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Agenda Item: B.1 Goal 2.4 | Mauka
to makai watershed management
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To: South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee Members

RE: 2.4 (and 2.5) GOAL: MAUKA TO MAKAI WATERSHED

Aloha Chair Weltman and SMCPAC Members:

Ma'alaea Village Association (MVA) previously submitted testimony (1/9/23) on 2.4 goal of Mauka to Makai Watershed Management.

In addition to our previous testimony, we would like to support 2.4 goals and actions 4.04 regarding proper maintenance of sediment basins and culverts. Ma'alaea has experienced severe run off through the culvert on Hauoli St. The run off through the culvert directly ends up in the ocean. It filled with the last storms and needs to be cleared as soon as possible.

We also support 4.06 regarding resources for upland forest conservation, and restoration projects to improve forest cover and functions and reduce downstream flooding. This relates directly to community-wide efforts to protect and preserve Ma'alaea Mauka/Pohakea.

Although eminent domain proceedings were begun during the last administration, there is no guarantee that they will be pursued. It is important to show the public benefit for preserving these lands for current and future generations. Community support is critical to achieving our goals of protecting these vital lands above Ma'alaea Bay.

MVA is also currently pursuing sand dune preservation at Haycraft Park and Ma'alaea Bay Beach. Please include that under 4.09-4.12.

Mahalo for your continued efforts on behalf of the communities of South Maui.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynn Britton'.

Lynn Britton, Co-Founder, and Immediate Past President, MVA