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REGULAR SESSION

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IWADO COURT REPORTERS, INC.

APPEARANCES:

Members Present:

Elmer Cravalho, Chairman

Mike Nobriga

Jonathan Starr

Clark Hashimoto

Orlando Tagorda

Adolph Helm

Howard Nakamura

Robert Takitani

Staff Present:

David Craddick, Director

Howard Fukushima, Corporation Counsel

Fran Nago, Secretary

Mike Quinn, Fiscal Officer

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular Session

May 25, 2000, 9:00 a.m.

CRAVALHO: Will the meeting come to
order? Even though it's one minute earlier, but
Mr. Rice is not going to be present so all those who
are going to be present are here.

Ms. Nago, will you call the roll of those

present and introduce the members of the public?

MS. NAGO: We have Mr. Glen Jackson, we have Mr. Thomas Kafsack, and we have Mr. Yasuo Nishida. Elmer Cravalho, Chair. We have Clark Hashimoto, Michael Nobriga, Jonathan Starr, Orlando Tagorda, Adolph Helm, Robert Takitani, Howard Nakamura. We have our corporation counsel, Howard Fukushima; Director David Craddick, Fiscal Officer Michael Quinn, and Assistant Fiscal Officer is Holly Perdido.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Thank you. May the record reflect that there is a quorum present and we're prepared to do business.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting which has been sent to all members of this board. What's the pleasure of the board?

MR. NOBRIGA: Move that the minutes be reviewed, 30 days, and at a subsequent time filed.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Is there a second to the motion?

MR. HASHIMOTO: Second.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: You've heard the motion duly made and seconded, made by Mr. Nobriga, seconded by Mr. Hashimoto, that the minutes be reviewed and after a period of 30 days be filed. Any objection? Any comment? All those in favor, say aye. Contrary? Carried.

Testimony from the public. Is there any member of the public who wishes to present testimony to this board at this time? Oral testimony or written testimony.

Hearing none, shall we then proceed to Item V of the agenda, Director's Reports. Mr. Craddick, Director's Report 00-26.

MR. CRADDICK: This item here, what we're asking for is \$10,000 to hook up the well that we just completed testing, Kanoa II. If you recall back December, the board approved \$50,000, or maybe it was January, to get Kanoa I hooked up. That is hooked up. We are getting some benefit from that. With this well here, we should be able to reduce another .09 mgd or take it down to about 17 mgd [inaudible] aquifer drop if we get this well operational.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Mr. Starr?

MR. STARR: Mr. Chair, I move for approval of Director's Report 00-26 to hook up Kanoa II well and to operate it, pending approval by the Department of Health.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Is there a second?

MR. TAGORDA: Second.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: You've heard the motion duly made and seconded by Mr. Starr -- made by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Tagorda, for approval of the hookup in conformity with all the requirements of the Department of Health and the State of Hawaii. Any discussion? Mr. Takitani.

MR. TAKITANI: Mr. Craddick, with the completion of Kanoa Well II, what would that bring the North Waihee to the capacity of --

MR. CRADDICK: It will bring it to -- well, there will be four wells operational, each putting out a little over 1.5 mgd, so the way we're currently pumping it, 6 mgd, keep in mind one of the wells of the first two is a standby well, not your normal operation. And we're operating this way just to get the Iao Aquifer to drive down. For the long haul, the combination of all these wells would be around 5 mgd, I would think.

MR. TAKITANI: The answer is 5 mgd?

MR. CRADDICK: Yeah, for normal --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Mr. Tagorda?

MR. TAGORDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. David, with this temporary pump that's going to be loaned to the Board of Water Supply, there's a small risk involved in using that pump and would it be possible to talk to the owner of that pump, that they will be responsible to remove the pump when we requested that?

MR. CRADDICK: They are responsible to remove the pump. It's part of the job right now. What happened was when they finished testing the well, they just left the test pump in the hole. And what they would have done was pull it out and leave it there onsite. They have to remove it. But let's say they drop it down the hole. Now, from my experience, I'm trying to think if there is any pump that would drop down the hole that was left and I know there have been a few where the hole assembly was left down the hole. But for the most part, there's not been any well that was lost because a pump dropped down the hole in the history here in Hawaii, so I think the risk is very, very small, but still there is that possibility they could drop it and say hey, I don't want the pump anymore, you keep it. So I just wanted to make you aware of that.

