

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY  
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Maui County Board of Water Supply was held at the Department of Planning Conference Room, 250 South High Street, Wailuku, Maui, on Thursday, April 18, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair William Kamai at 9:06 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: William Kamai, Chair  
John Hoxie, Vice Chair  
Patricia Eason  
Donald Gerbig  
Robert Joslin  
Cyrus Kodani  
Michael Suzuki  
Thomas Watanabe

Staff present: Dave Taylor, Director  
Jennifer Oana, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Gaye Hayashida, Commission Support Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Re-Appointment of Board Member Cyrus Kodani

Chair Kamai congratulated Member Kodani for his reappointment to the Board. (Note: Member Kodani is now serving a full 5-year term.)

Introduction of New Board Member, Thomas Watanabe

Chair Kamai introduced the board's newest member, Thomas Watanabe. At this time the chair asked Mr. Watanabe to give a little background on himself.

Member Watanabe stated that he was born and raised on Maui and is the 3rd generation of farmers on their family farm. They do food processing, wholesaling and have a packing house and he also opened another farm. He previously served on the County Ag Park.

Member Eason asked Member Watanabe which he prefers to be called by, Thomas or Tom. Member Watanabe replied, Tom.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes of March 21, 2013

Chair Kamai asked for a motion to accept the minutes of March 21, 2013.

Motion: Member Joslin moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2013

Second: Vice Chair Hoxie

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of March 21, 2013 were approved.

### TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no public testimony.

### APPEALS

There were no appeals scheduled for this meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### Receipt of Board Member request for agenda items to be placed on future agendas

1. Member Kodani requested a tour of the Waikamoi Flume and treatment plants. Director Taylor suggested for now the department staff could put on a presentation of a visual tour of Waikamoi at the next meeting. If after viewing the presentation the board decides they really need to see a site then maybe the staff can work on putting something together.

Motion: Member Gerbig made a motion to request the department give give a visual presentation of the Waikamoi Flume Project with maps and photos.

Second: Member Kodani

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Chair Kamai requested a discussion on the Sunshine Law and investigative committees.

### COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communication items.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Taylor stated that it's been business as usual for the operational divisions. The department has moved from bi-monthly billing to monthly billing. The Fiscal Division is still working the bugs out of this new computer system. Staff is working hard to deal with some bottlenecks in customer service because the number of bills have literally doubled overnight.

The department's \$82 million budget is before the council and some of the big things they are proposing are:

1. \$29 million for CIP and \$53 million for Operations
2. 5% rate increase
3. A doubling of the meter fees

Also before the council are the water shortage bills.

There is nothing new to report on the Upcountry Meter List. The director explained that in order to move forward on the list a number of things in the budget have to happen, such as CIP issues, funding issues and the bills before the council.

### DIVISION REPORT

#### March Division Reports

Referring to page 20 of the Division Reports, Member Joslin wanted to know if the 'lao Treatment Plant is using antiquated equipment because the Depreciation column is blacked out, showing no depreciation left, and asked if the equipment have been written off.

Director Taylor responded that depreciation is out of his area of expertise but he explained that the 'lao Treatment Plant is still functioning and they are in a design phase right now for a complete replacement of that system. Construction on that won't start for another 2 years.

Member Suzuki asked if the Kamole Treatment Plant has been completed.

The director answered that because there are so many components at these facilities they're almost always in some sense being upgraded. The current project at Kamole is the new high lift pumps.

Member Suzuki clarified by saying he was looking at the statement that said the facility was shut down for most of March and so he asked if it is now operational.

Director Taylor replied that Kamole is now operational. They had to shut down the plant in order to do tie-ins for the installation of the high lift pumps. The shut down was planned a long time ago to time it when they had water from the other plants.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Gaye Hayashida  
Commission Support Clerk

Approved by:

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Dave Taylor  
Director