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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Kihei Area Erosion, Maui, Hawaii

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. The project is in the Reconnaissance phase and the 905(b) report was recently approved October 2003. A cost sharing agreement is being drafted up and will be forwarded to the County of Maui by November 2003.

b. The study for restoration of shoreline at Kihei is being conducted under the authority of Section 209 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962. The Kihei Beach is a long coastal reach approximately seven miles long on the southeast coast of Ma'alaia Bay on the island of Maui from Kihei park in the north to Keawakapu point in the south. In December 1999, the County of Maui and the concerned public informally raised concerns about erosion that was occurring near the Kalama Park revetment project and contacted Senator Inouye's office directly on the subject. The Honolulu District received a study request on 6 February 2001 from the County of Maui. The relationship of the problem to the existing Kihei shore protection project built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1971 is not known at this time.

c. Sand replenishment as a means for shore protection and benefits for recreation purposes are not favored by the current Executive Branch of the Federal government. Feasibility for improvements will be dependent on the proposed measures and the projected hurricane and storm damage reduction benefits.

d. A Congressional add was provided in the FY01 appropriations for the project, and in FY 2002 Congress appropriated \$101,000 toward the feasibility stage. Congress appropriated \$250,000 (an increase of \$200,000 over the budget request) in the FY03 budget.

3. Congressional Interest. Senator Inouye is interested in the progress of the project as demonstrated by supporting appropriation "adds" in FY01 and FY03.