IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT STATE OF HAWAI'I

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SIERRA CLUB,
            Plaintiff, )
            vS. )
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL )
RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF )
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, )
SUZANNE CASE in her official)
capacity as Chairperson of )
the Board of Land and )
Natural Resources, ALEXANDER)
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AND BALDWIN, INC., EAST MAUI)
IRRIGATION, LLC, )
Defendants. )
$\qquad$
HRCP $30(\mathrm{~b})(6)$ DEPOSITION OF
IAN HIROKAWA,
Taken on behalf of Plaintiff Sierra Club, at the Offices
of Ralph Rosenberg Court Reporters, Inc., American
Savings Bank, Conference Room 798, 1001 Bishop Street,
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813, commencing at 8:36 a.m., on
March 6th, 2020, pursuant to Notice.
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## IAN HIROKAWA,

called on behalf of Plaintiff Sierra Club, was first duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION
BY MR. FRANKEL:
Q. Can you state your name for the record?
A. Ian Hirokawa.
Q. If my questions are not clear, will you ask me to explain myself?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you understand that your testimony is being made under oath?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you understand that the answers you give today can be used in court, particularly if you answer differently in court than you do today?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you understand that you may request a review of the completed transcript of this deposition?
A. Yes.
Q. Would you like to review the transcript and offer corrections?

MS. WESTON: Yes.
A. Yes.

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Q. (By Mr. Frankel) What did you do to prepare for your deposition today?
A. I reviewed background materials such as the 2019 continuation of the water permits, the submittal for that, the Board submittal, which is inclusive of the 2018 submittal and additional information; and I also reviewed the contested case petition filed -- the submittal filed by Sierra Club in 2019; my deposition from -- prior deposition transcript, and the -- I'm not sure what that is. The notice that was sent last year for the original deposition.
Q. Okay, great. Let's take a step back. What was your major in college?
A. Undergrad was history.
Q. Where?
A. UH.
Q. What year did you graduate?
A. 1996 .
Q. And did you attend any other school after receiving your BA?
A. Yes, I went to the University of Iowa.
Q. To study what?
A. Law.
Q. And did you graduate?
A. Yes.

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Q. What year?
A. 1999.
Q. And, actually, let me back up even further. What high school did you go to?
A. Maryknoll High School.
Q. Okay, and what did you do after graduating law school in '99?
A. I decided I don't want to be a practicing attorney, so I worked, I guess, what we would call temporary jobs for a little while, and I got a job at the Attorney General's Office as kind of a legal assistant there and then went to work for DLNR after that.
Q. When you were working as a legal assistant, was it with the Land Transportation Division of the AG's Office?
A. Commerce and Economic Development.
Q. Okay. How long were you at the AG's Office?
A. From 2001 to 2006. I'm sorry. 2001 to 2007 .
Q. Okay. You never bothered taking the bar?
A. No.
Q. Okay. You have been at DLNR for thirteen years now?
A. Yes, from 2000, almost from 2000, June of 2007 to present, so just about.

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Q. Now, when I talk about the four revocable permits on East Maui, do you understand what $I$ am talking about?
A. Yes, flow of the water, yes.
Q. And those four RPs allow Alexander and Baldwin and EMI to continue to use the 33,000 acres of public land of East Maui and to divert water from dozens of streams?
A. That is my understanding, yes.
Q. In 2017, you prepared the staff submittals on the four revocable permits for the uses of approximately 33,000 acres of State land on East Maui; is that right?
A. Yes, yes.
Q. And $I$ should back up. Was that the first year you started working on the RPs in East Maui?
A. Yes, 2017, 2017. It was after the 2016 approval. I didn't prepare those.
Q. Okay, and you prepared the staff submittal in 2018 as well?
A. Correct, yes.
Q. And in 2019?
A. Yes.
Q. And did you attend the BLNR meetings in both 2018 and 2019 at which BLNR approved the continuation of those permits?

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A. Yes. For East, East Maui, yes.
Q. Were the members of the Board provided any other materials prior to the decision making on the RPs other than your staff submittal and testimony from the public?
A. I believe in 20 -- well, I guess indirectly, yes, because the 2018 submittal, I believe, had the -had the link to the CWRM, Commission on Water Resource Management, decision and order, contested case, and the 2019 submittal contained the link to the environmental impact -- the draft environmental impact statement prepared by A\&B and EMI.
Q. Okay. So other than your staff submittal with the links that you just discussed and testimony from the public, was any other information or material provided to the Board prior to its decision making?
A. I don't believe so.
Q. Okay. Did you provide members of the Board any information from the Division of Aquatic Resources?
A. No.
Q. Have you ever provided members of the Board any of the reports, memoranda, or letters from the Division of Aquatic Resources?
A. No.
Q. Did you provide the division, the Division of Aquatic Resources, August, 2019, report on Kolea Stream?

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A. I don't believe so, no.
Q. Okay. Did the Sierra Club timely request contested case hearings in 2018 and 2019 orally and in writing regarding $A \& B ' s$ request to continue the permits?

MS. WESTON: Objection, calls for a legal conclusion.

MS. MARTIN: Join in the objection.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) But you can go ahead and answer despite the objection.

MS. WESTON: If you know.
A. That is my understanding, I should say, that is my understanding.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) You heard the oral requests in both years, correct?
A. I have only heard the 2019 one. When 2018 went to the Board, I was actually out, so $I$ was not at that Board meeting.
Q. Okay. You previously said you were at the meeting when the BLNR approved the continuation of the permits?
A. Correct. Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you meant the BLNR meeting that determined the contested case.
Q. Okay, so let's --
A. I'm sorry.
Q. So let's back that up. My question is whether

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you were there when the request was made, not --
A. Oh, yes.
Q. -- when --
A. Yes. I'm sorry.
Q. Okay. Were you there when the request, oral request, was made in 2018?
A. Yes.
Q. Were you there when the oral request was made in 2019?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you see the Sierra Club's requests in writing, requests submitted in 2018?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you see the Sierra Club's written requests in 2019?
A. Yes.
Q. And is it your understanding that those requests in 2018 and 2019 were denied?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. I have some questions about ten of the streams. Are you aware that the Water Commission ordered restoration for ten of the streams?
A. If it is in the order, yes.
Q. Which you link to --
A. Yes.

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Q. -- in the staff submittal?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know, of those ten streams that the Water Commission ordered to be fully restored, are there still divergent structures remaining that interfere or harm native aquatic species?

MS. WESTON: Objection, overly broad, vague.

MS. MARTIN: I join in the objection. MS. WESTON: You can answer.
A. Okay. I get for the -- to the extent that we're -- we're asking if the diversions remain, my understanding is that not all the work has been completed yet, and they have gotten most of the permits, but not all the work has been completed. As to the last part of that, $I$ won't make any statement as to the last part of your question.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay, so --
A. Yeah.
Q. Well, I guess --
A. The diversions are, my understanding -- sorry. The diversions are still in existence or remaining, they have gotten permits to remove them, but my understanding is the work hasn't been completed yet to remove them.
Q. And so of those that are still in place, do you

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know whether they interfere or harm native aquatic species?

MS. WESTON: Objection, overly broad.
A. I can't say I know.

