

Commission on Water Resource Management
Water Commission Meeting 1/24/23
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Re: Full Support for Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha,

My name is Devon Haia and I am a student at the William S. Richardson School of Law. I am testifying IN FULL SUPPORT OF KALEO MANUEL as deputy director of CWRM.

As a law student, I have followed the actions of CWRM closely in the last few years and attended/watched many of the meetings. Aside from his obvious passion for his position, I admire Director Manuel for his ability to garner respect from all sides. No matter the issue, he was nearly always thanked by everyone for his facilitation and hard work. I think that is something we desperately need to hold onto in our government: the ability to work hard and work with everyone.

The State of Hawai'i and our community is lucky to have someone so zealously and tirelessly working for us. Please do what is needed for the sake of good government and approve his nomination.

Mahalo.

Devon Haia

From: [Kahoku Lindsey-Asing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 'Aha 'Āpono Kulana- Item B1: Deputy M. Kaleo Manuel
Date: Friday, January 20, 2023 2:58:47 PM

Ke aloha nui kākou,

‘O wau ‘o Kahōkū Lindsey-Asing, ke Kahu o ka Pūnana Leo o Mānoa.

Ke hāpai ‘ia nei au i ku‘u leo kāko‘o, no ka ‘āpono ‘ana iā M. Kaleo Manuel me kēia kuleana nui ‘o ke Kahu Mālama Wai, no ka Moku‘āina ‘o Hawai‘i. *(I strongly support the confirmation of M. Kaleo Manuel, as the Deputy for the Commission on Water Resource Management- Item B1)*

He kulana ko‘iko‘i kēia a hilina‘i piha au iā ia ‘oiai he kanaka koho pono, hana nui, kāko‘o mau i nā limahana, a ikaika kona ‘ao‘ao kūkulu pilina ma waena o ke kaiāulu a me ka lāhui.

Inā he mau nīnau, e ha‘i wale mai.

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January 20, 2023

Agenda Item B-1

Testimony of Rae Ann Hyatt in Support - Reappointment of M. Kaleo Manuel, CWRM Deputy

Aloha Chairperson Chang and Esteemed Commissioners~

My name is Rae Ann Hyatt. I served under the direction of Deputy Kaleo Manuel as the Water Commission Secretary and Secretary to Deputy Manuel from February 4, 2019 to end of term on December 5, 2022. I also served as the Planning Office Secretary for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands under the direction of Kaleo as the Acting Planning Manager prior to coming aboard at CWRM.

Kaleo has always been a great leader and advocate for the ‘aina, wai and the Hawaiian communities as a whole. He’s extremely knowledgeable and has an extensive background in water resource management, community relations and land use planning.

He’s an impressive, brilliant, young Hawaiian leader with a vast knowledge and skillset. Any entity is blessed to have him as a leader.

I was blessed to have learned and worked alongside him and proud to call him a friend.

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January 21, 2023

Commission on Water Resource Management

Via email: Kathy.s.yoda@hawaii.gov and dlmr.cwrmm@hawaii.gov

Subject: TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARVIN KALEO MANUEL AS FIRST DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (Item B.1., CWRM Meeting on January 24, 2023)

I wholeheartedly support Chairperson Dawn Chang's recommendation that the Commission approve the appointment of Mr. Marvin Kaleo Manuel to the position of First Deputy to the Commission on Water Resource Management, effective January 2, 2023.

Although the position is usually filled by an engineer, Mr. Manuel's nearly 10 years of progressively responsible and professional experience as a planner for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands have proven invaluable in his recent position as Deputy, since January 2019.

Last year, he and his staff successfully accomplished the designation of the Lāhainā Aquifer Sector Area as Ground and Surface Water Management Areas. This is critically important, as these designations serve as backup for West Maui, where there is not enough water. This effort demonstrates responsible stewardship of this scarce resource, while also responding to the needs of developers.

From 2019 to 2021, the Commission discussed and adopted instream flow standards for Honokōhau, Honolua, and Kaluanui Streams to protect traditional Hawaiian practices, as well as meet existing needs of taro framers. This was a win-win solution for private and public entities.

Mr. Manuel has been actively engaged with concerns faced by West Maui residents. His attentiveness and swift action, statewide, has resulted in numerous triumphs.

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Mr. Manuel has also been very responsive with my staff, and I am eager to maintain our established relations. Moreover, I look forward to witnessing his continued success and enthusiastically support the recommendation for his appointment as Deputy.

Me Ka Ha‘aha‘a,

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Tamara Paltin
Councilmember

From: [Joy Gannon](#)
To: [Yoda, Kathy S](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management
Date: Sunday, January 22, 2023 8:17:18 PM

Aloha. I am in strong support of confirming the appointment of Mr. M. Kaleo Manuel as the first deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission of Water Resources. I have worked with small public water systems throughout the State of Hawaii for the past sixteen years and am currently the director of water utilities on the Island of Lanai, but I am writing and supporting Mr. Manuel in my personal capacity as a water professional and as a friend. I have known Mr. Manuel for over a decade and I have worked with him while he served both with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and in his role with the Commission of Water Resources. I have no doubt that he will continue to serve the State at the highest capacity. I have watched Mr. Manuel engage with stakeholders with the utmost respect during times of high conflict. He has the ability to listen, synthesize, incorporate the mana'o of all stakeholders in that process, and follow through with complex planning processes and promised actions. Water will continue to be one of the issues with the most conflict and I cannot think of anyone else who can lead the division with his level of community engagement and understanding of the complex issues. Without any reservation, I strongly support Mr. Manuel's re-appointment.

Joy Gannon

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Lanai City, HI 96763

January 23, 2023

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State Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Re: Agenda Item B1: Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha nui mai kākou,

Please accept this testimony in **strong support** of Kaleo Manuel's appointment as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. As an attorney, I have had the pleasure of working with Deputy Manuel over the course of the past few years with the Wai'oli Valley Taro Hui in particular.

As you may remember, the Wai'oli Valley Taro Hui worked with your commission to successfully establish meaningful IIFS for Wai'oli Stream after devastating flooding in 2018. During this time, Deputy Manuel was friendly, thoughtful, and always willing to convene parties – including his incredibly helpful and hardworking staff. He always led with fairness and transparency. And because of this, he helped to develop trust and a working relationship with the community.

Over his time as Deputy, I have witnessed Deputy Manuel lead by example and consistently seek solutions in a matter that prioritizes the health of the resource. He has a strong grasp on his kuleana and helps to advance the work of your important commission. I have the utmost respect for Deputy Manuel and hope this commission will act to approve his appointment as Deputy.

Mahalo nui for your time and for your tireless work on behalf of our 'āina and wai!

Me ka ha'aha'a,



A. U'ilani Tanigawa Lum

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Re: Testimony in support of the appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Mai ka hikina a ka lā i Ha'eha'e, aloha.

Aloha e Department of Land and Natural Resources Commission on Water Resource Management,

It is with joy, honor, and humility that I write to you in full support of the appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel to the position of First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

As a fellow cultural practitioner and board member of PA'I Foundation, I have worked alongside Kaleo for over a decade, witnessing his skill, depth of knowledge, and unwavering support of others. He is fair and balanced. He has the innate ability to view and bring to light various facets of a situation that others shy away from. He is transparent, making it known where he stands on issues and openly stepping forward to make decisions. He is supportive of staff, recognizing and uplifting each and every individual, acknowledging the essential role of all those with whom he works alongside.

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times in protecting our wai, it is imperative that you appoint someone who has a unique set of skills. One immersed in culture and history who will bring that passion to the fire they have for working in government. Someone to work alongside us and to work for us in the capacities where we are not physically present. Kaleo is that voice. He will be that bridge between agency, kaiāulu and lāhui. He works effectively with everyone. His aloha for Hawai'i and wai is his passion. It is his essence. It is his kuleana and drives his daily actions. I have no doubt you will be honored and pleased at your appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel to this position.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Aggy E. Kusunoki
Board Member, PA'I foundation
Educator

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

NO. 2022 - 26

URGING THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP KALEO MANUEL IN HIS CURRENT POSITION AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hawaiian Studies, a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, and a Graduate certificate in Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel brings a cultural perspective to the commission, being fluent in 'ōlelo Hawai'i and having 'uniki under Aunty Vicki Holt Takamine; and

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel is a member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū; and

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel previously served as the Acting Planning Program Manager with the Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, leading a team of planners and community development specialists to create affordable housing and homestead communities for native Hawaiians across the state; and

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel has proven to be a great manager, having won Manager of the Year during his time at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel supported Wai'oli Taro Hui in establishing Interim Instream Flow Standards in Wai'oli, Kaua'i to protect stream health and ensure kalo cultivation continues as a traditional and customary practice; and

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel led the designation of the Lāhaina Aquifer Sector Area in Maui Komohana as a surface and groundwater management area to proactively protect water resources from climate uncertainty and to resolve serious historical and ongoing water disputes; and

WHEREAS, Kaleo Manuel facilitated consultation with 'Aha Moku, lineal descendants, and cultural practitioners in protecting groundwater dependent ecosystems and the traditional and customary practices that rely on them in North Kona, Hawai'i.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 63rd Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of

Huna, this 5th day of November 2022, urging the incoming administration to keep Kaleo Manuel in his current position as Deputy Director of the Commission on Water Resource Management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs also support Kaleo Manuel to continue serve as Deputy or Director of other Departments that could benefit from his leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the director of the Commission on Water Resource Mangement, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned herby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Huna, on the 5th day of November 2022, at the 63rd Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Seattle, Washington.

