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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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STAFF SUBMITTAL

for the meeting of the
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of
Marvin Kaleo Manuel, 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. Marvin Kaleo Manuel to the position of First Deputy for the Commission on Water Resource Management with the Governor's concurrence (Exhibit 1). He began working as Deputy on January 28, 2019, 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. Manuel's background that shows he was formerly the Acting Planning Program Manager with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) where he led a team of planners and community specialists to create affordable housing and homestead communities for native Hawaiians across the state. Mr. Manuel was instrumental in developing DHHL's first-ever Hawaiian Homes Commission Water Policy Plan, coordinating with the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Engineering Division to update the State Water Projects Plan in May 2017, and securing water reservations for DHHL in Keauhou, Kona and Waimea, Kaua'i, and 20 groundwater aquifer systems statewide.

Mr. Manuel completed traditional 'ūniki rites as a Ho'opa'a in 2017 with Kumu Hula Victoria Holt-Takamine of Hālau Pua Ali'i 'Ilima. He also holds a B.A. in Hawaiian Studies, a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning, and a Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation, all from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. His Hawaiian and western educational training serve as an excellent foundation 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 Hawai'i.

Most recently, Mr. Manuel was selected as one of 21 emerging leaders from across the Asia Pacific region representing 16 countries and territories to participate in a design workshop with the Obama Foundation to network and develop a program that thinks holistically about solutions to shared challenges like climate change and water resource management.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission approves the appointment of Mr. Marvin Kaleo Manuel to the position of Deputy to the Commission on Water Resource Management effective as of January 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Exhibit 1 – Department of Land and Natural Resources' New Release dated January 18, 2019
Exhibit 2 – Mr. Marvin Kaleo Manuel background



DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW WATER DEPUTY APPOINTED AT DLNR

(Honolulu) – DLNR Chair Suzanne Case, in consultation with Governor David Ige, has appointed Kaleo Manuel as the next deputy of the state Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM). Case commented, “Kaleo has a wealth of experience in the complicated field of water resource management and brings both western educational training and traditional Hawaiian values to the position. We are at a pivotal point of opportunity in Hawaii to bring balance to water resource use and protection - instream, downstream and off-stream - consistent with the public trust, including aquatic life restoration and traditional and customary practices such as taro farming, as well as diversified agriculture for food security.”

Manuel is currently the Acting Planning Program Manager with the Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, a 200,000 acre trust established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole and Congress. He leads a team of planners and community development specialists who create affordable housing and homestead communities for native Hawaiians across the state. He completed traditional 'ūniki rites as a Ho'opa'a in 2017 with Kumu Hula Victoria Holt-Takamine of Hālau Pua Ali'i 'Ilima. He also holds a B.A. in Hawaiian Studies, a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning, and a Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation, all from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

His Hawaiian and western educational training serve as equal parts of the foundation for his worldview and his endeavors. Evolving from a land use focus, over the past seven years, Manuel has focused on bringing planning and indigenous expertise to the fields of water advocacy and management in Hawai'i. Through his work with water in Hawai'i, he hopes to empower, inspire, and reconnect our indigenous, island, Pacific, and world communities. Manuel said, “Ola i ka wai – water is life. I am excited for the opportunity to join with Governor Ige, Chair Case, and the Water Commission staff to continue the collaborative work of this administration in protecting and managing water throughout Hawai'i. As a public trust resource, it is our collective kuleana to be responsible stewards of water for current and future generations.”

Manuel's appointment is subject to confirmation by the Commission on Water Resources Management. He is expected to begin his new position on January 28.

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EXHIBIT 1

Marvin Kaleo Manuel

Goal: Empower and inspire our community to reconnect with their kuleana by building relationships, working with differences, sharing stories, engaging in dialogue, and creating conscious conversations of whole thinking.

EDUCATION

Hālau Hula Pua Ali'i 'Ilima, Kumu Hula Victoria Holt-Takamine and Jeffrey Takamine

Traditional 'Ūniki – Ho'opa'a & 'Ōlapa Summer 2017

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Master of Urban and Regional Planning Fall 2009

- Emphasis on Natural and Cultural Resource Management

Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation Fall 2008

- Emphasis on Traditional Cultural Properties

Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies Spring 2006

- Emphasis on Mālama 'Āina (land management and conservation)

- 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (conversational Hawaiian)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Honolulu, HI

