more work in this area. So it
17 provides us with sort of policy ammunition to encourage our
18 law makers and our agencies to invest in this type of area.

19 MR. McOMBER: You might ask the question of the

20 other GPAC members in Maui if they feel that they're getting
21 enough coverage from federal and state monies, because I'm
22 not sure the Mayor or anybody else who want to start another
23 department, just financial-wise to have these people do
24 this. I mean they wouldn't want to pick up the tab for DLNR
25 or forestry or anything of that, because that's expensive.

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1 MS. WADE: As we get in let me give you an example
2 of that upland forest tree protection. What we could do is
3 an implementation strategy might be to develop a tree
4 protection ordinance, so any time a development comes in,
5 any tree with a trunk caliber of over 6 inches needs to be
6 surveyed, and that determines whether it should be
7 protected. That's an example of something that other
8 communities have used. So maybe that's our role as a county
9 and then maybe the state has additional roles to protect
10 their conservation areas, their upland forests, to remove
11 invasive species, that kind of a thing.

12 But all of these things that the county does, it's
13 a lot like what Pat said, it's all interconnected. At some
14 point the development that goes on in the county, which is
15 really the county's kuleana, affects the reef and runoff,
16 that kind of a thing, it affects near shore, and we need to
17 deal with that. What these will do is enable us to play our
18 part and to form policies that actually do become
19 implemented, and it also allows us a lobbying tool when we

20 go to the state to either request more money or to request

21 new policies.

22 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler again. I think when the

23 county comes in is the permit process when you go to do a

24 development for non-point source.

25 MS. WADE: Exactly.

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1 MR. McOMBER: This is where the county plays the
2 big role, to make sure that the excavation and all of this
3 doesn't end up in the streams. That's a big role. The
4 other is they're the one who issues the permits for grubbing
5 and all the other stuff.

6 MS. WADE: We're all accountable here.

7 MR. REILLY: Madam Chair, Pat Reilly. I guess I
8 want to say this. Just looking through this, many of the
9 things that you have here are included in this state ocean,
10 so I guess my statement is, I don't know if we all agree
11 with everything that's in here, but to please align your
12 objectives and policies with the state, because that would
13 be how you would enhance the relationship between the county
14 and the state.

15 Secondly, I'd like to make a comment about
16 desalinization. That's going to happen in Maui County, it's
17 not just going to happen, and it could happen on all
18 islands. There are impacts of creating desalinization
19 plans, the impacts on the ocean and impacts on land and near

20 shore areas.

21 And lastly, there has to be some way of monitoring

22 this which, to me, is resource. How are you going to

23 evaluate the ocean resources, the reef resources, all the

24 different resources, fish, Hawaiian cultural resources, to

25 determine if they are in fact being protected. And, you

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1 know, who is going to pay for it, right? Us.

2 MS. WADE: Okay, thank you. Most of those
3 evaluations will happen at the state level. We might be
4 able to influence them in a positive way with some of our
5 policies, but evaluation of what's the status of the reef
6 environment will be done at the state level and sometimes at
7 NOA.

8 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. But the key word
9 is, like you said on here, support. Support their policies
10 and make sure that we're all in unison in the same thing.
11 We're not trying to fight them or go in another direction.

12 MS. WADE: Exactly. Often they'll come to us and
13 say, "It would be really helpful to us if you guys would
14 adopt this policy." It allows us to go back and say, "Hey,
15 we don't mind, that's a priority for us. We will do what we
16 can to incorporate it."

17 All right, 34 is, "Support programs and
18 regulations which reduce air, land and water pollution."
19 Just chime in as we go through, okay. So 35, "Support

20 programs which forward the use of stormwater treatment
21 technologies which incorporate the use of native vegetation
22 and mimic natural systems."

23 MR. REILLY: That doesn't make sense to me.

24 MS. WADE: It seems awkwardly worded, doesn't it?

25 MR. SUMMERS: We'll take a crack at that. We will

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1 massage the language. We don't have to do that here.

2 MS. WADE: What it's getting at, improve storm
3 water -- require new storm water treatment technologies that
4 use native vegetation and mimic natural systems. I think
5 that's what we're trying to get at, instead of just putting
6 all the stormwater into a garden and sending it straight out
7 to the ocean. Enabling some natural processes to do some
8 filtration.

9 I'm going to assume that when there's no comments
10 you guys are generally in support of the policy. If you're
11 not, make sure that you're saying something. 36, "Partner
12 with state agencies to establish baseline stream flow levels
13 for perennial streams, and promote policies that ensure
14 adequate stream flow to support aquatic species."

15 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly here. It just occurs to
16 me something should be said about floods, extreme storm
17 events, and how that does impact. Depending what's between
18 the uphill and the ocean, how those extreme storm events
19 impact resources. Thank you.

20 MS. WADE: That's a great one, thank you. That is
21 one that's missing. Okay, 37, "Protect remaining
22 undeveloped beaches, dunes and coastal ecosystems and
23 restore natural shoreline processes where possible." Any
24 comments on that one? Ready to go to the next objective?

25 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. Just a question. What

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1 is "restore natural shoreline processes"? I'm still on
2 we've got to have some definitions. This whole thing is
3 just, to me, I'm going what is a natural shoreline process?

4 MR. SUMMERS: The definitions, we can do that.

5 MS. WADE: Or just explain it better in the
6 policy. We will figure out which makes more sense, because
7 I don't know that I could explain that one.

8 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. First of all, you
9 have got to know what it looked like before. If there's no
10 historic data on what that looked like before and some clown
11 starts cutting it up or whatever. That's your main thing.
12 What are you going to restore it to?

13 MS. WADE: That's a great point. Baseline needed.
14 And some of these comments that you give us, this is a great
15 one that's actually an implementation strategy. What we're
16 going to do is we're going to make a running list of things
17 that will end up to be implementation strategies. We will
18 determine whether or not that actually goes in your Section
19 5, which is implementation, or whether we use it for just a

20 tool in-house to start getting things done at the department

21 levels.

22 So as those things come up we're definitely taking

23 note. Are you ready to move to the second objective? 38,

24 "Preserve the opportunity to experience the natural beauty

25 of the islands through the protection of view corridors,

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1 open spaces, vistas, and natural landmarks." Vistas? Okay.

2 What does it mean? What was that, Cyndi?

3 MS. ARRUIZA: Corridors?

4 MS. WADE: Sometimes planners slip into jargon, so

5 if we've done that, seriously, point it out. That's good

6 stuff. Okay 39, "Utilize land conservation tools to ensure

7 the permanence of valued open spaces."

8 MS. ARRUIZA: What are conservation tools?

9 MS. WADE: Conservation tools. You know, it did

10 say transfer of development rights, and we took that out

11 because we thought that's too specific, and there are other

12 tools that can be used to conserve land, so we made it more

13 general.

14 MR. SUMMERS: So it would include easements, using

15 easements as a form. That's a common tool. Transfer of

16 development rights, purchasing the development rights of

17 property. There are a number of land use tools that kind of

18 fall under this umbrella.

19 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. Again, is there a

20 document that lists what you would consider the valued open

21 spaces?

22 MR. SUMMERS: We have done a study on all three

23 islands on mapping view corridors, scenic vistas and the

24 like, but this land conservation tool term may be one of

25 those that we could develop a definition for.

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1 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I'd like to throw in
2 land trust somewhere as a way to preserve land.

3 MS. WADE: Great. Let's look at number 40, "Work
4 cooperatively with institutions and land trust organizations
5 to identify, preserve and provide ongoing care for important
6 scenic and environmental resources." Did we get that one
7 right, Pat?

8 MR. REILLY: I'm not correcting it, I'm thinking.

9 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler. Again, valued open
10 spaces, it's in the eyes of the beholder. It could be a
11 whole myriad of things that you consider is good open space.
12 Some people could care less about the beach and some could
13 care less about the mountains. So it's in the eyes of the
14 beholder. So it's a general statement and that's about all
15 you can do with it. You could get a myriad of requests that
16 you want for protection.

17 MS. WADE: That's a really good point.

18 MR. REILLY: I know it depends where this
19 classification falls, but the state is evaluating important

20 agricultural lands under I think the Land Use Commission or
21 something related to that. So I don't know if that's under,
22 you know, we look at the sugarcane land and pineapple as
23 kind of that vista, that greenness, that natural look that's
24 being eroded by development or some other thing. So somehow
25 I think we need to include, since we don't do it, the state

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1 does it, work with the state to designate important
2 agricultural lands.

