

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2016

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, December 15, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lyons at 9:08 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Anders Lyons, Chair
Robert Joslin, Vice Chair
R. Raymond Cabebe
Michael Suzuki
Thomas Watanabe

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

At this time, Chair Lyons skipped to Other Business

OTHER BUSINESS

Civil No. 16-1-0228 (1) in the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order Denying John DeCarlo and Julie DeCarlo's Appeal. The board may go into executive session to confer with their attorney on this matter.

Motion: Vice Chair Joslin moved to go into executive session

Second: Member Cabebe

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimous. Meeting goes into executive session.

The board reconvenes in open session at 9:13 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 17, 2016

Chair Lyons asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2016.

Motion: Vice Chair Joslin moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2016

Second: Member Cabebe

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of November 17, 2016 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continuing discussion on other counties' water rates and usage

Vice Chair Joslin brought up the subject of the draft agriculture water rates ordinance and asked if anyone knew whether it was going forward.

Director Taylor replied that the letter the board sent to the council supporting this ordinance was referred to the council's Budget and Finance Committee but he doesn't know if the committee voted to carry it forward to the next term. He then directed staff to follow up on this matter.

Chair Lyons instructed staff to keep the ag water rates proposed ordinance as an ongoing agenda item for the next few meetings. The chair also stated that Member Chan Hodges is interested in further discussion on other counties' water rates and usage and wants this kept on the agenda.

Vice Chair Joslin stated that in his opinion, any further discussion on other counties' water rates is an exercise in futility. He doesn't believe the board's time should be spent on discussing what someone does in "some far distant galaxy." It has nothing to do with Maui.

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

1. Ag water rates proposed ordinance

2. Purchase of watershed lands as proposed by the mayor
3. Continuing discussion on other counties' water rates and usage

DIVISION REPORTS

November Division Operational Reports

Director Taylor stated that for the most part it is business as usual. They are working on capital improvement projects before the end of the year.

As part of normal sampling they found e. coli in one well on Molokai. He stressed that there was no e.coli in the distribution system so the water is safe to drink. The water from the well is treated before it goes in to the distribution system and there is no danger from drinking the water after treatment. But department is required to publicly report their sampling. They are now working to find the source of the contamination.

The Wakiu Well in Hana had a reduction in output and they are working to find the problem. It is likely to be some mechanical problem with the well itself but they won't know until they can get a rig out there to pull it out.

There is a backup well in Hana that they have been developing for the last several years but it is a few months away from being officially ready to be placed online. So they have been working with the Department of Health to get emergency approval to run it as soon as they can get the disinfection protocol completed which should be in the next couple of days.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 16-03, Commending Paul J. Meyer for his service to the Department of Water Supply and the County of Maui

At this time, Chair Lyons read into the record Resolution 16-03

"WHEREAS, PAUL J. MEYER, of Kula, Maui, Hawaii was appointed as Deputy Director of the Maui County Department of Water Supply in January 2011; and

WHEREAS, the said PAUL J. MEYER, has performed admirably in every aspect of managing the Department, including his effort toward being fully responsible for all departmental functions and decisions during countless times that the Director was unavailable; and

WHEREAS, during the time of his service as Deputy Director of the Maui County Department of Water Supply, the said PAUL J. MEYER has demonstrated his dedication to the development and protection of infrastructure and resources to maintain

the quality and quantity of the County of Maui's water, all in the interest of the people of the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, the said PAUL J. MEYER led the Department of Water Supply in developing a robust process for managing watershed grants and the development of a new customer billing system; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the said PAUL J. MEYER, the Department of Water Supply negotiated major agreements with outside parties positively impacting operations; and

WHEREAS, the said PAUL J. MEYER, has had a positive impact upon the Department of Water Supply and will leave a legacy as he was a leader that cared for his employees and cared for the greater community of the County of Maui; now and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Water Supply of the County of Maui that it does hereby congratulate, commend, and thank PAUL J. MEYER for the six years of faithful and outstanding service he has rendered as the Deputy Director of the Department of Water Supply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of this Board extend to PAUL J. MEYER a fond Mahalo, Aloha and Best Wishes for a retirement filled with many years of blessings and continued success and much happiness in his future endeavors; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the said PAUL J. MEYER and to the Mayor, and to the Maui County Council."

The board then congratulated Deputy Director Meyer for his service to the Board of Water Supply throughout the years.

ADJOURNMENT

Before the meeting was adjourned, Member Watanabe asked what happened at the meeting in Honolulu regarding EMI and A&B and if it affects the Department of Water Supply.

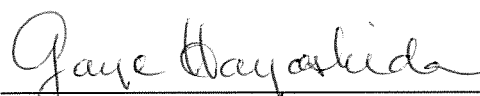
Director Taylor answered that it definitely affects the department. He explained that EMI collects water from their lands and also from state lands under the control of the Department of Land and Natural Resources through a lease. It was a Board of Land and Natural Resources meeting on whether to approve EMI getting a longer term lease to continue collecting water. It was a 4 to 2 vote allowing EMI to continue to use those lands to generate water for their delivery system.

If that water is no longer available, the department will not even be able to continue existing levels of service so the water the department gets from EMI is very critical to the Upcountry operations.

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There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Prepared by:



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Approved for distribution:



David Taylor
Director