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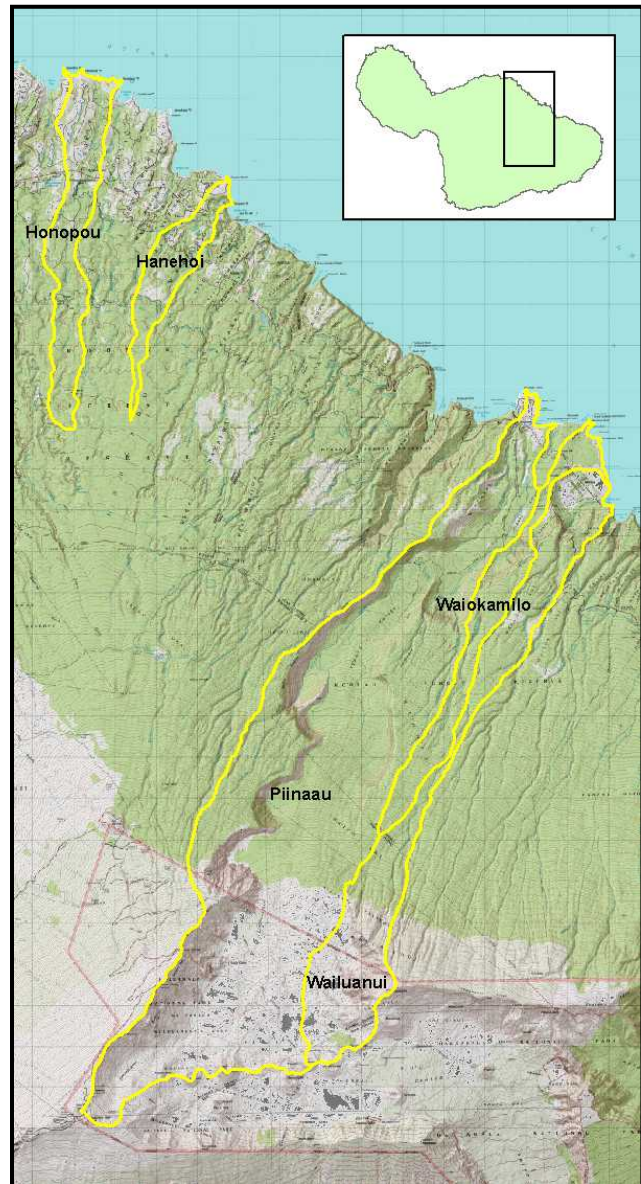
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Re: Stream Protection and Management – East Maui Interim Instream Flow Standards

Chair Thielen and Members of the Commission,

My name is Craig Rasmussen, owner proprietor of Paradise Flower Farms and a member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau. Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of its farm and ranch families and organizations expresses concern about the process to determine instream flow standards in East Maui. HFBF has filed a motion to the Board of Land and Natural Resources expressing its' concern on August 22, 2008.

Many of our members farm and ranch on lands that depend on water from East Maui. I happen to be one of them. Our farm in the Kula Ag Park receives water that is delivered using the EMI ditch system and finally pumped to the Ag Park in Pulehu and ultimately to our farm by the County. Our greenhouses in Kula depends on water from the Upper Kula line, with its' source in East Maui. Farming is a high risk operation with many unknowns ..weather, prices, markets ...and water in recent years has been a major risk factor. Todate, small farmers and ranchers have been exempted from water restrictions by the County but we are very sensitive to rainfall trends in the watershed. We know if there is no rain, there will be no water.

There is a proposal before this body to consider establishment of instream flows for five specific streams without considering the entire system. We are very concerned about this process. Establishment of instream flow standards can be viewed as similar to making major business decisions on the farm. Every decision is made considering all ramifications and not done in isolation. In the same way, I do not understand how decisions on specific streams can be made without understanding what occurs within the entire watershed. The USDA NRCS and SWCD who we work with in water source development projects as well as soil and water conservation issues always refer to watershed-wide planning. Unlike the past where small areas were considered, recent projects encourage considering the entire watershed in decisionmaking. How is this different from establishment of instream flow standards? Every stream should be considered part of a bigger ecosystem and within the ecosystem there are many users whether they be fish or us as farmers.

