



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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AGENDA
FOR THE LIMITED MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: April 28, 2015
TIME: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
PLACE: Various Sites in West Kauai

The Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) will conduct a site visit to the Kōkeʻe and Kekaha Ditch Irrigation Systems in connection with the complaint against waste in the Waimea River and its tributaries filed by Earthjustice on Behalf of Poʻai Wai Ola and the West Kauai Watershed Alliance.

The April 28, 2015 public site visit times and locations are outlined below. The limited meeting is open to the public but all times are tentative, parking is limited, and some field conditions are unsafe. Any member of the public who attends will be responsible for his / her own transportation, safety, and special access needs. Public testimony regarding the site visit will only be taken at the Waimea Neighborhood Center. 4WD vehicles may be required pending weather and road conditions.

A. ACTION ITEM

Waimea Neighborhood Center 9:30 am
4556 Makeke Road, Waimea HI 96796

Authorize the Commission on Water Resource Management to Conduct a Limited Meeting to View Portions of the Kōkeʻe and Kekaha Ditch Irrigation Systems in Waimea, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi

Prior concurrence for the limited meeting as specified under agenda Item B was obtained from the Director of the Hawaiʻi State Office of Information Practices (OIP) to hold the West Kauaʻi site visit tentatively scheduled for 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2015 as a limited meeting according to HRS § 92-3.1. This is on the basis of impracticability and concerns regarding public safety in accommodating the public on the approximately six hour trek to show key aspects along publically accessible roads, lookouts, and viewable sites of the Kōkeʻe and Kekaha Ditch Irrigation Systems in West Kauaʻi. Parking is limited and gathering along roadsides is unsafe. No decision-making is allowed. Videotaping of the sites will be conducted in accordance with HRS § 92-3.1(c).

*Restroom(s) available

A 2/3 vote of all the votes that CWRM is entitled to is required in favor of holding the limited meeting. The failure to obtain the required number of votes will result in cancellation of the site visit.

B. SITE VISITS

SITE # 1

Waimea Neighborhood Center 9:45 am (15 minutes)
4556 Makeke Road, Waimea HI 96796 (See map)

Welcome and short briefing by Kekaha Agriculture Association (KAA) on the Kōkeʻe and Kekaha Ditch Systems.

SITE # 2

Waimea Canyon Lookout* 10:30 am (15 minutes)
Heading north on Kōkeʻe Road (Hwy 550), (See map)
Turn right ~0.3 miles after mile marker 10

Waimea Watershed with view of Waipoʻo Falls (Kōkeʻe Stream). Flow in Kōkeʻe Stream is augmented by water returned from Kōkeʻe Ditch downstream of Kawaikoi, Waiakoali, and Kauaikinanā Stream Diversions.

SITE # 3

Puʻu Lua Reservoir* 11:00 am (20 minutes)
Heading north on Kōkeʻe Road (Hwy 550), (See map)
turn left at mile marker 12

Water from Kōkeʻe Ditch flows into Puʻu Lua Reservoir, which is located downstream of the sluice gate to Kauhao Gulch. The reservoir is maintained below 60 feet due to dam safety regulations and is used by the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) for sport fishing (trout are raised and released). Outflow from the reservoir continues towards the Puʻu Moe Divide.

[Lunch] 11:20 am – 12:00 pm

SITE # 4

Pu'u Moe Ditch Divide 12:30 pm (30 minutes)
Heading south on Kōke'e Road (Hwy 550), (See map)
~0.4 miles after mile marker 10

Kōke'e Ditch downstream of Pu'u Lua Reservoir. Water is divided between the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) lessees and the Kōke'e Ditch towards Kitano Reservoir.

SITE # 5

Black Pipe Siphon Viewpoint 1:15 pm (20 minutes)
Heading south on Waimea Canyon Drive (Hwy 550), (See map)
~0.6 miles after mile marker 4

The Kekaha Ditch siphon conveys water from the eastern side of the valley to the western side. The siphon is located below the Mauka Hydropower Plant. Water continues in the Kekaha Ditch to the diversion point for the Menehune Ditch and on to the Mānā Plain.

SITE # 6

End of Koke'e Ditch 1:45 pm (20 minutes)
Heading south on Waimea Canyon Drive (Hwy 550), (See map)
~0.1 miles after mile marker 3

Water exiting Kōke'e Ditch flows downslope into Kekaha Ditch.

SITE # 7

Kekaha Ditch Crossing at Hwy 550 2:15 pm (15 minutes)
Heading south on Waimea Canyon Drive (Hwy 550), (See map)
~0.7 miles after mile marker 2

Kekaha Ditch downstream of Menehune Ditch withdrawal and before inflow from Kōke'e Ditch.

SITE # 8

Public testimony on West Kauai Site Visit 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm~
Waimea Neighborhood Center (See map)
4556 Makeke Road, Waimea HI 96796

~ Public testimony period may end earlier if it is apparent there is no further testimony.

For further information, please contact the Commission on Water Resource Management.

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