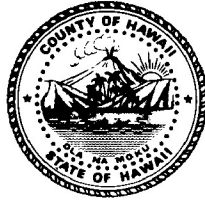


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TO: Michael Yee, Director  
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FROM: Diane Ley, Director   
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RE: Review of the Hamakua Community Development Plan

Thank you for providing the Department of Research and Development with an opportunity to provide comments on the Hamakua Community Development Plan (CDP). The Department has conducted a brief review and is pleased to note the detail in which the community has identified policies and actions that will support its vision for the future.

The Department did not find any policies in the CDP that would conflict with existing County plans to support agriculture, energy or tourism, and since the Department does not have authority to enforce statutes or codes there are no known related conflicts.

Assuming the Hamakua CDP is adopted as ordinance, the Department looks forward to actively working with other County departments, as well as State and Federal entities and the communities and businesses of the Hamakua district, to pursue appropriate initiatives that will lead to the implementation of the plan.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.