MR. TAGORDA: There's also one problem on our agreement shaded with this loaning of pump to the Board of Water Supply; that is for to be provided testing is finalized. And one more thing is what's the cost of a new pump?

MR. CRADDICK: Probably run around \$150,000. And we will have the job going by say December or January of next year, we probably will have the new pump in. This is just an interim measure for that time.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Gentlemen, the pending

motion is for the approval, with the understanding that the comments made by Mr. Tagorda, and with the further understanding that in the next fiscal year or thereabout, there may be a need for a brand new pump to be placed.

All those in favor, say aye. Contrary?
Carried. One nay, Mr. Nobriga.

Shall we proceed to the next item.

Mr. Craddick?

MR. CRADDICK: Next item is we're asking for \$65,000 from the current budget contingency to buy the wood for the Waikamoi Flume. In next year's budget, we have money to do the repair work, but the time of year that we can do most of the repairs is during the summer when the flume is running in very low water and if we don't get the wood now, the summer will go by the time we order the wood and probably won't be able to do much on it. So we're trying to get the jump on getting the wood ordered.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Any further comments? Or the Chair would entertain a motion. Mr. Starr?

MR. STARR: I move that we approve the request to purchase the repair material as per the Director's Report.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Is there a second?

MR. TAKITANI: Second.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Seconded by Mr. Takitani. You've heard the motion duly made and seconded. Discussion? Mr. Starr.

MR. STARR: Yes, I'd like to understand what the scope of the repair work is that's contemplated for the summer.

MR. CRADDICK: We're going to try and replace the two trestles upstream of this, the one that collapsed and the one downstream of it. And the one downstream is the largest one -- the highest and longest one that we have.

MR. STARR: Are we going to replace piece by piece or are we going to take it down and rebuild it?

MR. CRADDICK: All three of those pretty much the foundation has to be rebuilt. We have temporary structures in there now holding up the big one.

MR. STARR: Does that mean we're going to be without the flume for a period of time?

MR. CRADDICK: If it's not safe to work, we will stop the flow in the flume, but I would expect for the most part it's going to be running.

MR. STARR: You're not going -- what I'm trying to get at is are you going to take the whole thing down in one gulp and then rebuild it --

MR. CRADDICK: No.

MR. STARR: -- or are you going to kind of --

MR. CRADDICK: No, we'll do it trestle by trestle, leg by leg, and we'll put temporary legs in to support it while we're working on that one.

MR. CRADDICK: I for one am happy to see that we're doing maintenance on it. It's very important.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Mr. Tagorda?

MR. TAGORDA: Maybe for clarification. The \$65,000 that you're requesting, is this only for materials?

MR. CRADDICK: Yes.

MR. TAGORDA: And there is the delivery and [inaudible] is not included here?

MR. CRADDICK: That gets it to our baseyard.

MR. TAGORDA: So is this going to be done by staff or with EMI employee, too?

MR. CRADDICK: I think it's going to be our staff.

MR. TAGORDA: And the materials and the repair job, is it coordinated with EMI employees as to what kind of materials, thickness, and --

MR. CRADDICK: We're replacing it with the same stuff that we have there now.

MR. TAGORDA: When you bring in those materials to that area, EMI will not have any problem at all as to the thickness, the shape, and as to, you know --

MR. CRADDICK: I don't know that.

MR. TAGORDA: Because that was the problem before.

MR. CRADDICK: Yeah. I don't know that.

MR. TAGORDA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Mr. Nobriga?

MR. NOBRIGA: There were no bids received for this. How did we estimate the \$65,000?

MR. CRADDICK: Actually we have three bids and it was bid out, but I think after the bid was finished we realized that the money that we had in the budget was all spent. So it's kind of a large item for a contingency item, just take it out without informing the board, so we're here getting the board's permission on it.

MR. NOBRIGA: You say that the department advertised for bids and received none. Now you're saying that we have three bids.

MR. CRADDICK: By the April 5th deadline. We received prices afterwards and it will have to be rebid. I couldn't know why they didn't get them in on time, but they weren't -- none of them were responsive and we have to rebid it again. But --

MR. NOBRIGA: \$65,000 is the lowest of the bids?

MR. CRADDICK: No. I think it was like 63 and change. We're rounding it off there.

MR. NOBRIGA: What was the highest of the bids?