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Hailama V.K.K. Farden, President



January 24, 2023

Commission on Water Resource Management
P.O. Box 621
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Subject: Item B.1. Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs submits this testimony in support of Item B.1. and we request your favorable consideration of the appointment of Kaleo Manuel to lead this commission.

At our annual convention in 2022, the Association adopted a resolution urging the incoming administration to re-appoint Mr. Manuel to this position. The resolution, attached, cites Mr. Manuel's experience and track record and achievements in supporting various communities in sustaining traditional and customary practices and protecting water resources.

Mr. Manuel is a member in good standing of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū. The Hawaiian Civic Club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and has grown to a confederation of over 61 Hawaiian Civic Clubs with more than 3,000 members located throughout the State of Hawai'i and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization and advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

We are grateful for your consideration of this action item and request your approval.

Sincerely,

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Dreana Kalili
Pelekikena

January 23, 2023

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Re: Agenda Item B1: Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha mai kākou,

I am writing to ask that you please vote to confirm Kaleo Manuel as the First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. My name is Chris Kobayashi, a third generation kalo farmer in Wai'oli, Kaua'i and a member of the Wai'oli Valley Taro Hui.

In April 2018, we suffered historic rainfall that led to major flooding and devastation not only to our entire north shore community of Kaua'i, but our lo'i kalo system in Wai'oli as well – beyond anything we had ever experienced. This ancient system has been in use since the 1500's to bring water to lo'i kalo in Wai'oli. Our families of farmers today know that we have the kuleana to maintain this vital system in our small community.

As a result of the devastating damages we found out that our system was on state conservation land – it really threw the farmers in Wai'oli into a long and complicated legal and regulatory process. It was really overwhelming.

Kaleo was critical and responsive to our community's situation. He helped us work with the commission and the staff and made us feel heard. We would never have been able to navigate this long unfamiliar process without his help. We are forever grateful for his compassion and ability to see the whole picture. Throughout the long process, Kaleo was transparent and fair. He was key to the restoration and healing of Wai'oli. I believe he would be the best person to serve the entire state of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer my strong support of the confirmation of Deputy Manuel.

Chris Kobayashi

Glenn I. Teves
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Hoolehua, HI 96729
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January 23, 2023

Commission on Water Resource Management
State of Hawaii

RE: Testimony in support of Kaleo Manual as Deputy Chair of CWRM

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Glenn Ioane Teves and I am a Hoolehua homesteader and farmer. I'm also a County Extension Agent with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Cooperative Extension Service on the island of Molokai and have served in this capacity for 41 years. However, I represent myself in support of Kaleo Manual.

I have worked with Kaleo as the Administrator for Planning at DHHL as well as in his role at CWRM and consider him an intelligent and objective individual who has done a fantastic job guiding CWRM out of the Dark Ages. I have worked with CWRM since enactment of the State Water Code, and all I can say is the Hawaiian Homes water rights have been stomped on and trashed by a plantation mentality leading CWRM for a long time, and its just recently that things have turned around and is now going down the middle of the road. I have been involved in three major contested hearings before CWRM as an expert witness, including Waiahole, Waiola, and Kukui, and politics have continued to mire common sense decisions. Although we've won major decisions before the State Supreme Court, we actually lost because it took 10 years to render a decision as in the Waiola case.

But this is nothing compared to DHHL's request for additional water from the Kualapu'u Aquifer that CWRM took 27 years to decide!!!! This is a travesty of justice and a dismal failure by CWRM that cannot occur again. Too many lives have been impacted by this decision, especially those who were awarded land but couldn't access water, only to wait all this time.

A criticism I hear circling around is his favoritism of Hawaiian Homes Rights. It's about time someone read the State Water Code and had an intimate understanding of this law that has gone unenforced for way too long.

In closing, I hope you will consider Kaleo as a valuable member of your team with one of the best compositions of board members in a long time. You're always going to have one or maybe two members who are way out in left field, but in life it's very difficult to bat a thousand.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ioane Teves
Ho'olehua, Molokai



Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā

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**Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā
Board of Directors**

January 21, 2023

Hōkūao Pellegrino
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To: State Commission on Water Resource Management

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**Re: AGENDA ITEM B1: APPROVAL OF CHAIRPERSON'S APPOINTMENT OF
MARVIN KALEO MANUEL, AS FIRST DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.**

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Aloha kakahiaka e Commission Chair Dawn Chang, Water Commissioners and Commission Staff, my name is Hōkūao Pellegrino and I am the current President of Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā and a kuleana kalo farmer in the ahupua'a of Waikapū. Today I will be providing testimony on behalf of our organization as it relates to Action item B, approval of Chairperson's appointment Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā was established in 2003. Our mission is to advocate for the restoration and stewardship of mauka to makai streamflow in Waikapū, Wailuku, Waiehu, Waihe'e Streams on Maui, to protect the natural and cultural resources pertaining to traditional and customary practices of Native Hawaiian kuleana kalo farmers, and to engage the Maui community through outreach education programs and initiatives focused on water resources management. Our organization's core value is centered around "Ola i ka wai", which speaks to the importance of protecting one of our most important natural resources, the life giving waters of Kāne. Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā strongly believes in and adheres to the Hawai'i State Water Code 174c as well as the need for balance decision making between instream and offstream uses of wai.

We believe that the person filling this leadership position has an extremely important kuleana or purposeful role, which is to promote and lead in the responsible stewardship of one of our most important public trust resources, water. It is our expectation that this person adheres to, follows and enforces all rules, laws, regulations related to the Hawai'i State Water Code. In addition, Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā expects that responsible stewardship of our water resources includes balanced decision making and having supportive staff in managing all regions within our diverse watersheds throughout Hawai'i. Lastly, in stewarding our water resources, the Hui expects that this person have vast knowledge of the many different communities in Hawai'i and the ability to engage and collaborate with all community stakeholders in a transparent and respectful way.

With that said, Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā supports the approval of Marvin Kaleo Manuel as First Deputy of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Kaleo brings a plethora of knowledge and experience to this Commission and will complement the good work already being done by Commission Staff. He has a diverse educational background in natural and cultural resource management, planning, and has proven himself as being a strong, positive and well respected leader in both the Hawaiian community and community at large. Kaleo is well versed in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i

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The Mission of Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā is to advocate for the restoration and stewardship of mauka to makai streamflow in Waikapū, Wailuku, Waiehu, Waihe'e Streams (Nā Wai 'Ehā), to protect cultural and natural resources pertaining to traditional and customary practices of Native Hawaiian kuleana kalo farmers and to conduct water resource management education outreach programs for the Maui community.

and has a strong background in the Hawaiian culture, both of which we feel are important characteristics that will greatly assist him in fulfilling his kuleana in this leadership position. Kaleo demonstrates confidence, diligence, and has a strong conviction in his work ethic. His personal and professional integrity is admirable and he ensures that decisions around the protection, management and stewardship of our water resources are met with balance, utmost sensitivity and respect.

Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā has an active community membership base of over 800 members and a following of over 5,000 online, many who are kuleana kalo and diversified farmers, educators, scientists, environmentalists, and concerned Maui residents at it relates to water resource management. We are an organization that has a watchful eye not only over water issues in Nā Wai 'Ehā but all across Maui, while engaging and educating members on their role in community-based water resource management. The decisions that this body makes, especially that of a leadership position such as the Deputy Director of the Commission on Water Resource Management, affects not only all of us but the many generations to come who will call Hawai'i home and drink the life giving waters of Kāne. We are confident that this next Deputy Director has the ability to execute on the hard tasks before him and we look forward to working closely with him as well as continuing to work closely with his staff of water experts as we have done over the last 15 years. We hope that one of the reasons why our organization exists is to make all of your jobs easier in your efforts to responsibly steward the water resources of Hawai'i.

Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā humbly asks that you approve Marvin Kaleo Manuel as the next Deputy Director of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Mahalo for your time and serious consideration of our testimony today. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Me ke aloha,

Hōkūao Pellegrino

Hōkūao Pellegrino (Board President)

Aloha Chair and distinguished members of the Water Commission.

My name is Kyle Nakanelua. I am a descendant and Taro farmer of Ko'olau Maui and I reside in the district of Hamakualoa Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of Mr. Kaleo Manuel for the position of Deputy Director of the Water Commission, agenda item B-1 for the following reasons.

A person can be criticized for being "over sympathetic to Native Hawaiian issues". This same person can also be critiqued as being a person that has a world view based on native Hawaiian ancestral knowledge that seeks to be cautious and balanced as to how one "should" vs. "could" move forward in his life and how they manage the resources that are entrusted to them, therefore making them stewards and not owners of said resources. If this same person is being careful and holistic of how resources such as land and water are developed, this does not make him "anti-development, it makes him wise in how you develop. So Pro-development with thoughtful, factual, good Common sense that comes from having and "Island View". And Mr. Manuel has demonstrated this on numerous projects areas such as He'eia Oahu, Hawaii Island, Moloka'i, Maui Islands Na wai Eha, Maui Kahikina(West) water designation, Maui Hikina (East) Water War. E ala mai, wake up! We live on an Island, Land is finite, Rain is finite, The Aquifer is finite, the food grown here and feeds the people here is miniscule and yes, finite

I am a concerned tax paying citizen. And I am concerned that the need of a few select people, to make a lot of money and not "live" here, are more important to some of my elected leaders. And this need seems to outweigh the greater good of the majority of us who have a desire and need to live here.

