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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Boards and Commissions Application [#13546]
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From: Boards and Commissions Application <noreply@ehawaii.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:12 AM
To: Gov.Boards.Commissions <Boards.Commissions@hawaii.gov>; Deptula, Cameron S
[REDACTED] Kondo, Wendy L [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boards and Commissions Application [#13546]

Legal Name	Jeffrey T. Pearson
Please check preferred title:	Mr.
U.S. Citizen	Yes
Residential Address	[REDACTED] Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 United States
Mailing Address (if other than your residence)	[REDACTED] Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 United States
Island of Residence	Maui
Residency in Hawai'i (Years)	40
Have You Lived in Hawaii For the Past 12 Months?	Yes
Name of Spouse	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	(808) [REDACTED]
Evening Phone	(808) [REDACTED]
Mobile Phone	(808) [REDACTED]
Primary Email Address	[REDACTED]

Current Profession/Occupation	Engineering/Consulting
Name	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	(808) [REDACTED]
Name	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	(808) [REDACTED]
Name	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	(808) [REDACTED]
Are you a member of a union?	No
Have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?	No
Have you ever been convicted of any act, attempt or conspiracy to overthrow the state or the federal government by force or violence?	No
Please attach Letter of Interest:	[REDACTED]
Please attach Resume:	[REDACTED]
First choice board name	Commission on Water Resource Management
For Applications Completed With Assistance	

Acknowledgement of the State Ethics Commission Annual Disclosure of Financial Interests Under the State Ethics Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes Ch. 84, members of state boards and commissions who are appointed to terms of more than one year and whose functions are not "solely advisory" must file a financial disclosure statement with the State Ethics Commission. Statements, other than those of members of boards that head a state department as well as 15 boards and commissions affected by [Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014 \(Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board of Agriculture, State Ethics Commission, Hawaii Community Development Authority, Hawaiian Homes Commission, Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Board of Land and Natural Resources, Land Use Commission, Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Natural Area Reserves System Commission, Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority,](#)

- I have read and understand the above statement

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In conjunction with the background check being conducted by the Office of the Governor for my possible appointment to a state board or commission, I hereby authorize the representative of the Office of the Governor, State of Hawaii, bearing this release, or copy thereof, to obtain information about me that you may have pertaining to my employment, military service, or education, including but not limited to academic, achievement, attendance, personal history, disciplinary actions, awards, and request of the bearer. This authorization to release is executed with my full knowledge and understanding that the information will be used in connection with my application for possible appointment to a state board or commission. **Name**

Jsffrey T. Pearson

Signature (Type Your Name in Below)

Jeffrey T. Pearson

Date

Mar 24, 2025

JEFFREY T. PEARSON, P.E.

Wailuku, HI 96793

Cell Phone: 808

12/31/2024-Entered retirement from the State of Hawaii

2022 -2024

Maui District Engineer (EPM 7)

Department of Accounting and General Services, Kahului, HI

- Managed Public Works and Central Services Divisions for Maui County (40+ employees)
- Worked closely with DOE on maintenance and repairs of Maui County schools
- Supported DOE with Construction Management services
- Managed DAGS Maui budget along with DOE and DAGS service contracts and procurement

2019-2022

Director

Department of Water Supply-County of Maui

- Managed six divisions, approximately 180 employees
- Involved in all utility operations, water quality and treatment and field operations
- Recommended budgets, including CIP, for DWS Fiscal and County Council review
- Worked with State DOH on water quality
- Worked with stakeholders including various boards and community associations
- Coordinated with the Mayor's office on source and development concerns

2015-2018

Deputy Director-Water Commission

State of Hawaii - Department of Land and Natural Resources Honolulu, HI

- Managed all source waters in the State, including surface and ground water.

- Implemented Interim In-Stream Flow Standards for streams throughout the State to provide mauka to makai flows, while providing for off-stream uses.
- Provided for a mediated settlement for waters in Waimea, Kauai, avoiding a likely lengthy contested case.
- Worked to be more inclusive with native Hawaiian groups to better involve them in the designation and permitting process.

