



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
P.O. BOX 621
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STAFF SUBMITTAL

for the meeting of the
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

August 11, 2015
Honolulu, Oahu

Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of
Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E., as First Deputy to the
Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

In accordance with Section 174C-6, Hawaii Revised Statute, I am hereby submitting for your approval, my appointment of Mr. Jeffrey T. Pearson to the position of First Deputy for the Commission on Water Resource Management with the Governor's concurrence (Exhibit 1). He will begin working as Deputy as of August 25, 2015 subject to your approval.

HRS §174C-6(a) states, in relevant part, "The deputy shall have experience in the area of water resources and shall be appointed by the chairperson with the approval of a majority of the commission." HAR §13-167-8(a) contains an identical provision. Exhibit 2 provides Mr. Pearson's background that shows Mr. Pearson is a licensed professional engineer with extensive experience and commitment in the area of civil/environmental engineering. His experience with the Maui Department of Water Supply and private water systems provides excellent qualifications for the job of representing and supporting the Commission on Water Resource Management and its staff in protecting and managing the precious water resources of Hawaii.

Exhibit 3 provides written testimony submitted on this appointment at the time of this submittal's drafting. All testimonies have been in support of confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission approves the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E. to the position of Deputy to the Commission on Water Resource Management effective as of August 25, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Exhibit 1 – Governor's concurrence announcement
Exhibit 2 – Mr. Jeffrey T. Pearson background
Exhibit 3 – Testimony submitted at time of submittal drafting

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July 15, 2015



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

July 7, 2015

TO: All Employees – Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Kākou:

I am pleased to announce that Chair Suzanne Case has appointed public servant Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E., to the position of deputy to the chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management and chief executive officer to the Commission.

Pearson will be leaving his position at the County of Maui's Department of Water Supply where he manages the capital improvement projects. Prior to this he was the water manager for Maui Land and Pineapple Co. and served as deputy director for the County of Maui, Department of Water Supply. He has also worked at Norman Saito Engineering, Sato & Associates, and Brown and Caldwell. Pearson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and earned his Professional Engineer credentials in Hawai'i. A Maui resident for the past 30 years, Jeff is an active member of a number of community, non-profit and sports organizations.

Jeff is an experienced engineer and water system manager. He has the skills and experience needed to administer and implement the state's water code and work with the Commission and various stakeholders to address the issues our state faces.

Thank you for your service to the people of Hawai'i. Your dedication and hard work are making a difference today and building a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Y. Ige".

David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

19 Uaia'a Place Home: 249-2748
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 Cell: 357-4509

Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E.

Job Position Deputy Director; Department of Land and natural Resources

Experience 2011 to Present Department of Water Supply
CIP Head Engineer

- Manage Capital Improvement Section, 5 employees
- \$20M-\$30M CIP projects per year
- Work with Administration and Counsel on Fiscal budget
- Coordinate land management and acquisition

2005 to 2011 Maui Land & Pineapple Company
Water Manager

- Manage Kapalua Water Company, seven employees
- Manage island-wide non-potable water system
- Work with County Council and Departments on water issues
- Coordinate with State agencies on compliance issues

2003 to 2005 Maui Department of Water Supply
Deputy Director of Water Supply- Appointed Position

- Directly managed three divisions, approximately 90 employees
- Involved in operation of distribution, water quality & treatment
- Recommended budgets for fiscal and Council review
- Coordinated with State DOH on water quality issues

1999 to 2003 Brown and Caldwell, Maui Office
Senior Project Manager

- Met numerous consent decree requirements for County WWRD using asset management techniques
- Design of waterline, sewer, drainage, and roadway projects
- Performed project management for major projects

Education 1978 to 1981 University of Minnesota

- Transferred from Junior College
- Graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- Professional Engineer, Hawaii 1994; CE 8309

Interests Secretary for Tri-Isle RC&D, Board member Maui Food Bank; AWWA Vice Chair, Past Assistant Scout Master, Troop 68; Grandpa

Other interests include golf, biking, hiking, and golf

July 6, 2015

Pearson Bio:

Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E. currently works in the Capital Improvement Program section at County of Maui Department of Water Supply, Engineering Division. He has been at that position 3 ½ years and manages projects from design through construction for new assets and assets in need of replacement. The CIP budget ranges between \$20 and \$35 million per fiscal year. He has two engineers and a draftsman supporting the section.

His recent prior employment includes 6 years as water manager for Maui Land and Pineapple Co. and 2 ½ years as Deputy Director for the same County of Maui, Department of Water Supply. Prior to the Deputy Director position Jeff worked in the design side with Norman Saito Engineering, Sato & Associates, and Brown and Caldwell.