MS. MARTIN: Sorry. I am just going to join her objection.
A. I don't know.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay. Do you know if the Board knows?

MS. WESTON: Objection, speculation.
MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. I can't say one way or the other.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Did you provide any information to the Board that would suggest whether or not the diversion structures that remain are interfering or harming native aquatic species?
A. Well, we provided them the submittal, and we consulted with CWRM as part of the submittal, and CWRM staff was available at the Board meeting.
Q. Was anyone from the Division of Aquatic Resources there?
A. I don't recall.
Q. Okay. So was any effort made to see if the -I'm going to call them, quote, fully restored streams, those ten, have been restored?

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A. At the -- well, I guess I -- when I consulted with CWRM, it was the status of the compliance with the process, and that's my understanding is they are in compliance working toward it. I didn't -- I don't think I asked that specific question, yeah.
Q. So you don't --

Well, at that point in October of 2019, you knew that not all the work had been completed on restoring those streams, right?
A. Yes.
Q. And did the Board impose any deadline for removal of any of those divergent structures?
A. Not that I -- not that I recall. I am going to refer to them just to double-check.
Q. Sure.
A. No, I don't believe they did, yeah.
Q. Okay.
A. The decision, no.
Q. Okay. Has DLNR monitored those ten -- let me take that back.

Has the DLNR inspected or monitored the ten streams ordered to be restored by the Water Commission to determine if native stream life can effectively migrate and reproduce with the dam structures in place or if further modifications need to be made?

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A. I can say that as far as $I$ know, well, I haven't monitored. I'm not sure if -- what -- what CWRM has done at this point.
Q. Okay. In 2019, the Board imposed a new condition requiring quarterly updates on stream restoration efforts?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. Can you give a yes or no?
A. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, yes. Sorry. Yes.
Q. What prompted you to incorporate this new condition in the staff submittal?
A. After the previous deposition, we had staff, I believe, AGs, myself, had met with representatives of the Sierra Club to discuss their concerns, and I think, you know, as it was -- the concerns were written in an email which is in the submittal, and we wanted to see about addressing as many as, you know, were appropriate, so that was why we -- and, you know, just we felt that that was the reason that we were -- it was raised, so.
Q. Is it fair to say that you thought there was some basis to the concerns raised by the Sierra Club in this lawsuit?

MS. WESTON: Objection, overly vague.
MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. I guess I would say we wanted the information

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one way or the other, rather than making a judgment about what is credible or --
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) So why did you not ask for that information a year before in 2018?
A. I think at that time, I didn't have as clear of an understanding about what the concerns were, so, you know, I think meeting and discussing this provided some clarity as to, you know, again, what the issues were, and we wanted to find -- you know, get more information about it.
Q. And more information helps make a better decision?
A. Well, one hopes. It's kind of a relative question, you know, but that's the -- more, more informed, $I$ should say, a more informed decision, right.
Q. Okay, okay. Are you aware that there are twelve, actually, thirteen East Maui streams that were not part of the Water Commission's 2018 order?
A. Yes.
Q. BLNR has allowed $A \& B$ and EMI to take water from those thirteen streams pursuant to the revocable permits, right?
A. Yes.
Q. And in its decision, BLNR imposed no limit as to how much water can be taken from any of these thirteen
streams, right?
A. Well, not like the -- my understanding from 2019 and from the approval is that they instituted an overall limit. How it gets apportioned by the streams, I'm -I'm -- yeah, not specific to those streams, but overall, so there is a limit, but, yeah, not with respect to those specific streams, no.
Q. So with respect to those thirteen streams, there's no specific limit in terms of how much water can be taken out?
A. I guess my understanding is that it's the -they're still governed by the -- the default IFS, whatever that is. If it's everything, it's everything, so there is that, but, yeah, I mean, beyond that, I don't know, yeah, no, no limit.
Q. Did BLNR impose any conditions to ensure that a minimum amount of water flowed in any of those thirteen streams?
A. I -- well, I'm sorry. Well, I guess I would point to three and four in the -- the approval. You know, they approved the -- they provided amendments to the approval from the staff submittal, and they did reference the fourteen streams. I -- I don't see a clear limit, but they did address, I'm not sure exactly what, you know, but they did address.

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Q. Can you elaborate, what did they --
A. Oh, okay, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
Q. What did they do?
A. Okay. Can I just read? Read? Okay.

MS. WESTON: Can you tell us what you are
reading?
A. Okay. I am reading, so this is our -- our minutes or notes from the decision from October 11th, 2019. The Board approved amendments with respect to the continuation of the four EMI RPs, and with respect to the fourteen streams without the IFS, two things, and one I will -- I'll read both of them.

For the fourteen streams in the revocable permit area that have not had intermittent in-stream flow standards set, permittees shall continue to clean up and remove debris from the permit areas, and staff shall inspect and report every three months on the progress of the cleanup. For purposes of cleanup, debris shall not include any structures and equipment currently used for water diversions.

The second one is staff is to inspect the State lands around the fourteen streams and report on whether those lands could be developed for agricultural uses, including the viability of agricultural land or water uses.

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Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay. Yeah, okay.
A. That -- that's the decision.
Q. Understood. Nothing there about the minimum amount of water?
A. Beyond that, no.
Q. Did BLNR impose any condition to protect native aquatic species that live in any of the thirteen streams?
A. Not -- not specifically that $I$ understand.
Q. Did BLNR impose any condition to ensure recreational uses of these thirteen streams?
A. Not specifically.
Q. The Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Land and Natural Resources are landlords; is that right?
A. Yeah, I -- yes.
Q. BLNR could have imposed conditions to protect these thirteen streams?
A. I presume the Board could have imposed whatever conditions they saw fit.
Q. But it did not do so?
A. As far as $I$ know, no.

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague and
ambiguous.
MS. MARTIN: Join.

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Q. (By Mr. Frankel) You saw Alexander and Baldwin's draft EIS for the lease of the 33,000 acres of State land and diversion of streams before the Board's October, 2019, decision, right?
A. It was published. I can't recall if by that point we had finished our review, but it was published, and we were at least in the process of reviewing it at the time.
Q. Okay. Are you aware that Alexander and Baldwin's consultant concluded that the diversion of water from these thirteen streams reduces habitat units on those streams from 588,000 square meters to 88,386 square meters, a reduction of 85 percent?
A. Well, $I$ can not recall that specific fact in the EIS.
Q. Do you recall the Sierra club talking about it in its testimony to the Board?
A. Not -- no. I mean, I don't recall.
Q. Okay. I want to talk to you about diversion structures. What deadline did the Board of Land and Natural Resources set for alteration of removal of any of the diversion structures within the revocable permit area?
A. Okay, hold on. I don't -- I don't recall. My understanding is that they didn't set a specific

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deadiine, other than that Alexander and Baldwin and EMI must be in compliance with the CWRM order.
Q. Okay, and you are not aware if the CWRM order includes any deadlines for alteration of divergent structures?
A. Not -- my understanding, my understanding is that it's not a specific deadine. It's completing the process.
Q. Okay. Before making its decision in 2019, did DLNR or BLNR have any information regarding which divergent structures create mosquito breeding habitat?
A. Aside from the concerns presented by the -well, $I$ guess speaking for myself and the staff I have talked to, we have only understood what was in the Sierra Club's concerns. I don't know. I can't recall at this point if you -- you may have referenced a specific one. I don't remember at this time, but.
Q. Okay. Other than that, you don't know if the Board or the Department had information regarding specific divergent structures creating mosquito breeding habitat?
A. Yeah, I'm not -- I'm not -- I don't know.
Q. Okay, and there was no information about any of those structures within the staff submittal?
A. Specifically, no.

