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My Name is Charles R. Lindsey:

I fully support the correct Wailuku River name as indicated in early documentations presented by Mr. John Duey. Now is the time do correct all miss doings from the past developers.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Wailuku River
Mei Mailou-Santos
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Aloha,

Please restore the traditional and historic name from Iao Stream to Wailuku River.

Mahalo,

Mei Mailou-Santos

Regarding the Name Restoration of Wailuku River

Taimiroa Pajimola to: IaoStr_WailukuRiv@dbedt.hawaii.gov 03/10/2015 07:17 PM

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Aloha,
My name is Taimiroa Pajimola, I am a resident of Waikapū, Maui and I want to request that you change ʻĪao Stream to its original name Wailuku River. Let's make this pono.

Mahalo nui loa for your time.

Taimiroa Pajimola
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Letter of Support
Nani Santos
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Aloha Chair Mills,

I am writing you in support of the request for name change submitted by John Duey to have Iao Stream renamed back to it's original name of Wailuku River.

The name change seems fitting since Na Wai 'Eha has historically included Waikapu, Wailuku, Wai'ehu and Waihe'e Rivers. Various past events have resulted in the traditional name being left out and references made to Iao Stream instead.

I humbly ask for your support in recognizing the need for the name change to be documented.

Mahalo,

Nani Santos, Secretary
Hui O Na Wai 'Eha

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Wailuku River name restoration
Jen Fordyce
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Aloha Board members,

I am writing to ask that you recommend a return to the proper name of the Wailuku River. Now that the wai is restored in Wailuku River, its time to restore the traditional and historic name rather than using ʻĪao Stream. It is an exciting time to see these changes taking place, and I thank you for your consideration of this symbolic restoration of proper name.

Mahalo,
Jen Fordyce
Waikapū Valley

Wailuku River
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Aloha Chair Mills,

I would like to send my support for the restoration of the original name of Wailuku River to what is currently being referred to as Iao stream.

It has been so wonderful to see the increased flow in the river and to hear it's rushing waters. It is a far cry from the silence and low flow that was experienced prior to the restoration of the water. I can understand why the decreased flow would have someone referring to the great river as a stream, however, in reverse the greater flow should reasonably change the reference from a stream to a river. Wailuku River is flowing once again, not trickling, let's restore her beautiful name as well.

Aloha,

Leah Akiyama

Iao Steam
Avery B. Chumbley
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Aloha Joan… I understand that the Board of Geographic Names is intending to meet on Maui the evening of May 27th to engage the public in a discussion about the proposed name of the Iao Stream being changed to Wailuku River.

Given that Wailuku Water Company (successor to Wailuku Sugar Co & Wailuku Agribusiness) is the long standing owner of the lands making up the West Maui Forest Reserve that encompasses the entire drainage basin of the Iao Stream we wanted to express our concerns over this proposed name change. First as the land owner we have not officially been contacted by any of the parties and only learned of this proposal thru the media. Additional we feel this name change will lead to confusion with the public both residents and visitors alike, who for what seems to be over a century of time have called the waterways of Iao Valley, Iao Stream.

We feel a more appropriate focus of discussion should be calling the western side mountains of Maui "Mauna Kahalawai" its original Hawaiian name as opposed to the "West Maui Mountains" the only non Hawaiian name reference to a mountain range in our State.

Mahalo…..

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Support for Wailuku River name

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1 attachment

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Aloha,

Please find attached my letter of support for the change of the name of ʻĪao Stream to Wailuku River.

Best,

Ty Kāwika Tengan

Sent from my iPhone

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May 26, 2015

Aloha e Chairperson Mills,

My name is Ty Kāwika Tengan, and I am an associate professor and chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies and an associate professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I write to lend my fullest support to the application of Mr. John Duey, President of Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā, to change the name of 'Īao Stream back to its original name of Wailuku River. I served as an expert witness in the case that the Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā initiated to successfully restore the four great waters of Maui. The "Report on the Archival, Historical and Archaeological Resources of Nā Wai 'Ehā, Wailuku District, Island of Maui" that I co-authored in 2007, submitted before this Board by Kapua Sproat, highlighted "the traditional, historical, and cultural significance" of Wailuku, Waikapū, Waiehu, and Waihe'e. While there was no shortage of mo'olelo (historical narratives) that attested to this, the one problem that we encountered in writing the report was that of reconciling the names. Most of the older sources referenced the Wailuku River as such; however, since it is officially recognized at present as 'Īao Stream, we were forced to take up the modern name rather than the traditional. The Board would be doing an important service to cultural and historical researchers and indeed the whole of Hawai'i by restoring the original name of Wailuku River, which would honor the true history and mana of this vital watercourse.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

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1 Attachment

EJ Letter of Support for Wailuku River Name Change.pdf

Aloha Joan,

Please accept the attached letter of support for tomorrow's meeting of the Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names.

Mahalo,
Rhiannon

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Aloha mai:

Mahalo for your consideration of Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā's ("Hui's") request to change the name of 'Īao Stream to Wailuku River. Earthjustice is pleased to support this effort as a part of our long-standing commitment to Nā Wai 'Ehā's storied natural and cultural resources and the communities that depend on them.

For more than ten years, Earthjustice has partnered with the Hui, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and community supporters on efforts to restore mauka to makai streamflow to Nā Wai 'Ehā, Maui's four great waters of Waikapū, Wailuku, Waiehu, and Waihe'e. During this legal campaign, we reviewed the extensive record on the area's geographic and cultural history, which consistently referred to "Wailuku River" by that traditional and historical name. Around the time that the plantations diverted the "wai" (or waters) of Wailuku, the River's name was lost as well. This name change to 'Īao Stream obfuscated the noble heritage and profound significance of this area for generations of residents and visitors alike, although cultural practitioners have consistently maintained the usage of the name Wailuku River.

Just as mauka to makai streamflow restores vitality to natural areas, this flowing water can restore an area's historic and cultural integrity as well. It is fitting that today, as community efforts to restore streamflow to Nā Wai 'Ehā begin to bear fruit, the Hui asks that Wailuku River's name be returned along with the flowing water. This name change would be a significant milestone in the community's journey to reclaim its true natural and cultural heritage.

In closing, we ask that you support the Hui's request. This Board's action will restore the true meaning of the name Nā Wai 'Ehā, and honor the area's significance on Maui and throughout Hawai'i nei. We are grateful for your time and consideration.

Mahalo nui,

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