Acting Planning Program Manager December 2013 - Present

- Supervises and evaluates work performance of professional staff of planners, community development specialists, and grant writers in Planning Office
- Manages development, implementation, and evaluation of DHHL Planning System
- Administers and oversees the development and implementation of DHHL Island Plans that establish land use designations that integrate homesteading efforts and major land utilization decisions on over 203,000 acres of Hawaiian Home Lands throughout the State of Hawai'i
- Directs the development of land use master plans for homestead community development that consider relationships and balance between beneficiary need and available resources with the mandate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended
- Guides strategic planning, policy and program development, collection and evaluation of data, innovate initiatives, and operation/organization reform for DHHL
- Advises and assists interagency and intra-agency staff, offices, and divisions on ensuring consistency with DHHL Planning System and in identifying and proposing appropriate planning methodologies
- Participates in budget development, execution, and compliance
- Coordinates annual statewide capacity building conference for homestead association and beneficiary organization leaders
- Formulates, reviews, and presents submittals and workshops that provide policy recommendations, alternatives, and guidance to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for decision making

Assistant Manager of Planning Office June 2010 - November 2013

- Assisted Planning Program Manager in day-to-day operations
- Primary reviewer and editor of staff documents, submittals, and projects
- Lead on integrated cultural and natural resource management on Hawaiian Home Lands
- Lead Planner that established Anahaki-Mo'omomi Special District to protect natural and cultural resources and subsistence gathering rights
- Lead on development of Water Policy Plan and all water related projects, planning, and proceedings before the Hawaiian Homes Commission and other governmental boards, commissions, and agencies

Planner V May 2009 – June 2010

- Developed, updated, and implemented 21 Regional Plans and five Island Plans that involved conducting technical and feasibility studies, surveys, and the analysis of data and information

- DHHL representative on Planning Team for Kalaupapa National Historic Park General Management Plan that coordinates land use between various agencies and landowners
- Reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated environmental assessments, land use policy, and processes
- Managed and coordinated contracts and consultants for various projects and developments
- Organized and facilitated interagency (county, state, federal), beneficiary, and native Hawaiian communication and meetings

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Urban and Regional Planning Spring 2007 – May 2009

- Conducted cultural heritage landscape and natural resource assessments, land title research, GIS mapping, and data basing at the moku and ahupua‘a level for the United States National Park Service’s Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Program on Hawai‘i Island.

Nā Pua No‘eau – Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children, Honolulu, HI

Teacher and Residential Counselor June 2005 – May 2014

- Developed cultural and place-based education and curriculum
- Planning, teaching, mentoring, and counseling of Native Hawaiian students at their annual Summer Institute, Super Keiki Days, and Kupulau events

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Honolulu, HI

Student Assistant March 2006 – December 2006

- Assisted Cultural Resource Expert with cultural assessments
- Translating, transcribing, interpreting Hawaiian language documents
- Performed general office and clerical work

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Community Service Coordinator, Kua‘ana Student Services January 2003 – March 2006

- Planned, developed, and facilitated Community Service Program for Tuition Cost Award Recipients
- Networked with various Native Hawaiian O‘ahu communities, groups, and organizations

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

State of Hawai‘i Incentive & Service Awards

Manager of the Year – DHHL – Planning Office December 2016

State of Hawai‘i Incentive & Service Awards

Team of the Year – DHHL – USDA RD Water Projects December 2016

American Planning Association Hawai‘i Chapter

Student Affiliate and Current Member August 2006 – Present

Center for Whole Communities

Fellowship/Whole Thinking Leaders' Retreat August 2013

NeighborWorks America

NeighborWorks Community Leadership Institute October 2011

American Planning Association

Hawai‘i Chapter Student Project Award July 2008

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Dean’s List Spring 2003 - Spring 2006

CONFERENCES, FORUMS, & PANELS

Indigenous Policy Forum: Cultural Uses of Water, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Invited attendee among only 23 first nations indigenous peoples April 11-13 2017

Decolonizing Cities Symposium, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Panelist – *Indigenous Knowledges* May 5, 2017

56th Annual HWWA and 2nd Annual HRWA Conference, Kona, Hawai'i

Presenter – *Ola I Ka Wai Hawaiian Homes Commission Water Policy Plan* November 1-3, 2017

17th Annual Native Hawaiian Convention, Prince Hotel Waikīkī, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Panelist – *Āina Caucus* October 8-10, 2018

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Native Hawaiian Programs and Communities

Board Member, PA'I Foundation March 2017 - Present

Member, Hālau Hula Pua Ali'i 'Ilima January 2011 - Present

Volunteer, Various O'ahu Sites August 2002 – Present

- Restoration and preservation of cultural sites and natural resources

Volunteer, Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission April 2005 & Nov 2005

- Participation in reforestation work on Kaho'olawe Island

REFERENCES

Available on Request
