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Subject: [EXTERNAL] CWRM October 25, 2025 Testimony for Selection of Committee Members
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Aloha,

My name is Loke Aloua and I am a kupa of Kona, kia'i loko of Kaloko Fishpond, and member of Hui Ola Ka Wai who is working with NHLC to protect the waters of Keauhou Aquifer.

I am writing testimony in support of committee member Aurora Kagawa-Viviani to remain a member of the Commission of Water Resource Management. She has constantly and consistently been a voice for the people and the water demonstrating her commitment to the public trust. Often, the voice of the community falls to the wayside with state priorities but Commissioner Viviani has ensured to uplift the voice of the people and dec-enter government to re-center water needs, health, quality and wellbeing.

I am in opposition to the nomination of Jeff Pearson as a commissioner on the board. He has acted against both the needs of water and the people in previous capacities that have actively worked against public trust priorities for the Keauhou Aquifer. His election is in opposition to the actual duties of the commission to uphold the trust and protect our most precious life source, wai.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment,
Loke Aloua

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Cocoa cracka butta morning, hāloa till high noon, dry fish poi will meet you.

From: [Kim Crawford](#)
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Aloha

My name is Kimberly Crawford I am a Mother and Kia'i loko of Kaloko loko i'a and a protector of wai that feeds the loko i'a with Hui Ola ka wai

I am submitting testimony today in favor of Aurora Kagawa-Viviani. Aurora has shown her commitment to wai, community and our natural resources as a whole. She has been a forward thinker with a drive to find solutions to problems our Wai is facing. Aurora is a commendable candidate for another term in a commission seat.

I am also testifying in opposition to Jeff Pearson as a commissioner on the board. He has shown that his voice does not speak for the community and only serves his own personal interests. I ask that you do not recommend his name to the governor for consideration on the commission as he does not uphold the public trust doctrine.

Mahalo
Kimberly Crawford
Kona Hawaii

From: [Makanui Kitahara](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] CWRM October 24, 2025 Testimony for Selection of Committee Members
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Aloha Members of the Nominating Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. My name is Cheyenne Paris 'Makanui' Kitahara, a deeply concerned Hawaiian mother, a cultural practitioner, an eleventh generation grand-daughter of Kekahawai'olenākona, and fifth generation kia'i loko here in Kona.

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of committee member Aurora Kagawa-Viviani to remain a member of the Commission of Water Resource Management. Kagawa-Viviani has been a strong voice for the people and our precious water demonstrating her commitment to the public trust. In my experiences, the needs and voices of the community, and the lineal descendants of kō Hawai'i Pae `Āina often seem to be overlooked and underrepresented in state decisions and priorities. However, Water Commissioner Kagawa-Viviani has consistently been a vital source of knowledge and hope ensuring the voices of our people are uplifted and heard.

I strongly oppose the nomination of Jeff Pearson as a commissioner on the water board. He has proven time and time again that his intention is to act against both the needs of water and the people. The sole responsibility of a water commissioner is to uphold public trust uses of water and protect our resources during the process of development. In much of his former work, Pearson has actively demonstrated his position against public trust priorities by and not limited to; excluding the voices of many Hawaiians and cultural practitioners, unnecessarily prolonging then denying the Keauhou Aquifers AMP and designation as a Ground Water Management Area and avidly working against the commission's kuleana (responsibility) to protect public trust interests in our most precious resource, our water. His experiences over his three decades of work in Hawai'i have vividly demonstrated that his interests are **not in alignment with the duties of the commission.** Pearson's actions have repeatedly acted against the best interests of our wai, public trust resources and our people; instigating and increasing the conflict in these matters rather than contributing to the solutions.

Mahalo,

Makanui Kitahara
Mamo o Kekahawai'olenākona