The implications of these flow standards are important and it is important that the commission understand all of the implications. Maui's agriculture is having a very hard time. Uncertainties such as whether we will have water to continue farming does not encourage investments. Without investments, farms—and the farming industry—will die.

We respectfully request the Commission to take into consideration the best and most current information about the users of the water, those reliant on the water—in addition to information about the streams—in making any recommendation. Recommendations and decisions done in isolation ultimately result in a “we should have” effect ...and it will be too late.



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Subject Water Resource Management

Aloha,

Im not of hawaiian blood but I am human and I do own ag land in the peahi area of maui, I grow a variety of crops with our water that we are able to catch from our roofs, when it rains of course. I have spent the past few years studying sustainable agriculture in the tropics, with an emphasis on hawaiian traditional methods. The land I live and grow on once had abundant taro patches in the past, now left to disappear into the jungle because of a complete lack of fresh water flows thru the stream on our property. The stream should be running all the time but now it only runs during the heaviest of rains a few times a year, the empty stream is in sad shape. To me it seems that what is happening to the water flow is a assault on the most basic of humans right and an assault on the environment. I understand the need for water all over the island, but there is need and there is GREED, and it seems the EMI is operating with greed. All Im trying to say is that a balance needs to be reached between need and greed. I would love to reinvigorate the sustainable agriculture practices that once flourished on this land, I would love to be able to grow taro, I would love to see a little mana back in the stream that now is nothing more than a stagnant mosquito resort.

Sincerely,
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Subject Return stream flow

My entire family and I support the return of all water to streams for immediate and much needed use by mahi'ai kalo and other farmers.

Regards,
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TESTIMONY OF EDWARD WENDT

Aloha and thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Ed Wendt, and I am a lineal descendant of the ahupua`a of Wailuanui and a member of Na Moku Aupuni o Ko`olau Hui. I am a traditional taro farmer and gatherer. I live and farm on ancestral lands. Our family has been farming taro and gathering since time immemorial here in the Ko`olau of East Maui.

The water diversions have had a great impact on the farmers and communities of East Maui, for every stream diverted impacts our native Hawaiian rights that are protected in the constitution and the public trust. Our communities have gone without their resources for years. It impacts our riparian rights, traditional and customary gathering practices, access to scenic and recreation areas, even the rights to access Crown lands.

The taro industry in Hawai`i has greatly declined, and this has been caused by lack of water, disease and apple snails. This has put great hardship on people's way of life for generations. It has denied our communities the ability to sustain their traditional ways of taro farming.

The state of Hawai`i has demonstrated its lack of leadership by not by not protecting Crown lands and constitutional rights. As a lineal descendant and beneficiary of Na Moku of the Ko`olau of East Maui, the ahupua`a of Wailuanui, we want to manage our own resources. We are the true stewards of the `aina.

Release our water and uphold our constitutional rights. Aloha.

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Dear Members, Commission on Water Resources Management
Enough. Stop stealing water.

I am writing in support of the taro farmers and families of East Maui who have suffered too long with insufficient water in their streams. On behalf of the severely distressed communities, native ecosystems, watershed flora and fauna, from mauka to makai, please restore the water to East Maui Koolau. The legal rights that are designed to protect and perpetuate traditional Hawaiian customs, environmental stewardship and sustainable agriculture in Hawaii must be fully and properly enforced. Ua mau ke ?ea o ka ?aina i ka pono.

At the September 24, 2008 meeting on Maui please consider the following:

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* EMI has diverted this water with state permission for over a century without regard for protecting the superior water rights of taro farmers and traditional subsistence gatherers and fishermen.

* Place the burden on EMI to demonstrate how it is using the water it diverts and that its diversions do NOT harm the interests of those with superior rights to water, which traditional taro farmers and subsistence gatherers have under the Hawaii constitution.

* Restore this resource for the continuation of Hawaiian traditions and customs, as protected under the Hawai'i Constitution and the public trust. This is vital to assuring that the cultural rights of Hawaiians are protected.

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Please have consideration for the unique and fragile resources of the East Maui watershed and communities. Please ACT NOW to correct the many years of catastrophic mismanagement of such a vital public trust resource as water. Upholding the state constitution must take precedent over protecting corporate self-interests.

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In days of old, a man's worth was measured by the amount of fresh water he had access to. How can an organization representing a democratic form of government rob a man of his wealth?

