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From: Hartman, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:11 PM
To: Palma, Maryam
Cc: Planning CDP
Subject: RE: Hāmākua CDP AC questions

Maryam,

Thank you for forwarding these questions.

Please see DEM's response below:

1. Who decides/decided the areas of priorities?

DEM: The areas of priority are decided collaboratively by a team of stakeholders including the public, DEM, Mayor's Administration, County Finance Department and County Council. They will consider public input, financial feasibility, and expert recommendations before finalizing priorities.

2. What criteria or how were those areas selected?

DEM: The draft priority areas for sewer service expansion are being evaluated based on several key factors:

- **High cesspool density and alignment with State health and environmental priorities:** Areas with a lot of cesspools and that the state has identified for wastewater treatment are high on the list.
- **Capacity:** The expansion must be able to connect to existing sewage collection and treatment facilities without overloading them.
- **Development potential:** Areas zoned for medium-to-high density housing or industry are prioritized for sewer service to support future growth.
- **Limited septic options:** Areas with small lots (less than 1 acre) where it's difficult to get a septic system permit are prime candidates for sewer expansion.
- **Cost-effectiveness:** Areas with lower construction costs are more likely to be included in initial expansion plans.
- **Strategic location:** Areas near affordable housing developments, grant projects, planned communities, or existing sewer infrastructure are favorable for expansion.
- **Sewer Rate Fee Impacts and Affordability:** The County is evaluating construction, operation, and maintenance cost impacts to service costs.

3. Who decided the pay criteria?

DEM: The Draft IWWMP will be complete this summer. It will be made available to all stakeholders for at least a 30-day review period.

4. What mechanisms are used to determine:

- a. COH pay vs. private pay

DEM: CHAPTER 21 of the Hawai'i County Code contains all ordinances to regulate the use of all public sewers. The County is responsible for operating and maintaining all public sewers.

b. COH maintained vs. private

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c. Critical areas

DEM: The State Department of Health Cesspool Priority
(<https://health.hawaii.gov/wastewater/files/2022/11/prioritizationtoolreport.pdf>)

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Hey Kelly,

Just checking in on that drafted response:)

Mahalo,
Maryam

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Aloha Maryam,

I submitted a draft response to the Director for approval. Please stand by.

Thank you,

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