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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 Statutes (HRS), 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. He has served as Deputy since January 28, 2019 and was asked to continue his appointment as Deputy beginning January 2, 2023, 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 1 provides Mr. Manuel's background that shows he has served as Deputy since January 28, 2019 and has been instrumental in moving forward significant decisions by the Commission to balance the protection and reasonable and beneficial use of water resources. Some major accomplishments include:

- Designation of Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area as Ground and Surface Water Management Area, Island of Maui in 2022.
- Amended the interim instream flow standards for 51 streams in 27 watersheds statewide.
- Increased water use reporting compliance statewide from 27% in 2008 to 65% in 2021.
- Worked with legislature to increase CWRM base budget by approximately \$500,000 to support stream gaging and monitoring and secured four (4) new aquatic biologist positions.
- Requested and obtained \$4 million in CIP funds to construct deep monitoring wells, statewide.
- Facilitated resolution of Nā Wai 'Ehā and Wai'ale'ale and Waikoko Contested Case Hearings.
- Issued over 600 well construction and pump installation permits statewide.

Mr. Manuel 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.

In 2019, 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 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Exhibit 1 – Mr. Marvin Kaleo Manuel background

M. Kaleo Manuel

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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Deputy Director for Water Resource Management (January 2019-Present)

Appointed by Governor Ige and Confirmed

State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu, HI

- Directs the administration and implementation of the Hawai'i State Water Code (HRS Ch. 174C) and related rules and directives
- Supervises and evaluates work performance of professional staff of planners, engineers, hydrologists, geologists, and technicians
- Coordinates with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and State of Hawai'i Department of Health on Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act regulation and compliance
- Partners with the U.S. Geological Survey through Joint Funding Agreements to conduct hydrologic and geologic research and studies
- Project lead on Jeju Republic of Korea and State of Hawai'i Water Memorandum of Understanding 2016
- CWRM representative on Hawai'i Community Foundation Fresh Water Advisory Council
- DLNR Designee Board Member on Agribusiness Development Corporation

Acting Planning Program Manager (December 2013 – January 2019)

State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Kapolei, HI

- Appointed position providing policy guidance to the Hawaiian Homes Commission in management of over 203,000 acres of trust lands in the State of Hawai'i set aside by Congress under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA)
- Managed development, implementation, and evaluation of the DHHL Planning System that guides land use designations and development on five islands
- Facilitated and managed grants and loans from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Water and Environmental Program
- Liaised development of the annual Native Hawaiian Housing Plan for DHHL required by Native American Housing and Self Determination Act funded through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Ensured compliance with federal regulations including Section 106 Consultation of the National Historic Preservation Act, Native American Graves and Protection and Repatriation Act, and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act
- Coordinated with the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations in fulfilling obligations of the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act including consulting with beneficiaries of the HHCA, homestead associations, and the broader Native Hawaiian community
- DHHL Representative on the Hawai'i Board of Geographic Names

Assistant Manager of Planning Office (June 2010 – November 2013)

State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Kapolei, HI

- Assisted Planning Program Manager in day-to-day operations
- Primary reviewer and editor of staff documents, submittals, and projects
- Lead on development of Water Policy Plan and all water related proceedings before the Hawaiian Homes Commission and other agencies
- 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

Planner V (May 2009 – June 2010)

State of Hawai‘i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Kapolei, HI

- DHHL representative on Planning Team for National Park Service Kalaupapa National Historic Park General Management Plan
- Reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated State and Federal environmental assessments per the Hawaii and National Environmental Policy Act
- 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
- 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

EDUCATION

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai‘i, Honolulu (Fall 2009)

- Emphasis on Natural and Cultural Resource Management

Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation, University of Hawai‘i, Honolulu (Fall 2008)

- Emphasis on Traditional Cultural Properties

Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai‘i, Honolulu (Spring 2006)

- Emphasis on Mālama ‘Āina (land management and conservation)
- ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i (conversational Hawaiian language)

Traditional ‘Ūniki - Ho‘opa‘a & ‘Ōlapa (Summer 2017)

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

AWARDS & SERVICE

- Obama Leader – Inaugural Cohort of Asia-Pacific 2019 - Obama Foundation
- Member – Papahānaumokuākea Native Hawaiian Cultural Working Group
- Member – American Planning Association and APA Hawai‘i Chapter
- Member – APA Water and Planning Network
- Member – Lambda Alpha International – Aloha Chapter
- Board Member – PA‘I Foundation
- ‘Aha Kuapapa - Steering Committee Member - Kali‘uokapa‘akai Collective
- DHHL Manager of the Year 2016 – State of Hawai‘i Incentive and Service Awards
- DHHL Team of the Year 2016 – State of Hawai‘i Incentive and Service Awards
- Whole Thinking Leaders’ Retreat Fellow 2013 – Center for Whole Communities