I beseech you to "look to the source" and return the water and streams to their rightful path to make pono the land and increase its wealth.

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I am in support of releasing the wai back to its natural course allowing life to be perpetuated in each special area.

It is not just about water. The wai is a life force, to divert its natural flow is to kill. This is the real issue. To do something as bold as that is an act of war. YES, WAR! If I went to your house everyday and sabotaged your cars so you could not get to work, if I turned off you electricity so you could not do the things you normally do to live, if I took all the food out of your fridge so you could not eat. Wouldn't you consider that an act worth fighting against. How can you take water, the second most immediate thing we need to survive, the first being air. How can you justify this for money. How can you sleep at night. You may dismiss this letter cause it is not about money and that would be where we misunderstand eachother. The path of the wai carries with it the mo?olelo and culture of this special place called Hawai?i. More and more I see the Po?e haole changing this place to look more like their place, so that they will be comfortable to be here. If this is the plan then why even call this place Hawai?i, call it mainland 2 or something. Since the word Hawai?i has cultural connection and you are just ripping that apart with no care for it. You are driven by money and you will do what you have to, to make more and more money. Even sell your own mother, that is how you conduct business, with no moral code or rule, other than the gain of monitary luxuries. Even though you feel like a big fish with your corporation and dollars you are actually a small fish swimming up stream against a current that will not stop. Hawai?i (maui being a part of the whole) will not lose its spiritual and cultural connection, this you can bet on. You the big corporation stand in the wrong and no matter how much light you put into your place of darkness it is still clear to us, "the PONO" that you will be brought out to show your true colors, and all will be held accountable. In life you are either on one side or the other no middle ground. No place to hide, your faces will be known and your ancestors if they have not already will turn their backs on you, because of your un pono actions. You will be infamous and put out in the sunlight for all to see.

Put back what you have stolen, and ask for forgiveness, pray for it as well. The world is changing and your kind (the takers) will be welcomed no longer. This is one letter but do not be mistaken for I am not alone in this thought. We Hawaiians of like mind have been idle too long and action is now in order. This is not a threat or even a warning, it is a notice for you. Courtesy of those you make war with. Everyone will be held accountable for their actions, so check your souls, ask your kupuna. Money cannot replace your breath. I am not even from maui, my ancestors come from Kaua?i but what you are doing will

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This is shameful, and we urge you to make up for this lapse by moving with all haste to require return of the water to its natural streambeds in perpetually ample amounts and to give priority to the stream and riparian wildlife and the local families that depend on it.

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Subject Water, Kalo, and sugar

Hello,

First, I apologize and regret not being able to attend your gathering this coming Wednesday. That being said, I would like to put forth my opinion that the diversion of Maui's Waters as it now is, is neither legal, ethical, nor moral. However, I will leave that discussion to those who know more about such issues. I would just like to ask that the issue of what is best concerning the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the community of Maui, the State of Hawai'i, and perhaps of the world is considered.

Being a licenced acupuncturist and herbalist practicing on Maui, I am somewhat aware of these issues. The negative effects spraying and cane and PVC burn has on our island, planet and health notwithstanding, sugar is just not the best thing to put into our bodies. In my experience and research, ingestion of sugar can contribute to, if not be the primary cause of syndromes and symptoms such as ADD, hyperactivity, manic depression, chronic fatigue, diabetes, obesity, all sorts of inflammations, a variety of skin conditions, and a lowered immune system just to name a few. Dramatic changes in health can be experienced by addition or elimination of sugar to the diet.

Asian relatives to Kalo play an important role in their medicines. They are very nourishing and tonifying to one's core health while also clearing toxicities. While I have no expertise on Native healing practices, it doesn't take much research to find that Hawai'ian Kalo also has many healing properties. I suspect that these would be equal to if not exceeding those of their Asian cousins. I have had the good fortune to spend some time in the lo'i, That exposure has left an unexpected and lasting impression on me. If I had to list my impression of the properties of Kalo, it would be something like: nourishes the heart, strengthens the core, and connects one to the land.

Please take the time to compare the spirit of Kalo to that of sugar. One nourishes on a deep level, and the other gives a short flash of perhaps frenetic energy, and then leaves you with less than which you began. Which would you give a child sugar so that he/she can responsibly and calmly take care of his/her kuleana? Which would you rather be a staple of your child's diet? Under which influence do you think that one makes better or worse decisions? It seems to me that cultivation and care of one is driven by and engenders love and respect, the other by lust for money and perhaps fear of lack. Which do we want to contribute to our society?