MR. CRADDICK: Ninety-something-thousand.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Any further discussion?
Mr. Starr.

MR. STARR: Yeah, what were the three bidding entities, do you remember?

MR. CRADDICK: Oh, boy. I know Honsador was one, Container Home Supply was another one. And off the top of my head, I can't remember who the other one was.

MR. STARR: And I was wondering if you have the -- the issue of the AWWA section magazine where they have an article about the previous replacement to show the other board members.

MR. CRADDICK: I don't have it.

MR. STARR: At a later date the other board members --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Any further discussion? If not, are you ready for the question? All those in

favor, say aye. Contrary. Carried.

Report No. 00-28. Mr. Craddick.

MR. CRADDICK: Okay. On this item here, it's partnership agreement -- West Maui Mountains Partnership Agreement, some work that we're doing in that area with the University of Hawaii and the other partners. It's for \$25,000. And it says copy of the relevant page of the budget is attached, and that's not our budget, that's that overall budget what's going on.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: If there is no objection on the part of members of the board, the Chair would like to refer this matter to the finance committee. So ordered.

Report No. 00-29. Mr. Craddick.

MR. CRADDICK: On this one here, the Community Workday Program also has another program that they do for cleanup. It's called the River Cleanup and what I'm suggesting is that since we own half of North Waihee, that we do some cleanup work there in North Waihee River. We don't know how many people would want to do that voluntarily, but we're going to limit the number to around 15 or 20 of our staff people and felt that because it's not technically related to work, that the board should decide whether they want to do this and we would probably provide lunch to those employees that day.

But we would -- we're not giving any money to anybody; we're just using our employees' time.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Provided however we don't end up with overtime.

MR. CRADDICK: Right. There won't be any overtime.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: What's the pleasure of the

board? Mr. Helm?

MR. HELM: I think that's good you're doing that kind of thing. My wife participates in stuff like this. She's an HSDA union member, she's a teacher. But a lot of the stuff they do in regards to on the side of the road picking up rubbish and all of that is done on their own time now. A lot of it is volunteer. So I just like to see this kind of stuff happen, but if there is any possible way that in the future you can look at having people in the department actually volunteer their services for environmental kind of stuff like this. Because I see other union members around the place, especially the teachers, giving a lot of their own time.

MR. CRADDICK: Good. We can look into that.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Would it be acceptable to the board if we say we grant permission for participation for the first and the last time on this basis; in the future, voluntary. Would that be satisfactory?

MR. TAGORDA: Is that a motion, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Not necessarily. If there is no opposition, this shall be it. May the record reflect that's the policy.

Shall we go on to Old Business. Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Settlement of Water and Related Issues with Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

The Chair would recognize Mr. Takitani for the proper motion, to be seconded by Mr. Nakamura because of their work done in this particular document.

MR. TAKITANI: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Water Supply ratify the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Settlement of Water and Related Issues with Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

MR. NAKAMURA: Second the motion.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: You've heard the motion duly made and seconded. I don't think we need discussion, but Mr. Starr wants to.

MR. STARR: Yes, I have a question. Is there any other items attached to the agreement that we had all signed here that is being ratified today?

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: The motion is, as I understand it, the agreement that had been presented to the board, period. That was it. Nothing added to it.

MR. STARR: Okay. So this is the same agreement that we --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Exactly the same, word for word, comma for comma, semicolon for semicolon, whatever, precisely the same. You've heard the motion. All in favor, say aye. Opposed? Carried -- may the record reflect that --

MR. TAGORDA: May the record reflect that I abstain -- when I signed my -- or affixed my signature on that Memorandum of Understanding on April 13, it doesn't mean that I approved or disapproved of the agreement. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Fine. No problem. Yes, sir.

MR. STARR: I would like to ask if there are any additional negotiations proceeding in relation to any of the items mentioned in that agreement at this time.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: To the knowledge of the Chair, the answer is no. This does not preclude the committee headed by Mr. Takitani for continuing negotiations on other items, but not on this

particular thing.

MR. STARR: I would like to make sure, though, that if other negotiations are entered into, that the board is made aware before these negotiations are entered into and to be given status updates as they proceed.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: The Chair understands and respects your request. It is the opinion of the Chair that no condition should be placed on any committee that would in effect have the tendency to restrict the activities of a commission or of a committee.

