

Name: Ma'alaea Village Association
Agenda Item: C.1. Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems
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To: South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee Members

RE: 2.3 GOAL:READY AND RESILIENT SYSTEMS

Aloha SMCPAC Members:

Ma'alaea Village Association (MVA) thanks the members of the SMCPAC for your continued efforts to update the existing community plan for South Maui – which includes Ma'alaea, Kihei, Wailea and Makena. We appreciate your diligent review of the draft plan to ensure it is consistent with the current needs and vision of South Maui residents.

MVA has been proactive in dealing with climate change issues affecting the Maalaea shoreline. We requested and received funding for a study on the shoreline issues initiated by Councilmember Kelly King which led to an RFP dealing with the issues. After the study was completed, we worked with the Planning Department to develop an action plan to address Maalaea coastal erosion issues. The result was the Nov. 9 community meeting and release of the department's "Ma'alaea Resilience Plan."

Regarding the policies and actions in the draft SMCP we have no objection to 2.3.2 a-c. However we strongly object to the proposed language in "d". Ma'alaea property owners must be allowed to protect their building structures until such time that managed retreat is the only option, which the County Planning Department itself represents as 30 or more years in the future (if its assumptions are correct).

Mahalo for your important efforts,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyndon Ibele'.

Lyndon Ibele,
President, MVA