When I look at Mr. Manuel and critique him by the work he has done, I see a person who is fair, transparent, proactive, foresightful and kind. These are all traits held by some of the most innovative thinkers seated in the governments of Sweden, Finland, Holland, Norway and many other European Nations that have had to relearn these traits so that they can create an environment that they can live in. I repeat relearn. Mr. Manuel knows these traits genetically. He has never had to relearn them. Making him deputy would provide his Director with a current World view as well as the direction that Humankind has to and is moving in.

I implore all of you to consider carefully, and appoint Mr. Kaleo Manuel to the position of Deputy Director.

He Kane i ka wai ola/A man of Life-giving water.

Mahalo ia oukou for the work that you do

Sincerely,

Kyle K. Nakanelua



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Testimony to the COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

January 24, 2023

Agenda Item B-1: Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha e Commissioners,

The Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation ("NHLC") submits this testimony in **SUPPORT** of Marvin Kaleo Manuel's appointment as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

NHLC is a private, non-profit law firm that aims to perpetuate the rights, customs, and practices that strengthen Native Hawaiian identity and culture through legal advocacy that holds the government accountable. Throughout its long history, NHLC has repeatedly appeared before this Commission to ensure that it upholds its constitutional obligations and serves individuals, 'ohana, and communities that depend on Hawai'i's water resources.

Kaleo should be re-appointed as Deputy based on his history of service. He has consistently demonstrated attributes that must be demanded of all government officials: he is fair and transparent in discharging his duties; he is willing to listen and discuss concerns openly on all sides of an issue; and he can bring diverse communities and interests together for discussion. Kaleo also understands the Commission's kuleana to protect natural and cultural resources while discharging his duties free from bias. In one recent matter, Kaleo demonstrated initiative to ensure that the Commission independently and proactively satisfies its constitutional obligations to make decisions that do not unreasonably burden Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. He helped the Commission balance cultural practitioners' needs with private water demands in a way that avoided, at least temporarily, costly litigation. By re-appointing Kaleo, this Commission will continue to benefit from his knowledge and experience and have a Deputy who truly understands and embraces the kuleana of their role.

It goes without saying that there will always be issues around which the community and the Commission disagree. However, Kaleo has been highly effective in connecting this Commission with community, which ultimately helps it do its job as trustee of the public trust. NHLC supports his appointment and applauds his willingness to continue serving wai and Hawai'i's people.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

David Kauila Kopper

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Director of Litigation
Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation

Ashley K. Obrey

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Senior Staff Attorney
Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

Testimony to
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
January 24, 2023 9 AM Room 132

COMMENTS on B-1:

APPROVAL OF CHAIRPERSON'S APPOINTMENT OF MARVIN KALEO MANUEL, AS FIRST DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Water Commission,

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, on behalf of its 20,000 members and supporters, **strongly supports** the appointment of Deputy Marvin Kaleo Manuel to continue his vital role as the Water Commission deputy.

Over the past four years, Mr. Manuel has demonstrated a high level of diligence, commitment, and objective solution-seeking in his oversight of the administration and implementation of the State Water Code and the public trust doctrine. His ability to understand and apply the law and balance the numerous rights and interests in our islands' most precious resource has already served to better the conditions of our islands, potentially for generations to come. Under his leadership, the Water Commission and its staff have been able to successfully realize the prudent planning and protective mechanisms envisioned in our State Water Code in many arenas, including by:

- Providing for meaningful and updated instream flow standards for streams throughout East Maui, mitigating decades-long concerns and conflicts arising from the historical neglect of public trust purposes and reasonable beneficial uses in these critical surface waters;
- Establishing updated interim instream flow standards *and* water management designation for West Maui, and thereby protecting the agricultural potential of and Native Hawaiian rights in the region, including and particularly from the ongoing threats posed by luxury, "gentleman-farm" developments;
- Updating the interim instream flow standard for He'eia stream, O'ahu, enhancing kānaka maoli efforts to restore the ecological and cultural integrity of one of our islands' few remaining "intact" ahupua'a;
- Similarly updating the interim instream flow standard for Wai'oli stream, Kaua'i, a critical surface water source for the ecological, cultural, and agricultural integrity of the region; and
- Overseeing and working to address implementation and enforcement concerns to ensure that the Commission's orders and laws are better and more meaningfully upheld.

The progress made by the Water Commission in implementing the State Water Code over the past four years has been arguably unprecedented, and has been made possible not only through Deputy Manuel's great expertise and diligence, but also through his ability to work with and leverage broad relationships with other agencies, institutions, and communities, while also understanding and balancing the needs of all stakeholders consistent with the policies and priorities embodied in state law.

Of course, much more work remains to fully implement and enforce the State Water Code and uphold the public trust doctrine, work that may be essential to the future well-being of our islands and people. This includes the bold and necessary steps needed to ensure the expedient resolution of the Red Hill water crisis, which we understand Deputy Manuel and his staff have been diligently working to address since the late 2021 contamination of O'ahu's primary groundwater source. As we venture further and deeper into the climate destabilization crisis; as water security, food security, ecological integrity, and social cohesion become more important to the livability of our islands than ever before; and as the Water Commission's functions thereby become some of if not the most important in Hawai'i's government; the proven leadership and effectiveness of Deputy Manuel strongly counsel his continued retention as the deputy director of the Water Commission.

For these reasons, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully but strongly urges the Commission to **APPROVE** the appointment and retention of Marvin Kaleo Manuel as the Deputy Director of CWRM.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Tanaka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" and last name "Tanaka" clearly distinguishable.

Wayne Tanaka, Director
Sierra Club of Hawai'i

From: [Jocelyn Doane](#)
To: [Yoda, Kathy S](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Item B1
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 6:49:44 AM

Aloha Kathy,

Please find my testimony below and please send me a Zoom link for tomorrow afternoon.

Aloha,

I am emailing in support of the appointment of Kaleo Manuel as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM).

I have had the opportunity to work with Kaleo while he was at the Department of Hawaiian Homelands as well as during his time as First Deputy at the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), and have found him to be extremely knowledgeable of Hawai'i's interconnected and multifaceted water systems, legal obligations, and water resource management plans and programs. I have also noted that he has always had good working relationships with the staff he oversees, including the CWRM staff, is forward thinking, and is able to navigate controversial water issues.

During his time at CWRM, I have found Kaleo to be fair in the execution of his obligations to assist DLNR and CWRM in fulfilling its constitutional and statutory obligations. He understands that ensuring sufficient water to promote public trust uses and to support government, residential, and commercial uses serves the best interest of the larger community. We have seen this in his efforts to strike the right balance in setting updated interim instream flow standards in West Maui, a balance that promotes the protection of Native Hawaiian and instream uses, but also considers other government, residential and commercial demands.

As the State continues to face challenges related to our limited and declining access to natural fresh water, CWRM needs leadership that will prioritize policies and plans that both maximize our community benefits and minimize long term impacts to our supplies to ensure that our resources can continue to support our people for generations to come. I think Kaleo is such a leader, and one with the requisite administrative experience to navigate the State's bureaucratic hiring, civil service, budgetary, and procurement processes.

Mahalo Nui,
Jocelyn Doane

Commission on Water Resource Management

Re: Appointment of Kaleo Manuel as Deputy Director for the Commission

I have worked with the Water Commission since its inception, first as the developer of the water program at the Department of Hawaiian Homes and liaison to the Commission, appointed by then-Chair 'Ilima Pi'ianaia, at the time when Manabu Tagomori served as administrator, then working as staff for the Commission, initially processing all the well construction permits and consulting on streamflow issues under Deputy Rae Loui. I served for 25 years, finally in the Ground Water Regulation Branch.

The Commission has always been the subject of intense scrutiny, and has had its mission clarified on a number of occasions by the Hawaii Supreme Court, all to the forward benefit of the people and the Public Trust and its Precautionary Principle. I have been staff to and observed several contested case hearings, chiefly those association with my primary kuleana, the islands of Maui County. These have been famously bitter conflicts, with ongoing contestation of results.

I also conducted the Water Working Group on Moloka'i, composed of representative community members, in three different iterations over four years, in lieu of having a county water use and development plan for the island. These were representative of the multi-faceted conflicts over water use familiar to many in the public but rarely understood in depth from participation and often bitter debate.

Further, I participated in the development of the water use and development plan for Lāna'i, an effort that lasted two years and incorporated the same sorts of conflicts.

At several junctures, the intensity of concern around Commission actions have been punctuated by the need to appoint a new Deputy, and staff has generally been greatly concerned for the continuity, hard-won relations with state and county officials, contractors, applicants, planners, and communities across *ka pae 'āina*. I have always been proud of the transparency and diligence of staff, and relieved, time after time, to have a highly qualified deputy who recognized the expertise of staff, the openness we traditionally exercised in developing a forward-looking, interactive relationship with stakeholders. They have been wise enough to understand a core principle of administration: when faced with a need to alter procedures across the board, we take the time to gather, explore, discuss, test, and verify a new way, consulting with stakeholders, and having made a decision, broadcast it to the general and active public so that all are on the same page.

This is not without a fair share of heartburn, and we are not a golden agency. But we had gained the respect and trust of the community and successive new members of the Commission, against the eternal conflicts that always appear. Our processes have operated pretty smoothly, for all that. There have been mistakes, in my view, but they are few in the larger picture, and the efforts will never please all. Conflicts remain, and it has been a career-long passion of mine to pursue better management and *mālama 'āina*.

