

Interview Questions
Nominating Committee to the
Commission on Water Resource Management

1. What is your water story?
2. *(If not part of response to question 1),* Please explain how you meet the State Water Code requirement for Commissioners to have “substantial experience in the area of water resource management?”
3. Can you give us specific examples over the years, where you had to make personal decisions in your own life that demonstrate your commitment to this precious resource *(water)*.
4. Water resources are recognized to be part of the State’s public trust. As a fiduciary of the public trust, what are your duties as a trustee and how would you fulfill them?
5. Follow up question, the Commission’s motto is “Ke Kahuwai Pono” loosely translated as “the trustee who oversees the rightful sharing of water.” How do you see yourself aligning with that motto?
6. Describe the Water Commission’s duty to Native Hawaiians under the State Water Code and State Constitution; how are those duties fulfilled and who has the primary responsibility to fulfill those duties?
7. How will climate change affect fresh water in Hawai’i and your decision making as a commissioner?

9. What do you see as the biggest challenge and/or greatest opportunity facing the Commission on Water Resource Management in the next (4) years? How will you address that as a Commissioner?
10. In 50 years from now, what does water management in Hawai'i look like and what role did you play in its development?
11. Any final comments or mana'o.

Logistical Questions:

12. What is your availability to travel to the various islands, attend and participate in the scheduled meetings and site visits?
13. Do you have the capability to participate in online format meetings? (i.e., Zoom, MS Teams, etc.)
14. Are you comfortable filling out the required financial disclosure form that is publicly available, should you be selected to serve?
15. Do you know if your other affiliations, employment obligations might create a real or perceived conflict of interest and require you to recuse yourself from key votes? [As an example, if an applicant was an employee or consultant to Mahi Pono, they would not be able to vote on issues pertaining to CWRM issues involving Mahi Pono lands/water rights.]