

MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: July 16, 2003
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: DLNR Board Room
Kalanimoku Bldg.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peter T. Young called the meeting of the Commission on Water Resource Management to order at 9:09a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Mr. Peter T. Young, Ms. Meredith Ching, Mr. Clayton Dela Cruz,
Mr. James Frazier

STAFF: Ernie Lau, Dean Nakano, Roy Hardy, Ed Sakoda, Glenn Bauer,
Lenore Nakama

EXCUSED: Dr. Chiyome Fukino, Stephanie Whalen

COUNSEL: Yvonne Izu

OTHERS: Kapua Sproat, Rosemary Leo

Chairman Young introduced and welcomed Mr. James Frazier to the Commission.

All written testimonies submitted at the meeting are filed in the Commission office and are available for review by interested parties.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Deputy Director Ernest Lau, requested that item G2, Dispute Resolution Hearing on the Douglas/White Hanawana Stream Intake Dispute (DR-MA03-1) be deferred to next months meeting.

Without objection the agenda was amended.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the prior meeting were circulated.

Chairman Young asked if the new commissioner would be able to vote, Deputy AG responded no. There were not enough people to vote on that issue. Defer approval of the minutes to a future meeting.

E. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS by Deputy Director Ernest Lau

None

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Paradise Shrimp Farm, APPLICATION FOR A WATER USE PERMIT, Paradise Production Well #1 (Well No. 3407-38), TMK 6-7-01:032, New (Aquaculture) Use for 0.576 mgd of Salt Water, Waialua Ground Water Management Area, Oahu**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Lenore Nakama

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the issuance of Water Use Permit No. 643 to Paradise Shrimp Farm for the reasonable and beneficial use of 0.576 million gallons per day of salt water for aquaculture use from the Paradise Production Well #1 (Well No. 3407-38), subject to the standard water use permit conditions listed in Attachment B and the following special conditions:

In the event that the tax map key at the location of the water use is changed, the permittee shall notify the Commission in writing of the tax map key change within thirty (30) days after the permittee receives notice of the tax map key change.

- II. Standard Condition 16 is waived for salt-water wells.

MOTION: (Ching/Frazier)

To approve the submittal.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

H. REPORTS

Deputy Director Lau discussed briefly the status of the CWRM's budget. He mentioned that the whole Department, Chairman Young, Deputy Davidson and himself were working on a 20% reduction for the first quarter. We are working on two different scenarios for the Commission's budget. One is a 20% reduction on the first quarter, which amount to about 5% of the full year. The other case scenario is a reduction of 20% over four quarters, which amounts to a reduction of \$324,000.00. The budget reduction will also impact special funds. On our special funds we are looking at a 5% reduction of \$17,000.00 for the first quarter; if it goes over 20% for four quarters, a \$68,000.00 reduction. The reason for this explanation is that when we enter into the discussion of the Iao-Waihe'e Aquifer we have to keep in mind that the process is going to require additional cost to the Commission for travel to Maui to hold hearings and publishing of notices. That also explains one of the reasons why the Commission meetings have been mainly on Oahu, as a way to try and cut costs.

Under the 20% reduction scenario the biggest impact would be on the USGS contract, which is for the gathering of hydrologic data from streams, rain gauges and water levels. We are very concerned about this; there is no other place to cut except to look in that area because of short of trying to find that money would require basically the laying off of staff.

Chairman Young introduced their intern Lynn Jackson, a cadet from West Point.

Presentation on the update of the Iao and Waihe'e Aquifers made by Roy Hardy, Branch Chief for Regulation. A historical background dating back to the year 1986 under the Board of Land and Natural Resources when they were called Ground Water Control Area proceedings under Chapter 177, which was superseded by the Water Code. Then in 1990 the Commission initiated Ground Management Area proceedings that culminated in 1997. In the year 2001 a new public petition for designation came in from the Maui Meadows Association. This time it was for the Iao-Waihe'e Aquifers, not just the Iao Aquifer. That culminated in November 2002. The next step details in terms of who must apply by when, how, why and evaluation criteria the Commission must consider in their decision making was also presented.

A question was posed by Commissioner Frazier, "What does Waikapu play in this? The surface waters before this came out of Waikapu but it is not included in the Iao-Waihe'e Aquifers." Staff member Glenn Bauer stated that there are some wells in the area that were drilled (Waikapu-Mauka Well) and will be put on line to spread out the pumpage. Several wells were drilled near Waikapu Stream by the State in the early 1960's and 70's, but did not penetrate into the basaltic aquifer and were never used for water supply.

I. TOPICS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Deputy Director Lau stated that with the new commissioners on board will need to review the penalty policy and other things that the previous commissioners didn't get to and perhaps suggest any changes.

J. NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS

1. Wednesday, August 20, 2003
2. Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Deputy Director Lau stated that we make sure there were no conflicts in the upcoming scheduled meetings and if there are to please notify the Commission secretary, to make sure that we have a quorum.

K. UPCOMING EVENTS

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Without any objection Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 9:37a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULYNE ANAKALEA
Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

ERNEST Y.W.LAU
Deputy Director