From: Peter Glenn DeLong
To: Kaaa, Iwalani HR

Cc: <u>DLNR.CW.DLNRCWRM</u>; <u>lucienne denaie</u>;

Subject: [EXTERNAL] "RE: Request for Water Diversion Ke"alii Stream

**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024 8:51:31 PM

APPLICANT LANDOWNER Spirit of Aloha Temple 800 Haumana Rd Haiku, HI 96708

Fredrick R. Honig Trust 800 Haumana Rd Haiku, HI 96708 TO:

Whom it may concern:

Several of us who live on Haumana Rd are concerned that this request has not gone through the proper channels.

In the first place, notice appears NOT to have been sent to our local Aha Moku Council for Hamakualoa Moku.

Secondly, no neighbors have received notice of this request.

We found out yesterday through the Sierra Club.

We are currently in the process of restoring stream flow in many streams in the area.

There are many other factors impacting the request for this 72,000 GPD diversion. We respectfully ask that the decision be postponed, to give all residents along the streambed a chance to weigh in, and respond accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Mahalo,

Peter G. DeLong Haumana Rd Haiku From: Peter Glenn DeLong

To: <u>richard imrie; DLNR.CW.DLNRCWRM; lucienne denaie</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Ke,Ali stream.

**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024 9:53:02 PM

## Hi Peter.

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Sincerely.

Richard Imrie.

Haiku. HI. 96708.

Sent from my iPad

I quite agree. Good points.

Please direct your comments to:

dlnr.cwrm@hawaii.gov

and/or:

iwalani.hr.kaaa@hawaii.gov

Time is of the essence as hearing is 9 am tomorrow.

Lucienne suggests comments in person on the Zoom meeting will carry much more weight. If you can do that, it will help, especially since your property is directly affected.

For now, at minimum, request a postponement, then we will muster forces in opposition.

We are in fact working to restore stream flows to may streams in our area.

Thanks

your neighbor

Peter DeLong

On Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 9:36 PM richard imrie <

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From: lucienne denaie

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:48 AM

To: DLNR.CW.DLNRCWRM

**Cc:** Ellen Kraftsow

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony on 11/19/2024 CWRM agenda Item B-1

Aloha Commission members

Please defer your approval of this proposed stream diversion permit until more information can be gathered concerning the beneficial use of the diversion, its sustainability and impacts on others in the neighborhood. This should be done through the accespted IIFS amendment process for Haiku streams that the County of Maui DWS has committed to initiate.

A brief look into the historical records shows that this land was once a Mahele era claim: LCA 5511 granted to Kamaka. (Synopsis of LCA record attached from Kepa Maly aka "Kumu Pono Associates" 2000 study of Maui Hikina.) The use of the parcel in the 1830's and 40's indicated that dryland kalo was being farmed, not wetland kalo. This should give some sense of the amount of water that was historically available along Ke'ali'i stream. It does not seem likely that wetland kalo would make more sense 180 years later.

The Haumana Road neighborhood of Haiku has no public water supply. If stream flows are restored to Ke'alii stream, a number of other properties, including the workd famous WS Merwin homestead and botanical preserve of rare and endangered palm forest, managed by the WS Merwin Foundation could well be interested in asking to use a portion of the flow when available. Other neighboring properties would like to have access to stream water for agriculture, as well.

The request for 72,000 gpd of stream water when available is quite substantial. It is unlikely that CWRM will have be able to monitor regularlt to see if the water is "returned to the stream." as promised. The local Aha Moku Council for Hamakualoa Moku has not been consulted about this proposed diversion. The CWRM staff report did not seem to include information about the "Spirit of Aloha" use of the property for commercial tours and events https://spiritofaloha.org/tours-&-events.

The proposed use of water from Ke'ali'i stream for a comercial visitor enterprise which appreas to be appropriating traditional Hawaiian names and values, could be questionable and this use of public trust stream resources should be weighed against others along the stream who could also benefit from access to stream waters—— before the use of the waters are committed.

Mahalo for your consideration. My apologies for not being able to testify in person

Lucienne de Naie

Huelo, Maui