Perhaps sugar is better for the volume of the economy and employment.

I do not know, I haven't looked at any numbers. Even if it were... Is this how we want to direct Hawai'i's resources? War is also good for the volume of the economy. But is that what we want to drive our decisions? So are violent and mindless video games. Is that how we

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The question at hand goes beyond legalities, or at least I think that it should. What are we gaining? What are we sacrificing? It seems that one alternative has a lot of flash with little substance, the other brings a lot of substance with little flash. In which direction do we want our society, our consciousness, our children to go?

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,

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I, too, live at the edge of a dry stream. For myself, I do not want to 'take' the water; on the contrary, I am wanting the water to flow because it is the catalyst that allows what makes East Maui thrive. Traditional farming supports the plants and animals that compliment all aspects of the riches this culture has to offer on many levels.

Although I live in Hamakualoa, not Koolau, I know many of the problems of not having proper, healthy streamflow.

One of these is the problem of invasive plant species; the native stream plants die from lack of water, and then the invasives that do not require so much water move in and take over.

This is only one of the many misfortunes that on a larger scale turn into tragic result.

Another effect is on the mental and physical wellbeing of Hawaii's youth, if they are not able to learn how to work with the land and streams, and to feel the goodness of this kind of responsibility and happiness.

Please listen to the people of Koolau, East Maui.

We ALL need them to be able to do their work with as much support of the proper environment as possible.

Water, good cold, flowing Wai from Wau Akua...

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Talk of a sustainable Hawaii is appropriately heard everywhere today, both in
the public and private sectors.

Responsible water use is the cornerstone of a sustainable future for these
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One immediate step in the right direction: On September 24th, the Water
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Irrigation cannot continue to utilize water at low prices and with no
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other law.

The Water Commission was created in the late twentieth century to make tough
allotment decisions involving multiple competing interests and complex and
intertwined water needs based on law and the best available science. If some
large landowners can continue to do business as if they reside in and preside
over a nineteenth century version of Hawaii, the imperative of a sustainable
Hawaii in the twenty-first century is doomed.

With aloha,
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We all know what is pono, we now need the strength to do the right thing and correct generations of doing it wrong. The taro farmers must have top priority, and our rivers be allowed to come back to life. A sustainable island is why this commission was formed, protect our water not jobs. Walter Ritte

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Subject Testimony for September 24th Meeting

September 22, 2008

Commission on Water Resources Management
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To The Members Commission on Water Resources Management,

I am a student at Hana High School and I have some concerns about East Maui Irrigation taking too much water from East Maui Streams. Being that I'm from the eastern part of Maui I am able to witness first hand, the water in our streams decreasing slowly, but surely. I've done research and I know that EMI is taking too much water from our streams because part of the water that EMI takes is stored in reservoirs. EMI having to store the water in reservoirs proves their taking more than what they need! They are taking water just to make money. And while they are enjoying themselves, we are the ones who have to suffer. This issue isn't only disrupting taro farmers but its killing our ecosystem, and the culture that Hawai'i is known so well for. The taro is very important to Hawaii's culture and without water flow they will slowly diminish into nothing. Fresh water fish are dying because of not being able to adjust to the dramatic change in their environment. Our culture consists of animals and plants in which EMI is harming because of their carelessness to think of others. If EMI continues to do this changes that can't be undone will be made. Then when it is too late they will regret there wrong doings.

Respectively,
Pua Kaikala

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Subject Testimony on Continued Diversion of East Maui Stream Waters

To: Members, Commission on Water Resource Management

Ano ai kealoha. My name is Michael Howden. I am a member of the Maui County Board of Water Supply, and am presently working as an acupuncturist at the Kula Hospital and Clinic. In addition, I have worked with sustainable agricultural design, as a Permaculture Designer, for close to thirty years. I was also haumana with Papa Henry 'Auwae in la'au lapa'au.

Because wherever I have lived on Maui, first in Kaupo, then later in 'Ulupalakua, water has been the primary issue to secure continued habitation and nourishment, I have ended up studying a wide range of water issues in Hawai'i for nearly forty years.