Jeff is Chair for the Hawaii Section, American Water Works Association, starting June 1, 2015. He is also secretary of the Maui Food Bank. He enjoys golf, hiking, biking, and yes, golf.

Some recent past activities include Tri-Isle RC&D Board member and secretary ending in 2014 and Assistant Scoutmaster for troop 68 where son James achieved Eagle Scout. Other volunteer activities include:

- National Society Of Professional Engineers (NSPE), Math Counts
- Maui Uplands Association Board member
- Kehalani Association Board member
- Iao School Renaissance Board member
- Blood Bank Donor
- Maui Youth Basketball

Jeff has lived on Maui for over 30 years. He currently lives in the Ohia Subdivision in Wailuku, with wife Annette for the past 10 years. They have 4 grown children, and 6 grand-children. Annette works as a Branch Assistant at HomeStreet Bank.

Quote for press release:

"To be considered for the Deputy Director position is an honor. To have the opportunity to work for the Commission on Water Resource Management on very complex issues is a challenge I look forward to taking on."

July 15, 2015

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor



DAVID TAYLOR, P.E.
Director

PAUL J. MEYER
Deputy Director

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July 10, 2015

Ms. Suzanne Case, Chair
Department of Land & Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Case:

SUBJECT: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR JEFFREY T. PEARSON

I am writing to offer my strong recommendation that Jeff Pearson be confirmed as Deputy Director DLNR for the State Water Commission.

I have known and worked with Jeff for more than 20 years as both of us had a variety of different positions in the engineering/water/wastewater field on Maui. I have worked with him when he was an engineering consultant supporting some of my projects. We then served side by side while we were both appointees of the Mayor. Next, we had many interactions when he was managing a private water system. At present, he manages our department Capital Improvement Projects group under my direction. Throughout all of these endeavors, Jeff has always been professional, diligent, honest and committed.

I have seen these same traits demonstrated in his personal life. Jeff has always been a devoted father and husband. He volunteers time to the American Water Works Association, Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers and is an avid blood donor. Jeff is always friendly and helpful to everyone.

The position Jeff is being nominated to fill is incredibly difficult. He has demonstrated a wide variety of technical expertise, management ability and personal integrity which are vital to such a position. I have no doubt that Jeff will prove to be a valuable asset to DLNR and the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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DAVID TAYLOR, P.E.
Director of Water Supply

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July 15, 2015

Chairperson Submittal
Deputy to the Commission Appointment



Fw: Jeffery T. Pearson P.E.
Suzanne D Case to Roy Hardy

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For inclusion with testimony in support of Jeff Pearson in the Water Commission confirmation process.

----- Forwarded by Suzanne D Case/DLNR/StateHIUS on 07/12/15 03:14 PM -----

From: Manabu Tagomori <tagomori002@hawaii.rr.com>
To: Suzanne Case@hawaii.gov.
Cc: "Jeffery T. Pearson P. E." <Jeff.Pearson@co.maui.hi.us>
Date: 07/09/15 11:10 AM
Subject: Jeffery T. Pearson P.E.

Suzanne, first I congratulate you on the Governor's appointment and approval by the Hawaii Senate to the position of the Chairperson of DLNR. As a former staff of DLNR, I can appreciate you offering your long service and experience in managing natural resources in the State of Hawaii. I fully support your action to serve the people of Hawaii.


The main purpose of this email is to provide support of Jeffery Pearson to the position of Deputy Director of the Commission on Water Resource Management. I have known and worked with Jeffery since his early days at Kapalua Resort and at the Maui County Department of Water Supply. As a P.E. he brings to the Commission wide knowledge of Hawaii's water resources and his experience at the Maui Department of Water Supply he brings community interest in government water resource matters. Jeff also served as President of the Hawaii Section of the American Water Works Association where he established contacts with Hawaii's water managers in both the government and private sectors. His extensive knowledge of Hawaii's water resources and his contacts with water managers in the State of Hawaii makes him fully qualified to serve as Deputy Director of the Water Commission.