The request for timely reports to this distinguished body is quite appropriate. There are no problems with that. The Chair has never made any request of you, Mr. Starr, or any committee chairman with respect to your time schedules, your meeting schedules, to your subject matter schedules. So we need to have the same degree of trust and confidence in all members of this board because the reports will be coming back.

And the Chair thinks -- the Chair would like to make this known. The request with respect to receiving permission from this board prior to is slightly presumptuous. The Chair never does that. And yet the Chair is the Chair. And never does that. The same respect and confidence should be extended to every single member of this Board of Water Supply. And I think this is proper attitude and the proper approach to take. And I look forward to your participation and help, keeping in mind that this particular approach is the proper symbol of the mutual respect that is absolutely necessary.

We've come a long, long way in a relatively short time. I don't know -- the Chair doesn't know of any incident or any development that should detract or should diminish the mutual trust that we have had up until this time. And the opportunity will be there for people to comment, participate, and do whatever is

necessary on an orderly basis. Thank you.

MR. STARR: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Yes, Mr. Starr.

MR. STARR: I am not requesting that the board interfere or need to give permission or in any way approve what a committee is doing. All I've been asking for in the spirit of cooperation is that the various board members know what is happening in the way of negotiations and that out of respect --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: The Chair is going to rule you out of order if you're not careful. The point is well --

MR. STARR: I have the floor --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Do you have the floor, Mr. Starr?

MR. STARR: You gave me the floor.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Only as long as the Chair grants it and the Chair can remove it.

MR. STARR: Are you over -- are you overruling -- are you removing the floor, sir?

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: One moment. One moment. I will respond to you. But let's have mutual respect.

MR. STARR: Do I have the floor?

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: No, you don't, while I respond to you. Then you have the floor. Let's get this really straight because that I will not tolerate.

MR. STARR: Are we suspending the rules to do this?

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: If you wish to appeal the ruling of the Chair -- the Chair hasn't ruled. But if you wish to appeal the ruling of the Chair, do so, do so. I would suggest that would not be the best possible thing to do under the circumstances.

The Chair recognizes very clearly that you did not go -- the request was not made for prior permission. Avenues are there in place where meetings are scheduled with proper staff, the office. Any person who wishes to receive information merely calls the office and asks Fran if any committee has a meeting scheduled. Because under the Sunshine Law and under the requirements, all meetings need to be scheduled, all agendas need to be posted, and so these things will be followed. And it's a matter of course.

If we are aware of any exception to that course, then that is the right place to bring it to this body. And that's all I'm saying. Let's follow this type of a procedure. I think we'll all be much happier. Okay?

MR. STARR: May I have the floor again, please?

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: What new item are you going to add to the discussion?

MR. STARR: I have clarification.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: State your clarification, please.

MR. STARR: Okay. I'm happy with that answer, so I understand it that any committee work in the way of negotiations will be done in noticed meetings and that that was what I wanted to know, whether there was any negotiations and committees working outside of these noticed meetings and if there were, I think the members of the board should know that they are taking place. That was my desire and I stand firm on the belief that that would be the right way to proceed.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: The Chair has indicated in the past that there are no meetings to the knowledge of the Chair that's been taken on by a committee with results being formalized and finalized without the knowledge of this board.

The Chair does not recognize and will not approve or participate in any activity which will have a tendency, directly or indirectly, to muzzle, to reduce the opportunity for members of this board, individually or collectively, to seek information one way or another in the same manner that every member of this board, as I understand it, has done so in the past. That's a matter of record. So shall we proceed. Any member of the board, Chair included, should not participate in the form of censoring or restricting the free flow of discussion and information. The Chair stands equally convinced and equally adamant on that. Shall we proceed to the next item, please.

Under Communications. Communication 00-14 regarding the salary commission. If no objection, filed.

Communication 00-15 from the Honorable Chair of the County Council, Patrick Kawano. Refer to the committee on oversight.

Request from Thomas Kafsack for approval of ag rates and waiver of the fire protection requirements. It is the understanding of the Chair that the matter on the agricultural rates had been resolved.

MR. KAFSACK: Yes, it is.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: With respect to the question of the waiver of fire protection, that matter is referred to the committee on oversight as others have.

Request of Yasuo Nishida of Pukalani Country

Club for reduction in the water system development fee. The position of the Chair is to refer this to the finance committee where you will be given the opportunity. Same thing with respect to communication 00-18, request from Roy Okumura, oversight committee.