My understanding is that the issue of the diversions of East Maui Stream waters by HC&S/EMI for its own use and that of its beneficiaries, is foundationally an issue of social justice, and that the rights to the use of these waters by those resident within their area of origin are guaranteed by the Hawaii State Constitution and confirmed by Hawai'i

State Supreme Court rulings.

The problem seems to be that these rights were not able to be exercised by Na Kua'aina, by the traditional Hawaiian subsistence farmers, gatherers and fisherman, of East Maui. The social and economic conditions of those times were antithetical to the exercise of basic human rights, especially as a native people. Soon thereafter, immigrant laborers were to experience much the same racism and economic domination, almost a feudal system based on class and race.

It has been disheartening to see the unions who, throughout the largely class struggle to organize and help the workers, were oppressed in much the same manner as present-day Hawaiians, withholding their support and sometimes actually demonstrating against equitable distribution of the East Maui waters.

There is one other point that I especially would like to make: that excessive withdrawal of stream waters from East Maui, is slowly but inexorably leading to the deterioration of the East Maui Watershed. Much too much water is taken from the watershed.

Management seems piecemeal and is certainly considerably underfunded. Exotic species such as eucalyptus which hinder adequate percolation of storm water into the soil, need to be harvested and replaced with more appropriate native species.

And for the health of our near shore waters, the streams need to flow again. For the renewal and enhanced health of our watershed, the streams need to flow again. And for the health and well-being of our native peoples, Na Kanaka Maoli, the streams need to flow again.

Please follow our laws, and set instream flow standards supported by community members, to facilitate the traditional and customary use of instream waters for kalo cultivation, gathering and renewal of nearshore fisheries.

Thank you, Michael S. Howden, L.Ac.



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We need to restore the lo'i kalo...to bring the Hawaiian culture's identity back to the kanaka maoli. We are called the "host culture" but have not hosted anything since the illegal overthrow of 1893.

Do your job and quit pandering to corporate institutions. The makaai'nana were the feet, toes, ankles, legs of the community. Without them, a kingdom cannot stand.

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Water is a gift from the heavens and should not be taken from one place to another at the sacrifice of the life and nature of the place where it naturally falls and flows.

We are trying to farm in Huelo and have no county water. We depend upon the rain and the natural flow of the mountain streams. Please return an ample amount to the people, the streams, taro and other farms in this area.

This is critical and we need your help.

Mahalo nui loa,



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As you are well aware, the law requires to commission to act in 180 days of the filing to amend the interim in-stream flow standards. Na Moku filed in 2001. It is time that the commission acts tomorrow!

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Dear Members of the Commission on Water Resources Management

I am a sophomore at Hana High School and have researched the contested court case between East Maui Taro Farmers and East Maui Irrigation. In my English class we looked over the facts and I personally think that the choice chosen was not fair. It would be fair though if the Water Commission to return the stream flow back to its natural state. There are other ways for Residents who are in need of clean water. The different possibilities are those like having a water tank and collect rain and then ration the water to different families.

My goal for the water flow is that it will return to its natural flow and not diverted so people can waste it and not understand the value of water. Water is one of the main things we need to survive. You can hardly find any food or drink that doesn't include water as an ingredient. Water is a source of life. Every culture was born around water. Another reason why the water should be returned is because we need to preserve what we have now. Fishes are dying, and reefs are dying also. Make that native fish. Native fish like the

“Hinana” travel upstream to breed and lay egg’s and then later their offspring will gently float back down and live in the ocean until they too will travel up and lay their egg’s and a cycle will continue. The whole balance of life in the ocean is thrown off because of the loss of a valuable life source. Also another reason is because the Taro farmers make their living off of growing and caring for their Kalo. They have only 3 million gallons while the E.M.I takes about 160 million gallons a day to use for sugarcane. There are different ways to water the crops for example, there could be a solution by using and desalinating ocean water and use the salt water which would also in a way help the global warming. It would help because they would be taking salt water and would stop the oceans from rising. We also need to preserve our Hawaiian Culture because so much was lost and now we need to save it as much as we can and try and learn the rest. So that’s my two cents about the Stream flow and why it should be restored.

Sincerely, Casey Morondos

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Re: Water Commission Meeting to Restore Flows
to 8 East Maui Streams

From: Chris Kobayashi
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Aloha to the members of the Water Commission

I am a taro farmer. My family has farmed taro for over 60 years in Hanalei.

