

# Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2019

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## Community Plan Advisory Committee

**Attending:** Chair Kai Nishiki, Hans Michel, Karen J. Comcowich, Leilani Pulmano, Donald Robert Gerbig, Ravi Bugga, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Joseph D. Pluta, Dylan Payne, Yvette Joyce Celiz

**Absent:** Vice-Chair Jeri Dean, Aina Kohler

## County of Maui – Planning Department

Pam Eaton, Long Range Planning Division

Jennifer Maydan, Long Range Planning Division

Kate Blystone, Long Range Planning Division

Tiffany Bostwick, Long Range Planning Division

## Call to order at 6:33 p.m.

## **Public Testimony (00:00 to 8:28 in Meeting Video)**

Jonathan Kindred, testifying on behalf of TY Management Corporation, thanked members for their time and dedication during the CPAC process, and provided alternative language for Policy 1. ([Link to written testimony](#))

Albert Perez liked the idea of identifying and preserving areas for future expansion as well as reserving existing golf course facilities (Policy 1). He also suggested deleting the 3.2(ft) number because the definition may change as times goes on (Policy 2). For Policy 3a, he suggested adding “understand possible opportunities” in front of “at-risk structures. In 3b, he suggested changing “harm’s way” to “hazard zones.” He also suggested designating wetlands as restricted zones and designating areas for ma uka extensions of wetlands that will disappear due to sea level rise.

## **Policies and Actions Related to Goal 2.1: Ready and Resilient Systems (8:28 to END)**

Jennifer Maydan noted that members will be reviewing policies and actions for the Water, Wasterwater, and Drainage & Stormwater sections. She introduced the resource people available to answer questions: Dave Taylor (CIP Coordinator, Mayor’s Office), Scott Rollins (Department of Environmental Management – Wastewater Reclamation Division), and Kristi Ono (Department of Public Works).

### **POLICIES – Water**

8. Require public and private water purveyors to coordinate water development in order to optimize pumpage, mitigate saltwater intrusion, prevent impacts to streams, and preserve regional resources.
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt/Keep as is**
  
9. Require new developments to install landscaping that reduces water use, using drought resistant and micro-climate appropriate design and plants, and use greywater where the State Department of Health allows it.
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt/Keep as is**

### **POLICIES – Wastewater**

10. New developments in West Maui shall connect to County or private recycled water distribution systems when available; if reuse is not readily available, developments shall be designed to allow for future connections.
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt/Keep as is**

### **ACTIONS – Water**

26. Develop basal groundwater sources in West Maui to timely serve planned population growth and offset decreased surface water diversions. (Department of Water Supply)
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt/Keep as is**

Actions 27 – 28 previously adopted by consensus.

### **ACTIONS – Wastewater**

Action 29 previously adopted by consensus.

30. Study and implement other disposal means to eliminate the use of underground injection control wells. (Department of Environmental Management)

(11:55 to 19:34)

- Discussion:
  - Resource person Scott Rollins asked members to consider using the word “minimize” rather than “eliminate.”
  - Members discussed alternate language:
    - **“Strive to eliminate the use of underground injection control wells.”**
    - “Minimize and eliminate (the use of underground injection control wells) within the 20-year time frame.”
    - “The County must utilize best efforts to eliminate...”
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with the following amended language: “...disposal means to strive to eliminate...”**

31. Improve odor control at the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility. (Department of Environmental Management) (19:50 to 20:10)

- Discussion:
  - Action 31 was previously adopted by consensus, however Leilani Pulmano requested adding “and pump stations” to the end.
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with amended language**

#### **ACTIONS – Drainage and Stormwater**

32. Update the Lahaina Town Drainage Master Plan and develop an implementation plan. (Department of Public Works) (20:19 to 23:01)

- Discussion:
  - Karen Comcowich suggested adding “and encouraging the use of green infrastructure in the drainage plan.” **Resource person Kristi Ono suggested “with consideration to low-impact development solutions” after “Lahaina Town Drainage Master Plan.”**
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with amended language**

33. Complete the Lahaina Watershed Flood Control project. (Department of Public Works) **(23:07 to 29:07)**

- Discussion:
  - Hans Michel suggested adding “from Lahainaluna Road to Puamana.”
  - Kristi Ono noted that the Lahaina Watershed Flood Control project is a joint effort with another agency, and asked members to consider utilizing the policy from the 1996 West Maui Community Plan instead: “Support the implementation of flood control projects and saltation basins ma uka of Honoapiʻilani Highway to address present problem areas.”
  - **Members discussed combining the two suggestions. Kristi Ono to provide amended language to staff.**
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with amended language**

