

**MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2005
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: KALANIMOKU BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 132
1151 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peter Young called the meeting of the Commission on Water Resource Management to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Mr. Peter Young
Ms. Meredith Ching
Mr. Clayton Dela Cruz

Mr. James Frazier
Ms. Stephanie Whalen

STAFF

Deputy Director Yvonne Izu, Roy Hardy, Ed Sakoda, Glenn Bauer, David Higa, Dean Uyeno, Kevin Gooding

COUNSEL

Colin Lau, Esq.

OTHERS

Ron Englund, Gordon Tribble, Kapua Sproat, Delwyn Oki

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

{Note: language for deletion is [bracketed], new/added is underlined}

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission amended the following:

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The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Mr. Peter Young
Ms. Meredith Ching
Mr. Clayton Dela Cruz

Mr. James Frazier
Dr. Chiyome Fukino
Dr. Lawrence Miike
Ms. Stephanie Whalen

MOTION: (Frazier/Ching)

To amend the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting as circulated.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED

SUBMITTALS

STREAM CHANNEL ALTERATION PERMIT (SCAP)

A-1. Application for a Stream Channel Alteration Permit (SCAP-KA-376), Construct Aluminum Spiral-Ribbed Pipe Culvert Crossing, Ulrich Rachner, Pohakuhonu Stream, Hanalei, Kauai TMK(4) 5-2-22:20 & 25

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Ed Sakoda

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission approve a stream channel alteration permit for a vehicular culvert crossing at Pohakuhonu Stream, Kauai (TMK: 5-2-22:20 & 25). The permit shall be valid for two years subject to standard conditions in Exhibit 6 and the following special condition:

“The applicant shall ensure that the culverts are configured in such a manner that provides a continuous wetted surface between the stream channel and the entry and exit of the culverts. In addition, prior to the end of construction activities the applicant shall provide the Commission and the Division of Aquatic Resources with photographs or digital images of both the upstream and down stream transition areas between the stream channel and culverts.”

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Frazier asked if the alteration is solely on the applicant's land. Staff indicated that a portion that is not on the applicant's land is on an easement, that the applicant has.

Commissioner Frazier mentioned that he noticed that this is high into the forest reserve and asked the staff, in the event there were a blockage, will the water re-enter into the stream or will it be designed where water would go around the blockage and re-enter the stream. Staff indicated that it is designed to have the stream flow through the pipes, and any excess will flow over the pipes into the stream.

MOTION: (Ching/Frazier)

To approve as recommended by staff

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

NON-ACTION ITEMS**1. Lalakea Alternative Mitigation Project (LAMP) Six Month Oral Presentation by Kamehameha Schools and Bishop Museum**

PRESENTATION OF NON-ACTION ITEM: Ron Englund (Bishop Museum/Kamehameha Schools)

DISCUSSION:

Ron Englund of Bishop Museum/Kamehameha Schools provided a PowerPoint presentation along with a handout to the Commission.

Kapua Sproat from Earthjustice inquired as to what the plans were to address the vandalism problems. Mr. Englund stated that Mr. Manabu Tagomori has been at the site with contractors to discuss how to repair the ditch.

Ms. Sproat asked Mr. Englund if this would affect the study. Mr. Englund stated that he wasn't sure how this will affect the study and mentioned that it has been fairly wet due to the rainfall and hopefully it will mask the effects of the stream being diverted again.

2. Report on Trends in Streamflow Characteristics at Long-Term Gaging Stations, Hawaii by the United States Geological Survey-Water Resources

PRESENTATION OF NON-ACTION ITEM: Delwyn Oki (United States Geological Survey)

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Delwyn Oki of the United State Geological Survey Brach provided a PowerPoint presentation along with a handout to the Commission.

Commissioner Whalen commented that the trend seems to have been stable in the more recent years. Mr. Oki agreed.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS (TENTATIVE)

- 1. February 16, 2005**
- 2. March 16, 2005**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN STAHL
Secretary

Approved as submitted:

YVONNE Y. IZU
Deputy Director-Water