3 MS. WADE: Very good. I think that one is in the
4 land use goal. We will make sure it is. But as a visual
5 resource, I think we can incorporate that in our valued open
6 spaces, because we know on Maui too, the same thing.

7 41 is, "Utilize design guidelines to protect the
8 beauty, character, landscapes and view corridors that make
9 Maui County special."

10 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmer here. This is going to
11 bite some people and it's going to make some people really
12 unhappy, but I can remember when I first moved to Lana'i it
13 was the most beautiful, manicured island in all of the
14 islands because of the pineapple. Now look at it. When you
15 fly in here you see the big, brown, ugly, dead spaces. And
16 if the sugarcane and the pineapple leave Maui island it's
17 going to look just like Lana'i pretty soon if they don't put
18 houses on it. So some of the most beautiful things that I
19 see on this island and throughout the state is the green

20 corridors, whether it was produced by man, sugarcane,

21 pineapple, whatever it is. I think it's important.

22 Lana'i right now is not a very pretty island. It

23 is by its heart, but it's not by sight. The ones that have

24 spent some time here know how beautiful this place was,

25 manicured. From the air it was gorgeous. Now it's lost a

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1 lot of that beauty. I don't know how we address that. I
2 don't know how to address that. It's something that we've
3 lost and we are going to have to live with it. But building
4 homes on it or something like that isn't going to get it.

5 With a limited amount of water, the same thing
6 with Maui, a limited amount of places for people to live. I
7 don't know how we are going to do this. We're losing
8 everything everybody loves about Maui, and keep Hana Hana,
9 keep Lana'i Lana'i, keep Moloka'i Moloka'i. Some of those
10 things are just that we who have been here for 30 or more
11 years know how beautiful this place used to be. It breaks
12 my heart to see what's going on with it. I don't know how
13 to answer that, other than just hoping that they do right by
14 us.

15 MS. WADE: I think you are going to have an
16 opportunity to be more specific about what some of these
17 things mean to you guys at the community level.

18 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I have one comment on
19 this one. It says, "utilize design guidelines to protect."

20 The concern I have is they are design guidelines set in
21 place, and who enforces them? Again, I've seen several on
22 Lana'i fail at the county level. So I just want to point
23 that out, that we do have some design guidelines in place on
24 Maui island also that seem to be failing at the county
25 level, permitting processes and things like that.

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1 MS. WADE: Great, that's good to know. It's
2 difficult when you know there's a beautiful view. No matter
3 what happens, people have private property rights, they're
4 going to build. When something goes up it degrades the
5 value of that view regardless. Sometimes design guidelines
6 can only go so far. So I think it's a good thing to
7 include, because we can ensure that we have the ability to
8 protect some views when there is development. But they do
9 have their shortcomings, so I definitely acknowledge that.

10 42, "Develop and implement financial programs to
11 acquire lands with scenic and environmental resources."

12 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I think this goes to a
13 point that I wrestle with. I understand if we came to
14 Lana'i a hundred years ago there may have been 40,000 sheep
15 here, cattle, the trees, the Norfolk pines would not have
16 been planted. And when you look at the old pictures this
17 was a bleak, red, dirty island. And for the Hawaiian people
18 who first came to these islands, at some points it was a
19 very hard life, although this island has sustained quite a

20 population.

21 So now you move to 2006, 2007. As you move
22 through the plantation area, the view was based on
23 industrial agriculture. It was based on an economy that
24 sustained that condition, that greenness, the same with the
25 sugar plantations. We all know that at least in the early

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1 20th centuries that was not a very pretty place to work. My
2 point being when you come to financial resources it takes a
3 lot of financial resources to sustain a natural environment.
4 If you look at our national parks, our state parks, even
5 large tracts of land, like Parker Ranch. I assume that's a
6 private owner. This island has a private owner.

7 My question I wrestle with is it requires an
8 economy, unless we expect the state and the county to pay
9 for all of this, which is really coming out of our pockets.
10 What kind of an economy is going to exist on Lana'i that's
11 going to pay to sustain these resources, or are we just
12 going to say, well, we're the last here and nobody else can
13 come after us and this is it. And that's not where the
14 pressure is coming from, we're running upstream on this
15 stuff. Thank you.

16 MS. WADE: One of the things I know Maui is hoping
17 for is ethanol production and the use of biomass for energy,
18 using their sugarcane resources. Like you're saying, there
19 are economic benefits sometimes to preserving the green

20 space, the open space. And if we've got this in here, it

21 certainly gives us some incentives to seek those out.

22 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmer here. Let's go back to

23 41 just a little bit. I want to touch on what's happening

24 on Lana'i right now. A whole lot of pine trees are being

25 taken down. There ought to be a county ordinance that if

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1 you take a tree down you have got to plant something in its
2 place, because it won't be long when there's going to be no
3 trees in this town.

4 And the ones who have been here for 30 or more
5 years know how gorgeous this town is, and the trees are part
6 of that. They don't have to be pine trees, they can be koa
7 trees, they can be anything, but we need to plant vegetation
8 back on this island. And they're taking trees out of here
9 two or three a day, it seems like. Every time I turn around
10 there's two or three trees going down. That's because
11 they're old and they're unsafe, but still I think the policy
12 has to be that this environment has to be kept like it is.
13 In ten years we are not going to have any foliage in this
14 town.

15 MS. WADE: That's a great addition, thank you.

16 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I think Ron is
17 absolutely right, there should be some type of rule put in
18 place. But we also need to be careful how we word it and
19 what we do, because I'm not sure if we do want to plant

20 these same pine trees here, because they do have a life span
21 of only 80 to 100 years. And most of the trees I see them
22 cutting down now are diseased and rotted inside and
23 dangerous. So we might want to think about that when we
24 word that kind of policy or something like that.

25 MS. WADE: Perhaps a preferred tree program where

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1 they have a list of maybe 45 trees that they prefer you
2 replace them with. That's an easy thing for us to do.

3 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. The pine trees, really
4 there are a lot of people, the old timers who will say,
5 "Don't you dare plant that near my house." And "Cut it down
6 now because it's going to get in the roots." So again, the
7 pine trees are certainly not native to here or I guess to
8 Hawaii at all. And I think that the kind of trees, the
9 kiawe, you can take every one of those out, I'd be happy.
10 But there are people who still think those are beautiful.

11 So I think trees, yes, or vegetation, we need to
12 keep that going. And certainly, as Pat said, if you look at
13 the old, old pictures, oh, Lana'i was just brown, like a
14 desert. And so here was something that was introduced that
15 was beneficial. And I think that when we word all this to
16 preserve, preserve, preserve, sometimes introducing new
17 things are more beneficial than preserving some of the parts
18 that may not have been good, like the Christmas berry.

19 MS. ARRUIZA: Cyndi Arruiza. I agree with what

20 Kay is saying. When we moved into our area they planted
21 Jacaranda trees, and when we found out what a Jacaranda tree
22 was, half of us dug it out, snuck at night and dug it out,
23 because it was right next to our border, right near the
24 utilities. And like I agree with everybody, we really
25 should look at what kind of trees we grow.

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1 MS. KANIHO: Lisa Kaniho. I'd also agree with
2 them. I live in the new subdivision. We were told if you
3 take a tree out, you plant one back. But who is really
4 going to enforce it? If you go back down our roads, in
5 front of every house there was a tree. You go back and pass
6 on my road, maybe you have six trees on my side, and I'm
7 number 10 house from one side, so there's 14 on our block.
8 But not everybody has a tree in front of their house any
9 more because they want to park on the side or something.
10 But to enforce it.

11 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I just wanted to make
12 one statement to throw everything off a little bit. But
13 what we might think about also is Lana'i is known for those
14 pine trees.

15 MS. WADE: Should we do a recap of the goal? We
16 made some changes to the existing text. We've also added
17 four: One on boating and recreational permits, one on
18 flooding and extreme storm conditions, one on I guess this
19 is just a modification to allow us to restore beautiful

20 corridors in addition to protecting and preserving, and then

21 have an urban tree protection provision in here as well.