I even even considered putting my own name forward for Deputy when Linda Lingle became Governor, as we correctly feared a disruptive presence to our forward-looking and cooperative practices. Fortunately, at that time, the strength and effectiveness of our traditions prevailed over some troubled years. I have certainly prided myself in a reputation for detailed communications, guidance to applicants and multiple other stakeholders, rigorous adherence to equal standing under the law, the public trust, to complex procedure, and prompt decisions even in the face of challenges. I had to work smart over long, hard hours, well worth the effort.

That all unfortunately ended with the appointment of Kaleo Manuel. It gives me great pain to say this, because Kaleo is a friend and a respected colleague, a talented and intelligent young man who shares my own background in planning and at Hawaiian home lands. We have had many constructive conversations, and share a great many sensibilities. But the Water Commission is not a place to learn how to administer a complex program, and he failed to understand a workable process for making transitions on policy and procedures. My own retirement came too early, after long months of struggling to get applications to move. People have a reasonable expectation to have action within 90 days, and I found that I could not get anything to budge for well over a year (if even now). People needed water but could not be given any guidance on how to proceed because there wasn't any coming from the top. It is no place for unilateral decisions under color of lawful administration.

Rather than sitting down to resolve the issues that might have been of concern, we were forced to guess what the Deputy would find acceptable – repeatedly and unsuccessfully. Everything ground to a halt. Even now, my understanding is that everything is so badly backlogged that people simply do not receive good service.

I understand only too well how difficult it may be to find seasoned or qualified administrators. It is a problem found throughout our government. Kaleo Manuel is not one, and I urge you to look elsewhere.

Me ke aloha pumehana,
Charley Ice, senior hydrologist (retired)

From: [lucy Lau](#)
To: [Yoda, Kathy S](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Kaleo Manuel
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 11:49:46 AM

Aloha,

I am writing in support of Kaleo Manuel's appointment. I have known Kaleo for over 12 years both in a professional and personal capacity. At our first introduction I was uplifted with his captivating smile and complimenting voice. As I got to know him, I witnessed a young Native Hawaiian with an inner passion to grow and excel in his career, his culture, community and personally. Throughout the years Kaleo has continued to excel in many facets. I have seen how compassionate and well-balanced he is. He is able to juggle and manage many different sections of his life, with professionalism, knowledge and structure while always working with those involved equally and with humility. Whether he is leading his team at work, volunteering at community events or working with halau, cultural leaders and members of the larger community Kaleo's knowledge, expertise and positive persona allows him to be a strong leader with compassion and able to get the tasks completed.

The human and professional qualities within Kaleo are genuine some of those qualities cannot be taught they are instilled in his heart. He's good-nature allows him to interact and work with many, his knowledge and expertise in his field allows him to be a respected source for information and facilitation, and his caring and loving personality always looking for the positive allows him to excel and continue to grow and reach higher goals.

I am appreciative of the relationship with Kaleo Manuel as he has assisted in providing professional guidance and support that allowed me to provide valid information to my leaders and organization. Culturally he has provided support, knowledge and understanding and personally he has always been someone that I can rely on.

Kaleo Manuel will be an exceptional First Deputy of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Sincerely,

Lucinda K Aina Lau

Marketing Director, Hale Koa Hotel

Treasurer, PA'I Foundation

President, Haleloa I AOA

From: [Erik Meade](#)
To: [Yoda, Kathy S](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for the upcoming Water Commission meeting on Tuesday, 1/24 item #B1
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 2:11:21 PM

Aloha Karthy,

I would like to submit the following written testimony for the upcoming Water Commission meeting on Tuesday, 1/24 item #B1

Mahalo,

This written testimony is in support of Kaleo to be re-appointed as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Kaleo has been the board's navigator, steering them clear of decisions that could have wound up being unconstitutional, and I don't think anyone wants their legacy to be the Supreme Court of Hawai'i ruled against them, therefore it is the most prudent course to re-appoint as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Thank-you, Erik Meade

From: [Kainani Medeiros](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support: Marvin Kaleo Manuel - First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 4:27:12 PM

Aloha Kākou,

My ‘ohana fully supports the Chairperson's appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel to continue as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management, and would like him to be confirmed for another 4 years and beyond.

Marvin Kaleo Manuel is a man that holds Hawai‘i and our people dear to his heart. He is a strong leader, and a strong support system, wrapped in one kanaka. He knows what Hawai‘i needs to flourish, and he continues to research to gain knowledge and share what he learns with our keiki of Hawai‘i.

As a humble man, he never boasts his accomplishments, but we are and always will be proud of every aspect of his life, both personal and professional. He is an important bridge between the state of Hawai‘i, our communities and our people; to be able to work effectively with all of these aspects, truly takes a proactive approach. We believe he has been successful because he is a fair, balanced and transparent leader/support.

We know that confirming Marvin Kaleo Manuel to another 4 years and beyond, will not only make us proud as an ‘ohana, but our beautiful state of Hawai‘i too.

Mahalo nui for taking the time to read through my letter of support.

Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,
Kainani Medeiros and ‘Ohana

From: [Mike Atherton](#)
To: [Yoda, Kathy S](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Deputy Director Manuel
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 8:24:23 PM

Aloha Kathy,
Sorry I don't know how the body was left blank.

Aloha Chair Chang

My name is Michael Atherton, and I am a significant landowner on Maui and developer of Waikapū Country Town (<https://www.waikapu.com/>). I am writing in strong support for Kaleo Manuel's reappointment as State Water Commission Deputy Director.

I have worked closely with Deputy Director Manuel and his staff during his entire tenure, and he has been professional and phenomenal. Deputy Director Manuel and his staff have supported me with a number of issues, including permitting my wells for my development, issuing Water Use Permits for our 800 acres of productive agricultural lands, and helping to resolve issues around the use of Waikapū Stream and the kuleana 'auwai in particular for downstream kalo farmers. I believe he is fair and balanced in his decision-making as well as transparent. He has been a bridge between agency and the community on a number of issues that we have been involved in.

I have been involved in water issues on Maui for many years now -- at least fifteen -- and have worked with a number of Water Commission Deputies. None come close to Deputy Director Manuel. He has taken the time to learn about and to fully grasp the legal, cultural, and community complexities of our issues in Waikapū and on Maui more generally. He skillfully navigates legal, political, and cultural issues and brings both his legal understanding and common sense to the table.

I understand that some developers have complained because Deputy Director Manuel takes his legal responsibilities seriously. I am concerned that he is being unfairly blamed for our water situation on Maui and in other drought-prone areas of the state. As someone who has worked on these issues for years, I have learned that the law and facts are what they are. And, it doesn't benefit anyone, and developers in particular, to take shortcuts and then end up in court. Having been involved in the Nā Wai 'Ehā contested case and related appeals, water use permitting here took fifteen years and is still not entirely resolved as issues were appealed to the Hawai'i Supreme Court again recently. With Deputy Director Manuel at the helm, we will be able to maintain our recent momentum and get things done, especially around water use for agriculture and for much-needed affordable housing, which I am helping to develop. I

am concerned that without him, any new deputy will take years to get up to speed, bringing everything to a halt in the meantime.

Please consider my experience with Deputy Director Manuel and keep him on as Water Commission Deputy.

Mahalo,
Mike Atherton

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On Jan 23, 2023, at 3:39 PM, Yoda, Kathy S <kathy.s.yoda@hawaii.gov> wrote:

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From: Mike Atherton [REDACTED]
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To: Yoda, Kathy S <kathy.s.yoda@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deputy Director Manuel

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Hawaii State Aha Moku Testimony
To the Commission on Water Resource Management

For the meeting of the
Commission on Water Resource Management
January 24, 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

AGENDA ITEM: B1

Approval of Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha Chairperson Chang and Honorable Members of Commission for Water Resource Management (CWRM),

On behalf of the Aha Moku participants and members of Native Hawaiian generational families connected to the Moku and Ahupua'a that comprise the eight main Hawaiian Islands of the Pae'Aina – Moku O Keawe (Hawaii), Moku O Pi'ilani (Maui), Moku O Kanaloa (Kaho'olawe), Nana'i Kaula (Lana'i), Moloka'i Pule O'o (Moloka'i), Kakuhihewa (O'ahu), Manokalanipo (Kaua'i), and Ka 'Aina O Kawelonakala (Ni'ihau), we are **strongly in support of Agenda Item B1 and ask that CWRM approve the Chairperson's Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel as First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Water Commission.**

There are forty-six (46) traditional moku and six-hundred and six ahupua'a located within these moku. Each ahupua'a, with their generational families are connected to the natural and cultural resources of these sites, particularly water. In order to fully understand and appreciate the importance of this issue to the host culture of Hawai'i, it is important to recognize the protocols and symbiotic relationship between the people, their customary practices, and the natural resources – in this case, water, which is life! (Attachment: Pae'Aina)

Hawaii State Aha Moku Foundation

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku), via Act 288, SLH 2012 brings the voices of the native Hawaiian generational and lineal descendants forward to the Hawaii State government in issues that impact their traditional and customary practices within natural and cultural resources. Working within a traditional resource sustainability process restored from the 9th century through translations of ancient chants and mo'olelo, the Aha Moku focuses on three main principles:

- Malama Ke Akua (Honor God)
- Malama I Ka'Aina (Honor the Land)
- Malama Na Iwi Hanau O Ka 'Aina (Honor the people of the land)

These three principles are critical to the testimonies and generational knowledge of the native Hawaiians who continue to practice customary beliefs within their ahupua'a. The people are comprised of their beliefs and are themselves an integral part of the natural resources and cannot be separated from them because the Akua, the land and the people are one. They are the whole entity and not separate compartments. This belief system is often not comprehended within the western thought process, yet it is the core of Hawaii State constitutional protection of the traditional and customary practices (TCP) of Hawaii.

