

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY  
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 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, June 19, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kamai at 9:07 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: William Kamai, Chair  
Sylvia Ho  
Cyrus Kodani  
Anders Lyons  
Michael Suzuki  
Thomas Watanabe

Excused: R. Raymond Cabebe  
Robert Joslin  
James Rust

Staff present: Paul J. Meyer, Deputy Director  
Edward S. Kushi, First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Gaye Hayashida, Commission Support Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 15, 2014

Chair Kamai asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014 as submitted.

Motion: Member Kodani moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014 as submitted.

Second: Member Suzuki.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of May 15, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Chair Kamai asked for a motion to accept the executive session minutes of May 15, 2014.

Motion: Member Lyons moved to accept the executive session minutes of May 15, 2014 as submitted.

Second: Member Kodani

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The executive session minutes of May 15, 2014 were approved as submitted.

### TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no public testimony.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### Presentation by department staff and discussion on the Department of Water Supply's goals and projections for watershed protection

Deputy Director Meyer explained that the watershed protection program goes back to 1989 around the same time the natural area partnership program got going with the State of Hawaii. These were joint conservation activities with private landowners. And Maui County is way ahead of the rest of the state in that we've had regional watershed partnerships in place since around 1990. It was started in East Maui as a cooperative effort with landowners, the state, DOFAW (Division of Forestry and Wildlife), EMI, and HC&S.

A one page record of expenditures going back to FY 2010 of the DWS Source Protection/Watershed Grant Program is attached to these minutes. Not shown on this expenditure list is a grant from the State of Hawaii for \$725,000 that was expended in FY 2015. The money was used to put in some fencing up in Waikamoi and for some invasive control in East Maui. Since 2010 the watershed partnership program has expanded pretty substantially.

The deputy director discussed the different watershed partnership activities and programs throughout Maui County. More recently, they have a program for the development of disease resistant koa and sandalwood trees for Maui. The intention is to make these available to commercial operators and for the State of Hawaii and plant nurseries to set up seed banks.

Member Suzuki pointed out that the column that says Increase and Decrease from Fiscal Year 14 for the Nature Conservancy, the East Maui Watershed Partnership shows a decrease of \$146,500. But under 2015 Council Appropriated shows \$556,000 which is an increase.

Deputy Director Meyer explained that it is a combination of the East Maui Watershed Partnership and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Maui Invasive Species Committee

(MISC). He also noted that they didn't break out the amounts separately and it doesn't show the \$725,000 from the state.

Member Lyons commented that it is great that the department is putting some serious funding towards the watershed protection programs.

Discussion and possible action for the creation of Permitted Interactive Groups (PIG) regarding water rates and fees

Mr. Kushi explained that under the Sunshine Law this board is permitted to establish a group of less than a quorum to investigate or look into whatever is the board's business. There is no need to have an agenda and this group can meet outside of the regular meetings but the board must formally establish the group first and state on the record what they are going to look into.

Member Suzuki suggested that this matter be held off until all the members are present.

Chair Kamai recommended that this investigative committee be charged with providing a positive role in making recommendations to the council to uphold the department's budgetary needs or plans.

This matter was deferred to the next meeting when more members will be present.

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

1. The Sunshine Law presentation by the Department of the Corporation staff

DIVISION REPORTS

Operational Division Reports

Deputy Director Meyer reported that:

1. Capital projects are continuing
2. Projects for Waikamoi Flume, Hamakuapoko Wells, Mahinahina Well, Wailuku wells 1 & 2 are all moving ahead
3. The Piiholo plant's activated filtration pre-treatment project is underway
4. A contractor has been cleaning out the sediments from some of the clearwells
5. The raw water reservoirs will be cleaned out and the department plans to have a regular maintenance program to keep the mud and other sediments off the bottom of those reservoirs
6. Pump replacements at Napili, Kanaha, Hamakuapoko wells are complete
7. Fresh charcoal is being installed in the filter tank system at the Hamakuapoko wells 1 & 2
8. There are a number of line replacements underway such as in Paia and at Upper Kimo Drive.

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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Paul J. Meyer  
Deputy Director

Watershed Partnership Grant Program Handout

DWS Source Protection/Watershed Grant Program

Grantee	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 13	FY14	FY 2015 proposed amount	Increase/Decrease from FY14	2015 COUNCIL appropriated
Maui Nui Botanical Gardens	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		0
Hawaii Agriculture Research Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00
TNC - East Maui Watershed Partnership	\$85,500.00	\$71,250.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$336,500.00	\$190,000.00	(\$146,500.00)	556,500.00
TNC - East Molokai Watershed Partnership	\$45,000.00	\$85,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$171,600.00	\$187,000.00	\$209,000.00	\$22,000.00	210,000.00
EMWP - East Maui Watershed Partnership	\$85,500.00	\$71,250.00	\$100,000.00	\$241,500.00	\$220,000.00	\$290,028.00	\$70,028.00	
Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership / OIino	\$45,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$220,500.00	\$187,500.00	\$187,500.00	\$0.00	187,500.00
Maui Invasive Species Committee -	\$280,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$486,615.00	\$486,615.00	\$476,816.00	\$262,816.00	(\$214,000.00)	262,816.00
West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership	\$85,500.00	\$71,250.00	\$121,250.00	\$242,910.00	\$252,250.00	\$325,000.00	\$72,750.00	321,510.00
Puu Kukui Watershed Preserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$50,000.00	250,000.00
Countywide Watershed Protection								200,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$676,500.00</b>	<b>\$566,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,047,865.00</b>	<b>\$1,548,125.00</b>	<b>\$1,950,066.00</b>	<b>\$1,764,344.00</b>		<b>1,988,326.00</b>