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An Executive Order to Sustain Kauai County as a Disaster Resilient Community

Establishing the County of Kauai as a Disaster Resilient Community through a Comprehensive Mitigation Program against Natural Hazards

WHEREAS, various natural hazards have caused physical and financial impacts in Kauai County and will continue to; and

WHEREAS, these impacts have also affected the environment, economy and infrastructure of Kauai;

WHEREAS, effective mitigation measures should be implemented to significantly reduce the vulnerabilities and risks associated with inland and coastal flooding, high winds and surf, drought, wild land fires, tsunamis, and earthquakes;

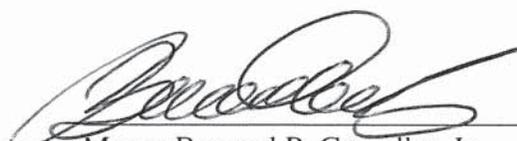
WHEREAS, partnerships with all levels of government, the private sector, and the citizens of Kauai can effectively plan, implement, and fund mitigation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor of the County of Kauai, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the County of Kauai, hereby Order the following actions:

1. Ongoing coordination of the Kauai County Disaster Management Committee comprised of representatives from all levels of government and civil society to support and implement the Kauai County Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Plan.
2. Completion and periodic update (as better information becomes available) a countywide risk and vulnerability assessment of its natural hazards, and the provision of assistance to communities to identify their hazards and risks, and to develop and support the implementation of community resiliency plans.
3. Development of partnerships with businesses to provide a public-private link for coordinated disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Partnerships should start with the businesses that form the core for recovery (e.g., utilities, communications, food suppliers, medical facilities) and the core of the economy in the county.

4. To support the adoption of the latest version of the International Building Code (IBC) and relevant wind load and seismic provisions of the latest version of the International Building Code (IBC). Promote code enforcement at the appropriate levels.
5. Agreement to address relevant hazards and the risks they pose in county-level land-use decisions, including plans for county-owned property development. The county will also encourage adoption of local land use plans that incorporate hazards into decision-making and include a simple natural multi-hazard disclosure checklist for all county land use decisions.
6. Maintenance of a county emergency response plan and development of a county post-disaster recovery and mitigation plan that incorporates Kauai's mitigation priorities. Provide technical assistance to local areas for development of local recovery plans.
7. Compliance, participation, and improvement of current ratings in the National Flood Insurance Program, the Fire Suppression Rating System, the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS), and any other such natural hazard-related rating or regulatory system.
8. Incorporation of disaster protection measures into public and private lifelines, infrastructure and critical facilities.
9. Development and support of existing and future programs to increase the public's awareness of natural hazards and ways to reduce or prevent damage through a coordinated effort with multiple stakeholders.
10. Support of the incorporation of natural hazard awareness and reduction programs into school curricula through appropriate means (Kauai Community College, State Department of Education, State University System, etc.).
11. Support the development of mitigation training for planners, developers, architects, engineers and surveyors, and County personnel including the departments of planning, land use and building code. Encourage the participation of government, industry and professional organizations.
12. Identification of existing incentives and disincentives for hazard loss reduction actions, and develop and implement new incentives and disincentives.
13. Support the requirement of continuing education of building officials and contractors.
14. Support of consistency among projects, programs, and plans in the County that build resilience to the impacts of disasters and climate change, that follow "no-regrets" approaches to risk reduction, and that reduces risk for everyone, including the visitor populations, in the County.

By Executive Order:



Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.

6/19/2015
Date