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Q. Okay. How about which ones mar the natural beauty of the area?
A. I guess that's a pretty -- I didn't include that. I guess that's a pretty subjective, but, no, we didn't include that.
Q. Well, let's talk about that subjectivity for a little bit. You understand that the government has in many instances recognized and protected specific areas because of their natural beauty?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. Despite the subjectivity that beauty calls for?
A. Yes, yes, yes.
Q. Okay. Did the Board or the Department have any information regarding which specific diversion structures threaten the safety of recreational users of public land?
A. I don't believe so, not specifically.
Q. Okay. What about which ones adversely affect native aquatic species?
A. Again, beyond what was in the findings of the CWRM, if -- or, no, there wasn't reincorporated into the submittal.
Q. Okay.
A. I mean, again, I qualify this as to what $I$

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understand was presented. I don't remember every -what people testified to at the Board meeting. I mean, these issues may have been raised by various individuals, so I -- again, I don't have that specific recollection of what other parties raised at the meeting.
Q. Do you think it would be useful if the Board had some sort of document or study that looked at these issues in terms of which diversion structures are causing problems so that they could make an informed decision?

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague and
ambiguous.
MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. I guess I would just generally say that more information is generally -- I mean, I'm not -- I guess having more information.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) And if Alexander and Baldwin conducted that study, that wouldn't require a lot of DLNR's resources to ensure that that kind of study was done, right?
A. If they conducted it, yeah. I mean, we wouldn't. I mean, yeah, if it was done by them, yeah. Yes.
Q. Okay. I want to -- I don't know if you have

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seen this.
MR. FRANKEL: Let me mark this Exhibit 1. (Deposition Exhibit 1 was marked for identification.)
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) If you could turn to paragraph ten, which is on page six. Actually, let me back up. I am assuming you haven't ever seen this document before?
A. Not -- yeah, I don't believe I have.
Q. And it's signed on the last page by the counsel who is sitting next to you.
A. Okay.
Q. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. So looking at paragraph ten, let me read it, and you tell me if $I$ have read that correctly. Prior to its October, 2019, decision making on the holdover of revocable permits -- I'm not going to read them all -- BLNR didn't seek information regarding which diversions cause the greatest impediment to the migration of native aquatic species upstream.

Do you see that?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. So I want you to compare that answer now to, let's go to -- actually, what $I$ wanted you -- let me

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back up.
I want you to read paragraphs eight, nine, ten, and eleven to yourself while $I$ pass out the next exhibit.
A. Okay.

MR. FRANKEL: So the next exhibit is 2, and now we will pass out 3.
(Deposition Exhibits 2 and 3 were marked for identification.)
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) So let's look at Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 1 at the same time.
A. Okay.
Q. If you get Exhibit 2 there, and you turn to paragraph twenty-six on page ten, do you see paragraph twenty-six?
A. Yes. Prior to the November 9th, 2018, decision making, Board did not seek information regarding which diversion caused the greatest threat of entrainment, that's that one that you're referring to?
Q. Yes.
A. Okay.
Q. If we compare that to Exhibit 1, paragraph eleven, which is on page six?
A. Okay.
Q. I believe the questions asks for, essentially,
the same information, although the year is different?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. So in 2018, the Board is asserting it did not seek information regarding which diversion structures caused the greatest threat of entrainment of native aquatic species, but a year later, the Board denies that information, so my question to you is do you know if anything happened within that, those eleven months, for the Board to change its position, or what?

MS. WESTON: Objection. The question is vague and ambiguous.

MS. MARTIN: Join the objection, form.
MS. WESTON: Mr. Hirokawa didn't answer these, and, plus, you are leaving out the fact that the same objections were made to the request to admit.

MR. FRANKEL: Thank you.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) So now, Ian, did you provide the Board information in 2019 that was not provided to it in 2018 regarding entrainment of native aquatic species?
A. Well, without -- I guess I am just merely speculating as to what the Board did or didn't know. The only difference, as $I$ understand it, is the draft EIS was published in the intervening time.
Q. Okay. Does that document itemize which

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diversion structures caused the greatest threat?
A. I don't recall. I haven't reviewed the EIS in a while, so $I$ can't recall specifically.
Q. And is there anything in your staff submittal or are you aware of anything else that was provided to the Board that would allow them to provide a completely different answer in 2019 to this request than it did in 2018?

MS. WESTON: Objection, speculation, vague, and ambiguous.

MS. MARTIN: Join in the objection and form.
A. I don't -- I don't recall.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 3 at the same time as we are looking at Exhibit 1 . If we look at Exhibit 3, paragraph ten on page six, so in 2018, this admits without any objection that the Board did not seek information regarding which diversions caused the greatest impediment to the migration of native aquatic species upstream.

So it's admitted; do you see that?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. Now, if we go to the recent admissions regarding 2019?

MS. WESTON: Exhibit 1?

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MR. FRANKEL: Exhibit 1, thank you, Amanda.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) And we go to...

MS. WESTON: 10?
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Paragraph eight on page five. Do you see that the Board has given a completely different answer eleven months later?
A. I see in the prior one they admitted, and the most recent one, they checked denied, so.
Q. And they are different years, so you can give different answers in different years, right?
A. (Witness nods head up and down.)
Q. So did the Board have any different information? Well, let me take it back.

Did you provide any different information in 2019 that would allow the Board to know which diversion structures are causing the greatest impediment to the migration of native aquatic species upstream?
A. Other than what we provided in the submittal, again, including the link to the draft EIS, that was -that was what we provided. I don't know what the Board may have or members of the Board may have sought other than that.
Q. And just to be clear, there are no objections itemized in either of these two responses that we are comparing in paragraph ten of Exhibit 3 from 2000 --

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reflected in 2018's decision and paragraph eight in Exhibit 1?

MS. WESTON: Well, that's not true. It's at the top of page six.

MS. MARTIN: And there's also general, the general objections.

MS. WESTON: Yes.
MR. FRANKEL: Okay.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) All right. Okay, and did you and your staff submission highlight any particular facts from the draft EIS to the Board?
A. No.
Q. All right. Let's switch topics. I want to talk about alternatives. Did the DLNR or BLNR ask how much water is available from alternative sources, well, I should say ask the applicant?
A. At the meeting, $I$ don't -- I don't recall.
Q. How about prior to the meeting?
A. Not that $I$ can recall.
Q. Okay. Did DLNR or BLNR ask A\&B or EMI to rely on other sources of water before or in conjunction with the use of East Maui stream water?
A. Not directly. We recommended that the amount of water be capped, right, or limited, and if they -- they needed more, they could either -- you know, if that

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would be including that, you know, that would -- if they needed more, that they would have to either come back to the Board or seek the alternative. It's kind of inherent. I -- I see it as inherent in what we had recommended.
Q. Well --
A. If not -- if not -- if not sufficient for their needs, right, we recommended a cap, so.
Q. So but if, let's say, 45 million gallons a day was sufficient for their needs for 2020 , the Board did not require them to use any ground water or any of the water west of Honopou Stream?
A. That is my understanding, yes.
Q. Okay. So there's no need --

The applicants or Mahi Pono do not need to pump any ground water?