CWRM, January 24, 2023

Our support of Kaleo Manuel, a native Hawaiian who thoroughly understands the unique protocols of each moku and ahupua'a runs deep as we have had the honor of working with him and the staff of CWRM since his original appointment as the Deputy Director of DLNR and Administrator of CWRM in 2019. Raised with the cultural knowledge of the natural and cultural resources of his 'ohana of Ka'u, Moku O Keawe, Kaleo is able to combine this knowledge with his vast experience in water issues.

Listed here are a very few examples of Kaleo Manuel's versatility, empathy for the people of Hawaii – both native Hawaiian and Public Trust; and the respect given him by these very same communities:

- As Planning Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), with the input and help of the beneficiaries statewide, Kaleo Manuel created its Water Policy in 2014;
- The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC), at its annual convention in Seattle, WA in November 2022 adopted Resolution No. 2022-AA "Urging the Incoming Administration to keep Kaleo Manuel in his current position as Deputy Director of the Commission on Water Resource Management". This Resolution was passed unanimously by delegates representing 67 Hawaiian Civic Clubs nation wide on Saturday, November 5, 2022. (Attachment: AHCC Reso 2022-AA)
- In regards to the OTA Well issue in Keauhou, Kona, Kaleo Manuel personally and with his staff, met with Kupuna and Lawai'a (fishing practitioners) of Kailua-Kona and the West Hawaii coastline as well as with Aha Moku generational 'ohana of the Keauhou Aquifer and communities of the Public Trust to assist in the mitigation of water withdrawal requests from the Keauhou Aquifer and its impact on traditional ocean practices. (Attachment: Aha Moku Testimony-CWRM, April 20, 2021)
- Under the direction of Kaleo Manuel, CWRM employs the Kapa'akai Analysis to all CWRM applications that deal with water use permitting in the State of Hawaii.

We deeply appreciate the opportunity to bring the voices of the generational families of the ahupua'a connected to the Pae'Aina of Hawai'i Nei to the attention of the Water Commission so their mana'o can be heard relative to traditional and customary practices that may be impacted by the policies of CWRM.

Respectfully and humbly yours,

Leimana DaMate, Luna Alaka'i, Hawaii State Aha Moku
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Attachments:

*Pae'Aina

*AHCC Reso 2022-AA

*Aha Moku Testimony, 4/20/21 re Ota Well

*Ka Pa'akai O Ka 'Aina/Aha Moku Analysis ppt

Hawaii State Aha Moku 2022

PAE'AINA – HAWAII NEI

MOKUPUNI – MOKU – AHUPUA'A

Compiled by Kupuna of the eight (8) main Hawaiian Islands using generational knowledge

MOKUPUNI	MOKU	AHUPUA'A
Moku O Keawe (Hawaii)	Kohala	<i>Wainanaliili, Waikoloa, Puako, Ouli, Kawaihae, Waika, Kahua, Kaalaala, Kipi, Kaiholena, Lamaloloa, Lapakahi, Mahukona, Awalua, Hihui, Honoipu, Opolu, Kokoiki, Puuipa, Kealahewa, Opihipau, Kahei, Hawi, Kapua, Pahoa, Kapaau, Laaumama, Honopueo, Iole, Halelua, Halaula, Halawa, Aamakao, Makapala, Niulii, Pololu, Honokane Nui, Honokane Iki, and Awini.</i> (41)
	Hamakua	<i>Manowaialee, Kealakaha, Kaula, Kaao, Kukalau, Kaholalele, Paauilo, Pohakuhalku, Opihilala, Kaumoali, Kaapahu, Papalele, Keahau, Kalopa, Kahawailili, Paauhau, Papuaa, Nienie, Ahualoa, Honokaia, Kapoaula, Keahakea, Kapulena, Waikoloa, Waikoekoe, Kukuihaele, Waipio, Muliwai, Wiamanu, Laupahoehoe, Naokooko, Apua, Ohiahuea, Kolealiili, Honopue, and Honokea</i> (37)
	Hilo	<i>Waiakea, Pueo, Kalalau, Wainaku, Honolii, Paukaa, Papaikou, Alakahi, Makahanaloa, Honomu, Kaiwiki, Hakalau, Mae'e, Umauma, Honohina, Waikamalo, Maulua, Puohai, Papa'aloa, Laupahoehoe, Humuula, and Ookala.</i> (22)
	Puna	<i>Apua, Kealakomo, Panau, Laeapuki, Kamoamo, Poupou, Kii, Kalapana, Kaimu, Keokea, Kehena, Opihikao, Kauaea, Kaukulau, Keahialaka, Pohoiki, Puala'a, Kapoho, Kula, Puua, Kahuwai, Nanawale, Waikahekahe, Keonepoke, Mahuu, Waikhekhe, Keaau</i> (27)
	Ka'u	<i>Keawaiki, Pohue, Kahuku, Kapininui, Pakiniiki, Kalilikii, Kalae, Kawela, Kiolakaa, Waiohinu, Kamilo, Honuapo, Kaalaiki, Hiilea, Ninole, Wailau, Punalu'u, Makaha KopuMoaula, Paauau, Kauhuula, Kaalaala, Kapapala, Kaaha, and Keauhou</i> (25)

	Kona	<i>Puuanahulu, Puuwaawaa, Kiholo, Kaupulehu, Kukio, Awakee, Laemano, Kalupulehu, Koelehuluhulu, Kau, Kaiaoa, Ooma, Kaloko, Honokohauiki, Puapuaa, Holualoa, Kaumalumalu, Kahaluu, Keauhou, Honuaino, Kaumo'o, Kealakekua, Keei, Honaunau, Keokea, Kealia, Kalahiki, Hookena, Waiea, Honokua, Kaohe, Maunaoni Makuu, Kolo, Olelomuana, Opihihale, Kaapuna, Kipahoehe, Alike, Papa, Ho'opuloa, Milolii, Honomalino, Okoe, Kapua, and Kaulanamauna.</i> (45)
Moku O Piilani (Maui)	Hamakuapoko	<i>Paihihi, Waiawa, Honohina, Waiopua, and Poniau.</i> (5)
	Hamakualoa	<i>Papaea, Hanawana, Hanehoi, Huelo, Waipio, Mokupapa, Honokaia, Hoolawa, Honopou, Kealiinui, Kealiiki, Peahi, Opana, Ulumalu, Kapuakulua, Kuiaha, Pauwela, and Haiku.</i> (18)
	Koolau	<i>Ulaino, Keea, Mokupipi, Honoluluui, Hopenui, Puuhaehae, Kapaula, Puakea, Kaliae, Wailua, Pauwalu, Keanae, Honomanu, Keopuka, Loiloa, Kolea, Mooloa, and Makaiwa.</i> (18)
	Hana	<i>Kualuu, Koali, Muolea, Puuiki, Mokae, Hamoa, Haneoo, Oloewa, Wanalua, Palmo, Niumalu, Kawaiipapa, Wakiu, Kaeleku, and Honomaele.</i> (15)
	Kipahulu	<i>Koalii, Wailua, Puuhaoa, Papauluana, Kaumakani, Alae, Wailamoa, Kikoo, Maulili, Poponui, Kapuakini, Kukuula, Kaapahu, Kukuiulaiki, Popolua</i> (15)
	Kaupo	<i>Kukoa, Pahihi, Nu, Kakou, Kaumahalua, Kaupo, Manawainui, Niumalu, Kahuai, Maalo, Mikiiki, and Kealepa.</i> (12)
	Kahikinui	<i>Lualaihia, Alena, Kipapa, Na Kaohu, Na Kaaha, Mahamenui, and Manawainui.</i> (7)
	Honuaula Note: Also connected to Kanalua (Kahoolawe)	<i>Paeahu, Palauea, Maluaka, Mooloa, Moomuku, Kanehena, Kualapa, Kahili, Papaka, Kaloi, Kanaio, and Aualu.</i> (12)
	Kula	<i>Pulehunui, Kalepolepu, Waiohuli, Keokea, and Kamaole.</i> (5)