2011-2015

CIP Head Engineer

County of Maui - Department of Water Supply Wailuku, HI

- Manage Capital Improvement Section, 5 employees
- \$20M-\$30M in capital improvement projects per year
- Worked with Administration and Council on annual CIP Fiscal Budget
- Coordinate land management, easements, and land acquisition

2005-2011 Water Manager

Maui Land and Pineapple Company Kapalua, HI

- Manage Kapalua Water Company, 7 employees
- Manage private non-potable and potable systems at Kapalua
- Work with County Council and Maui DWS on water issues
- Coordinate with State agencies Consumer Advocate/PUC on rate setting

2003-2005

Deputy Director County of Maui - Department of Water Supply, Wailuku, HI

- Managed three of six divisions, approximately 90 employees
- Involved in utility operations, water quality and treatment
- Recommended budgets for Fiscal and Council review
- Worked with State DOH on water quality

1999-2002

Senior Engineer Brown and Caldwell, Wailuku, HI

- Project Management and Design of Wastewater related projects
- Manage the Maui Office
- Construction Management of major treatment plant upgrade at Kahului WWTP
- Work closely with County Wastewater Reclamation Division
- Knowledge of reclaimed water issues

1993-1999

Project Engineer, Sato and Associates Inc., Wailuku, HI

- Civil Engineering of public and private projects including Kihei pool
- Prepare cost estimates for budgeting purposes
- Design of drainage, roadway, sewer, and waterline projects

1991-1993

Construction Management Waikapu Golf Courses, Wailuku, HI

- Owners' representative for infrastructure and golf course construction
- Evaluated monthly contractor pay requests
- Field inspection for compliance to contract documents

1989-1991

Engineer-In-Training, Norman Saito Engineering Inc., Wailuku, HI

- Supported engineers on drainage and waterline designs
- Performed field inspection of 36-inch waterline at Waikamoi

EDUCATION

1976-1978

North Hennepin Junior College, Minneapolis, MN

1978-1981

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Bachelor of Arts, Civil Engineering CE8309

INTERESTS

- Past member of American Water Works Association (George Fuller Award)
- 4 Children, 7 Grandchildren
- Enjoy all outdoor activities

References upon request.

March 18, 2025

Re: Letter of Interest

Commission on Water Resource Management

Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E.

This letter of interest is part of my application for a seat as commissioner, representing Maui, on the State of Hawaii, Commission on Water Resource Management.

My interest in issues directly relating to water started when I was appointed as Deputy Director of Maui County Department of Water Supply, under Mayor Alan Arakawa in 2003.

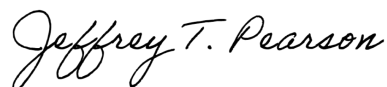
Since 2003, I have worked at different levels in the Department of Water Supply (DWS), most recently as Director under Mayor Victorino. My experience extends to the state level, where I was Deputy Director at DLNR, at CWRM under Chair Susan Case. Please refer to my resume for specific dates.

My interests and direction in all my positions at the state and county level is to manage water for the good of the people of Hawaii. Water is a public trust resource, and there should always be the intent of doing what is right for all of Hawaii. As Deputy Director at CWRM, I would say, "I stand in the middle of the stream", and would try to act with all interests in mind, and not have any agenda for any one interest. Saying that, it is imperative that traditional and customary practices are recognized and respected. Chapter 174C makes that clear.

Chapter 174C is a comprehensive document, but there is always cause of interpretation. And that is where Commission staff and the Commission members comes in. I have worked with many of the staff at CWRM, and trust their judgement, but the commission must weigh the factors of all parties, to reach the best solution on many difficult water matters, guided by Chapter 174C.

Should I be appointed, I will serve the Governor, the legislature, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Water Commission with experience, integrity, and an open mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey T. Pearson".

Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E.