

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hale o nā Luna Maka'āinana



Representative Terez Amato's KCA Flood Update 11/21/23



Things are looking up!

- **Kihei has been hit by floods** in [December 2021](#), [September 2022](#), [December 2022](#), and [January 2023](#), and **'once in a century flood'** twice in the last 2 years !
- I am grateful for the response from Haleakala Ranch and NGO's like Maui Nui Marine Resource Council and Michael Reyes at MEC
- I connected with over 100 Kihei residents on this issue.
They have valid safety and economic concerns
- I archived their ideas/plans/concerns and relayed them to The Maui County Department of Public Works
- The County of Maui controls the bridges and streets where the flooding is occurring, so I have reached out to DPW Director Molina half a dozen times with community concerns, engineering studies and more, and am still awaiting a substantive reply from emails months ago.
- **This Critical issue needs more county effort and follow-up**
- **SO- how can we solve this?**



**Today's question:
How can we prevent flooding and ocean damage from
stormwater runoff?**



Solution: Protect our community by funding environmentally friendly strategies such as:



- Replacing undersized drainage culverts
- Reducing the transport of sediments through R1 irrigated plant areas with deer fencing
- Constructing vegetated retaining walls
- Building of water detention and retention features (reservoirs)
- Replace/repair inadequate water release culverts on South Kihei Road
- This requires work Mauka by DLNR and Ranches (State and County Funds) as well as County DPW

FLOODING:

- We can't undo 50 years of development in a wetland area without environmental assessments where permits were handed out like candy, nor can I reverse climate change. As a State official I can not legally affect a county bridge or county road.
- I can however obtain funding and amplify your voices
- I requested DLNR action and obtained state fund\$ for mitigation

Specifically I requested AND OBTAINED funds for flood prevention and mitigation Mauka:

Funding for R-1 Water reservoir, Planting, and Axis Deer

Mitigation Fencing for Kūlanihāko‘i Waiakoa and Waipu'ilani.

This will not solve the problem today but will help in the future.



Specific Flood Mitigation Funding \$



Money Brought into Kihei in YEAR 1 T.AMATO	\$52,025,000.00			
Project	Amount	Purpose	Location	Category
Repair School Roof parking lot, AC	\$1,025,000.00	Repair Roof at school New AC	Lokelani Intermediate	Education
Build Education Facility	\$2,500,000.00	To Finance new classroom building for Special Education at Kihei Elementary School	Kihei Elementary	
Flood Prevention and Mitigation	\$2,500,000.00	Plans, design, and construction for flood prevention and mitigation measures in or around the kulanihakoi, waipuilani, and waiakoa gulch systems, to include a r-1 water reservoir; ground and site improvements, planting, fencing: equipment and appurtenances	Kihei KulaniHakoi, Waiokoa	Flood Mitigation
Housing 200 Units	\$45,000,000.00	Preschool Early Education, Teacher Housing and Affordable Workforce Development Initiative, Kīhei, Maui	Central Kihei	Housing and Education
New Housing Infrastructure	\$1,000,000.00	Description: Release of funds for plans for water source and system development to support planned State projects in Pulehunui, Maui.	Pulehnui	

**Greening Mauka with R1 water also is a wildfire prevention 2 for 1!
As a member of the House Special Working Group on Wildfire prevention,
I am pushing for funding for increased water distribution to green our hills to prevent wildfires.**

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PROTECT our people and environment from toxic pollution and corporate abuses.

SUPPORT Maui's families, workers, local businesses and our unions.

FIGHT for your right to health and prosperity

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