	Kealahaloa	<i>Oluwalu, Ukumehame, Papaiaua, Kumaalaea, and Pokahea. (5)</i>
	Lahaina	<i>Hanakao, Wahikuli, Molalii, Makila, Waiahole, Pahoa, Polanui, Launiupoko, Koonopolaielaia, and Awahia. (10)</i>
	Kaanapali	<i>Honokohau, Honolulu, Honokahua, Napili, Honokeane, Alaeloa, Mailepai, Kahana, Mahinahina, Honokawai, and Makaiwa. (11)</i>
	Wailuku	<i>Waikapu, Iao, Waiehu, Ahikuli, Waihee, Makaliula, Wailena, Kahakuloa, and Nakalele. (9)</i>
Moku O Kanaloa (Kahoolawe)	Kona	<i>Lae O Kaka, Kamohio, Kaneloa, Wai Kahulu, and Kealaikahiki. (5)</i>
	Koolau	<i>Honokaa, Kii, Ahupa, Kaukamoku, Kuheia, Kaulana, Papaka, Lua O Kealialuna, Hakioawa, Owawahie, and Konapou. (11)</i>
	Honuaula* Note: Located on Piilani (Maui)	<i>Paeahu, Palaeua, Maluaka, Mooloa, Moomuku, Kanehena, Kualapa, Kahili, Papaka, Kaloi, Kanaio, and Aualu. (12)*</i>
	Molokini	<i>No ahupuaa</i>
Nana'I Kaula (Lana'i)	Kona	<i>Ka'a, Kamoku, Kalulu, Kaunolu, Palawai and Kamao. (6)</i>
	Koolau	<i>Kaohai, Paawili, Maunalei, Mahana, and Paomai. (5)</i>
Moloka'i Pule O'o (Moloka'i)	Kaluakoi	<i>Punakou, Makaolehua, Kuunala, and Paohaku. (4)</i>
	Koolau	<i>Kalaupapa, Kepuhi, Moomomi, Keapukukaloa, Halawa, Puaahaunui, Hakaaano, Papala, Wailua, Pelekunu, and Waikolu. (11)</i>
	Kawela	<i>Kaunakakai, Kapaakea, Kamiloloa, Makakupaia, Kawela, Makolelau, Kapuaokoolau, Kamalo, Wawaia, Puahala, Kaamola, Kawanui, Ohia, Ualapue, Kaluaaha, Mapulehu, Puko'o, Kupeke, Ahaino, Homomuni, Kawaikapu, Kainalu, Puinuohua, Waialua, Moanui, Kumini, Honouliwai, Honoulimalo'o, Lepehu, Pohakupili, and Moaka'e. (31)</i>
	Palaau	<i>Iloli, Hoolehua, Naiwa, Kahanui, and Kalamaula. (5)</i>

Moku O Kakuhihewa (O'ahu)	Kona	<i>Moanalua, Kahauiki, Kalihi, Kapalama, Honolulu, Waikiki, Waialae, Wailupe, Niu, and Kuliouou. (10)</i>
	Ewa	<i>Honouliuli (Puuloa and Kapolei), Hoaeae, Waikele, Waiawa, Waipio, Waimanao, Manana, Waiau, Waimalu, Kalauao, Aiea, Halawa(12)</i>
	Waianae	<i>Nanakuli, Lualualei, Waianae, Makaha, Keaau, Hikilolo, Makua, Kahanahaiki, and Keawaula.(9)</i>
	Waialua	<i>Kapaeloa, Punanue, Kuikuiloloa, Lauhulu, Kawailoa, Paalaa, Kamananui, Mokuleia, Aukuu, Kihahi, Kawaihapai, Kealia, and Kaena.(13)</i>
	Koolauloa	<i>Waimea, Pupukea, Paumalu, Kaunala, Wailelea, Pahipahialua, Opana, Kawela, Hanaka'oe, Oio, Ulupehupehu, Punaluu, Kahuku, Keana, Malaekahana, Laiewai, Laiemaloo, Kaipapau, Hauula, Makao, Kapeke, Papaakoko, Haieaha, Kaiaha, Puheemiki, Waioho, Punaluu, Kahana, Makaua, Kaawa (30)</i>
	Koolaupoko	<i>Maunalua, Koko, Waimanalo, Kailua, Mokapu, Kaneohe, Heeia, Kahaluu, Waihee, Kaalea, Waihole, Waikane, Kikipuu, and Kualoa.(14)</i>
Manokalanipo (Kaua'i)	Koloa	<i>Mahaulepu, Paa, Weliweli, Koloa, Aepo, Lawai, Kaiaheo, Wahiawa (8)</i>
	Makaweli	<i>Hanapepe, Kupua, Makaweli (3)</i>
	Waimea	<i>Waimea, Kapena, and Kekaha. (3)</i>
		<i>Waiawa, Opelu, Kaawaloa, Nonomahiki, Kahelunui, and Kolo.(6)</i>
	Napali	<i>Kauwila, Haeleele, Hikimoe, Kaaweiki, Kauhao, Makaha, Milolii, Nualolo, Wawapuhi, Honopu, Kalalau, Pohakuau, Hanakoa, Hanakapi'ai (14)</i>
	Halelea	<i>Kalihiwai, Kalihikai, Pupoa, Waipa, Hanalei, Waikoko, Lumahai, Wainiha, Haena, and Limahuli (10)</i>
	Koolau	<i>Anahola, Aliomanu, Papaa, Moloaa, Kaakaanui, Lepeuli, Waipake, Pilaa, Waiakalua, Kahili, Kilauea, and Namahana (12)</i>
	Puna Akau	<i>Kamalomalo, Kealia, Kapa'a, Waipouli, Olohena, and Wailua (6)</i>
	Puna Hema	<i>Kipukai, Kipu, Haiku, Niumalu, Nawiliwili, Kalapaki, Hanamaulu (7)</i>
Kawelonakala (Ni'ihau)	Kona	<i>Kaikane, Mauuloo, Nonopapa, Halo, Pauahula, Pu'uwai, Kaumuhonu, Keanauhi, Pohueloa, Nianiaui, and Lehua.(11)</i>
	Koolau	<i>Koolaukani, Apu, and Okii.(3)</i>
	Puna	<i>Koahi, Haialii, Honuaula, Kalaoa, Nomilu, and Pueo. (6)</i>

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**URGING THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP KALEO MANUEL IN HIS
CURRENT POSITION AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON WATER
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the director of the Commission on Water Resource Mangement, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State

1 House subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the
2 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.

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4 INTRODUCED BY: Hulu Mamo HCC

5 REFERRED TO: Kōmike Kaiaola (Ecosystem/Environment)

6 ACTION: _____



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii
Post Office Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

Hawaii State Aha Moku Testimony
To the Commission on Water Resource Management

For the meeting of the
Commission on Water Resource Management
April 20, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

AGENDA ITEM: B2

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority and
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
APPLICATION FOR A WELL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT
Ota Well (Well No. 8-3957-006), TMK (3) 7-5-001:165,
Lanihau 1-2, Moeauo Ahupua'a, Keauhou, Hawai'i

Aloha Chairperson Case and Honorable Members of Commission for Water Resource Management (CWRM),

On behalf of the Aha Moku participants and members of Native Hawaiian generational families connected to the ahupua'a that are part of the Keauhou Aquifer, we offer you the continued dialogue that impact the application for the Ota Well. The discussion is in relation to the application of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA), in collaboration with Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) who are proposing a new production well within the Lanihau Ahupua'a. If successful, the well will be dedicated to the Hawaii Department of Water Supply (HDWS). In order to fully understand and appreciate the importance of this issue to the indigenous people of Kona, it is important to recognize the protocols and symbiotic relationship between the people, their customary practices, and the natural resources – in this case, water, which is life and the ocean, which is also life.

Hawaii State Aha Moku Foundation

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku), via Act 288, SLH 2012 brings the voices of the native Hawaiian generational and lineal descendants forward to the Hawaii State government in issues that impact their traditional and customary practices within natural and cultural resources. Working within a traditional resource sustainability process restored from the 9th century through translations of ancient chants and mo'olelo, the Aha Moku focuses on three main principles:

- Malama Ke Akua (Honor God)
- Malama I Ka'Aina (Honor the Land)
- Malama Na Iwi Hanau O Ka 'Aina (Honor the people of the land)

These three principles are critical to the testimonies and generational knowledge of the native Hawaiians who continue to practice customary beliefs within their ahupua'a, and in this case, in the ocean fronting the OTA well in the Puapua'a Ahupua'a (Lanihau) in Kailua-Kona. The people are comprised of their beliefs and are themselves an integral part of the natural resources and cannot be separated from them because the Akua, the land and the people are one. They are the whole entity and not separate compartments. This belief system is often not comprehended within the western thought process, yet it is the core of Hawaii State constitutional protection of the traditional and customary practices (TCP) of Hawaii.

- Identify critical traditional and customary ocean, coastal and near-shore practices within the Keauhou Aquifer to include practitioners of wetlands, and other traditional disciplines associated with fresh water discharge;
- Discussion of a process of how ocean and coastal traditional practices can be perpetually maintained through the adequate discharge of ground water into the ocean;
- Discussion of development of a state and county process where ground-water dependent ecosystems and the traditional and customary practices dependent upon them, including those of off-shore practices can be sustained;
- Invitation should include all stakeholders: Generational 'Ohana of Ahupua'a impacted by the Keauhou Aquifer, CWRM: Commissioners, staff; Hawaii County DWS, Environmental groups, NH organizations, DHHL, Kamehameha Schools (due to their coastal holdings in Keauhou and maintenance of three heiau in the ocean), Kaloko-Honokohau National Park, NOAA, NELHA, HHFDC and whoever else CWRM wishes.

Note: this Symposium, if approved, should take place whether this application is approved or not once the Covid-19 restrictions are eased enough where a meeting such as this – which should be in person (Hawaiians do not do well on virtual meetings) can safely take place.

We deeply appreciate the opportunity to bring the voices of the generational families of the ahupua'a connected to the Keauhou Aquifer District to the attention of the Water Commission so their mana'o can be heard relative to traditional and customary practices that may be impacted by the Ota Well application.

We continue to learn the scope of this application, yet the impacts that could be suffered by the native Hawaiian generational practitioners of tradition and customary practices if this application is approved is still apparent. However, we also have trust in the Water Commission to make the right and pono decision.


Respectfully and humbly yours,

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**Ka Pa'akai O Ka Aina
Hawaii Supreme Court Case*
2000**

Direct Connection to

**Hawaii State Aha Moku
Act 288, SLH 2012**

**Ka Pa'akai O Ka Aina vs Land Use
Commission, State of Hawaii, 2000
Supreme Court of Hawaii**

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What is Ka Pa'akai?