22 Were there any that I missed or are there any that

23 you still want to add for this one? If you guys just want

24 to ponder it too and you come up with something as you're

25 going about your day and you want to send it to us, that's

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1 absolutely fine. We are going to be revising this over the
2 next two weeks, and even after that you're going to have
3 another chance. But to get it into this revision over the
4 next two, weeks if you want to give us comments that's okay
5 too.

6 Okay, all set to move on to the next goal?

7 "Strengthen social services and public facilities." Number
8 48, "The physical, mental and spiritual health needs of all
9 segments of Maui County's population will be recognized and
10 met" is our goal. That's our vision for physical. Why
11 don't we get into the policies, if you want to jump back
12 into the goal, because that seemed to work pretty well last
13 time.

14 C1, number 49, which is the objective, "Provide
15 all Maui County residents and visitors access to quality
16 health services, and improve the overall wellness of the
17 people of Maui County." So that's measurable in the sense
18 that we can identify existing wellness and identify whether
19 we've improved upon it. Some of that stuff is in the

20 document about substance abuse, obesity, those types of
21 things.

22 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmer here. In some of this
23 development that's going on here by Mr. Murdock, he was
24 going to have a Wellness Center on Lana'i. Well, they
25 opened a Wellness Center somewhere in California that was

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1 supposed to be comparable and it fell on its face, so he
2 immediately stopped that. In that Wellness Center was to be
3 all kinds of grandiose things, mammography for women, all
4 kinds of CAT scan stuff, and it was basically targeted for
5 the wealthy people coming to the hotel would have this
6 service. It was still skeptical whether the local health
7 cards would even apply for it, you could even get into it.

8 We have a deficit on Lana'i, I mean this is more
9 like the triage on Lana'i than it is a place for wellness.
10 And we can go on that all day long. I mean the rural areas
11 are not very well taken care of. I know on Lana'i it is for
12 sure, because we rely on the health system in Maui and Oahu,
13 where the big money is, so we're kind of a second-hand
14 sister on all this.

15 I don't know what we can do, other than to put
16 language in that we need it, we need it, we need it, and
17 then see how that fares. At least we need to put it in
18 there saying that we're working at a deficit on health care
19 issues on Lana'i.

20 MS. WADE: Something like improve availability of
21 health services to Lana'i. And I think Moloka'i shares your
22 concern.

23 MR. McOMBER: But in that is funds. Like my wife
24 is starting working on doing a women's health center, and
25 you need funds. You're reaching out asking for the goodness

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1 of the county and the state and the federal government to
2 support this. And part of them have been, but the county
3 doesn't have really that ability to do that, it's more the
4 legislature.

5 MR. SUMMERS: If I may add to that, this issue of
6 how one of our islands is addressing the situation, where
7 the spill-over affects are, this may help us with the
8 drafting and strengthening of that section. Does the Maui
9 Memorial Medical situation affect Lana'i residents, or are
10 Lana'i residents primary going to Oahu when services on
11 Lana'i can't be provided?

12 MS. ARRUIZA: I think Maui County, if I'm not
13 mistaken, has a chance to have a second hospital. And yes,
14 because of the plane fare situation. Like for me, treatment
15 in Maui was really important because our plane fare is like
16 you can reach the mainland, you know, with the cost for
17 plane fare and stuff. For us with the ferry system, it's
18 really helpful big time. So the only thing I can encourage
19 is for the second hospital on Maui. That would be a big

20 help for us too, because we've got to go off island anyway

21 when we do treatments or are being hospitalized.

22 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. Just to elaborate with

23 what both Ron and Cyndi said, growing up here I can remember

24 going to the hospital. It was a nursery with babies in it.

25 They don't do that any more here. All the kids are born on

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1 either Maui or Oahu. If it's a complete absolute emergency
2 that the baby has to be born on Lana'i, they'll do it. But
3 other than that, so those types of services definitely. And
4 I think a second hospital on Maui will not just benefit
5 Lana'i, it will benefit Moloka'i also.

6 MS. WADE: So you've lost some health care
7 services over the years?

8 MR. ALLAS: Definitely. Our state hospital has
9 turned into an elderly care unit.

10 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler again. I worked there
11 for eight years at the hospital as a maintenance supervisor,
12 and I can remember that, to answer John's questions about
13 how the relation is, I can remember them putting diapers and
14 putting medical supplies on a plane and sending it to
15 Lana'i, because they couldn't afford to buy it out of their
16 own hospital budget.

17 And now we have Straub, and Straub, we beat them
18 to death over here. We have got two doctors, and we just
19 beat them until they can't work anymore. I've seen young

20 doctors, old doctors, women, men, little kids, mostly
21 doctors that look like little kids. But the thing is they
22 burn out really fast. I mean because they're on call at the
23 ER. And it's just not a good situation. And I don't know
24 how to remedy that, there's just no money here. I mean
25 there's no time. Besides that, you burn them out. We just

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1 lost one doctor not too long ago, and we've lost some great
2 doctors in the past. So it's not fun, and I don't know how
3 we solve that other than to say "help."

4 MS. WADE: That's great. Number 50 kind of gets
5 into that. Go ahead.

6 MS. MIRAFUENTES: Edith Mirafuentes here. I do
7 agree with Ron. The emergency doctor, the reason why he
8 didn't want to be here was because of the housing issue.
9 And, you know, they don't want to put up a lot of money just
10 to stay in the hotel. So again, health care is very much
11 another issue for Lana'i.

12 MS. WADE: It's all interconnected again. I think
13 number 50 kind of gets to it, but we heard some things that
14 aren't included right now in the policies. Something about
15 improving access to health care on Lana'i and maybe some of
16 the more rural areas. And I think it's important that you
17 have lost some of your health care services, to either try
18 to find a way to restore those or improve upon it. There
19 are not enough doctors.

20 I think separately another issue that came up
21 that's not really in here is something about long-term care
22 options and how you don't want to be using hospital beds for
23 those kinds of things. So we will try to create some
24 policies around that.

25 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler again. The one thing or

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1 two things that really have been a boom with this
2 development have been EMS, permanent EMS people here, and
3 the fire department. They basically are front line people.
4 Like heart attacks, it isn't the hospital, folks. If it
5 wasn't for EMS and it wasn't for the fire department and
6 their First Responder program, we'd be in dire straights on
7 this island. That is a plus, and I want the county to keep
8 on supporting both of those to the fullest, along with the
9 Police Department of course, but we will get into that
10 later. But as far as hospital stuff, if we didn't have EMS
11 here we'd be hurting.

12 MS. WADE: Great. Thank you.

13 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. You know, I'm going to
14 suggest that the word "medical" is not used in any of these
15 goals. I suggest that you need a sub-category of this that
16 strictly relates to medical. Here is where I'm going with
17 this. You've heard the issues for Lana'i, and what is the
18 level of care that a rural community can expect? Are you
19 going to have the top grade brain surgery on Lana'i?

20 Probably not. Okay, so if the state, and it's usually the
21 state, or the private medical facilities decide, well, we
22 are not going to operate on Lana'i, we can't afford it, it
23 doesn't make any money. We can't have babies on Lana'i
24 because we can't afford the medical insurance, so a doctor
25 won't come and deliver babies. Emergency medical care,

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1 emergency air ambulance. The tremendous cost of having to
2 transport your children. When it's a total family you have
3 got to transport you, your parent, your children. And
4 perhaps if you don't have relatives you have got to live in
5 a hotel for a long period of time. You have got to rent a
6 car. And maybe there's an air ambulance cost, which I don't
7 know where that is now, \$3,000, \$4,000 for one trip.

8 Secondly, even though this is not a county
9 function, when you look at the air ambulance issue, the
10 evacuation issue and as it's been portrayed over the last
11 couple of years, it seems like the county does have a
12 responsibility. And you're hearing it from the people that
13 this is a big deal, and the county better get involved in
14 it, even though a lot of it is the State Department of
15 Health issues.

16 Thirdly, there's an insurance issue that nobody
17 seems to address. If you don't have health insurance,
18 medical insurance, you're really hurting, particularly on
19 Lana'i and rural areas of Maui County. I mean I can't even

20 imagine if you have to drive from Hana. So I see a whole
21 range of issues that are specifically related to the
22 tremendous economic pressures on families, and the limited
23 investment in medical care in small, isolated rural
24 communities.
25 I went to a meeting maybe within six months at the

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1 hospital when they were making a presentation. My
2 understanding is now that Queen's, if they fly you out of
3 here you're going to Oahu. Queen's is now established as an
4 acute trauma center. That's where you're going to go.