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague, ambiguous, speculation.

MS. MARTIN: Objection. form.
A. I would defer to Mahi Pono to clarify what their needs.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) But the Board did not require them to do so?
A. No, not -- not directly.
Q. Okay. Let's talk about reasonable and

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beneficial uses. Did the Department of Land and Natural Resources ever determine that the use of water for concrete and restrooms was a reasonable and beneficial use of East Maui stream water?
A. I don't recall them making any kind of specific determination.
Q. Okay. Has the Board or the Department taken any steps to stop water from East Maui streams from being used for restrooms, concrete batching, and other industrial uses?
A. Well, they're -- I think they're -- you know, we have -- we have stated what the water can be used for, and we have -- I mean, I don't -- to stop something? No.
Q. Okay.
A. I mean, sorry, it's a difficult question to answer, but, you know, it's required to be used under a certain way and a purpose, and then that's what we expect.
Q. Does that include using East Maui stream waters for flushing toilets, do you know?
A. I mean, just -- I couldn't say generally to that -- yes or no to that question in a general sense like that in a general communication. I think we need more specific information.

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Q. What kind of specific information do you need?
A. I mean, if -- if it's part of, you know, an agricultural operation, $I$ think that would be something the Board needs to consider, I mean, or like it's -what -- what it's being, you know, what -- where -- you know, what are the toilets being used for, and what specifically are we --
Q. I'm not sure how many uses there are for a toilet, but --
A. No, I'm not -- not the toilet, but I'm saying is where are these toilets is what I'm saying. I mean, I think that's something for the Board to consider, not as staff, but the Board can consider it.
Q. Has the Board considered that issue? Does it know --

MS. WESTON: Objection, speculation.
MS. MARTIN: Join the objection.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Do you know where the bathrooms are?
A. Not specifically, no. I mean, me, no.
Q. Have you asked whether there are -Well, do you know that East Maui stream water is being used for restrooms?
A. I can't say I know, no. I mean, we're -- we're awaiting the report that's supposed to delineate more

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specifically the uses that the Board approved, and we will see when -- when we get it, we will see what it says.
Q. Has Amanda not provided you folks a copy of the information that's to come from Alexander and Baldwin that discloses that they are using that water for restrooms?
A. Are we talking about what had the useage numbers?
Q. Yes.
A. I have seen it, I have seen it.
Q. Okay.
A. I have seen -- I've seen that, yes.
Q. Okay.

MS. WESTON: And we are aware that it is for County use too.

MR. FRANKEL: Fair, fair enough,
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) You understand that we are talking about the specific use of a particular entity that is using it for its restrooms, which is not a domestic use?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$, mm-hm.
Q. Have you followed up on that to get more information about where that is and why it is being used that way?

MS. MARTIN: Objection as to form.
A. I have not followed up.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Has anyone from DLNR, as far as you know?

MS. WESTON: Objection, speculation.
MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. Yeah, I don't -- I don't know.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay. What about for the concrete?
A. I don't know.
Q. Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 1 again, paragraph seven on page five. So this asks since October, 2019, decision making to hold over the revocable permits, Suzanne Case, DLNR, and BLNR have not monitored or investigated to determine whether any of the water being taken is being used in a reasonable and beneficial manner, and that request for admission is denied.

Do you see that?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. So what monitoring or investigations have been done?
A. Well, the Board required a more in-depth reporting on a quarterly basis. You know, my understanding is that, you know, we expect to see a report, we are nearing the end of the first quarter, and

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depending on what the report says, we will follow up accordingly.
Q. So other than that report, there has been no monitoring or investigating?

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague and
ambiguous, speculation. And, remember, Ian is just with Land Division. You have got DOFAW and DAR --

MR. FRANKEL: I understand.
MS. WESTON: -- and, you know, others, CWRM.

MR. FRANKEL: I understand.
MS. WESTON: Okay.
MR. FRANKEL: Thank you.
MS. MARTIN: Join in the objection as to form
A. I mean, I can't answer for the other divisions.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) When do you expect to get that quarterly report?
A. I would expect it soon after the quarter ends.
Q. How soon?
A. Hopefully, within, what is it, March? So next month sometime? Because, I mean, it has the -- I think they are required to provide, you know, all their amounts and stuff, so we need to close out, or they would need to close out the month and provide us

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information, so I think, you know, allowing for a reasonable time, so $I$ would assume sometime in April.
Q. Well, have you given them a specific date by which you would like the quarterly report?
A. No. No, I'm hoping we will see it fairly, like I said --
Q. Yeah.
A. -- a fairly reasonable time. If we don't, then, you know, if we don't see a report, then we will have to follow up.
Q. So in terms of have you given yourself, have you put up something in your calendar in terms of at a certain point, you are going to follow up?
A. Okay.
Q. Or would it be a good idea to email those guys and say, hey, we would like a quarterly report by $X$ day like by April 15th?
A. Well, $I$ haven't emailed them specific -- I haven't contacted them regarding it, so, I mean, again, I expect it soon after, and if -- if it isn't, we'll -we will follow up.
Q. Okay, and you haven't defined how soon that would be?
A. Not to a specific date, no.
Q. And you don't think it would be a good idea to

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ask them?
MS. MARTIN: I object, asked and answered. MS. WESTON: And argumentative.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Go ahead.
A. No. I mean...

MS. WESTON: It's a quarterly report.
THE WITNESS: Yeah.
MS. WESTON: It's not due yet.
THE WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. FRANKEL: Shhhh.
A. No, I mean, yeah, I mean, I -- we didn't set specific deadlines, that's what $I$ consider, but, again, you know, $I$ think we are looking at what is a reasonable time to put it together, so, sure, not June, obviously, but, you know, within an expedient, like I said, within the month of April, $I$ would hope sooner than later, I hope, but $I$ think that's a reasonable time, the month of April, hopefully, sooner than later.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) All right. In October, 2019, did you provide information to the Board as to how many acres Mahi Pono intended to cultivate in 2020?
A. I don't believe I have that figure in my -- in my -- in the staff submittal. I recall it being discussed at the meeting, but it doesn't look like it was included.

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Q. Was any information provided in writing to the Board regarding --
A. No.
Q. -- how many acres Mahi Pono intended to cultivate?
A. I'm not -- I don't recall if it was included in any written testimony. I can't recall if Mahi Pono submitted and had put it in there. I'm sorry. I'm just looking at the status report. I was just referring to the status report that $A \& B$ provided, and I didn't see anything, so, but, what $I$ am saying is it might have been provided in written complaint at the meetings.
Q. Okay.
A. I'm not -- I don't recall at this time.
Q. Was any information provided to the Board regarding how many gallons of water per acre Mahi Pono needed to irrigate its crops in 2020?
A. Not in the submittal.
Q. Are you aware of an agreement that Mahi Pono entered into that limits the amount of water they can use from Na Wai 'Eha to 3,000 gallons per acre?
A. I mean, I'm generally aware of the issue, not the agreement.
Q. So are you aware that an agreement was reached?
A. No, not specifically.