As the first Deputy Director of the Water Commission I am please to support and have Jeffery Pearson continue the management of Hawaii's water resources for the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Manabu Tagomori, P.E.,
FWLF, D.WRE, F.ASCE,
Director, Water and Natural Resources
Oceanit

July 15, 2015



Fwd: Nomination of Jeff Pearson as Deputy Director for the Water Commission
Suzanne D Case to Roy Hardy

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Testimony in support of Jeff Pearson.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tom Nance" <tom@twre.com>
Date: July 13, 2015 at 10:32:44 AM HST
To: suzanne.case@hawaii.gov
Subject: Nomination of Jeff Pearson as Deputy Director for the Water Commission

Ms. Case:

I have been working in the development of wells and water systems throughout the State of Hawaii for the last 43 years, including substantial work on Maui. I first interacted with Jeff Pearson when he was Deputy Manager of the County Department of Water Supply, subsequently when he was employed by Maui Land and Pineapple Company and was running the Kapahua Water Systems (potable and non-potable, the latter supplied by the Honokohau Ditch), and currently in his role back with the Department of Water Supply. Based on this experience over a number of years, I have no reservations in recommending Jeff for the Deputy Director position with the Water Commission. Two attributes of his particularly stand out. First, he has excellent people skills. He gets along with a wide range of individuals in a calm and professional manner - skills often needed by the Deputy in dealing with contentious issues the Water Commission often faces. Second, he is a quick study of technical information that he may not initially have much experience with. I think that is also very important for the Deputy. He isn't the technical expert on all the issues the Commission deals with, but he must be able to come to understand the technical details and present these to the Commission for its deliberation.

Tom

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July 15, 2015

Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor



Keith A. Regan
Managing Director

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July 13, 2015

Ms. Suzanne Case
Chair, Department of Land & Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Case:

It is an honor to submit a letter of support for the appointment of Jeffrey T. Pearson to the position of Deputy Director for the State Water Commission.

I have known Mr. Pearson for the past 12 years both in a professional and personal capacity. As a professional, Mr. Pearson has consistently displayed his willingness and ability to resolve complex, multi-layered, and sometimes sensitive issues. I believe that his vast knowledge and experience, gained throughout his many years of education and work, has played a role in his success. This, coupled with his compassion, understanding and ability to work with people, have made him a very well-rounded and valuable team member.

In addition to his professional life, Mr. Pearson is a dedicated member of his community and consistently gives back. He has been involved in numerous community organizations and has always shown a desire to help others.

It is for these reasons that I would strongly support and encourage the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Pearson to this position. I am confident that he will be a valuable asset and resource to the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Sincerely,


KEITH A. REGAN
Managing Director

July 15, 2015



Fwd: In support of Jeff Pearson's nomination for DLNR Water Deputy
Suzanne D Case to Roy Hardy

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Testimony in support of Jeff Pearson's nomination.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Miyahira, Michael M" <michael.miyahira@doh.hawaii.gov>
Date: July 13, 2015 at 11:19:04 AM HST
To: "Case, Suzanne D" <suzanne.case@hawaii.gov>
Cc: "Seto, Joanna L" <joanna.seto@doh.hawaii.gov>
Subject: In support of Jeff Pearson's nomination for DLNR Water Deputy

Aloha Suzanne,

I would like to provide a word of strong support for Jeff. I have known him since his Maui Land and Pine days back in 2007, and we have stayed in
I will not kid you that we would not like to see Jeff leave the MDWS. Amongst the four County water supply coordinators for our DWSRF program, he
On the other hand, maybe I can have lunch with him more often!

Michael Miyahira, P.E.
Engineering Section Supervisor
Safe Drinking Water Branch
Hawaii Department of Health
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July 23, 2015

Ms. Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Commission on Water Resource Management
Department of Land & Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, HI 96809

Dear Suzanne:

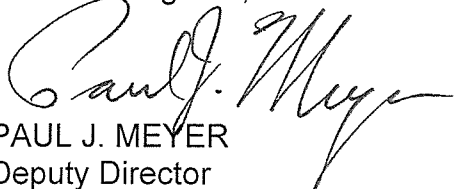
SUBJECT: MR. JEFFREY PEARSON

The purpose of this letter is to unhesitatingly recommend to you and your colleagues on the Commission the confirmation of Mr. Jeffrey Pearson as Deputy Director. Jeff has excellent training and professional experience in management of water resources in Hawaii. In particular, Jeff has in-depth experience working for the citizens of Maui and for a large landowner. In that sense, he has a level of understanding of water issues that is especially valuable. Most importantly, Jeff's sense of fairness and his integrity as an individual are above reproach. I am sure he will be a great success as deputy.

If I can provide additional comments or information, it would be a pleasure to do so.

Thank you for your kind attention.

With best regards,


PAUL J. MEYER
Deputy Director

"By Water All Things Find Life"

EXHIBIT 3