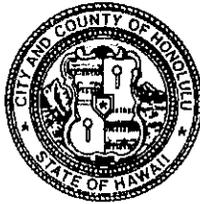


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March 18, 2014

The Honorable Ann H. Kobayashi, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Budget  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kobayashi and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Question(s) of March 13, 2014 for Department of  
Parks and Recreation

Attached is the response to your question(s) of March 13, 2014.

Sincerely,

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Toni P. Robinson, Director  
Parks and Recreation

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Nelson H. Koyanagi, Jr., Director  
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Attachment - Operating Budget

**Question 1**

**Chair Ann Kobayashi**

**What is the status of the 97 positions to be filled in Fiscal Year 2013?**

**Answer:**

92 of the 97 positions were filled by July 2013. See attached list.

**Question 2**

**Chair Ann Kobayashi and Councilmember Ron Menor**

**What parks use the Syna Gro pellets? How much is used? How often are they used?**

**Answer:**

In the past year the Syna Gro pellets have been used at the following locations:

- 3/01/13 Waipio Soccer Complex 15 tons
- 3/06/13 Waipio Soccer Complex 10 tons
- 3/08/13 Waipio Soccer Complex 5 tons
- 4/15/13 Waipio Soccer Complex 19 tons
- 4/19/13 Thomas Square 1 ton
- Total: 50 tons

**Question 3**

**Chair Ann Kobayashi**

**On the City Council Line Item Report, Page 346, Object Code 3898, Refuse Recycle Surcharge, what is this for?**

**Answer:**

The Refuse Recycle Surcharge that is a 12% surcharge that is applied to refuse disposal at H-power and the Landfill pursuant to ROH 9-4.2 (d).

**Question 4**

**Chair Ann Kobayashi**

**How many trucks does Hanauma Bay currently have? Is the request for new or replacement trucks?**

**Answer:**

Hanauma Bay currently has two trucks. Of the three trucks requested, two are replacements and one is new.

Attachment - CIP Budget

**Question 1**

**Councilmember Ron Menor**

**What projects does the department anticipate doing with the \$400,000 being requested for Recreation District 5 Improvements (page 496) and Waipio Peninsula Recreation Complex, Waipio Peninsula (page 511)?**

**Answer:**

Recreation District No. 5 Improvements (page 496): The parks in Recreation District No. 5 include Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP), Hans L'Orange Neighborhood Park and the Waipio Soccer Complex. The department proposes to use \$200,000 for Hans L'Orange Neighborhood Park irrigation improvements, and \$200,000 for unanticipated improvements for parks in Recreation District No. 5 (project detail provided in Department Communication No. 135).

Waipio Peninsula Recreation Complex, Waipio Peninsula (page 511): The department anticipates using the funds for the planning and design of field improvements.

**Question 2**

**Councilmember Joey Manahan**

**What sort of safety improvements are proposed for the Koko Head Shooting Range?**

**Answer:**

The department is considering a number of safety improvements that include but not limited to overhead and ground baffles to contain bullets that ricochet from the ground and or above ground elements. Dialogue continues with National Rifle Association representatives who are offering their professional recommendations. Safety improvement including awnings over the pistol range and improvements to the backstops were completed by DPR staff in December 2013.

Attachment – Response to Friends of HBay Testimony  
(Testimony Attached)

1. The Use of Bay Revenues

All financial records were submitted on August 7, 2013 by the department. The Comprehensive report was obtained from and approved by the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services and the Managing Director.

Section 6-51.2 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, 1990, states that all moneys deposited into this fund shall be used for the following purposes in the order of priority as indicated: (1) First, for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve; (2) Second, for educational and orientation programs for visitors to the preserve; and (3) Third, for a carrying capacity study of the preserve and for other studies relating to the environmental condition of the preserve.

2. Interest Earned by the Preserve Special Fund

Section 6-51.2 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, 1990, states that there shall be deposited into the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve fund all receipts from the fees imposed under Section 10-2.11 Fees for Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve and all concession revenues from the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve concession. It does not explicitly require that the "interest earned" be applied to this Fund.

3. Unmet Maintenance Needs

Since 2007, the sitting administration has never denied any request made by the management at Hbay. Some of the "unmet maintenance needs" have existed since 2006. Only since the new sitting manager came on has there been any emphasis to address the Preserve's maintenance issues.

- Restroom Roofs:  
Solicited cost estimates from a roofing company last week.
- Thatched Roof:  
The repair/replacement of the thatched roof is scheduled to go out for bid before the end of the end of FY14.
- Corroded Hand Railings:  
Rather than going out for a contract, the project was done in-house and repairs were completed in 2011.

