

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

December 5, 2014

**Committee
Report No.** _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Water Resources Committee, having met on November 19, 2014, makes reference to County Communication 14-280, from Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, relating to the matter of Waikamoi Flume (“flume”) renovations.

Your Committee notes the flume, located in Maui’s windward slopes of East Maui at an elevation of approximately 4,000 feet, was constructed in the 1930s and stretches just over a mile. The flume delivers water to the Olinda Water Treatment Facility, providing about one million gallons of water per day to County water consumers in the Upcountry area. This represents roughly 10 per cent of total Upcountry water usage.

Your Committee notes extensive renovations to the aging flume were necessary when it was determined the flume was losing about 40 per cent of its water capacity because of leakage. Your Committee further notes the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Administration declared the flume unsafe to traverse because necessary repairs were neglected.

Current project costs total approximately \$11,500,000. The costs were funded over several fiscal years from the State Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund, and the Capital Improvement Project Bond Fund.

The Director of Water Supply stated the project is 90 per cent finished. The renovated flume should be completed by March 2015.

Your Committee noted its satisfaction with the complex renovation project to date and the projected reliable water source for Upcountry water consumers.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Victorino, Vice-Chair White, and members Baisa, Carroll, Couch, Crivello, and Guzman voted “aye”.

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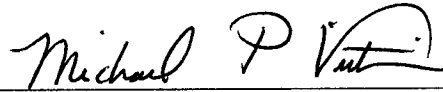
Your Water Resources Committee RECOMMENDS that County
Communication 14-280 be FILED.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Chair

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