You cannot grow taro or any living thing without water. We all know that. To grow healthy & good quality taro, you need sufficient cool water. Without the water, if the taro even grows, the taro gets "bli" - no starch - junk - cannot make poi with that.

Throughout the state, consumers and mills are all crying for poi. There always seems to be a poi shortage.

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If the lands in Waikuanui had water, there would be a greater production of taro in the state feeding families, communities and the state.

I find it heartbreaking to see the taro lei in Waikuanui without water, without Kalo growing; the soil is all cracked. It is a crying shame that EMI has continuously diverted waters. It is appalling that nothing has been done since Na Moku filed a petition to amend an interim flow standard in 2001. It is an injustice and embarrassment that the Water Commission did not respond and act in 180 days, which is required by law! Now 7 years later, you are considering this matter. I guess, better late than never. So now is your chance to make it right.

If we want to see our state become sustainable in these uncertain times, water for production of food must be considered first. That includes taro farmers and subsistence gatherers who depend also on aquatic life in the streams and the ocean.

The rights of taro farmers and subsistence gatherers must be respected, honored and protected. I would think this is what the Water Commission is entrusted to do. Please ACT NOW and Release and Restore Water back to all streams. It is time to make things Right!
Aloha & Mahalo, Chris Kobayashi

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RE: Request for comments on the Instream Flow Standard Assessment Report (IFSAR) for East Maui streams.

Aloha e Ken Kawahara,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is in receipt of the above-mentioned letter dated September 18, 2008. Given that OHA received that letter only yesterday, it has not had adequate time to completely review and analyze the 64-page staff recommendation on the interim instream flow standards ("IIFSs") for eight East Maui streams. Although OHA would prefer to have sufficient time to offer more thoughtful consideration of such a complex and important action, it has the following comments based on its preliminary review.

In our June 10, 2008 comment letter on the same subject we said:

OHA understands that the IFSAR (Instream Flow Standard Assessment Report) is a compilation of the hydrology, instream uses, and noninstream uses related to a specific stream and its respective surface water hydrologic unit.¹ As such we respect that this is inherently a complex undertaking; however, we urge that Native Hawaiian rights relating to water be given their proper weight in this report. (emphasis added)

OHA understands that CWRM defines an IFS as a quantity of flow of water or depth of water which is required to be present at a specific location in a stream at certain specified times of the year to protect fishery, wildlife, recreational, aesthetic, scenic, and other beneficial instream uses.² We further

¹ CWRM website: http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/cwrm/sw_ifsar.htm, June 10, 2008.

² CWRM website: <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/cwrm/ifsar/ifsar-faq.pdf>, June 10, 2008.

request that CWRM consider re-defining this to include Native Hawaiian uses that are a part of the policies and constitution of this state, ratified and elaborated upon by law, and are a part of the very water code itself. (emphasis added)

OHA takes this opportunity to respectfully remind the Commission that the public trust doctrine deems “Native Hawaiian and traditional and customary rights” as public trust purposes.³ Additionally, the Hawai‘i Constitution, article XII, section 7 “places an affirmative duty on the State and its agencies to preserve and protect traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights, and confers upon the State and its agencies the power to protect these rights and to prevent any interference with the exercise of these rights.”⁴ Also, the very State Water Code itself requires that: “adequate provision shall be made for the protection of traditional and customary Hawaiian rights.”⁵

OHA urges that these long-decided laws and regulations not be given short shrift. The staff submittal on page 11 sees these rights and states, “Appurtenant rights of taro growers are public trust purposes recognized by the Code and respected as the highest form of protection.” The rights have been put into Native Hawaiian hands, but their wrists have been bound in application. This case and other contemporary ones like it are examples of this struggle. There needs to be a thorough analysis of the burden that has been placed at the feet of Native Hawaiians.