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- **Faux Rock Outside the Visitor Center:**  
Numerous attempts were made to repair/replace the faux rock. DPR will work with Budget and Fiscal Services and the Department of Design and Construction to identify the scope of the project and bid the project out. Monies will be set aside to perform the repairs/replacement
  - **The Orientation Film:**  
\$40,000 was requested in the 2014 budget, but was denied under a previous administration. DPR has requested that the money be placed in the FY15 budget to update the orientation video. The sitting manager has been working with Leeward Community College, the City's Film Office and Corporation Counsel.
  - **The Parking Lights:**  
The replacement of the lights in the parking lot will be a huge cost item that would require the installation of new poles and electrical components or the installation of a photovoltaic system with batteries. DPR is working with DDC to determine the best course of action. DPR will shut down the Thursday night and early morning activities to address safety concerns.
  - **Leaking Roof In The Area Where You Exit The Theater:**  
The leaks to the theater and office will be evaluated and included in the repair/replacement of the ongoing faux rock project.
  - **Air Conditioning:**  
Three of the four air conditioners are currently operating and providing a comfortable environment. The air conditioners are on a quarterly preventative maintenance program and do not need to be replaced at this time. The preventive maintenance program will continue to evaluate the system and will make recommendations to Hbay staff if replacement is warranted in the future.
4. Carrying Capacity Study  
\$50,000 was added to the FY15 budget to conduct the study.
5. FY2011 Furloughs at the Bay.  
This was a contractual provision provided under collective bargaining. Appropriate action was taken to request an exemption to preserve staff from the furloughs, but was denied.

Testimony by Richard Baker, President, Friends of Hanauma Bay

To the Honolulu City Council Budget Committee

March 13, 2014

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Madam Chair, Members of the Budget Committee,

My name is Richard Baker, and I am President of the Friends of Hanauma Bay

In a minute I can't make even this short statement, so I will just make several summary points. The full text is available.

1. Hanauma Bay is the jewel in the crown of the Honolulu Park system, but it is being allowed to progressively deteriorate. This should not be tolerated.
2. Unlike all other city parks, Hanauma Bay has its own special account, which by decree of a Federal Court, can only be used for the Preserve. But the city refuses to allow the managers of the Preserve to count these funds when making up its annual budget. This too should not be tolerated.
3. The Friends of Hanauma Bay have spent months going over the figures in the various city budgets and annual reports, and we calculate that as of last June there was over \$4 million in surplus in the Hanauma Bay account. This is nearly 50% of the entire operating budget proposed for the Bay in FY15, enough to take care of the most urgent neglected needs of the Preserve for repairs and other necessary work (which we estimate at c. \$1.7 million).
4. Perhaps most shocking, read carefully (and you would have to read it very carefully to find this out), the proposed FY15 budget for the Bay would be some \$200,000 in deficit, but the revenue estimates do not include a penny from the fund surplus. Meanwhile payments by the Preserve to other departments have been steadily increasing, with no explanation of increased services. This situation demands explanation.

I and my colleagues would be available at any time to document these statements.

Thank You

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## HANAUMA BAY FISCAL ISSUES

The Friends of Hanauma Bay are concerned over a pattern of actions and inactions by the City and County government over the years that have directly disadvantaged the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve (HBNP). The following paragraphs document the major events and issues.