5 They're hoping to create Maui Memorial Hospital,
6 and perhaps this other hospital if it ever comes, as the
7 secondary place to evacuate us to. But if you look down the
8 road in the next 20 years what's going to happen on Maui?
9 Hopefully you are going to have more medical services on
10 Maui, which means maybe we can take the boat instead of
11 having to fly to Honolulu. But statewide there is a basic
12 organization that's happening to triage us out to different
13 places that we may not even be aware of.

14 So if the county is going to be involved in it, I
15 would make a sub-category about all those issues,
16 particularly to insurance. Can the county assist people
17 getting health insurance or being fully covered because of
18 the tremendous cost from being a baby all the way to us old
19 guys, it's all going up. Thank you.

20 MR. SUMMERS: If I may, Madam Chair. For Medicaid
21 patients are there enough beds on Lana'i for long-term care?
22 This is a big issue on Maui where Medicaid patients are
23 being evacuated to the West Coast.

24 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. This community,
25 again, takes care of their elderly. If this was like some

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1 other community we'd need 20 times the amount of beds, or
2 more. A lot of patients never go to the hospital, they're
3 taken care of by home care. Only the ones that the families
4 can't handle it or there is no family left, that these
5 people go to the hospital for long-term care. So we're
6 fortunate in that way.

7 A lot of these families won't allow their parents
8 or their elderly to go to the hospital. It doesn't have the
9 best credentials in the world, first of all. And then a lot
10 of people, it's just not in them to do that. It's my mom
11 and dad or it's my uncle or it's my grandpa, and I'm going
12 to take care of him at home, and it's an amazing thing that
13 goes on. This is a different community than what you see in
14 lots of places. It's still rural development, thank God.

15 MS. WADE: That's a great point. That comes up a
16 little bit in our background chapter of Maui County about
17 how many elderly live with their families. It's double what
18 the national average is. I think Pat made some points that
19 we should address in that chapter about the inner

20 relationship, and the cost and the burden to families when
21 you have to fly around. We recently experienced that same
22 thing. It's a real economic drain. So we will put maybe
23 some more in the Maui County Today about that inner
24 relationship. I think that's a great point.

25 And then what I think I heard you say was to

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1 create an objective that is specifically about medical and
2 about health care. And then maybe we will include 50 and 51
3 in that, because those are both medical related. And then
4 we'll add the two that I talked about, the long-term care in
5 the rural area, and maybe create another objective to
6 support 52, 53 and 54, which are more about social wellness,
7 domestic violence, special needs populations, the welfare of
8 Native Hawaiians. Those things can be a special wellness
9 objective. Does that sound good?

10 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I was going to deal with
11 the social services too, because some of those overlap, but
12 when you look at the kinds of social services from prenatal
13 care to elderly and everything that can happen in between.
14 For example, the school, the Department of Education runs a
15 set of social services for school age children, but that's
16 not all that's necessary, because that's targeted primarily
17 for learning issues and maybe some physical issues and
18 medical issues. But this community needs a full range of
19 social services, and you do see that. Again, these tend to

20 be non-profit. They're going before the county requesting
21 grants to operate or they're trying to get grants from
22 private foundations or the state.

23 Ron gives a good example of the women's clinic.

24 The Hawaiian Medical Group has a grant, the Coalition For
25 Drug Free Lana'i. But in order to support a full

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1 population, and then if you project out, okay, are we going
2 to have mostly second homeowners who are elderly on Lana'i,
3 and then a bunch of kids, because we don't have any middle
4 class any more, because they all have to go somewhere else
5 for a job. Then how does that impact planning for services,
6 both medical and social services? Big deal.

7 MS. WADE: Something about retaining youth and the
8 younger population.

9 MR. REILLY: From a counseling point of view, you
10 have got to look at the full life span. You have to plan
11 for social services for the full life span. Okay, guys, I
12 don't want to say this, but if somebody had -- the reason is
13 that everybody is going to know who I mean, and it's a
14 severe medical condition. But if you have a child that has
15 a severe medical condition that needs consistent treatment,
16 not just going and getting treated and coming back and
17 you're done, they will need it for the rest of their life.
18 That family needs a lot of support.

19 It's not just the child, the family needs respite

20 care, they need some time off. You need the full range of
21 social services if you are really going to meet a standard,
22 what I call standard, and probably we can't afford that.
23 But we all strive here to try to meet that standard by hook
24 or by crook, by grants or some other way, or just counting
25 on the legislators of the county to try to get more services

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1 here.

2 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. To touch a little
3 bit more on what Pat just said, it seems we'll go into that
4 pretty soon, like the budget hearings, and those monies,
5 these organizations that do this type of work on Lana'i are
6 always out there with their hands out, whether it be the
7 Drug Free Coalition, whether it be Women Helping Women. Why
8 is that something that we have to go through that process
9 every year to address that? If you don't give a good
10 presentation or if you come in late, or if they decide
11 there's not enough money, boom, you're gone. You get a
12 little small handout. And the ones that do get money every
13 year, they need accountability that they're using that money
14 the way they're supposed to be using it.

15 There's a lot of organizations that are getting
16 money through the budget, but also going through the county
17 people and asking for grants on top of that. And you can't
18 double dip like that. So it's got to be somewhere we've got
19 to talk about how do we get the county to step forward and

20 do that at the beginning and make those people accountable
21 for that money.

22 MS. WADE: Great, that's a good addition. So
23 basically we've gotten through 50, 51. 52, 53 and 54 are
24 going to be under a new objective. We just added something
25 about social service organizations and planning for social

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1 services through the full life span. We got a comment on
2 Maui, and this was just from a couple of people on the side,
3 that maybe social services and public facilities should be
4 split. Do you guys feel that way? Because I'm starting to
5 see we're adding a bunch, and maybe the facilities we could
6 also add a bunch to. Should we try it? We can work on
7 trying something. Are there any objections to that?

8 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. When you talk about
9 public facilities, also that's a full range from a hospital
10 to a recreation center to court. That's one of the things
11 that I feel like we need here, is really there's no descent
12 place to hold court on Lana'i that respects the process of
13 law and reasonably protects peoples' dignity. To me, there
14 should be some collaboration between the state system, the
15 court system, and the county court system, and maybe create
16 a facility. I would love to see a collaborative facility
17 where maybe if you had driver's license and state things and
18 permit areas and courtrooms and the whole thing in one
19 facility. And to me, that would save the state money and

20 save the county money, and it would be a descent place for
21 Lana'i. That's what struck me right away, is a public
22 facility need. Thank you.

23 MS. WADE: Okay, 55 is what you're saying. 55 is,
24 "Provide clean and well maintained recreational facilities,
25 and expand access to public lands to meet the present and

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1 future needs of residents of all ages and physical ability."

2 It doesn't really get to the civic services that you are

3 talking about, so we do need to add that. Should we keep

4 going down?

5 56, "Identify and develop lands for parks, civic

6 spaces and public uses."

7 "Maintain and enhance both active and passive

8 recreation facilities and ways that preserve the natural

9 beauty of their locations." Active and passive recreation,

10 is that jargon to you guys or is it pretty well understood?

11 58, "Encourage Kamaaina programs within the

12 visitor industry to allow Hawaii residents to enjoy visitor

13 facilities and activities." That's one of the things that

14 actually when you ask many of the visitor facilities they'll

15 accommodate things, and I think perhaps that's just not as

16 well known as it could be. Maybe there's programs that we

17 can develop that would enhance that awareness.

18 59, "Encourage recreation, celebratory and leisure

19 activities that bring people together and build community

20 pride." The other facilities in addition is the civic
21 services facilities. Are there other facility needs that we
22 should address?

23 MS. OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto. Public restrooms.

24 MS. MIRAFUENTES: We don't have one in the park.

25 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I am assuming when you

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1 say "public facility" you're talking about something that's
2 built by the county.

3 MS. WADE: It could be. I mean the state
4 collaborative building you talked about sounded like a great
5 idea. If you're in need or in lack of a certain facility or
6 service. I think this is police and fire, library,
7 community center, pools.