In the Kuleana Act of 1850 (originally known as Enactment of Further Principles) maka‘āinana were to file claims with the Land Commission but only for the acreage that they were currently cultivating (excluding land that was normally cultivated but was put into rotation), plus an additional quarter acre for a house.⁶ OHA notes that the applicant had to arrange and pay for a survey, and have two witnesses validate the petition before the short period of time expired to file and prove their claim.⁷ The inevitable result was that despite the fact that the maka‘āinana were to receive one-third of the lands (see, Principles Adopted by the Commission and Legislature, 2 Revised Laws of Hawai‘i, 2124), only about three percent of the claimants received awards of more than ten acres of land.⁸ Less than one percent of Hawai‘i’s land area was awarded to the maka‘āinana.⁹

Today, the Commission on Water Resources Management is continuing this sad and unfortunate history by seeming to shift from Native Hawaiians actually having legally defined and clear rights to having to prove them or prove harm to them. Pursuant to the constitution, the

³ In re Waiahole Ditch Combined Contested Case Hearing, 94 Haw. at 137, 9 P.3d at 449.

⁴ Ka Pa‘akai O Ka ‘Aina v. Land Use Comm’n, 94 Haw. 31, 42 (2000).

⁵ See, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 174C-2.

⁶ See, Who Owns the Crown Lands of Hawai‘i?, Jon M. Van Dyke, (2008), p. 46.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid. at 48.

⁹ Ibid.

public trust doctrine and the State Water Code, it is impermissible for the Commission to shift the burden onto the individual rightsholders to prove harm to their protected rights, relieving the diverters and the Commission itself of any obligation to justify offstream diversions and affirmatively protect Native Hawaiian rights. The staff's "general recommendations" throughout the submittal and on page 63 require a party negatively affected by either the Commission's IIFS or a third party's actions in failing to abide by the IIFS to monitor and document the harm to their protected rights, then return to the staff and prove their harm. OHA objects to any requirement that changes the current burden on the diverter and the Commission to prove the lack of harm into one that requires OHA's beneficiaries and other water users to prove harm.

The language on page 63, for example creates additional burdens for injured parties. It does so without specific definition of what needs to be shown. OHA understands that the Commission needs to see some level of harm. We ask that they clarify or provide an example of the type of data and monitoring they have in mind so that we can properly assess its impact to our beneficiaries

As a participant in the Na Wai `Eha contested case hearing, OHA recognizes that the action on the petition to amend the IIFS for the East Maui streams represents an attempt to establish a different and more efficient process for determining IIFSs to protect Hawaii's streams. OHA appreciates the staff's recognition that the public trust doctrine and the State Water Code require protective IIFSs to be established at a greater rate than has been the case to date, and applauds the efforts to increase the rate at which streams are afforded the protections mandated by law. Although the process for establishing IIFSs needs to be accelerated, however, OHA has concerns that the present process may have the effect of shifting an impermissible burden to the proponents of stream flow restoration, and may also eliminate the judicial review that has proven so critical in outlining the Commission's duties under the public trust doctrine.

OHA understands that the Commission is in a difficult position as well. However, the requirements that you have set are effectively too high a bar for Native Hawaiians to reasonably pass. For example, the Commission asks of applicants with unproven appurtenant rights to provide a certificate of search, title report or a chain of title for their parcel. OHA appreciates that the Commission needs some evidence; however, this is can be quite burdensome and expensive and without providing some mechanism to facilitate Native Hawaiian applicants to meet this bar, it becomes prohibitive. The issue is not having a bar, but how difficult it is. Therefore, OHA takes this opportunity to suggest that the Commission provide a mechanism to facilitate Native Hawaiian applicants to meet this bar. OHA has some suggestions and ideas in this matter and should the Commission wish to further discuss this we would gladly do so.

OHA also understands that this submittal proposes to increase the instream flow standard (IFS) for these streams due to biological considerations. OHA urges that the Commission also make assignments due to the Native Hawaiian stream uses and rights that even the Commission acknowledges exist. To assume (as the Rationale for Interim IFS B section does on page 35) that because flow is restored to 50 percent of the natural base flow that will be enough to

accommodate habitat and downstream users without at all quantifying them is wrong and potentially harmful.

The likelihood that kuleana users would be harmed by some or all of the IIFSs is substantial. Indeed, in some cases, it appears that the recommended IIFS could result in less water in the streams rather than flow restoration. Although the stated rationale for the proposed IIFSs starts, in each case, with the median base flow value, only total flow can be measured. The proposed IIFSs, therefore, presumably represent the minimum total flow (as opposed to base flow) at the identified points in the streams. It is not at all clear that the proposed IIFSs will result in any increase in the total flow at certain stream locations.