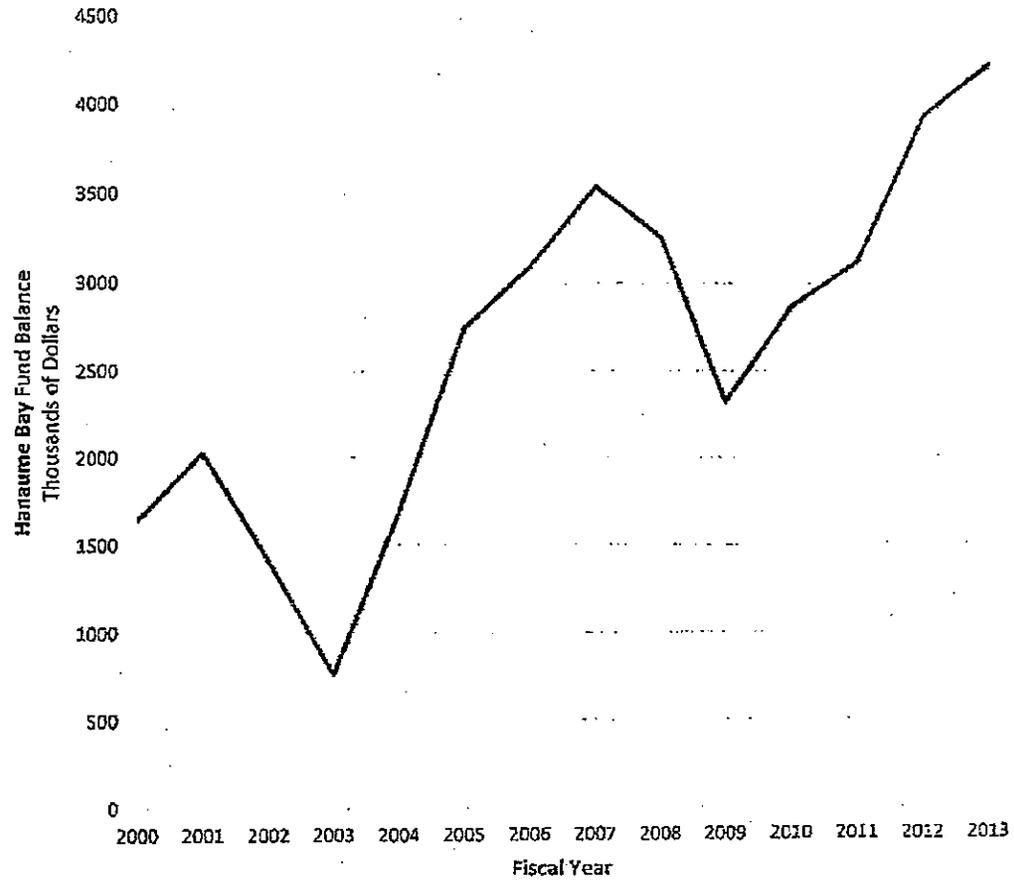
1. **The Use of Bay Revenues.** Entrance fees were collected at the Bay starting July 1, 1995. These revenues were used for a variety of purposes, both for the operation of the Preserve and for other purposes not directly related to the Bay. In October 2002, Federal Court Judge Alan Kaye ruled that all moneys generated at the Bay "Must be used for the operation and maintenance of Hanauma Bay." Based on this ruling, the City and County repaid to the Preserve Fund over \$3.1 million from FY2004 through FY2009. However, between FY2004 and FY2009 the HBNP Fund balance grew by only \$630 thousand, which is nowhere near the \$3.1 million returned by the City and County. We (the Friends) have not been able to determine from available financial records how much of the difference between \$630 thousand and \$3.1 million was used for specific expenses of the Preserve. For example, we have not identified increases in either manpower or services sufficient to account for the difference.
2. **Interest Earned by the Preserve Special Fund.** Since Judge Kay's ruling, no interest has accrued to the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve Fund. The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services has pointed out that the original City Ordinance that established the Fund did not explicitly require that accrued interest be deposited in the Fund – just as it did not require that all revenues be used for the Bay. However, it is both illogical and inconsistent with the overall principle that interest on the surplus carried over in the Fund not be considered to have been earned by the Fund and therefore should have devolved to the Fund. We believe that, as a matter of basic fiduciary responsibility, this inconsistency in the handling of funds generated by the Bay should be eliminated in all future budgets, and that past interest earned should be reallocated to the Bay.
3. **Unmet Maintenance Needs.** There are numerous items at the Bay that are in urgent need of repair but have been repeatedly deleted from the Preserve's budget request even though the funds exist.

The following is a partial listing of the unmet needs at the Bay:

- The roof on the restrooms. The copper flashing was stolen some years ago; funds for emergency repair were disallowed and were channeled through the normal budgeting process, which takes years. This eyesore is easily visible to anyone visiting that area of the Preserve.
  - The thatched roof on the Information Center has been in need of repair for years but has only recently gone out for bid.
  - Money to repair badly corroded hand railings and to resurface the parking lot was budgeted in 2007 but was not expended until 2010 and 2012 respectively. By the time the parking lot project was carried out, deterioration had reached the point that the parking lot in effect had to be reconstructed, at much greater cost than earlier resurfacing.
  - The faux rock on the outside of the Visitors Center needs immediate repair of increasingly visible fading and deterioration. Money was also allocated in 2007 for this purpose, but the work has yet to be done.
  - The film used for the orientation of visitors has many inaccuracies which can affect the safety of visitors and leave the City open to liability. This has been known (and pointed out to the City) virtually from the time the film was first installed. This item was submitted for several years in the budget but was regularly and in recent years has been dropped altogether.
  - The lights in the parking lot do not work. To enable attendees at the night lectures on Thursdays, the park ranger often must turn on his car lights so attendees can get to their cars. This is an accident and lawsuit ready to happen.
  - The roof is leaking in the area where you exit the theater.
  - The air conditioning is in very poor shape and needs to be replaced.
4. **The Carrying Capacity Study.** When the Department of Land and Natural Resources issued permits for the construction of the Visitors Center at the Bay, the permit specifically required that a carrying capacity study be conducted annually to ensure the health of the bay. (The study was also a specific requirement of City Ordinance 96-19.) Beginning in 2008, when this item was submitted for budget approval it was denied. In a recent letter, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services stated that it would be considered in the 2015 budget, but provided no explanation as to why this requirement had been ignored for so many years.
5. **The FY2011 Furloughs and the Bay.** Finally, when City budgetary shortfalls required furloughs of City employees in FY2011, a request by DPR for an exemption due to its abnormal hours of operation was denied. In order to keep the Bay open, other workers had to be brought in and paid time and a half for their overtime, significantly increasing costs. To the Friends, this is another example of neglect by the City and County of the unique status and needs of the Preserve.

FY	Fund Balance
2000	1642
2001	2027
2002	1415
2003	763
2004	1686
2005	2747
2006	3096
2007	3550
2008	3263
2009	2319
2010	2870
2011	3127
2012	3958
2013	4253

Hanauma Bay Fund Balance FY2000-2013



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Pos #	Position Title	Location	Sal Rate	BU	Date Hired
R0128	Deputy Director of PR	Ofc of Director	NC00	Exempt Appt	2/1/2013
R0300	Director of PR	Ofc of Director	NC00	Exempt Appt	2/1/2013
R0489	Recreation Director I	D4	SR16C	BU13	2/1/2013
R0526	Tree Trimming Supervisor	DUF/Hort Svcs	F108A	BU02	2/1/2013
R0758	Park Ground Maintenance Spvsr	D4	F304A	BU02	2/1/2013
R1599	Senior Clerk	D1-Hanauma Bay	SR10A	BU03	2/1/2013
R1631	Grounds Keeper	D1-Hanauma Bay	BC02	BU01	2/1/2013
R1720	Recreation Director I	D3	SR16C	BU13	2/1/2013
R0575	Tree Trimmer-Equipment Oper	DUF/Hort Svcs	BC08	BU01	2/16/2013
R0810	Grounds Keeper	D1-Kapiolani	BC02	BU01	2/16/2013
R0166	Rec Spec I (Ocean Rec)	Rec Support Svcs (D1)	SR20G	BU13	2/17/2013
R0215	Power Mower Op -Gds Keeper	D1	BC03	BU01	3/1/2013
R0277	Lead Welder	Maint Support Svcs	WS10A	BU01	3/1/2013
R0497	Grounds Keeper	D1	BC02	BU01	3/1/2013
R0721	Tractor Mower Operator	D3	BC04A	BU01	3/1/2013
R1334	Power Mower Op -Gds Keeper	D1-Kapiolani	BC03	BU01	3/1/2013
R1597	Cashier-Clerk	D1-Hanauma Bay	SR08A	BU03	3/1/2013
R0179	Tractor Mower Operator	D3	BC04	BU01	3/16/2013
R0182	Recreation Director I	D4	SR16C	BU13	3/16/2013
R0805	Recreation Director II (Swim)	D1	SR18C	BU13	3/16/2013
R0995	Heavy Truck Driver II	Maint Support Svcs	BC08	BU01	3/16/2013
R1602	Cashier-Clerk (20 hrs/wk)	D1-Hanauma Bay	SR08A	BU03	3/16/2013
R1636	Grounds Keeper	D1	BC02	BU01	3/16/2013
R1643	Grounds Keeper	D1-Kapiolani	BC02	BU01	3/16/2013
R0386	Regional Park Manger I	D5-Waipio	SR22H	BU13	3/19/2013
R0276	Recreation Director IV	D1	SR22J	BU13	3/21/2013
R0670	Rec Specialist V	Rec Support Svcs	SR28J	BU13	4/1/2013
R1670	Grounds Keeper	D3	BC02	BU01	4/1/2013
R0289	Grounds Keeper	D1-Kapiolani	BC02	BU01	4/16/2013
R0547	Grounds Keeper	D5	BC02	BU01	4/16/2013
R0630	Power Mower Op -Gds Keeper	D3	BC03	BU01	4/16/2013
R1101	Senior Grounds Keeper	D3	WS02A	BU01	4/16/2013
R1157	Recreation Director III	D1	SR20C	BU13	4/16/2013
R1638	Grounds Keeper	D1-Kapiolani	BC02A	BU01	4/16/2013
R1642	Grounds Keeper	D1-Kapiolani	BC02	BU01	4/16/2013
R1706	Pool Lifeguard	D1	SR13A	BU03	4/16/2013
R1094	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	4/22/2013
R0146	Recreation Director I	D2	SR16C	BU13	5/1/2013
R0445	Automatic Sprinkler System Repairer	Maint Support Svcs	BC09	BU01	5/1/2013
R0659	Grounds Keeper	D2	BC02	BU01	5/1/2013
R0708	Mowing Crew Supervisor	D2	F104A	BU02	5/1/2013
R0709	Recreation Director I	D2	SR16C	BU13	5/1/2013
R0794	Park Ref Coll-Driver	D4	BC05	BU01	5/1/2013
R0841	Nursery Worker I	DUF/Hort Svcs	BC05	BU01	5/1/2013
R0911	Regional Park Manger II	D1-Kapiolani	SR24C	BU13	5/1/2013
R0921	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02	BU01	5/1/2013
R0983	Power Mower Op -Gds Keeper	D3	BC03	BU01	5/1/2013
R1305	Senior Grounds Keeper	D3	WS02A	BU01	5/1/2013