Ka Pa'akai O Ka Aina is a hui comprised of:

Ka Lahui Hawai'i (a Hawaiian Nation)
Kona Hawaiian Civic Club (a Hawaii non-profit)
Protect Kohanaiki Ohana (a Hawaii non-profit)

Vs.

Land Use Commission
State Office of Planning
County Department of Planning
Ka'upulehu Developments

**1994 Ka Pa'akai contested the LUC decision of
reclassification of 1,009 acres of land in the ahupua'a of
Ka'upulehu, Moku O Keawe from a "Conservation" district
to an "Urban District"**

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Ka Pa'akai O Ka Aina (2000)* (The Salt of the Land)

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

- ❖ Identification and scope of “valued cultural, historical, or natural resources” in petition or impacted area, including the extent to which traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights are exercised in the petition area;
- ❖ The extent to which those resources, including traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights, will be affected or impaired by the proposed actions;
- ❖ The feasible action, if any, to be taken to reasonably protect native Hawaiian rights if they are found to exist.

* Ka Pa'akai O Ka'Aina v. Land Use Commission, State of Hawai'i, 2000
Supreme Court of Hawai'i

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Why an Aha Moku System?

Aha Moku is the Native Hawaiian implementation of the
Ka Pa'akai Hawaii Supreme Court Case



Manini



*Endemic plant, Kapala Vine
Kalaeloa, Kakuhihewa*

- Last 40 years, the general public concerns on ecosystem degradation included NH fears of resource depletion and elimination of cultural practices – Ka Pa'akai addressed those concerns
- 1st time since overthrow, kupuna and native Hawaiian resource experts from 42 traditional moku gathered to address natural & cultural resource protection (2004 – 2010)

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How Aha Moku works with Ka Pa'akai

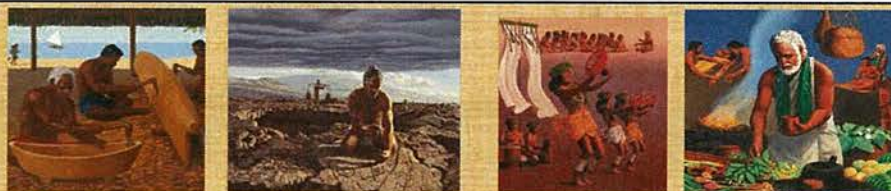
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Aha Moku

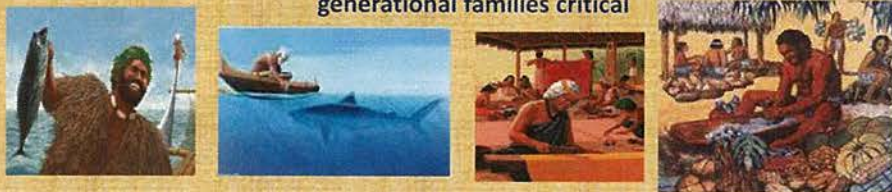
- Restoration of 9th century natural & cultural resource sustainability process including identification of existing families who hold and pass down the generational knowledge pertaining to those resources;
- Once identification is made, families can show the extent of damage done, and in most cases, show how damage can be minimized or corrected.
- Mitigation and discussion between government agencies and divisions, and generational practitioners can protect native Hawaiian rights in specific areas

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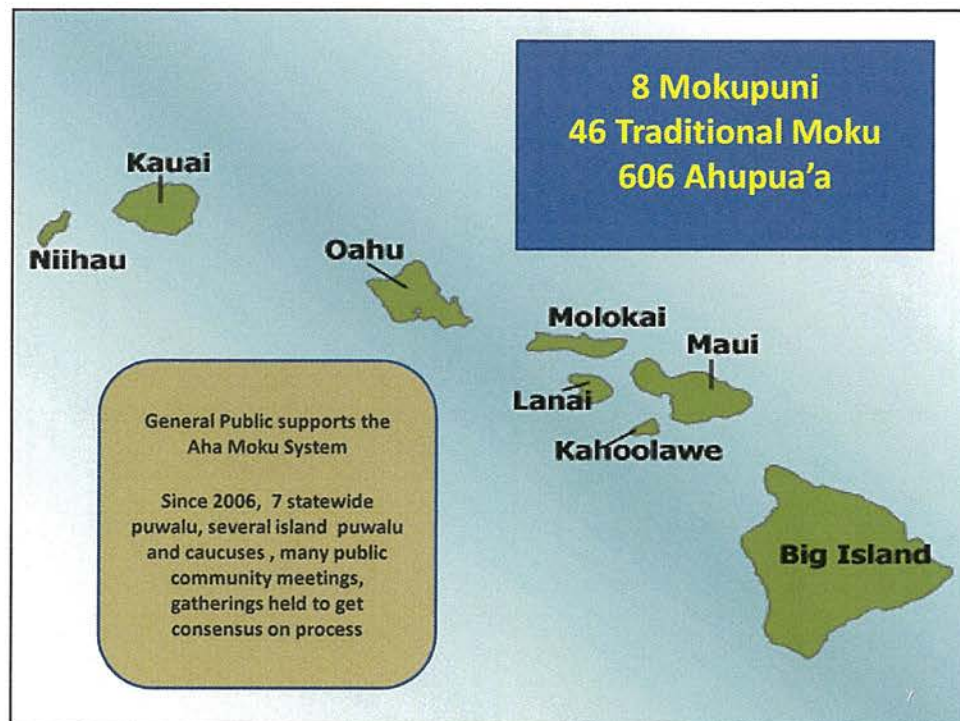


Integration of a traditional land-ocean sustainable system with contemporary governmental policy

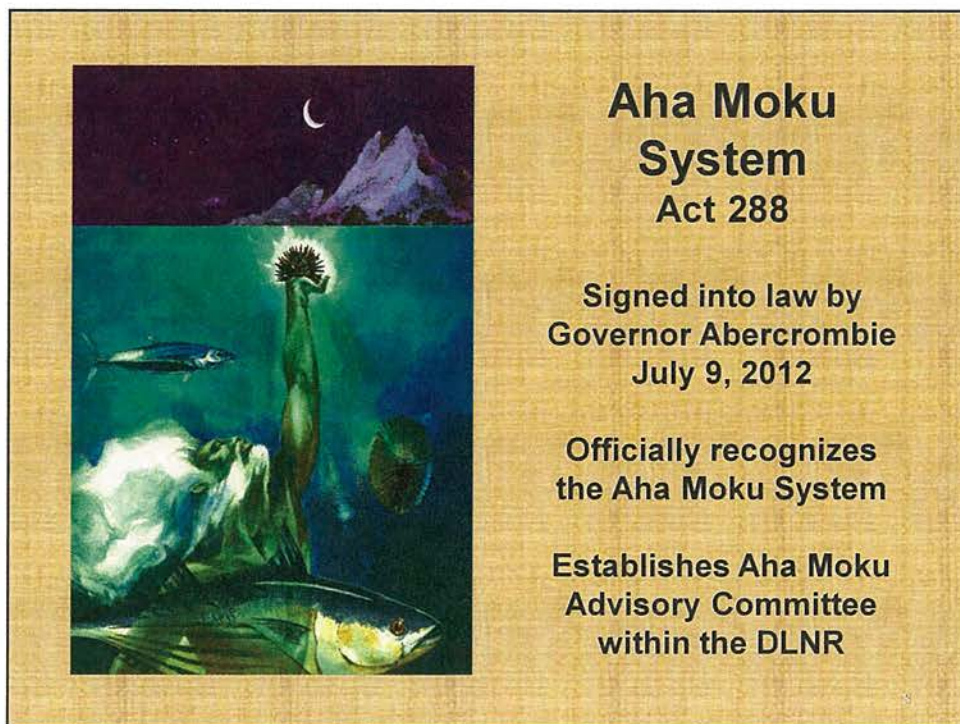
- Kupuna/Practitioners saw the need for practical conservation in early 1990's
- 8 islands participated in the restoration of a traditional land & ocean system from the 9th century
 - Focus on the foundation – sustainability of ecosystem
- Collaboration between stakeholders - government, environmental organizations, generational families critical




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International Union
for Conservation of Nature
(IUCN)
World Conservation Congress
Hawaii 2016

IUCN Mandate
The Nexus between biological and cultural
diversity – conservation and sustainability
requires a combination of traditional
wisdom and modern knowledge (IUCN)

Throughout the world, only a handful of small countries in the Pacific achieved this goal. The State of Hawaii achieved this mandate in 2007 through the restoration of the Aha Moku and its integration into the fabric of State Policy. Hawaii is the only State in the Union to achieve this.

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Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL)

Mission Statement
The OCCL is responsible for overseeing approximately 2 million acres of private and public lands that lie within the State Land Use Conservation District. In addition, to privately and publicly zoned Conservation District lands, OCCL is responsible for overseeing beach and marine lands out to the seaward extent of the State's jurisdiction.

Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM)
The Commission's mission is to protect and manage the waters of the State of Hawai'i for present and future generations.

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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (OHA)

OHA is focused on strategic priorities for improving the conditions of Native Hawaiians in the areas of ‘āina, culture, economic self

sufficiency, education, governance, and health. OHA's advocacy involves conducting research whose findings are used to guide decisions and empower communities to inspire positive results in these areas. OHA's advocacy also calls for developing and shaping public policies that have broad implications for the Hawaiian community. OHA's advocacy is reflected in its efforts to help ensure that laws are complied with at the local, state and federal levels. In addition, OHA's advocacy requires working with communities to share information and build public support for Hawaiian issues.