In Pahauhulu Stream, for example, although the recommended IIFS is intended to be more than the median base flow, it is significantly less than the median total flow, which is the water that is actually in the stream. Currently, even under diverted conditions, there is 7.6 cfs or more present in the stream fifty percent of the time at the location of proposed IIFS B. Under the staff's recommendation, there need only be 5.5 cfs present at any time. In other words, more than half of the time there could potentially be less water in the stream under the recommended IIFS than is currently the case. In other streams, such as Hanahoi and Huelo Streams, it is impossible to determine whether the recommended IIFS would represent more or less than the current diverted flows, because there is no data regarding the diverted flows. Because the IIFS represents the total flow in the stream at a given location, base flow, which is a mathematically derived component of total flow, is not a helpful concept under these circumstances and appears to have caused confusion.

OHA notes that the Commission asks injured parties to monitor and provide data to the Commission to demonstrate harm. The Court has made clear that water diverters and the Commission bear the "burden of establishing that the proposed use will not interfere with any public trust purposes."¹⁰ (emphasis added) The burden on the diverters and Commission includes an obligation "to demonstrate affirmatively that the [diversion] would not affect [trust purposes]; in other words, the absence of evidence that the proposed use would affect [trust purposes] was insufficient to meet the burden imposed . . . by the public trust doctrine, the Hawai'i Constitution, and the Code."¹¹

The staff submittal on page 45 recognizes that a balance must be struck when it states, "Therefore, an interim IFS cannot be proposed without balancing the importance of stream biota with other instream and noninstream uses." Native Hawaiian users and uses must not only be

¹⁰ In re Wai'ola o Moloka'i, Inc., 103 Haw. 401, 442, 83 P.3d 664, 705 (2004) (emphasis added); see also (Waiahole I, 94 Haw. at 143, 9 P.3d at 455 (quoting Robinson v. Ariyoshi, 65 Haw. 641, 649 n.8, 658 P.2d 287, 295 n.8 (1982) ("The burden of demonstrating that any transfer of water was not injurious to the rights of others rested wholly upon those seeking the transfer."); see also Reppun, 65 Haw. at 554, 656 P.2d at 72 (the "continuing use of the waters of the stream by the wrongful diversion should be contingent upon a demonstration that such use will not harm the established rights of others")

¹¹ Id.

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balanced with other important concerns, they have an acknowledged priority. This submittal is out of balance in this respect.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have further questions, please contact Grant Arnold by phone at (808) 594-0263 or e-mail him at granta@oha.org.

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9-24-08. Haiku, Maui

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Dear Members, Commission on Water Resources Management,

I am writing in support of the taro farmers and families of East Maui who have suffered too long with insufficient water in their streams. On behalf of the severely distressed communities, native ecosystems, watershed flora and fauna, from mauka to makai, please restore the water to East Maui Koolau. The legal rights that are designed to protect and perpetuate traditional Hawaiian customs, environmental stewardship and sustainable agriculture in Hawaii must be fully and properly enforced. Ua mau ke ?ea o ka ?aina i ka pono.

At the September 24, 2008 meeting on Maui please consider the following:

* Priority: Please ACT NOW to amend interim in-stream flow standards so that water is allowed to naturally flow again in the streams. The law requires the Commission to act in 180 days of the filing of a petition to amend an interim in-stream flow standard. Na Moku filed its petition in 2001. The Commission must act now.

* EMI has diverted this water with state permission for over a century without regard for protecting the superior water rights of taro farmers and traditional subsistence gatherers and fishermen.

* Place the burden on EMI to demonstrate how it is using the water it diverts and that its diversions do NOT harm the interests of those with superior rights to water, which traditional taro farmers and subsistence gatherers have under the Hawaii constitution.

* Restore this resource for the continuation of Hawaiian traditions and customs, as protected under the Hawai`i Constitution and the public trust. This is vital to assuring that the cultural rights of Hawaiians are protected.

* Taro farmers cannot wait years, months, or even weeks for water. They need prompt action when they lose water to diversions by EMI.

* Please uphold the law and not cater to the political and economic arguments of the diverter.

Please have consideration for the unique and fragile resources of the East Maui watershed and communities. Please ACT NOW to correct the many years of catastrophic mismanagement of such a vital public trust resource as water. Upholding the state constitution must take precedent over protecting corporate self-interests.

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