8 MR. REILLY: I was waiting for the next issue, but
9 a disaster plan. Talk about a public facility, shelters and
10 what they call interim living areas. So in the case of
11 disaster on Lana'i, you need -- and I've sat through
12 meetings and we all know that the state uses the schools. I
13 have an opinion about that. But the state has decided that
14 the schools will be the disaster centers, and that those
15 buildings will be used in the case of an emergency.

16 Now my understanding from the principal is that
17 the Pedro Delacruz (phonetic) gym is on line to be hardened.
18 Now hardened means they're going to put some things up on
19 the louvers and strengthen that facility so that a limited

20 number of people during the emergency can actually go in
21 there. Now, after the emergency more people can go in there
22 or they can live in the classrooms. That's not a good plan.
23 Now, we had an initial plan where everybody was either going
24 to go to the gym or to the Lodge at Koele.
25 MS. OKAMOTO: I'm going to the Lodge.

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1 MR. REILLY: But unless the county and the people
2 of each community take an active role in planning what to do
3 in the case of a severe hurricane or a severe flood or a
4 severe whatever, we are going to be left out. And they tell
5 us, "Hey, Lana'i, figure two weeks easy before you see
6 anything. You're on your own." That doesn't cut it with
7 me. It doesn't meet the standard. Thank you.

8 MR. SUMMERS: How about under the following
9 objective, number 60, we could have a policy to support
10 programs which improve disaster planning in the county. We
11 can work on the language.

12 MR. REILLY: Ensure.

13 MR. SUMMERS: Ensure.

14 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I just want to elaborate
15 more on what Pat is trying to say. And I've been involved
16 in a lot of the disaster planning meetings along with the
17 school principal and so forth, and he's right, we're not
18 going to have any support if something happens like that, a
19 disaster with catastrophic affects. We will be out of reach

20 from anybody probably for the next two to three weeks
21 because they will be tending to their own, so we are going
22 to be on our own.
23 The only thing and the only way we would probably
24 survive is the way this community comes together at times
25 like that. So it has already been brought up with Civil

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1 Defense and all that, but I just wanted to elaborate a
2 little more.

3 MS. WADE: Thank you.

4 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. Again, a lot of
5 this is federal monies, a lot of this is State Civil Defense
6 stuff, and we really as a county don't really participate in
7 this process very much. We have the sirens, but those are
8 sirens also submitted by the state. They're the ones that
9 built them and put them up.

10 MS. WADE: Yes, that's the county Civil Defense
11 Agency, but we do participate in the sense that we work on
12 plans, and often we go with those plans and ask for the
13 money from the feds. But the county certainly plays a
14 strong role in that, so I think it's important that we put
15 it in here.

16 MR. McOMBER: For example, if the hurricane that
17 hit Kauai the last time would have hit central Oahu, there
18 would have been all kinds of bad stuff that went on. Look
19 at how Kauai bounced back. The same thing with Lana'i and

20 Moloka'i. This town is amazing. We would take care of our
21 own and we would probably survive it. But we've got some
22 FEMA trailers sitting over here. We have no idea what's in
23 them. Our Civil Defense director doesn't come to the
24 meetings when we have Civil Defense meetings. You know,
25 it's just scary, it's a big hole. It's spooky. But we do

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1 have to have some way to make sure the county does get
2 involved in that.

3 MS. WADE: Do you want to get through the end of
4 this? We're right at the end about safety and security,
5 "Provide services, facilities and activities which foster a
6 safer and more secure environment for residents and
7 visitors." I think we put the disaster planning and
8 facilities under that.

9 61, "Provide a wide range of social programs to
10 help eliminate conditions that lead to crime and social
11 disorder."

12 62, "Encourage a spirit of cooperation between the
13 police and the public."

14 63, "Expand public education about natural
15 hazards, personal safety and crime prevention." Any
16 additions?

17 MR. SUMMERS: Madam Chair, if I may. There was a
18 term used, "working together," and it's kind of warm and
19 fuzzy, but this concept of a community coming together and

20 working together, which seems to be very strong here on
21 Lana'i, maybe not as strong on Maui, but maybe this is -- I
22 guess what I'm asking is, would a policy to that effect,
23 encouraging community cohesiveness, be something that we
24 should consider?

25 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler. How do you do that? I

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1 mean if the community doesn't have the heart, and the
2 smaller the community the more apt you are going to have
3 that. But I can tell you right now by listening to letters
4 to the editor and what's going on with vacation rentals. I
5 heard a guy the other day saying, "Get the haoles out of
6 here, we don't want them in our midst any more." They're
7 not fostering love and attention right there, I can tell
8 you.

9 And how do you do that, how do you legislate that
10 if it doesn't come from here (indicating), it doesn't come
11 from the heart. You're in a unique situation in Lana'i,
12 folks. You know, Kihei doesn't like Upcountry, Upcountry
13 doesn't like Kihei. I don't know how you do that, folks.
14 And I don't know how you can do that in a community plan,
15 because people are going to say, "You've got to be kidding."
16 Makawao guys are going to say, "Hey, I'm not going to Kihei,
17 I hate that place."

18 MR. SUMMERS: It is challenging, but it is a
19 situation that I see. I've seen it magnify, particularly on

20 Maui, this divisiveness between communities and among
21 individual groups. We will ponder that. Maybe we will
22 craft a policy.

23 MR. McOMBER: Good luck.

24 MS. OKAMOTO: Just one question. Are you
25 separating the facilities from the services or not?

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1 MS. WADE: I think we'd like to try to take a
2 crack at that, and maybe supplement both a little bit with
3 some additional comments. One of the ones we didn't address
4 that you guys listed was prisons and true correctional
5 facilities. Maybe that's something that we put under the
6 facilities or even under the services, one of the two. But
7 there's a few things under this list that we haven't
8 addressed all that well, that I think we could do a little
9 better. We can give you another round.

10 MS. OKAMOTO: Did we mention prisons? I sure
11 don't remember that coming up, and I see that you have that
12 on the list. I didn't think that was us.

13 MS. WADE: Pat had a long list of things, and
14 remember he just was firing them off. Prisons was one of
15 the things that he said. But we also heard from Maui, they
16 want true correctional facilities, not just incarceration.
17 Civic engagement was one. So some of these, maybe what you
18 can allow us to do is make sure that these get incorporated
19 as well. Should we take a break?

20 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: We will take a short break, 10
21 minutes.

22 (Whereupon a brief recess was had).

23 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: We can reconvene at this time.
24 Before we go on, I'd like to hear from the members as far as
25 perhaps continuing this for the next meeting. Does anyone

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1 have comments about that?

2 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler. The only thing I'm
3 concerned about is we don't want to get too far behind. Is
4 there going to be a chance of us getting too far behind if
5 we don't complete this? What was your task for today, was
6 it to complete this whole thing?

7 MS. WADE: We wanted to try to get through four.
8 We knew that that was an aggressive schedule. We do want to
9 agenda at least that many, so if we were flying through we
10 would be able to talk about it. We don't want you to get
11 too far behind. You're ahead of Maui. You're kind of
12 setting the pace right now. So I mean we have to be out of
13 here by 1:00.

14 MR. McOMBER: You do? Then that makes a lot of
15 difference, if they have got to be out of here. I just
16 don't want to get too far behind. We can't talk about a
17 heck of a lot more between now and 1:00. If we're doing all
18 right, if you don't think we're dragging our feet.

19 MS. WADE: I don't think you're dragging your

20 feet. I wouldn't mind delving into housing, but that's the

21 Board's decision.

22 MR. McOMBER: Do it.

23 MS. WADE: We've gone through two.

24 MR. REILLY: Let's do 30 minutes and see where we

25 are.

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1 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: Another 30, let's try for that.

2 MS. WADE: Thank you for your cooperation. Let's
3 kick it off on page three with "Expand housing opportunities
4 for local residents," number 194. "Quality,
5 island-appropriate housing will be available to all Maui
6 County residents regardless of their household income, size
7 and age."

8 MR. REILLY: You've got to be kidding me.

9 MR. SUMMERS: Strive for it.

10 MS. WADE: It's bold, right? And then our
11 objective under that is, "Eliminate the housing deficit for
12 residents of all income ranges." The first policy, 196,
13 "Provide emergency, transitional, and long-term housing for
14 the homeless population." Any comment? Is this warranted?

