

MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: April 16, 1999
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: DLNR Board Room
Kalanimoku Building

Chairperson Timothy E. Johns called the meeting of the Commission on Water Resource Management to order at 9:11 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Mr. Timothy Johns
Mr. Richard Cox
Mr. David Nobriga
Mr. Herbert Richards, Jr.
Dr. Bruce Anderson
Mr. Robert Giraldo

STAFF: Mr. Edwin Sakoda
Mr. Roy Hardy
Mr. Eric Hirano
Mr. Dean Nakano
Mr. Glenn Bauer
Mr. David Higa
Ms. Faith Ching

COUNSEL: Ms. Linnel Nishioka

OTHERS:

George Hiu	Donna Kiyosaki	Jack Pobuk
Howard Tanaka	Cheryl Okuma-Sepe	Barry Usagawa
Karen Piltz	Gary Slovin	Michael Street
Manabu Tagomori	Michael Gibson	Ken Windram
Ken Sprague	Jeffrey Tyau	Gary Gill
Garrick Iwamuro	Tim Houghton	

All written testimonies submitted at the meeting are filed in the Commission office and are available for review by interested parties. The items were not taken in the order posted on the agenda.

Chairperson Johns made clarification of the language to the agenda for this meeting (April 19, 1999) on Item 7 to replace with:

Executive Session: The Commission will convene in an executive session to: (1) discuss legal issues related to the Pearl Harbor Sustainable Yield and the Pearl Harbor Water Use Permits pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, and (2) approve the executive session minutes of March 19, 1999 and discuss personnel matters pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), HRS.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended.
(Richards/Nobriga)
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED.

1. Minutes of the March 19, 1999 meeting

Commissioner Cox made a correction to the minutes on page 5. The testimony by the applicant should then read:

Wayne Nakamoto, Assistant Project Coordinator for the HCDCH stated that when wastewater is available, they are planning to convert to the wastewater system. Prior to last year, they drew on the potable water system from the Board of Water Supply and utilized it for the nonpotable water system.

A typographical error in Item 7 of the minutes was corrected to read:

MOTION: (Richards/Cox)
To defer.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO DEFER.

MOTION: (Nobriga/Cox)
To approve the minutes as amended.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED.

2. Old Business/Announcements

Mr. Sakoda announced that at 1:00 p.m. today the Chairperson's confirmation hearing will be held at the State Capitol, Room 225.

3. Reclaimed Water Briefing by the City and County of Honolulu and U.S. Filter

Ken Sprague, City and County Department of Environmental Services gave the presentation on reclaimed water as well as Gary Slovin who is the representative for U.S. Filter.

Chairperson Johns - What kinds of policy decisions are we going to be faced with in order to make the reuse of wastewater successful? Is U.S. Filter the only one that is going to be able to do this and make it viable. What kinds of things are they expecting to make wastewater reuse, relatively in the near future, work in Hawaii. What kinds of assumptions are expected? We are not expecting U.S. Filter to subsidize wastewater use in Hawaii for the next 30 years. So we need to know the kinds of decisions we are going to have to make in order to make wastewater reuse a reality: like raising the price; cutting off the caprock, an

ordinance from the City and County requiring it? These are the kinds of issues we are going to be faced with as we move down the path.

Gary Slovin of U.S. Filter said that it is too early to answer these questions; there are no conditions in the contract with respect to the Water Commission doing anything. The only condition we have is that it not be regulated because it is a risky project with respect to funding. Will keep the Water Commission informed as we learn more about water reuse.

Cheryl Okuma-Sepe stated that: 1) recycled wastewater is a resource instead of something to be disposed of and thrown away; 2) there is a need to address some of the issues and discussions that have come up over time in terms of regulations with respect to wastewater and consequences of spills. Everyone recognizes that recycled water, because of the level of treatment that it does receive, could be handled under a separate scheme of requirements and for that reason we believe that it is important to proceed with separate requirements from wastewater. That was basically the reason for pursuing it.

4. **Department of Transportation, Application for a Stream Channel Alteration Permit (SCAP-HA-233 & 234), Seismic Retrofit, Kapehu and Kaalau Highway Bridges, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii (Kapehu, TMK: 3-5-02) (Kaalau, TMK: 3-5-02, 3-5-03)**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Mr. Roy Hardy

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission:

1. Approve a stream channel alteration permit (SCAP-HA-233) for seismic retrofitting of the highway bridge at Kapehu Stream (TMK: 3-5-04) Laupahoehoe, Hawaii. The permit shall be valid for two (2) years subject to the standard stream channel alteration permit conditions in Exhibit 6.
2. Approve a stream channel alteration permit (SCAP-HA-234) for seismic retrofitting of the highway bridge at Kaalau Stream (TMK: 3-5-02, 3-5-03), Laupahoehoe. The permit shall be valid for two (2) years subject to the standard stream channel alteration permit conditions in Exhibit 6, and the following special condition:

"The applicant shall submit a copy of their Clean Water Act, Sections 404 and 401 approvals to the Commission on Water Resource Management prior to construction activities."

TESTIMONY BY APPLICANT: NONE

TESTIMONIES: NONE

MOTION: (Nobriga/Cox)

To approve the submittal.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. **Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus / Property Reserves, Inc., APPLICATION FOR AFTER-THE-FACT PUMP INSTALLATION PERMIT, Quarry Wells E & F (Well Nos. 3856-05 and -06), Pump Installation: 1075 gpm for backup emergency use (each well), TMK 5-5-6: 01 (3856-05) and 5-5-6: 05 (3856-06), Laie, Oahu**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Mr. Roy Hardy

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission approve the issuance of After-The-Fact Pump Installation Permits for Quarry Wells E & F (Well Nos. 3856-05 and -06) because all conditions have been met.

TESTIMONY BY APPLICANT:

In response to a question by Dr. Anderson, Jeff Tyau testified that the wastewater monitor wells are approximately 800 to 1,000 feet away from where the supply wells are on the downgradient side.

MOTION: (Cox/Richards)

To approve the submittal as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED.

At 10:18 a.m. Chairperson Johns asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Pearl Harbor Sustainable Yield.

MOTION: (Richards/Nobriga)

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Adjournment (Nobriga/Girald). Chairperson Johns adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

FAITH F. CHING
Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDWIN T. SAKODA
Acting Deputy Director