

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2017

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, August 17, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Anders Lyons, Chair
R. Raymond Cabebe, Vice Chair
Shay Chan Hodges
Norman Franco
Cyrus Kodani
Michael Nakashima
Zoltan Milaskey

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 20, 2017

Chair Lyons asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2017 as submitted.

Motion: Member Nakashima moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2017 as submitted.

Second: Vice Chair Cabebe

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of July 20, 2017 were approved as submitted.

TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no public testimony.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

There were no requests for future agenda items.

DIVISION REPORTS

July Division Reports

Director Taylor stated that there is nothing newsworthy to discuss. Though it is mostly business as usual, the voluntary water conservation for Upcountry is still continuing. He explained that this is based on seasonal weather prediction because it can go from having full reservoirs to a Stage 2 water shortage in about a month. This is why the department submitted a request to the County Council to change the 90 days notice to 30 days.

Having more reservoirs is always better except that means you're giving up what you have now. In our case it would be money. Do you build more storage at a big cost and then years later it turns out you never needed it. Where is that balance? If people want to reduce risk it costs money.

At a recent Water Resources Committee meeting the department gave an update on contested case hearings involving streams in East Maui. If all goes as per the hearings officer's recommendations, there would be enough water allowed to be diverted that a long term agreement with A&B could be made. Currently, we're taking about 8 million gallons a day but based on what the findings of fact, and conclusions of law of the hearing officer indicate, the county could get up to about 16 million gallons a day. That would allow us to upgrade treatment and reservoir storage.

At this time Chair Lyons reported on the draft ordinance for agricultural water rates that he is attempting to transmit to the County Council. Deputy Director Gladys Baisa is working with him on finalizing those letters. He has also spoken to Sandy Baz, Council Services Director, and Director Baz feels that since it's not actually a budget item though it is tied to the budget it doesn't need to go through Budget and Finance Committee, instead it should go to the Water Resources Committee. He and Vice Chair Cabebe are still planning on meeting with Councilmember Alike Atay and maybe also some other council members and he hopes to report back to this board in September on any progress.

The chair also reported that he was asked to meet the agricultural group that Councilmember Don Guzman put together. He sat in for a few minutes at their latest meeting and presented them with the board's draft ordinance. The group had some concerns about it not requiring an inspector and that it did not take into account subsistence farming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Prepared by:

Gaye Hayashida
Commission Support Clerk

Approved for distribution:

Dave Taylor
Director