15 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I think we don't face on
16 Lana'i the problems with homelessness as much as the rest of
17 the islands, I don't think. We do have some out there, or
18 at least we think we do. But there is no emergency housing
19 on Lana'i, period. We're short. There is no affordable

20 rentals on Lana'i, so to speak, other than what the majority
21 landowner provides, which is mostly employment-based
22 housing. Of course, right next door to us is a low income
23 housing project that's coming up, but that's only 48 units,
24 and of course you have to qualify by income, and that's at
25 60 percent. I think I'd like to hear what everybody else

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1 has to say, information to put on the table, so that we can
2 put some good policies that can be put in place.

3 MS. WADE: So am I hearing you say it is
4 warranted? Even though it's not a prominent population, it
5 would be warranted to address homeless emergency housing?

6 MR. ALLAS: Yes. Second to that is emergency
7 housing is not necessarily just for homeless people, we are
8 talking domestic violence, things like that. There is none,
9 and there is a need for it.

10 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler. Well, that's a matter
11 to address. The bad thing about Lana'i is if you did have
12 shelters for domestic violence, the domestic partner would
13 know exactly where it's at and how to get to them, and it's
14 a scary situation. We have women helping women all the
15 time, pulling wives and girlfriends out of domestic violent
16 situations, but we hide them in houses that nobody knows
17 about that are there. We've done that with my vacation
18 rentals if they're available. We've put several ladies into
19 those units for overnight until they can go out the next

20 day, or before they can get a TRO. And a TRO doesn't solve
21 the problem, all that does is, pardon the expression, piss
22 the guy off even more. So that's not the problem.

23 I'd like to address also this other thing. I
24 don't really want to see on Lana'i homeless housing, because
25 if you label that we're going to get people coming from Maui

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1 over here to sit in homeless housing. And because it's one
2 landowner, they pretty well have taken care of people living
3 on beaches and surrounding areas on the island. Castle &
4 Cooke has been very good about that. They have in the past,
5 anyway. We don't know what the new policy is, if they're
6 afraid to enter into that. But Lana'i people pretty well
7 take care of that.

8 We see vagrants, they're picked up, the police
9 question them, take pictures of them. So it's a lot
10 different here again. Here we are on Lana'i and it's a
11 different situation than what you have got on Maui. There's
12 a guy that walks up and down Olowalu, a haole guy with a
13 beard. I saw him for months and months and months in the
14 same place. Anyway, just to show you, you know, what I'm
15 talking about. You who live in Lahaina know that, don't
16 you? But I really would not encourage on the Lana'i side to
17 have homeless housing per se, because if you label it that
18 way we're going to have problems on our lands because people
19 come here and use it. Thank you. That's just my opinion.

20 MS. WADE: I think we're going to get the same
21 kind of comment on Maui, people don't want concentrations of
22 any particular kind of housing at all, especially those that
23 may cause other social problems.

24 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I may have a little
25 different perspective on this. The way I look at housing in

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1 general is, again, like through the life span everybody
2 needs let's use the word shelter, a place to be. And again,
3 this probably overlaps social services too, because if you
4 talk about a homeless shelter you're really talking about a
5 social service agency. I'm familiar with veterans, for
6 example, many of whom because of post-traumatic stress
7 disorder or other disabilities end up being on the streets.
8 And depending on how a community relates to that, at least
9 in my opinion, everybody needs the dignity of having a place
10 to go. Many of them do not want to go to those places, as
11 we know. In large urban areas people refuse to go to
12 shelters for a whole variety of reasons.

13 So whether you formalize that as a public facility
14 or it's a non-profit agency that runs it, we all need care
15 through our life, and sometimes you run into issues where
16 you are not going to have a house or a shelter. Things
17 happen, bad things happen, and we're fortunate that not too
18 many of those bad things happen here.

19 The second aspect, I look at the economy in trying

20 to project it out 20 years, and this is where I think we
21 really maybe need to have a discussion. I'll just put it
22 this way, who will be the landowner 20 years from now? Who
23 will be the landowners 20 years from now? What kind of an
24 economy will we have? I'm sure Kay will say it's a supply
25 and demand issue. We've sat through several meetings with

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1 the County Housing Office where they've tried to give us
2 some data on the predicted needs of rentals and purchases,
3 and whether somebody can afford to purchase a house, whether
4 you can engage in a mortgage for 30 years and even have the
5 hope of having a job for 30 years and paying the mortgage.

6 On Lana'i it's real tough. I know many of us have
7 sat in meetings trying to encourage people to purchase
8 houses, but that's a risk that maybe not everybody is
9 willing to take. That maybe rental is better for them.

10 We kind of laughed when we looked at the goal and
11 maybe that's a socialist state where you are going to
12 provide everybody for everything for everybody, and the
13 state is going to do that. But as a matter of fact, I think
14 evidence has pretty well shown that that doesn't work real
15 well. I think you need a combination of public and private
16 sector initiatives to try to build houses that people can
17 afford.

18 To me, the price of housing, we were just talking
19 outside about people coming to Lana'i and trying to rent a

20 home, and how the limited number of houses available has
21 really driven the price of housing through the roof. And I
22 know many families that are living together simply because,
23 being a high school counselor, many of our kids have no hope
24 of ever buying a house in Hawaii period. That's pretty
25 startling when you think of it. When you say, well, the

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1 American dream from the forties. The pre-World War II guys,
2 it was the American dream. When they came back from the war
3 at least you could go live in Leventown or somewhere and buy
4 the little box on the hillside, and at least you had a
5 start, a piece of the rock so to speak.

6 So to me, the whole issue of housing is really
7 kind of the core nub of the economic and plan for the Maui
8 County Council. If we can't figure that one out, you are
9 going to need 10 million social services, you are going to
10 need a whole lot more prisons, and other kinds of
11 facilities. If we can't figure out the economy and housing,
12 we are going to just add to the problems I think in this
13 county. Thank you.

14 MS. WADE: Great contribution. Thank you, Pat.
15 Why don't we start heading through some of these policies.
16 Some of these are going to be a little more controversial,
17 so I expect more comments on them. 197 is expand
18 opportunities for the development of ohana cottages and
19 increase awareness about smaller dwelling units as an option

20 for affordable housing. Comments?

21 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler here. It's fine in most

22 places if you have got an 8,000 square foot lot or bigger.

23 But the way they seem to be aiming things now they're going

24 for 6,000 square foot lots. It's really hard to put an

25 ohana house on a 6,000 square foot lot. You might be

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1 creating more of a density than you really want when you do
2 that. I think if you do that you are going to have to pick
3 the size of the lot and spell it out, what size lot that you
4 will support, 8,000 and bigger. Because most of the lots
5 here on Lana'i in the old town section are 3,000 square foot
6 lots. How do you put an ohana on that? You can't.

7 What I would suggest that you might do in a policy
8 on a small lot like that is encourage people to build
9 two-stories. I have 1,414 square feet on a 3,000 square
10 foot lot because it's two-story. So you can do the
11 footprint. So you might build it up instead of out where
12 you can't go out because you don't have the room. Then you
13 can look down on Cyndi's house.

14 MS. WADE: Any other comments on ohanas? 198 is
15 work with lending institutions to redefine lending criteria
16 to expand housing options for Maui County residents. Part
17 of the reason this is in there is because one of the
18 formulas for lending institutions is a square footage
19 calculation. You will see people who are building houses

20 and suddenly their plans to go from a 1,200 square foot
21 cottage to a 4,000 square foot house because the bank told
22 them it's better for them, even though they can't really
23 afford the mortgage or maintain it. That's kind of what
24 happens. So that's the reason for that policy. Are there
25 any comments on it?

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1 Okay, 199, work with major industries to develop
2 workforce housing in proximity to job centers. You hear
3 that happening behind us right now.

4 200, create incentives for transient-oriented
5 neighborhoods. That's going to apply a little bit more to
6 Maui probably than anywhere else. It can be helpful
7 anywhere.

8 201, streamline the review process for affordable
9 housing developments for both single and multi-family
10 projects. That's already kind of in the works now.

