

MINUTES  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: December 20, 2000  
TIME: 9:00 am  
PLACE: DLNR Board Room  
Kalanimoku Bldg.

Chairperson Gilbert S. Coloma-Agaran called the meeting of the Commission on Water Resource Management to order at 9:14 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Mr. Gilbert S. Coloma-Agaran, Dr. Bruce Anderson, Mr. Robert Giraldo, Mr. Brian Nishida, Mr. David Nobriga, Mr. Herbert Richards, Jr.

**STAFF:** Ms. Linnel Nishioka, Mr. Roy Hardy, Mr. Ed Sakoda, Mr. Eric Hirano, Mr. Dean Nakano, Mr. Glenn Bauer, Mr. David Higa, Ms. Lenore Nakama, Ms. Faith Ching

**COUNSEL:** Linden Joesting

**OTHERS:** Manabu Tagomori, Clifford Jamile, Donna Kiyosaki, J. Douglas Ing, Kapua Sproat, Kaipo Faris, Amy Luerson

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.

**1. Minutes of the November 29, 2000 meeting**

Commissioner Brian Nishida made correction to the minutes of the November 29, 2000 meeting. He made note that he was not present at this meeting.

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

**2. Old Business/Announcements by Deputy Director Linnel Nishioka**

Deputy Director Linnel Nishioka welcomed Chair Agaran to the Commission and stated that she and staff are looking forward to working with him again.

She reported that the Administration budget is out and thanked former Chair Tim Johns for his assisting in our budget requests. She also thanked the Governor for supporting the Department's recommendation and reinstating some of the budget cuts that were made by Budget and Finance. She stated that the Commission would be receiving an additional \$900,000 over the biennium. Three additional permanent positions will be added to staff.

**3. Honolulu Board of Water Supply's Update Briefing on their recycled water program.**

Mr. Erwin Kawata of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply provided an update on the Board's recycled water program. He did a powerpoint presentation which described the processing of recycled water, distribution system, community outreach and an education program. The presentation also informed the Commission on the current status and future steps of the recycled program.

Mr. Clifford Jamile, Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply extended an invitation to the Commission to tour the Honouliuli Water Recycling Facility.

**4. Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu, 42-inch Water Main, Kaneohe to Waihee Line Booster, Application for a Stream Channel Alteration Permit (SCAP-OA-318), Kahaluu, Island of Oahu (TMK 4-7-03)**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Mr. Edwin Sakoda

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Commission approve a stream channel alteration permit for the construction of a 42-inch water main under Ahuimanu Channel, Kahaluu Stream, Oahu (TMK4-7-0-3). The permit shall be valid for two (2) years subject to our Standard Stream Channel Alteration Permit conditions in Exhibit 3.
2. That the Board of Water Supply consult with the Division of Aquatic Resources so as to assure that the impacts on the aquatic biota in the area are minimized during the construction process.

TESTIMONY BY APPLICANT:

Mr. Clifford Jamile of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) gave an overview of the construction plans and stated that the construction will not stop the flow. He stated that the purpose for installing the lines is for maintenance and that most of the lines are in poor condition. No lines between Kahana to Waihee are scheduled for construction.

TESTIMONIES:

Mr. Kaipo Faris of the Makawai Stream Restoration Alliance had some concerns in this area and the project. He stated that if construction continues and if the stream water stops flowing temporarily, there would not be enough water for the stream life and have an impact on the stream system.

Ms. Amy Luerson of the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board and the Makawai Stream Restoration Alliance stated that there is more than the one stream that will be affected if the Commission approves the 42-inch water main. She stated that this construction would affect all streams that are in the vicinity. She suggested that the Commission have the (BWS) use other alternatives for the construction and not cross other streams.

Kapua Sproat of Earthjustice objected to the issuance of the permit because no comprehensive assessment of the environmental and cultural impacts of the entire project has to her knowledge been completed. She asked that the Commission defer action until a comprehensive assessment has been made or deny the permit and allow the BWS the opportunity to undertake the studies.

Commissioner Anderson added a second recommendation. See No. 2 of the amended recommendations.

MOTION: (GIRALD/RICHARDS)

To approve the submittal as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED.

**5. Department of Transportation, Application for a Stream Channel Alteration Permit (SCAP-MA-320) Highway Bridge Modifications, Kahana Stream, Lahaina, Maui (TMK 4-03-01)**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Mr. Edwin Sakoda

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Commission approve a stream channel alteration permit for the construction of grouted rubble paving to protect the Highway Bridge abutments in Kahana Stream, Lahaina, Maui (TMK 4-3-01), subject to our standard conditions for stream channel alteration permits in Exhibit 5.

MOTION: (NOBRIGA/NISHIDA)

To approve the submittal.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

FAITH F. CHING  
Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

LINNEL T. NISHIOKA  
Deputy Director