34. Complete an inventory of drainage facilities in West Maui for use in developing long-term plans for addressing stormwater issues. (Department of Public Works) **(29:13 to 31:41)**

- Discussion:
  - Members discussed the status of the action item and whether it is needed.
  - **Dylan Payne suggested changing “Complete an inventory” to “Maintain a current inventory.”**
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with amended language**

35. Improve stormwater management systems along Lower Honoapiʻilani Road to minimize stormwater runoff to the ocean. (Department of Public Works) **(31:41 to 33:02)**

- Discussion:
  - Chair Nishiki asked Kristi Ono if the Department of Public Works would run into any issues with the action; Kristi replied that the department has no objections to keeping the action in the Community Plan.
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt/Keep as is**

36. Prioritize regular maintenance and clearing of sediment basins in West Maui. (Department of Public Works)

- Discussion: None
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt/Keep as is**

37. Support implementation of the County's Storm Water Management Program in West Maui. (Department of Public Works) **(33:18 to 34:22)**

- Discussion:
  - **Chair Nishiki suggested changing "Support implementation of" with "Implement" and adding "in conjunction with low impact design objectives" at the end of the action.**
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with amended language**

38. Develop ordinances giving the County rights to inspect flood mitigation channels, including in residential areas, and levy fines to land owners that do not maintain the flood mitigation channels. (Department of Public Works) **(34:22 to 41:58)**

- Discussion:
  - Members discussed the practicality of the action and the relationship between this action and State law. Karen Comcowich stated her goal is to educate the public about the importance and need of maintaining drainage channels. Kristi Ono will work with staff on language.
- Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit**

#### **ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND ACTIONS**

Leilani Pulmano retracted her policy and action suggestions due to them being covered by policies/actions already in place. She proposed a new action based on testimony heard at the December 3 meeting:

f. Identify a location and develop a transfer station for disposal/recycling of regulated (EPA & DOH) materials such as appliances, e-waste, tires, and lead-acid batteries. **(44:01 to 45:28)**

- Discussion:
  - Members discussed what lead County agency would be in charge of the action
- Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit**

#### **Karen Comcowich's suggestions:**

A. Create parks and open space in areas sensitive to flooding and around the native forests as a protective buffer both for the forest and development. **(45:40 to 47:21)**

- Discussion:
  - The Department of Parks and Recreation suggested removing "parks and" from the proposed action.
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with amended language**

- B. Amend the county code to require permeable surfaces and other LID (low impact design) standards be used in new or redeveloped parking lots and streets to mitigate runoff and help with groundwater recharge. **(47:21 to 1:05:22)**
- Discussion:
    - Members discussed whether the proposed policy was similar to another policy/action in Goal 2.3 (Responsible Stewardship of Resources, Culture and Character), and whether the Community Plan can commit the County to countywide actions.
    - Kate Blystone noted that the proposed policy would actually be better as an action.
    - **Amendments included changing “and” to “or” (“require permeable surfaces or other LID...”)** and changing “LID standards” to “LID development standards.”
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt with amended language**
- C. Investigate planting a forest around the sewage treatment plant, for beauty, air freshening and decreased reliance on injection wells, implement if possible. **(1:05:22 to 1:08:53)**
- Discussion:
    - Scott Rollins listed several reasons as to why this proposed policy/action would be problematic to implement. Karen withdrew her proposal.
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Not adopted**
- D. Develop guidelines and incentives for landowners, both large and small, to have more permeable surfaces on their property. **(1:08:53 to 1:14:02)**
- Discussion:
    - Donald Gerbig suggested adding “tax-free” to “incentives.”
    - Members decided to revisit after Kristi Ono has the chance to consult with the Department of Public Works Director and/or staff.
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit**

**Chair Nishiki’s suggestions:**

Transition from the use of wastewater injection wells to appropriate environmentally sound methods of wastewater disposal and promote beneficial use of wastewater effluent. (Department of Environmental Management) **(1:14:31 to 1:16:37)**

- Discussion:
  - Members discussed amending the language and adding the action to Action 30. (“and transition to appropriate environmentally sound methods...”)
- Consensus Decision(s): **Amend language and add to Action 30**

Amend county regulations to allow for the use of greywater for approved purposes in West Maui (Work with State Department of Health?) (1:16:37 to 1:18:21)

- Discussion:
  - Members discussed the relationship of the proposed policy to the State Department of Health's standards.
- Consensus Decision(s): **Adopt/Keep as is**

**NEXT MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 5, 2019. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.**

