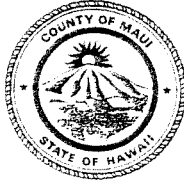


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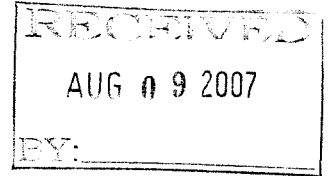


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Mr. Leo Laska
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Dear Chair Laska,

On behalf of the County of Maui, I would like to thank you and the members of your organization for providing the time and expertise to show us your facilities and tell us about your organization.

On July 13, 2007, representatives of our Solid Waste Research and Advisory Committee, the County's Department of Environmental Management, Maui County Council, the Mayor's Office and the County's Consultant Gershman, Brickner and Bratton were provided an overview of the award winning district by William Merry. A host of other knowledgeable supervisors led our committee through the facility's material recovery facility, wood grinding operation, compost efforts, the household hazardous waste facility and the Last Chance Mercantile. These tours and discussions were very informative for the members of the research committee and will help them as they deliberate over Maui's future solid waste management.

I would specifically like to thank William Merry and his staff for setting up and guiding the representatives from Maui through these facilities and spending over an hour answering questions concerning the organizational and financial structure of your organization.

Again, thank you for extending the professional courtesy to Maui's solid waste committee. I hope that when you or members of your staff visit Maui, you will allow my administration to return this courtesy.

Aloha,

CHARMAINE TAVARES
Mayor, County of Maui

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