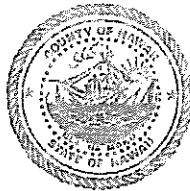


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TO : CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN, PLANNING DIRECTOR
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SUBJECT: DRAFT PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

We would like to offer the following comments and suggestions regarding the draft Puna Community Development Plan:

- The Puna district, given its limited water system infrastructure, reflects a population of approximately 31,335 that relies primarily on water catchment systems for consumable and fire protection water needs.

This unique challenge would benefit from the pursuit and development of improved infrastructure as well as the consideration of static storage water supplies to augment fire protection services.

- Communities of the Puna district are representative of a wildland urban interface whereby residential and business communities abut undeveloped wildland areas. This interface often presents with challenges and risks associated with wildfires. As such, it would be recommended to pursue and develop community wildfire protection plans and to promote "Firewise" community programs and efforts aimed at reducing this risk through prevention and education.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft plan.


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