

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY  
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2014

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, May 15, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kamai at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: William Kamai, Chair  
Robert Joslin, Vice Chair  
R. Raymond Cabebe  
Sylvia Ho  
Cyrus Kodani  
Anders Lyons  
James Rust  
Michael Suzuki

Excused: Thomas Watanabe

Staff present: Dave Taylor, Director  
Edward S. Kushi, First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Gaye Hayashida, Commission Support Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 17, 2014

Chair Kamai asked for a motion to accept the minutes of April 17, 2014.

Motion: Vice Chair Joslin moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2014.

Second: Member Suzuki.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of April 17, 2014 were approved as submitted.

TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

John Duey gave public testimony on the status of the Nā Wai 'Ehā Contested Case. He was pleased to announce that water will be given back to the streams. The

Commission on Water Resource Management is working with the various organizations and Wailuku Water Company to restore stream flow. And the County of Maui's agreement with Wailuku Water has not been changed.

### OTHER BUSINESS

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

1. Presentation by department staff and discussion on the Department of Water Supply's goals and projections for watershed protection.
2. Form Permitted Interactive Groups (PIG) for water rates and fees.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### Discussion on Director Taylor's March 19, 2014 Presentation to the Council's Water Resources Committee of the Department's 20-Year Management Plan

(Note: the board members were given DVD copies of the March 19, 2014 Council's Water Resources Committee meeting to review prior to this meeting.)

The director gave an abbreviated version of his power-point presentation of the Department's 20-Year Management Plan that was presented to the Maui County Council Water Resources Committee on March 19, 2014. The complete power-point is available at [www.mauewater.org](http://www.mauewater.org).

They have come up with a strategic business plan for the Department of Water Supply. This plan looks at the bigger picture of everything that needs to be done, how much it's going to cost, and how supply and demand of water and money fit together.

The department had requested an increase in the meter fees but the council wants to lower the 5/8 inch meter fee from \$12,060 to \$6,030 and also reduce the agriculture rates. These will still have to go through first and second reading. The council also has to decide how to make up for the decreased revenue.

The board members agreed that the presentation to the council was very informative and comprehensive.

### DIVISION REPORTS

#### Operational Division Reports

Director Taylor stated that it is business as usual, nothing too exciting to report. It has been raining which takes a lot of the pressure off Upcountry operations. The reservoirs are very full especially for being in mid-May.

Kula Ag Park ran out of water due to a break in the EMI ditch system. Though they are not served by the county, the department, HC&S and Maui Land & Pine built the park a couple of temporary systems as the department had extra water due to the recent rains. This is a good example of what can happen to a surface water system.

Although we are currently have a long rainy winter season we could still have a drought in August or September. The luck we are having with these rains is no guarantee that we could make it through next fall or winter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Gaye Hayashida  
Commission Support Clerk

Approved for distribution:

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David Taylor  
Director