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Q. Okay.
A. No. I'm sorry.
Q. Okay.
A. I mean, I understand their issue was Na Wai 'Eha, but not any specific agreement.
Q. All right. In 2018 and most of 2019, the Board and the Department had not asked Alexander and Baldwin and Mahi Pono to specify how the water had been used, right?
A. No, as far as I know, the Board didn't do any interim.
Q. But the Board asked for more detailed information at its October, 2019, meeting, right?
A. Yes.
Q. Based on your staff submittal?
A. Yes.
Q. What prompted you to ask for this detailed information in 2019, but not earlier?
A. It was just raised again in our -- in the meeting with Sierra Club, they had raised it, and I think we had seen the -- how the uses were broken down in what you referred to earlier, that -- that information, so $I$ felt it was reasonable to say, well, it can be reported, you know, to the Board that way and not on more than just an annual basis, so to allow for a

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little bit more, you know, in terms of the frequency, more frequent reporting and oversight.
Q. So the Board, well, you and the Board thought it was a good idea to ask for the information that the Sierra Club had been seeking to get?
A. Sure, yes. Yes, yes.
Q. Okay. You understand that the Water Commission's 2018 decision allows A\&B and EMI to take a lot of water from a lot of streams? MS. MARTIN: Objection.

MS. WESTON: Objection, overly broad and vague.

MS. MARTIN: Objection, form.
A. I understand that the IFS is set, and they -you know, the excess, whatever that is, can -- is possible to be diverted.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) And do you realize that for more than a dozen streams, those streams would have less than the minimum flow necessary to provide suitable habitat conditions for recruitment, growth, and reproduction of native stream animals?

MS. WESTON: Objection, overly vague, ambiguous. Objection to the form of the question. MS. MARTIN: Join in the objection.
A. I guess if you're referring to the twelve

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streams that are not part of the order, I understand that there are those twelve -- I forgot what number we said --
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Thirteen.
A. -- twelve or thirteen that weren't part of the order, I understand that.
Q. What about those streams that the Water Commission established in-stream flow standard of 20 percent of the base flow, do you realize that for those streams, the Water Commission that has decided that that amount of water is less than the minimum flow necessary to provide suitable habitat conditions for recruitment, growth, and reproduction of native stream animals?
A. I -- I can't -- I can't say I know that as a fact. I mean, I -- what -- what you're saying, I don't -- I don't know that, I guess.
Q. Was that kind of information provided to the Board?
A. I'm not sure what was brought up, if that was brought up during the hearing, during the Board meeting, I'm not sure if that was raised by anybody.

MS. WESTON: Are you quoting from the CWRM decision?

MR. FRANKEL: Thank you for your question. I'm not going to respond to that, Amanda.

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Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Do you think it would be important for the Board to know that the authorization in the form that it was done in 2019 allows for so much water to be taken from more than a dozen streams than is necessary for the minimum flow necessary to provide suitable habitat conditions for recruitment, growth, and reproduction of native stream animals?

MS. WESTON: I don't understand your question.

MS. MARTIN: Objection as to form.
A. I'm not -- are we talking about the twelve streams that are not part of the order or --
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) So --
A. -- what's a part of -- I'm sorry. I'm a little confused.
Q. That's fair. I am talking about both the thirteen streams and those streams that have an in-stream flow standard of 20 percent of base level.
A. Okay.
Q. So that's two. There's more than a dozen of them.
A. Okay.
Q. So my question is if the Water Commission decision says that that amount of water is insufficient to provide suitable habitat conditions for recruitment,

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growth, and reproduction of native stream animals, should that fact have been brought to the attention of the Board?

## MS. MARTIN: Same objection. <br> MS. WESTON: Join.

A. I mean, they were provided with the decision in the 2018 decision, so that's -- I guess, that's what I -- how I would answer that.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) And it's a long decision, right? It's over 200 pages?
A. Yes. Yeah. Yes.
Q. And the Board depends on its staff to present salient facts to it, right?
A. (Witness nods head up and down.)
Q. Do you think that might be important information the Board should know about so that it can effectively balance the interests?
A. I think, $I$ mean, $I$ don't -- I don't -- I don't know. I don't know. I mean, I'm -- we presented the report. We had -- we consulted with CWRM. I mean, I'm just viewing back on how we, you know, consult with them on the recommendations and the right -- you know, the information presented in our submittal and the recommendations made, and they're available to -- at the -- you know, I make sure that they're available at the

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meeting to answer any questions.
Q. Well, okay. Let me put it this way. Assuming this item comes before the Board next year or in a few months, do you think that kind of information is something that should go in the staff submittal so the Board understands that the impact of their decision is to allow those thirteen streams and the other streams that have a 20 percent base flow requirement, that those streams are not going to provide suitable habitat conditions for native stream animals, should they know that?

MS. WESTON: Objection, asked and answered, and form of the question.

MS. MARTIN: Join in that.
A. I think if -- if it's an issue that, again, if, you know, Sierra Club wants to raise that issue, I would, and much like we did the last time, $I$ would, we would -- you know, we can raise it and, you know, note that the Sierra Club has raised this issue, so I'm -I'm not opposed to putting it in there, no, no.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay.
A. Yeah.
Q. What justification did the Board provide for allowing less water to remain in streams than is needed to provide suitable habitat for native stream animals?

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A. I think, generally, my understanding is that the Board defers to the findings of the Water Commission, CWRM, the Water Commission, and whatever their findings are, it's what they authorize as the IFS, and so the Board will -- my understanding is that the Board will defer to that.
Q. So that Board is not exercising independent judgment on this. It's deferring to what the Water Commission has decided?

MS. WESTON: Objection, form of the question.

MS. MARTIN: Join.
MS. WESTON: Vague and ambiguous.
A. I wouldn't -- not -- I don't know what -- again, I can't make to the subjective, you know, the individual, what they're thinking of, but, again, they -- I wouldn't say that it's just -- they have -- you know, they take testimony and hear, you know, allow the public to testify on this matter, and they've incorporated with, you know, requirements in the permits that don't necessarily, you know, involve strictly Water Commission issues, so I wouldn't say it's a strict -that's my -- I understand it to be a strict difference. MS. WESTON: I'm sorry. Can we take a break --

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MR. FRANKEL: Not quite.
MS. WESTON: -- when you get --
MR. FRANKEL: Not quite.
MS. WESTON: -- to a logical --
MR. FRANKEL: Not quite. We are not there.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) The Board did not articulate a justification, as far as you know, as to allowing less water in those streams than is necessary to provide a suitable habitat, did it?
A. I don't recall that being part of the discussion.
Q. Okay. In October, 2019, what information did the Board have as to whether there was enough water flowing in each stream in East Maui to ensure that populations of native aquatic species within them had not been adversely affected?

