

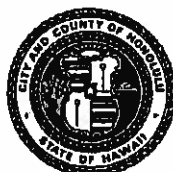
CM Berg

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

530 SOUTH KING STREET, ROOM 300 * HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
PHONE: (808) 768-4141 * FAX: (808) 768-4242 * INTERNET: www.honolulu.gov

RECEIVED

PETER B. CARLISLE
MAYOR



2011 DEC -2 4 08:17
DOUGLAS J. CHIN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

CITY COUNCIL
HONOLULU, HAWAII
K. A. EADS
DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR

December 2, 2011

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject: Resolution 11-203 Formation of a Joint Task Force for the
Prevention of Flooding on the Leeward Coast**

Dear Chair Martin:

I would like to commend the Council on its adoption of Resolution 11-203 that encourages the formation of a Joint Federal-State-City Task Force to address the prevention of flooding along the Leeward Coast. The Council's actions recognize the complexity of developing a plan that brings together various levels of government to implement flood mitigation solutions to the community. In addition, Council's unanimous support of this resolution indicates to me that all Councilmembers consider this a priority and share our sense of urgency to work collaboratively so solutions can be identified and implemented in anticipation of future storm events.

At the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting, my staff testified that although we support the intent of this resolution, we feel it is not needed as it duplicates an already existing multi-agency working group that has been organized by Senator Inouye. This group has been meeting for several months with representatives from various City departments, State Civil Defense and the DLNR, Army and Navy agencies, as well as State Senator Shimabukuro and Representatives Awana and Jordan (Working Group). The initial intent of this Working Group was to identify projects to mitigate area flooding that would utilize \$10 million appropriated by the 2011 legislature.

One of the preliminary products of this Working Group is the recently announced Community Clean Up days scheduled for November 19th and December 10th to mobilize members of the Waianae community, along with the same government agencies, to clean up streams and roadside ditches in a proactive attempt to prevent flooding in the area.

In addition to the stream clean up efforts, the Working Group is already coordinating a list of projects (attached) that will be undertaken by various government

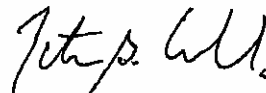
The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair
Page 2

agencies to address flooding in the Waianae area. This list of projects includes both short and long-term measures that will implement flood mitigation improvements for the area residents. As such, I feel the Working Group established already fulfills the intent of Resolution 11-203. Therefore, to avoid confusion and a duplication of effort, we will not be forming a new task force as proposed in the resolution.

Instead of forming a new City joint task force, I will be directing various City departments to focus their time and attention on implementing the projects identified on the attached plan. My staff will be happy to report on the status of the various proposed City projects to your Council Committee on Safety, Economic Development and Government Affairs. In addition, in recognition of the Council's interest in making more information available to the public, Representative Shimabukuro will be posting on her website information about the progress of the Working Group.

As stated above, I applaud the Council's commitment to address flooding for the people along the Leeward Coast. In keeping with this commitment, I encourage you to support our funding allocations for flood control maintenance and mitigation measures for our entire island that will be included in our upcoming 2013 Operating and CIP Budget submission.

Very truly yours,



Peter B. Carlisle
Mayor

Attachment

cc: Daniel K. Inouye, U. S. Senator
Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Senator
Karen L. Awana, Representative
Jo Jordan, Representative
Waianae Neighborhood Board

Proposed Lualualei Flood Improvement Program

November 15, 2011

A. Common Sources of Flooding

- Insufficient drainage infrastructure,
- Lack of maintenance of private streams,
- Illegal dumping in streams and ditches,
- Illegal grading, filling in of streams or diversion of surface runoff.

B. Proposed Solutions

1. Near-Term Projects (within 1 year to complete)

- a. C&C-DFM: Routine Cleaning of City Streams and Roadside Ditches
- b. State CD: Community Clean up of Private Stream and Roadside Ditches (Paakea, Iiilli, Apana & Puuhulu)
- c. USACE: Army Corps of Engineers FPMS Assessment of Low Cost Drainage Improvements (Projects on Navy, State, City & Private Land)
- d. C&C-DDC: Mapping to Identify Private Streams

2. Mid-Term Projects (within 1 to 5 years to complete)

- a. C&C-DDC: Planning, Design & Construction for Puhawai Road Drainage Improvements
- b. C&C-DPP: Investigations & Mapping of Alleged Illegal Grading

3. Long-Term Projects (longer than 5 years to complete)

- a. C&C-DDC: Design & Construction of Low Cost Drainage Projects for City Roads
- b. Navy: Design & Construction of Low Cost Drainage Projects for Navy Property
- c. Private Land Owners: Low Cost Drainage projects on Private Land
- d. DOT-Hwys: Planning, Design & Construction of Farrington Hwy Drainage Improvements using \$8 mil

C. Funding for Proposed Solutions

1. USACE \$100K to \$200K for Assessment of Low Cost Drainage Improvements
2. Use of \$2 Mil from State DLNR:
 - a. \$500,000 for Planning and Design of Puhawai Road Drainage Improvements (C&C-DDC)
 - b. \$1.5 Mil to be used for construction funding for Puhawai Drainage Improvements (C&C-DDC)

D. Future Funding Needed

1. Navy Funding for Low Cost Drainage Improvements: TBD
2. Additional Funding (City and State):
 - a. \$1 to \$2 Mil for Low Cost Drainage Improvements Leeward Coast that are under the jurisdiction of either the City or State government.
 - b. Additional funds (beyond balance of \$2 mil) for Puhawai Drainage Improvements