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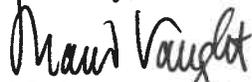
RE: Item B-3 Approval of Stream Diversion Works Permit Application (SDWP.5991.6) and Special Conditions, East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC, Abandon Registration of Stream Diversion Nos. 234, 254, 238, 273, 260, 150, 262, and 173; Remove Pipes and Seal Intakes; Ho'olawa, Waipi'o, Ohanui, West 'O'opuola Tributary, 'O'opuola, 'O'opuola Tributary, and Makanali Streams, Maui; Tax Map Key(s): (2) 1-1-001:042; 2-9-014:001-002, 008 and 009; and Declare that Project is Exempt from Environmental Assessment Requirements under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 343, and Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-200.1

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

East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC (EMI) is in agreement with the staff submittal for Item B-3, including the special conditions outlined in said report, and we would like to express our appreciation for the time that CWRM staff spent in the field to arrive at these recommendations. As we have stated previously, EMI is committed to implementing the November 15, 2022 IIFS decisions as soon as possible given compliance with all regulatory requirements. We have met all of the deadlines set by the Commission for said work, and are hopeful that other required federal, state and county agency reviews can be completed in a timely manner and that conditions imposed will not cause significant delay in our undertaking of the work. EMI will endeavor to keep the Commission informed of the progress of other agency reviews and conditions as we move forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Mark Vaught, Manager
East Maui Irrigation Co., LLC