MS. WESTON: Objection, overly broad, vague, and ambiguous.

MS. MARTIN: Join the objection.
A. I can only speak to what I provided, which was, again, the submittal including the order and the draft EIS. Wait. You're -- I'm sorry. We're talking about October, '19?
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Right, right.
A. Oh, yeah --

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Q. Yeah.
A. -- and the draft EIS.
Q. Yeah.
A. Yeah.

MR. FRANKEL: All right. Amanda would like to take a break. We will go off the record.

MS. WESTON: Thank you.
(Recess taken 9:36 a.m. to 9:43 a.m.)
MR. FRANKEL: Back on the record.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Did DLNR or BLNR ask A\&B or EMI for any evidence that its diversions were not causing any adverse impacts to any streams, stream life, or recreational uses?
A. I don't believe that was directly -- I don't recall that being directly asked at the meeting. I guess I'm trying to say it's -- not inherent. That's not the right word, but it sort of with -- I think assumed that the information provided in the decision and draft EIS would address those issues, but I don't recall them directly asking them at the meeting about that.
Q. And what about before the meeting, did anyone at DLNR or BLNR ask $A \& B$ to provide that kind of information?
A. I mean, outside of the meetings, I -- I -- as
far as $I$ know, $I ' m$ not aware of that, but $I$ can't recall what was discussed at the prior Board meetings, I guess, if that was ever brought up. It may have been, but I don't recall at this point.
Q. When you say prior, you mean 2016 --
A. '16, '17, '18, yeah, yeah. Sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt you, but yes.
Q. Did A\&B or EMI submit any evidence to BLNR that its diversions would not harm the streams, stream life, or recreational uses?
A. Outside of what we -- we've discussed, I don't -- I don't believe so.
Q. And when you say outside of what we have discussed, you are talking about the draft EIS and the Water Commission decision?
A. Yes.
Q. Did DLNR or BLNR ask $A \& B$ and EMI to demonstrate the absence of practicable mitigating measures?

MS. MARTIN: Objection to form.
MS. WESTON: Join.
A. Not to my knowledge.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Did BLNR or DLNR ever ask A\&B and EMI which streams the additional water that would be diverted in 2020 is going to come from?
A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question?

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Q. Sure. Did DLNR or BLNR ever ask A\&B and EMI which streams the additional water that would be diverted in 2020 is going to come from?
A. I'm sorry. Can you clarify what you mean additional?
Q. Sure.
A. I'm sorry.
Q. Well, is it your understanding that the proposal was to divert more water in 2020 than had been diverted in 2019?
A. Oh, yes, yes, yes, because I recall that they had said something about they were going to cultivate, I think, potato crops, that's my recollection, yes.
Q. And so did DLNR or BLNR ever ask which streams the additional water would be diverted from in 2020?
A. I don't recall they asked about the specific streams, if that's what -- if that's what you're asking.
Q. Do you think that that additional information would be helpful to the Board's decision making?

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague and
ambiguous.
MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. Yeah, I don't know. I don't know. I defer to the -- I defer to the Board members on that one.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay. Let's talk trash. In

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2017, BLNR required that $A \& B$ and EMI begin cleanup of trash in the revocable permit area?
A. Mm-hm. Yes, yes. I'm sorry. Yes.
Q. And in 2018, A\&B informed DLNR that other than one tractor, there was little other debris specifically identified. Might be the last page of the 2018 submittal, the very last page.
A. 2018 submittal.
Q. Go to the very last page of the submittal.
A. Okay. We are talking about the status update report, $A \& B$ needs to, number four, $A \& B$ needs to clear up the debris starting with more excess, okay, that's what you're referring to, okay.
Q. And do you see where they say there is little other debris specifically identified other than one old tractor?
A. Okay, we have removed an abandoned tractor. I'm reading aloud. Okay, I'm going to -- you're referring to the sentence that begins, there was little other debris specifically identified. However, existing operating procedures which require the removal of all construction equipment, forms, and tools when doing maintenance work on the ditch system have been reinforced with EMI crews. That's the statement?
Q. Yes.

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A. Okay.
Q. And when it says other debris, I assume other is referring to the tractor, right?
A. I'm -- I'm not sure. I mean, I see they removed the tractor, as you said, and all construction equipment. I'm not sure exactly about the other debris. I'm not sure. I'm not sure if that means the tractor. I'm sorry.

MS. WESTON: Are you talking about the little other debris? I don't read that as being a tractor.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) So the first two sentences of the paragraph --
A. Yes.
Q. -- refer to a tractor.
A. Right.
Q. No other debris is talked about, correct?
A. Right.
Q. So when it says there was little other debris, it's other than the tractor, correct?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. Okay. So --

MS. WESTON: You have to say yes.
A. Yes. Sorry. Yes.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Thank you, and you relied upon

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this statement from Alexander and Baldwin, right?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. So in 2018, the Board and the Department thought that Alexander and Baldwin was doing a good job of getting rid of debris in and around streams, right? MS. WESTON: Objection, speculation. MS. MARTIN: Objection, join in the objection.
A. I can only presume that the Board found it sufficient to continue to approve the -- at that point it was holdover, approved the holdover, so it was sufficient.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Now, this past year, A\&B reported that EMI has recovered several hundred feet of old pipe, several old wooden gates, and remnant pieces of steel and concrete. EMI has also removed two large tractors that were abandoned in the field many decades ago.

Does that sound familiar?
A. Yes, I'm trying to remember which. I'm try to see which. Oh, number eight on the status report.
Q. So in 2019, they found a lot of trash, didn't they?
A. Well, they found, looks like they found additional from what they had before.

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Q. So you think it's likely that those several hundred feet of old pipe, old wooden gates, remnant piece of steel and concrete and tractors were there back in 2018?

MS. WESTON: Objection, calls for speculation.

MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. Yeah, I -- I don't know.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Well, it doesn't call for that much speculation, right, because it refers to those large tractors being abandoned in the field many decades ago?
A. Well, it -- it...

MS. MARTIN: Lacks personal knowledge.
A. Yeah, it's possible. Again, $I$ can't personally verify that one way or the other.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) So in retrospect, seeing what Alexander and Baldwin submitted, do you think Alexander and Baldwin is complying with BLNR's condition back in 2018?

MS. MARTIN: Objection, form.
MS. WESTON: Join.
A. I wouldn't say that this is necessarily confirmation of noncompliance.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Really?

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A. I mean, they are cleaning up.
Q. I am asking about 2018, though. Does it suggest to you that they had done a good job in 2018 in cleaning up the debris?
A. I understand -- okay. My understanding, and, again, $I$ 'm not in the field all the time nor have $I$ walked the entire lane, the ditch system, is that if they see debris or they encounter debris, they take steps to remove it, and I don't know if this was something they knew about. I -- I don't know for sure, I mean, you know, when they found them, if they were abandoned, $I$ don't know where they were exactly or how they found them.

If, let's say, they didn't find them in 2018 and only uncovered them recently, I -- like I said, I don't -- that's why I'm saying I don't think it's confirmation that they're not in compliance. I think...
Q. Do you --
A. I mean, we could -- you know, I think we would need more, to make that determination, we would need a little more information on that.
Q. Do you think maybe the Sierra Club's lawsuit is a factor in the fact that $A \& B$ is actually cleaning up more debris now than it was doing in 2018?