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R1598	Cashier-Clerk	D1-Hanauma Bay	SR08A	BU03	5/1/2013
R1671	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	5/1/2013
R0245	Recreation Director II (Swim)	D3	SR18C	BU13	5/16/2013
R0254	Recreation Director IV	D4	SR22F	BU01	5/16/2013
R0574	Tree Trimmer-Equipment Oper	DUF/Hort Svcs	BC08	BU01	5/16/2013
R0686	Grounds Keeper	D3	BC02	BU01	5/16/2013
R1088	Nursery Worker I	DUF-Bot Gardens	BC05	BU05	5/16/2013
R0427	Recreation Director I	D3	SR16C	BU13	6/1/2013
R0471	Recreation Director II (Swim)	D4	SR18C	BU13	6/1/2013
R0578	Tree Trimmer-Equipment Oper	DUF/Hort Svcs	BC08	BU01	6/1/2013
R0809	Utility Worker I	D2	BC03	BU01	6/1/2013
R1129	People's Open Market Asst	Rec Support Svcs	SR15A	BU03	6/1/2013
R1624	Nursery Worker I	DUF/Hort Svcs	BC05	BU01	6/1/2013
R1658	Grounds Keeper	D3	BC02	BU01	6/1/2013
R1703	Pool Lifeguard	D2	SR13A	BU03	6/1/2013
R1704	Pool Lifeguard	D4	SR13A	BU03	6/1/2013
R0516	Carpenter	Maint Support Svcs	BC09	BU01	6/16/2013
R1165	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02	BU01	6/16/2013
R1729	Senior Grounds Keeper	D4	WS02A	BU01	6/16/2013
R1730	Senior Grounds Keeper	D4	WS02A	BU01	6/16/2013
R1731	Senior Grounds Keeper	D4	WS02A	BU01	6/16/2013
R0207	Rec Spec III	Rec Support Svcs	SR24F	BU13	7/1/2013
R0675	Grounds Keeper	D2	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R0838	Grounds Keeper	D1	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R0983	Power Mower Op -Gds Keeper	D3	BC03	BU01	7/1/2013
R1721	Park Caretaker I	D3	BC03	BU01	7/1/2013
R1722	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R1723	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R1724	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R1725	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R1726	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R1727	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R1728	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02A	BU01	7/1/2013
R1719	Rec Spec I (Camp)	ESD-Permits	SR20C	BU13	7/2/2013
R0164	Regional Park Manager	D5-CORP	SR22C	BU13	7/16/2013
R0634	Power Mower Op -Gds Keeper	D3	BC03	BU01	7/16/2013
R0891	Mason	Maint Support Svcs	BC10	BU01	7/16/2013
R0908	Painter	Maint Support Svcs	BC09	BU01	7/16/2013
R0957	Lead Mason	Maint Support Svcs	WS10A	BU01	7/16/2013
R1039	Welder	Maint Support Svcs	BC10	BU01	7/16/2013
R1284	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02	BU01	7/16/2013
R1333	Utility Worker I	D1-Kapiolani	BC03	BU01	7/16/2013
R1356	Grounds Keeper	D4	BC02	BU01	7/16/2013
R1492	Grounds Keeper	D1	BC02	BU01	7/16/2013

Total: 92