11 202, expand access to -- I guess that should just
12 be information about state and federal programs that provide
13 financial assistance to renters and home buyers. There are
14 a lot of programs out there that people aren't accessing to
15 the extent that they could. Here is one of the statistics
16 that we found out.

17 203, make sure that low and moderate income
18 housing is available in all areas of the county and is not
19 developed in high concentrations in any single location.

20 Ron?

21 MR. McOMBER: Ron McOmbler again. I don't see

22 anywhere in here that you are mentioning the water meter

23 problem, and for a lot of these subdivisions and these

24 affordable housing projects you need to make sure that

25 there's dedicated water for those. So the county has to be

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1 in tune to make sure that they have the water meters
2 available before they issue permits for these things, and
3 then people can't get into them because they don't have any
4 water. That needs to be mentioned I think throughout the
5 whole process to bring the county back into place with the
6 water department.

7 MS. WADE: I think it's an infrastructure, but
8 what if we add to 201 the streamline review process,
9 something about including the water meter, issuing water
10 meters.

11 MR. McOMBER: I understand that it's an
12 infrastructure problem, but if you don't mention it as you
13 go through the thing you need to keep hitting on it so that
14 people are used to hearing it.

15 MR. SUMMERS: This is a significant problem not
16 only with water but with road capacity, school capacity, a
17 number of public facilities and infrastructure systems. So
18 I think we might want to actually broaden the policy out a
19 bit. Have a separate policy that talks to the

20 prioritization of infrastructure for affordable housing

21 before other development types.

22 MS. WADE: Great comment, thank you.

23 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I'd like to, just as an

24 example, the Department of Education next year will assume

25 responsibility for teacher housing. Now, as you may be

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1 aware, Hana I believe has teacher housing that has
2 traditionally been operated by the state, which they used to
3 call the HHA, and now it's the Community Housing Development
4 Corporation. So next year the Department of Education after
5 all these years will assume property management for the
6 teacher cottages here on Lana'i. We have a row of teacher
7 cottages near the school and in addition I believe there are
8 three cottages, and then the state and county operate some
9 cottages related to employment.

10 The point I'm trying to make also is that with the
11 school, and I'm sure with the county and state agencies, and
12 perhaps with the hospital as far as the nursing quarters, we
13 have very limited housing availability for people that do
14 social services on Lana'i. You see where the cross is
15 coming. In other words, if you want a full range of social
16 services you have to have people on Lana'i. And
17 consistently we've always said it's better that they live
18 here than fly in and fly out or come on the boat and leave.
19 They're always looking at their watch saying, "Yeah, it's

20 nice I'm meeting with you. And I'm catching that plane at
21 2:00, so I'll see you next week." It doesn't work for
22 social services.

23 So in Lana'i and I'm sure in other rural and
24 remote areas you need to expand your concept of workforce
25 housing and how that impacts social services, impacts the

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1 schools and the hospitals, clinics, all the rest of it,
2 police, fire, all of that. Thank you.

3 MR. SUMMERS: If I may, Madam Chair, have the
4 teacher cottages been a successful program? Because we
5 don't have a policy to that effect, but it may be applicable
6 for doctors or police officers to have that facility.

7 MR. REILLY: My understanding is this school in
8 1939, I was born that year, so the school the first class
9 was 1939. I wasn't here. But the reason they built them,
10 Lana'i, Moloka'i, Kohala, Hana, Laupahoehoe, Ka'u, and even
11 some places on Oahu I believe had teacher housing early in
12 the public school tradition, because this was a plantation
13 and the company owned everything, so there was no housing.
14 I mean my own personal experience is I lived in teacher
15 housing for 14 years because there were no houses in the
16 community. So essentially if you want to work for a school
17 you were in teacher housing or you left.

18 So yes, what's happening with the expansion of
19 school staff and hospital staff, and I think you heard about

20 the doctors, as you get more services, you get more people.

21 More people requires more housing, and there aren't any.

22 And so guess what, you don't get the services.

23 MS. WADE: Great, we will add that policy. Are

24 there any more additions under the Eliminate the Housing

25 Deficit objective?

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1 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas. I just wanted to
2 elaborate on what Pat said, and maybe shed some light on
3 things that I know of. And that is yes, to get the improved
4 education system here, to improve the medical system here,
5 we need housing. There is a shortage of housing. And
6 you're right, you want the person or the professional people
7 to stay on island to help support. It's fortunate that the
8 major landowner, Castle & Cooke, does subsidize teacher
9 housing, doctor housing, nurse's housing, things like that.
10 But it's still not enough, we still don't have enough on the
11 island for any kind of professional services. I just wanted
12 to elaborate more on that.

13 MS. WADE: Is there a housing deficit for seniors
14 on the island now?

15 MS. KANIHO: I'm Lisa Kaniho, and I'm manager at
16 Hale Kapuna. On my wait list right now I have maybe 25 to
17 30 people. But when somebody moves out sometimes my wait
18 list will go down to zero because they've found other
19 housing, but there's a lot of times when there's former

20 Lana'i residents who want to come home, and I have to tell
21 them I'm sorry, you know.

22 I don't have any vacancies if somebody dies or
23 some kind of emergency where they have to move off island.

24 With our government here, what they say is if you're gone
25 for three months I can kick you out. There's no ifs, ands

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1 and but because it's subsidized. I try to work with the
2 families to see if they can come back at least a couple of
3 days and then we start again. But I try to make it
4 available for them, because I don't want to keep nobody out,
5 and then they will be homeless, because some of them don't
6 even have families.

7 But yeah, there is a shortage, I believe. Even if
8 we had maybe two more buildings just to have with three or
9 four units in it, I think that we could fill them. That's
10 very important because, you know, they want to stay where
11 they are, they want to be on Lana'i. And if you send them
12 away a lot of times that's when they just pass away within
13 short periods. But I do think we have a shortage for the
14 elderly.

15 MS. WADE: We'll add a policy on that, thank you.

16 MR. ALLAS: Angel Allas again. Maybe I should
17 elaborate a little bit more if there's any more questions on
18 housing, because I do have --

19 MS. KANIHO: He has the power.

20 MR. ALLAS: Lisa runs the elderly houses, I run
21 the facilities department for Castle & Cooke, so all of
22 Castle and Cooke's housing. And I think one thing that
23 we've learned is that we don't -- I can't necessarily say
24 if it's part of the culture, because on Lana'i I think a
25 majority, if you look at race, we have a lot of people from

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1 the Philippines, which is the majority I think on Lana'i.
2 Most of them live multiple families in a single-family
3 house. And our houses are like cottages, you know, very
4 small, 700, 600 square foot houses, single-family houses.
5 And it's not uncommon here to see as much as three families
6 on average, I would think, in a single-family house, a two
7 bedroom single-family house. So I can't really say if it's
8 necessarily part of their culture or not, but it is a fact
9 here on Lana'i.

10 MS. WADE: So should we include something about
11 providing opportunities to eliminate overcrowding or where
12 overcrowding is not desirable? I'm getting shakes of "no".

13 MR. SUMMERS: To support programs which assist in
14 this multi-generational, provide for that. And there may be
15 instances where housing stock may be a different, more
16 expansive type of housing stock available to support this
17 multi-generational issue. The existing housing that we have
18 on Lana'i, does it sort of prevent this multi-generational
19 housing option? Is there a desire for more?

20 MR. ALLAS: I don't necessarily think that that's
21 what we need here. I think Pat had said something about it,
22 that it's the people not wanting to really buy a house here.
23 So I think for Lana'i, affordable rentals would be more of a
24 key than affordable housing sales, single-family sales.
25 It's rental units that would be much more of a key on

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1 island. Because we can put a posting up for a studio
2 apartment and have 20 families apply for it, you know. So
3 there you go. And again, a lot of these people don't
4 foresee buying a house on Lana'i. A lot of them buy homes
5 on Maui and Oahu, so when they send their kids to college
6 they don't have to worry about paying the high rental rate.
7 But I think affordable rentals is the way to go on Lana'i.

8 MS. ARRUIZA: Cyndi Arruiza. Another problem we
9 have here with the hospital and state and federal funding
10 housing is it's state-wide. So we have people that live
11 here or in the hospital for long term that's not residents
12 of Lana'i. And with this generation the focus is not owning
13 a home, they would rather have a pickup or something else.
14 Their focus is on different things. Like our dream is to
15 own a home. Some of these kids nowadays their dream is to
16 own a boat or a truck, you know.