MS. WESTON: Objection, calls for

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speculation.
MS. MARTIN: Join the objection.
A. I think that's an answer for somebody from A\&B to answer, EMI to answer.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Has anyone from DLNR gone out in 2019 or ' 20 to specifically look at whether there is still trash in and around the streams?
A. Not -- not yet. When the Board did, you know, mandate us, so we plan to go once, you know, once we get the report and we see what the update is, doing the report is going to update on the trash cleanup, and we'll go take a look at that.
Q. Will you coordinate that visit with the Division of Aquatic Resources and the staff from the Water Commission so that you folks can look at a bunch of issues at the same time?
A. We -- we could. I mean, I'm not -- yeah. It's not just solely limited. I'd probably include Forestry as well.
Q. Sure.
A. Because they're the -- I mean, they're the land manager. Those are actual Forestry lands, so.
Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the Carmichael decision by the Intermediate Court of Appeals?
A. Generally, generally.

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Q. Okay. Are you --
A. I haven't reviewed it for this depo, so I'm not privy to the -- I mean, $I$ don't recall the details, but generally.
Q. Are you familiar with the Circuit Court's decision by Judge Nishimura that invalidated revocable permits back in the beginning of 2016 ?
A. I have read it. I haven't looked at it in a while, but $I$ have read it.
Q. So you understand that back in January of 2016, the revocable permits were invalidated by the court?
A. That's my understanding, yes.
Q. Now, in February, March, April, and May of 2016, after the permits were invalidated, Alexander and Baldwin continued to divert tens of millions of gallons of water daily from East Maui. Is that a fact that you are aware of?

MS. MARTIN: I am going to object as to the form of the question.

MS. WESTON: Join.
A. I mean, I -- my understanding is that they have not discontinued or stopped diverting since, well, since before, but, yeah, since that time, that's my understanding.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay. I want to give you this

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exhibit, which I guess we will call 4.
(Deposition Exhibit 4 was marked for identification.)
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) So I got this from your counsel, Amanda Weston. Do you understand what this document is?
A. Yeah, it looks to be the amount of water diverted, to put it simply, the amount of water diverted.
Q. And is it the kind of information that the Board or the Department would get routinely so it knows how much water is coming out of East Maui?
A. Well, it was -- I believe it was reported to CWRM, and, you know, we -- we included the numbers. I -- I mean, I can't recall what we included in the submittals back then, but, yeah, I believe it was reported to CWRM. The permits themselves until this last year never actually had a reporting requirement. That's why we instituted it, because most other permittees do report, so we felt that, you know, we would -- this would be appropriate, so.
Q. Have you seen this kind of information before?
A. I don't recall seeing this specific, this specific document before. I have -- I have inquired about what the use numbers are with CWRM in the past,
but $I$ don't recall seeing this.
Q. Okay, but is this information in here consistent with the kind of information you have gotten from the Water Commission?
A. Well, I -- I believe so, looking at the -- when we -- you know, when we worked on what was the cap, I referred to, you know, the breakdowns, and it looks to be consistent. The numbers look to be consistent for the same time period.
Q. Okay, great. How often have you met with representatives of Alexander and Baldwin or EMI?
A. I'd say since in the past three years, I've been working on this maybe -- I'd say less than ten. Not very often.
Q. Well, let's go backwards in time starting from now. Have you met with them this year in 2020?
A. Not yet, no.
Q. How about in 2019?
A. I know we met at least once. That was to discuss what we were going to -- you know, in a general sense what we were going to include in the submittal. I can't remember if -- how many meetings with -- I mean, it's hard because I've had conversations with their attorney at the time, you know, multiple conversations, but not necessarily meetings like with A\&B staff.

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I know I did at least one site visit when -with CWRM, so that's two, and that was, $I$ believe, in 2019 when we did that. So at least, at least two, maybe three times with -- I'm talking with, you know, a representative like staff of Alexander and Baldwin and EMI.
Q. Okay. So let's stick with 2019 for now, and you said that you met with this attorney. Meet or phone call or --
A. Phone call.
Q. Okay. So when you say attorney, what attorney?
A. Yvonne Izu.
Q. Okay. How many times have you talked to Yvonne Izu in 2019 on the phone?
A. Maybe, I'd say, ten. I mean, it -- I want to qualify that. It's difficult because she represents other water applicants, and it's not necessarily we restrict the call solely to the -- you know, we sometimes talk on the call maybe more than one or just one, so it's hard for me to recall exactly how many times we discussed EMI, so.
Q. So, you know, well, is DLNR's attorney on those phone calls as well when you talk to Yvonne, or are you just dealing directly with her?
A. In the meetings that we -- they've been -- I
believe they've been present. On the phone sometimes, you know, she will call me, or I'll return their call, and, yeah, $I$ don't get the AGs at that time too. It's just a call between the two of us.
Q. So what can you -- so in 2019, did you actually, other than --

Okay. My understanding is you had a big meeting, we talked about it at the last deposition with Yvonne and Linda Chow and I think Julie China and --
A. I think Cindy Young, I'm sorry, Cindy Young.
Q. Cindy Young and Steve Lim, so other than that meeting, were there other meetings you had, physical meetings, where Yvonne Izu was present to talk about East Maui water?
A. I believe she was present at our -- the meeting that we had with the Sierra club. I don't recall if we had any other face-to-face meetings other than those. I don't -- I don't recall any at this time.
Q. Okay. So let's talk, then, about the maybe ten phone calls. What kind of topics and issues did you and Yvonne talk about with respect to East Maui streams or East Maui water?
A. I believe the majority of our conversations, just generally, were when are we going to see the draft EIS up until the time it was published, so, because that

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was a priority for us.
Q. Sure. Did you talk to her about the contents of the draft after you saw it?
A. No, no.
Q. Did the Department submit comments on the draft EIS?
A. Yes. I don't believe it was necessarily from the whole Department individual divisions. Like Land Division did submit comments. I can't recall. I'm sure Forestry did as well. I'm not exactly sure of who else.
Q. And who wrote the comments for Land Division?
A. Our staff planner.
Q. Who's that?
A. Lauren Yasaka.
Q. Did you participate in the drafting?
A. We discussed, yeah, we discussed the comments. I was, you know, approving of what she wrote, and I didn't say draft -- I think $I$ may have gave some feedback, but I didn't redraft it. I mean, I deferred to her on how to -- how to word it, so.
Q. Okay. So let's go back to the meetings with Yvonne Izu, your phone calls, you focused on when the draft EIS was coming out. In the big meeting you discussed, what were the issues you folks discussed at that meeting?