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

To ensure the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust is on a solid foundation with sound policies and procedures, a long-term sustainable financial plan, a commitment to serving beneficiaries, and an organizational culture that honors the spirit of its founder, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole. With the foundation firmly rooted, administrations going forward will be prepared to work side-by-side with beneficiaries and other partners to create and maintain vibrant homestead communities.

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AHA MOKU

Ka 'Ike Ku'una O Na Kupuna, 'Bring forth the ancestral knowledge'. Build and learn capacity of each moku and ahupua'a (land/ocean districts) to integrate the relationship of Native Hawaiian generational and traditional resource knowledge with contemporary management and aloha aina.

Ku'i Upena, 'Gather the families of the Sea'. Restore generational practices for natural resource management.

Ka 'Ike Ku'una na Aha Moku Pae'aina Hawai'i. Promote the resource knowledge that is based upon family and survival; and, uphold the aloha of each member of a moku which will then sustain the lands and ocean of Hawai'i. Integrate this knowledge with modern contemporary resource management.

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The Aha Moku System to provide advice on



*Lake Waiau, Mauna Kea
Moku O Keawe*



*Kamoku Ahupuaa, Kona Moku
Nana'i Kaula (Lana'i)*

1. Integrating NH resource management practices with western practices in each moku
2. Id comprehensive set of NH practices for natural resource management

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3. Fostering understanding & practical use of NH resource expertise

Endemic Medicinal



Mamaki



Ko'oko'olau



*Aimakapa Fishpond, Kaloko-Honokohau
NPS, Kona Moku, Moku O Keawe*

4. Sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural, agricultural & Natural resources

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5. Providing community education,



*Moloka'i Hoe Race 2018
Moloka'i Pule O'o*



*Lipoa, Ka'anapali Moku
Pi'ilani (Maui)*

6. fostering cultural awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system

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Areas where NH work with DLNR thru Aha Moku



Halawa, Molokai



Ka'u Watershed, Hawaii



Mahaulepu Stream, Kauai



Wailua River, Kaua'i



Haena State Park, Haena Ahupuaa, Halele'a
Moku, Manokalanipo

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**Some Issues brought forward by Aha Moku & Ahupua'a
On-going**

Issues	DLNR Divisions
Correction of Honokohau Harbor to Kealahou Harbor (Hawai'i)	DOBOR
Ground water system restoration, Honokohau (Hawai'i)	CWRM
Keauhou Aquifer System, Kona (Hawai'i)	CWRM
Lipoa Point, Ka'anapali Moku, (Maui)	DLNR
Stream Diversion, Honokohau Stream, (Maui)	CWRM
Watershed and Forestry Program, Kahikinui (Maui)	DOFAW
Kealahou State Park – Cultural Advisory 'Ohana	State Parks
Cultural Protocol Policy – each of the 52 State Parks in Hawaii	State Parks
Kaloko-Honokohau NPS – Symposium on ground water mngmt	CWRM
He'eia Fishpond, Ko'olaupoko Moku (O'ahu)	DAR
Ha'ena State Park – Ha'ena Bay CBSFA	State Parks / DAR
Ala Loa Trail – Manokalanipo (Kauai)	DOFAW
Waianae Watershed Protection / Community (O'ahu)	DOFAW
Lehua Island Rat Eradication (Ni'ihau)	DOFAW (Inv.Spc) 17

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Eligibility Criteria Ahupua'a Representative

- Must have generational knowledge of the resources of the specific ahupua'a
- Will need to balance the needs & desires of the community with what is known about the resource
 - Excellence in knowledge and excellence in service are cultural values

Eligibility Criteria - Handout

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Ahupua'a Communities – Organization

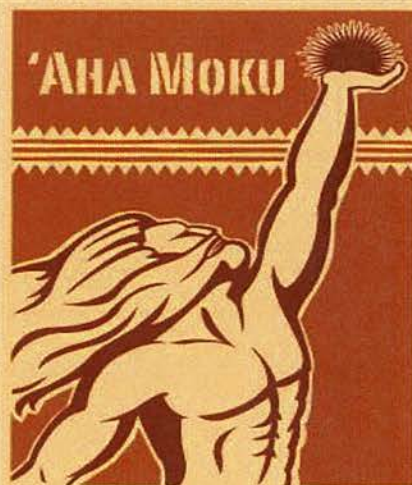
- Call a community Meeting – usually by generational 'ohana of an ahupua'a
 - Identify experts in Native Hawaiian resources with generational knowledge - within your ahupuaa
 - Organize your community, identify resource concerns that impact the community within the ahupuaa – all are welcome, open to the public
- Focus on the foundation – sustainability of ecosystem**



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Mahalo Nui Loa!

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(For fiscal accountability only)

Commission on Water Resource Management
Tuesday, January 23, 2022

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of Agenda Item B-1
Relating to the Appointment of Marvin Kaleo Manuel, as First Deputy to the
Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha nui e Chair Chang and Members of the Commission on Water Resource Management:

I write today in strong **support** of Kaleo Manuel in his re-appointment as the First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Manuel has led and contributed to important work in helping to fulfill the State's obligations to our public trust and manage one of our most important resources – water. His diverse education and experience have given him a unique ability to serve as a bridge across departments and in bringing together agencies and communities. Throughout his work, Mr. Manuel brings a fair, balanced, and transparent approach that is rooted in fulfilling state kuleana to Hawai'i's land and people for generations to come.

Mr. Manuel has served well in this role, and his strong support from throughout community, industry, and within state government is an indication of his ability to continue to move important priorities forward if given the opportunity. I was thrilled to see his willingness to serve and strongly support the Commission in its consideration to confirm his nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Rebecca Justine 'Iolani Soon

From: [Noel Shaw](#)
To: [DLNR.CW.DLNRCWRM](#); [Yoda, Kathy S](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Marvin Kaleo Manuel for First Chairperson Position
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12:18:54 AM

Aloha,

My name is Noel Shaw, I'm a mother and fourth generation Hawaiian Homesteader. I am writing in support of Marvin Kaleo Manuel's Appointment as the First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commissioner on Water Resource Management.

The Commission on Water Resource Management plays an essential role in protecting our water resources for generations to come. Throughout pae 'āina we are facing unprecedented times in regards to our waters especially on the island of O'ahu. We are facing pollutants, desires and a need for new developments, and continued work to restore our natural water flows and systems. It's important we have people strategically positioned at the CWRM who are well trained and have a wide array of experience to tackle the change from a rooted place that ensures wellness for us all- including our waters.

I believe Kaleo Manuel will serve as an important leader in these times when all eyes are on wai. He will work with staff and all invested parties to do balanced and fair work. His years working in service of Hawai'i, his cultural training, and geological ties to Hawai'i serve as an important backbone upon which he will do the work we need done now. I trust his ability to bridge gaps between the Commission and the community and that Kaleo will do the work always keeping in mind those still to come.

Kaleo is a trusted community member who we can count on for straight talk and a continued desire for us in the community to participate in decision making space like at CWRM. He knows we have a collective vested interest in restoring and shaping Hawai'i into a place of true waiwai (prosperity/ wealth) and is part of the work to do so even beyond the nine to five.

For these reasons and may others please approve Kaleo Manuel for this appointment. He has my trust and I know he is committed to stewarding Hawai'i's most precious resource from a pono place.

Mahalo,
Noel

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Noel Kaleikalaunuoka'oia'i'o Shaw

[REDACTED]

From: [Vicky Holt Takamine](#)
To: [DLNR.CW.DLNRCWRM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strong Support for Marvin Kaleo Manuel
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:33:04 AM

Aloha mai kākou,

I'm Vicky Holt Takamine, Kumu Hula of Pua Ali'i 'Ilima and the Executive Director of PA'I Foundation. I'm submitting this letter of support for Marvin Kaleo Manuel who is being considered for the position of the First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management for the State of Hawai'i.

I strongly support Kaleo's appointment to this position. He has held this position under the previous administration. I have known Kaleo for many years, during his undergraduate and graduate studies pursuing a degree in urban planning at the University of Hawai'i he attended many of my classes.

Kaleo joined my hālau Pua Ali'i 'Ilima and in 2017 graduated through the 'uniki rituals of hula as a ho'opa'a (chanter) and 'ōlapa (dancer). He serves on the board of PA'I Foundation and has led our staff and board through an amazing board retreat to develop our PA'I Strategic Plan. His skill as an urban planner and leader at the Department of Hawaiian Homelands is surely missed.

Under his leadership with the previous administration, the Water Commission has met some challenging water issues. He has successfully organized and led his team to adhere to the laws governing water use for the State of Hawai'i. I believe that his passion for this work will help our State through the next several years as we deal with the issues at Red Hill and the demand for water as our State continues to grow in population, businesses and tourism.

We need a strong advocate for our natural and cultural resources and our most important resource...water. I look forward to supporting Kaleo throughout his tenure.

Mahalo Nui Loa
Vicky Holt Takamine
Kumu Hula, Pua Ali'i 'Ilima
Executive Director, PA'I Foundation

From: [Sharde Mersberg Freitas](#)
To: [Yoda, Kathy S](#)
Cc: [DLNR.CW.DLNRWCRM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT - Kaleo Manuel, Commission on Water Resource Management
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:47:54 AM

Aloha,

I support the appointment of Kaleo Manuel as the First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Ola i ka wai,

Sharde Mersberg Freitas, Esq., MPH