

MINUTES
FOR THE FIELD TRIP OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: January 11, 2001
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: Lalakea Ditch Reservoir and Hiilawe Falls
Hamakua, Hawaii

The Commission on Water Resource Management met at Tex Drive In.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Mr. Gilbert S. Coloma-Agaran, Mr. Herbert M. Richards, Jr.
Mr. David A. Nobriga, and Mr. Brian Nishida

STAFF: Ms. Linnel Nishioka, Mr. Edwin Sakoda, Ms. Faith Ching

COUNSEL: Linden Joesting

OTHERS: Bob Rosehill (Kamehameha Schools), Patricia Tummons, Marjorie Ziegler, Steve Bowles, Chris Rathbun, and other interested parties.

The group visited the Lalakea Ditch Reservoir at the end of the Lalakea Ditch. Mr. Bob Rosehill described the work the lessee has been doing to improve the ditch system, construct the aquaculture ponds and taro loi, and measure the ditch flow. He informed the group of plans for the future of the project.

The group, except for Mr. Rosehill, then drove down into Waipio Valley and hiked to the abandoned teahouse near Hiilawe Falls. Facing the twin falls, Hakalaoa Falls, on the left side, was flowing from half way to the bottom. On the right side, Hiilawe Falls was dry except from the top to about halfway down the falls, where the Lower Hamakua Ditch (LHD) intersects the falls. The leakage from the LHD caused Hakalaoa Falls to flow from halfway down the falls to the bottom.

The group hiked back to the vehicles then returned to Tex Drive In where the field trip ended at about 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

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