17 MR. REILLY: Pat Reilly. I know we're going to
18 close here. I hope we can continue a discussion on housing
19 and not just abruptly shut this today, because again, it's

20 to me the kernel of the whole community. You look at the
21 luxury homes, you look at the nature of the whole island and
22 the structure of housing. So when you talk about housing,
23 well, you have these luxury homes. And they're going to
24 continue to build those, because that's the corporate
25 revenue source. So they're going to have plenty, right?

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1 Those people are going to have plenty of houses, because
2 they're buying. But my understanding of how it works is
3 it's affordability. If I can pay a lower rent every month,
4 I would rather do that than commit myself to a 30 year
5 mortgage, even though in the long-run that may be better for
6 me and my family. That's a pretty big risk, because if you
7 can't keep up with the payments you are going to lose your
8 house.

9 So I think traditionally under the plantation they
10 looked to the company to help. Traditionally the company
11 owned all the houses, right, so the plantation workers lived
12 for free in the houses, right. When it first started that's
13 the way the plantation operated. So this transition to
14 purchasing your own house, that's a big deal. And with the
15 prices, it's just not going to happen.

16 Secondly, building codes, I don't see that
17 addressed here. Disaster plans. I know the building codes
18 in some places are going up to prepare for hurricanes, so
19 that increases the cost of housing. If you are going to

20 raise the standards of building then that adds one more

21 expense to housing.

22 Thirdly, the nature of the housing. We have the

23 traditional housing. I think we need to take a look at that

24 and see where do we want to go with additional housing. Are

25 we going to expand the community, are we going to build in

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1 the community? And then the last thing are these 201 HH
2 provisions and Hawaiian Homelands that allow, well, they
3 allow for variances, right, and how does that impact us in
4 our local community. Thank you.

5 MS. WADE: Those last two comments really fall
6 under our second objective, which we are not going to have
7 time to get to today. I really appreciate you taking the
8 extra half hour to get through this, and really great work.
9 You really did an excellent job, thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: So meeting adjourned.

11 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. The setting
12 of the agenda for the next meeting, the department would
13 like to continue our work on the policy plan and move
14 forward with that as the main item on that agenda. But also
15 the next meeting date is a very important topic. And what
16 I'd like to look at is we have a Planning Committee, a
17 Council Planning Committee that meets on Tuesdays, and we
18 have a conflict there in terms of meeting times on Tuesday
19 mornings.

20 Thursday mornings could be an option, to continue
21 this on a Thursday morning basis, if that would work with
22 the members. We've had a hard time with our meeting
23 schedules, and evening meetings have been a challenge, and
24 Tuesday meetings are going to be difficult because we have
25 the Planning Committee working and oftentimes our staff is

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1 called to Council for that.

2 We could look at Thursday meetings, 10:00 in the
3 morning meetings, and that would allow us to actually fly
4 from Lana'i to Moloka'i so we could have two meetings in one
5 day. It would actually result in some real economy.

6 MR. REILLY: Did you specify a date?

7 MR. SUMMERS: That would be Thursday, March 1st.

8 MS. MIRAFUENTES: I thought the meeting was every
9 second Tuesday at 10:00.

10 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: That would be open for
11 discussion.

12 MR. SUMMERS: This would be a recommendation for
13 Thursday, March 1st, starting at 10:00.

14 MS. ARRUIZA: So you guys get the 21st, 27th, and
15 March 1st.

16 MR. SUMMERS: If you recall, at the last meeting
17 we had a conflict emerge, so we shifted to a morning meeting
18 on Tuesdays. But we made the decision on the spur of the
19 moment, and when we got back to the office we realized that

20 future Tuesday mornings we were going to have conflicts with
21 the Council Planning Committee. Oftentimes myself and other
22 planners in the department are called to the Planning
23 Committee meetings, so we wouldn't be able to attend.

24 So if Thursday mornings work, we have no major
25 conflicts with Planning Commissions or Council Planning and

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1 Land Use committees if we can tolerate a Thursday morning.

2 MS. ARRUIZA: So that would be March 1st?

3 MR. SUMMERS: That would be March 1st. March 1st,
4 March 15th, and then a little gap for spring break. So the
5 next one after that would be April 5th. And we can send a
6 new calendar. But it will be March 1st, March 15th, April
7 5th, April 26th, and May 10th. If that's the will of the
8 committee.

9 MR. ALLAS: This facility is not open on the 1st,
10 so we'd have to look for a different facility.

11 MR. SUMMERS: We've got some options in town. We
12 can explore that.

13 MR. SUMMERS: So the Thursday meetings would be in
14 the morning, if that's the will of the committee. 10:00 to
15 12:30. That seemed to work very well today.

16 MR. McOMBER: The only thing I'm concerned about
17 is people that have jobs. Us retired old farts it don't
18 make any difference, but Pat with his school, he has to be
19 at school. And I thought it was only going to be -- maybe I

20 fell asleep at the switch, but I thought this was going to
21 be an exception today, and we were going to do one night,
22 one day, one night, one day, I thought.

23 MS. MIRAFUENTES: That's what my understanding
24 was.

25 MR. McOMBER: Tuesday would be a day, but they

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1 changed, they can't do it because they have got a conflict
2 back on Maui. I don't care with me, but I thought we were
3 just going to substitute. One was going to be a day meeting
4 and we were still going to hold the night meeting on the
5 last one of the month. That was my understanding. But
6 maybe I was asleep at the time.

7 MR. SUMMERS: We can certainly look into future
8 evening meetings, but if we can accommodate the March 1st
9 meeting in the morning.

10 MS. MIRAFUENTES: Just the March 1st?

11 MR. SUMMERS: For now, right. I would go ahead
12 and pencil the 15th, April 26th and May 10th. But we will
13 look strategically at the calendar for possible evening
14 options. Are there any members who can't make it on the
15 1st, who would not be available on the 1st at 10:00?

16 MR. McOMBER: I've just got to be careful that we
17 don't lose our quorum. We've got this going with this group
18 of people, and Kay is not here. You might hear something
19 from Kay too.

20 MS. MIRAFUENTES: Kay is going to go to the
21 mainland, she was going to miss that next meeting, the 27th.
22 That's what she told us.

23 MR. McOMBER: Me, it doesn't make any difference,
24 because I'm retired.

25 MR. REILLY: I got confused by the three dates.

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1 Those are three dates for us, or was that Maui, Moloka'i,
2 Lana'i, those three dates across the top? Were those three
3 Lana'i dates or no, the last date?

4 MS. ARRUIZA: Maui followed by Lana'i and
5 Moloka'i. So we're all the middle dates, right? Now we're
6 going to be the third dates.

7 MR. SUMMERS: This proposal would have us be on
8 the same day that we would meet on Molokai. So after we're
9 finished with this meeting we'd fly to Moloka'i.

10 MS. AOKI: Just so that I'm clear, because I'm
11 confused, okay, so does the committee agree that we are
12 going to change the February 27th meeting to March 1st at
13 10:00 am? It can't be here because Lisa is saying that this
14 room is booked. So that's still contingent on us finding a
15 place. So we will have to get back to you to make sure that
16 we can find a place, whether it's at the police station or
17 at the senior center, okay.

18 MS. KANIHO: You can't use the senior center
19 during the day because they serve lunch for the seniors.

20 The only place that might be available is the county bowling
21 alley.

22 MR. McOMBER: That's an echo chamber.

23 MS. AOKI: We will check and get back to you. Can
24 you speak into the mic, please? It's just easier for the
25 court reporter. And then are you guys in agreement then

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1 that every Thursday of March it would change to March 15th,
2 April 5th, are you guys okay with that at 10 am on a
3 Thursday? Why don't we, like last time, we will go for
4 March 1st, we're all talking about that today, and then when
5 we come back for that meeting we will continue discussion on
6 the following meeting. Is that all right with everybody?

7 We will get back to all of you to make sure we
8 have a place. If we don't, we are going to have to figure
9 something out. Okay, thanks.

10 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you very much. We did make
11 great progress today.

12 (Applause).

13 CHAIRPERSON ULEP: The meeting is adjourned.

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15 (The proceedings were concluded at 1:15 p.m.)

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