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A. I recall that we wanted to discuss, I think, issues that we feel that we wanted to address in the upcoming submittal, generally, so $I$ think, you know, capping the use of water was one, reducing the license area was another, was another issue, and we also let them know that -- and I think we discussed in the submittal saying that, you know, we would have potential -- we would potentially seek use of some of the diverted water for State projects, so those were the -- those were the three major ones. I can't recall if we discussed anything, but those were the three big issues.
Q. Tell me about the conversation about the cap.
A. I think, just generally, I didn't give a number at the time. I think just generally we said, okay, we would look at instituting a cap on the amount of water that could be -- you know, not just whatever the IFS allows, we would look at a smaller number.
Q. And what was their response?
A. I don't -- I don't remember having any strong response.
Q. Did they suggest any number?
A. I don't think so.
Q. Were you --
A. I don't -- I don't believe they did.
Q. Were you surprised when at the Board meeting

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itself they asked for 45 million gallons a day instead of the 35 that you had suggested?
A. I don't know if I'd call it surprise, but, I mean, $I$-- we didn't -- the 35 million was not a number we -- we discussed with them.
Q. Okay.
A. I mean, we looked internally at the prior useage and came up with a number, and my thinking was we'll present that number to the Board, and if -- if they, you know, feel that it's insufficient, they can ask the Board for more.
Q. Okay. Let's go back. Let's go now to 2018. How many meetings would you say you had with A\&B or its representatives that year?
A. I would say not many. Maybe one, two? I -- I -- I'm trying to recall if we had actually met before the status, you know, they issued the status report just to -- I can't recall if we did or not, but $I$ would think that, yeah, not more than maybe one or two, so.
Q. And what about 2017?
A. I can't recall. It's -- I can't imagine there would be too many, but $I$ can't recall specifically.
Q. And who generally calls these meetings? Do you ask them to meet, or are they calling you asking for a meeting?

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A. I think the most recent one, we might have reached out to them because we were going to make, you know, recommendations in the submittal that were kind of different from years past. I think it's been both, both.
Q. Okay. Now, the meeting that you had with a number of representatives from Alexander and Baldwin, this was at the larger meeting, was anyone from the Sierra Club invited to that meeting?
A. No. Oh? No, no.
Q. Was anyone from Na Moku invited to that meeting?
A. No.
Q. Have you ever asked to meet with Na Moku?
A. No.
Q. Have you ever asked to meet with the residents of East Maui to discuss the four revocable permits or the condition upon which they should be issued?
A. I have never asked.
Q. Do you know if anyone from DLNR has asked?
A. I don't know.
Q. How about the Sierra Club, have you ever asked to meet with the Sierra Club to discuss the revocable permits or the conditions upon which they should be --
A. No, no.

MS. WESTON: This is outside of the Board

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meetings where public testimony is invited and Sierra Club testifies?

MR. FRANKEL: Is that an objection, Amanda?
MS. WESTON: Just making -- just
clarifying.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay. Why was a representative --

So you did have a meeting with the Sierra Club this year?
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hm}$.
Q. And that was a meeting --
A. Well, last year, right?
Q. Sorry.
A. Yeah.
Q. Getting my years --
A. Yeah.
Q. Let me rephrase the question. You did have a meeting with the Sierra Club prior to the October, 2019, decision?
A. Mm-hm. Yes, yes. I'm sorry. Yes.
Q. Why was a representative of Alexander and Baldwin allowed to sit in on that meeting with the Sierra Club?
A. I -- I don't know. I did not -- I don't think I really scheduled it. I -- I mean, I defer to the

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Attorney General's Office to work, so I'm not -- I can't say. I don't know. I don't know why.
Q. So --
A. I mean, I would just say, they are the applicant, so.
Q. Do you think the applicant has greater rights than the public?
A. Not rights, necessarily --
Q. Okay.
A. -- but just to understand what's going on, I think transparent, you know?
Q. Well, let's explore that for a bit. I want you to really think about this. Do you think it's appropriate to give a greater voice to an applicant of water than to members of the public who depend on that water as well?
A. No.
Q. Okay. So does it make sense to you that Alexander and Baldwin has met with you without the Sierra Club being present, but when the Sierra Club has met with you, Alexander and Baldwin's attorney was allowed to be present?

MS. WESTON: Objection. Let me just object to this line of questioning as argumentative and outside of the relevant subject matter.

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MS. MARTIN: I would join in the objection.
A. Sorry. Can you -- do I think it's appropriate that? I'm sorry. Can you repeat it? Do you think it's appropriate that what?
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) That a representative of Alexander and Baldwin is allowed to sit in on a meeting that you had with the Sierra Club while the Sierra Club was excluded from the meeting you had with Alexander and Baldwin?

MS. WESTON: Same objections.
MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. I can't say $I$ have an opinion on that.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Do you think it would make sense for you folks in preparation of your staff submittal to meet with the people that are affected by the diversions including Na Moku, residents of East Maui, and the Sierra Club?

MS. WESTON: Same objection.
MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. I have -- I guess I can -- what I say to that is I'm willing to meet with all interested parties. I mean, I -- there's a lot of potential -- you know, there's a very broad sort of universe there of potential people to meet with, but $I$ have never -- I have always been open to meeting with somebody that wants to meet.

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Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Okay, great, great.
A. And, you know, $I$ have gone up to talk to the Kula Community Association about this issue with the leases, same with the Maui, the Board of Water Supply, so, you know, I'm willing to meet with anybody.
Q. How heavily do you rely on information that you receive from Alexander and Baldwin and EMI?

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague and
ambiguous. When you say you, are you talking about DLNR, BLNR, or Ian?

MR. FRANKEL: I am asking Ian.
MS. MARTIN: I'm going to object as to the form.
A. I guess I'm -- I'm not clear as to the extent of what you are saying as reliance. I mean, I don't -- I always try to, you know, vet whatever is sent, you know, by the applicants. You know, we review it internally, and I don't take anything at face value, necessarily.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Do you think the information that you get from Alexander and Baldwin is more credible or reliable than information you may get from other divisions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources?
A. More credible? No.
Q. Do you think the information you get from other

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divisions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources is more credible than you receive from Alexander and Baldwin?

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague and ambiguous.

MS. MARTIN: Join in the objection.
A. I put greater reliance on agency and DLNR and its divisions.
Q. (By Mr. Frankel) Would that include the Division of Aquatic Resources?
A. I -- yeah, I mean, I haven't -- I mean, I'm sure I treat them with the same level of -- you know, defer to them at the same level. But can $\operatorname{clarify~a~little~}$ bit? Ultimately, you know, we ultimately all defer to the Chair and the Board, so it's not just, you know? That's the structure, so.
Q. Do you have --

Do you place more faith, reliance, and credibility on information you get from Alexander and Baldwin's applicant than you do on members of the public?

MS. WESTON: Objection, vague and ambiguous.

MS. MARTIN: Join.
A. From a general perspective, no. I mean, I guess

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that's a very broad question, and $I$ can't say that as a broadly no. I would have to look at each, whatever the specific issue is, and listen to both sides and try to, you know, make a determination.

MR. FRANKEL: We are going to take two minutes off the record.
(Recess taken at 10:18 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.)
MR. FRANKEL: Back on the record. We are done, unless you folks have questions.

MS. MARTIN: No questions.
MS. WESTON: No questions. We will review and sign. Thank you.

THE COURT REPORTER: Are you getting copies?

MS. WESTON: Yes. MS. MARTIN: Yes. (Deposition concluded at 10:21 a.m.)

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