MR. NOBRIGA: Oversight committee.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Yeah, that's you, son. Next, invitation from Mr. Holaday. Members of the board are requested to respond as they wish to to the invitation.

Other Business. Quarterly update on USGS monitoring of Iao Aquifer status. Mr. Craddick, do you have anything to add to it?

MR. CRADDICK: Nothing to add. I'm kind of encouraged here on page 45, if you look at the deep monitor well there, you can see that the 675 foot is -- you see a break in the steep climb of the chlorides down there, so that's encouraging. And then you see at 655 where it actually dropped back, so we may finally be seeing a response of the aquifer to the keeping the pumpage below 20.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Item B, scheduling of a public hearing for the proposed operating and CIP budgets for the fiscal year of 2001. Mr. Rice isn't here, but Mr. Nakamura is here and I imagine that he is able to make a representation of both committees.

MR. NAKAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While Mr. Quinn passes out his hand-outs here, let me just make a very brief report. Both the finance committee and the capital programs committee have had the opportunity to preliminarily renew the proposed budget for fiscal year 2001. There were several issues that were discussed and clarified with Mr. Quinn and Mr. Craddick, including items such as equipment replacement, electricity costs, personnel costs.

One of the major recommendations of the

committees, although we did not meet jointly, we have had consensus, is that we should look for ways to fund replacement on some sort of an organized, orderly basis annually by setting aside funds. We have recognized that there will be additional changes required to the amended draft budget that has been prepared and circulated. We recommend that the board authorize a public hearing to be held in accordance with law, and subsequent to which the committees will make more specific recommendations to the board for ultimate approval of the budget.

There is a -- you will find a report from Mr. Rice and a report from the capital programs committee which basically summarizes the status as I briefly indicated. So, Mr. Chairman, I would move that the board authorize the draft budget as presented to be -- a public hearing to be conducted on that draft budget.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: That is with respect with the operating as well as the capital improvement.

MR. NAKAMURA: That's right, operating and capital.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Is there a second to the motion?.

MR. NOBRIGA: Second the motion.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: You've heard the motion duly made and seconded that a public hearing be established and declared in conformity with law on the proposed budgets, both capital improvements as well as operating budget. Any discussion? If not, are you ready for the question? All in favor, say aye. Contrary? Carried. Okay.

Possible action regarding the Upcountry water situation. Mr. Craddick?

MR. CRADDICK: Yes, I have passed out what the

current situation is there and Wailoa Ditch is at 37.6 mgd or 19 percent of capacity. Kamole treatment plant, we are using Hamakuapoko wells and it looks like we are getting a little over 1.5 mgd there from the wells.

The Piiholo treatment plant is at 49 mgd, the reservoir. Waikamoi is empty. Kahakapao is at 91.5 percent. Olinda is running at about .8 mgd. One thing at Olinda there, we could probably cut that back more, but one of the pumps at Natamatsu was put in in 1975 and we're going to replace it. So we'll probably have an agenda item for the board the first meeting there in June. But we replaced one of the pumps there last year and we need to replace the other one to get it to where we can pump 3 mgd to that system. And if we do, then we should be able to get the water production down to around 100,000 a day.

And then the Upcountry water system demand is about 8.5 mgd and it's running in that range there between 7.5 and 9.5 over the last week.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: That covers Kula, Makawao, and Haiku.

MR. CRADDICK: Right. Right. And then -- oh, and then one other thing, too, is that we are -- it doesn't cover the pumpage from the Haiku well and my understanding is that they have started pulling the temporary pump at Kapakua well, so possibly next week sometime the permanent pump will be in. I believe either Friday or Monday they actually put the meter in for Maui Electric so the station is electrified now and they have done testing on the controls and it appears that's all functional.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Based on a timetable, when do you anticipate or when is it anticipated that the Kapakalua wells, the Dowling wells, will be operational and in a position for us to accept?

MR. CRADDICK: I believe the well probably will

be operational within the first week of June. As far as acceptance, I see Herb nodding his head no there, so there must be some other issues. I would expect the water will be able to go into the system around that time, but --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: First week in June?

MR. CRADDICK: Yes, but I --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Don't you want a little leeway?

MR. CRADDICK: Well --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Yes, Herb.

MR. CHANG: I think he's a little bit optimistic, but I think --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: I think you're right.

MR. CHANG: I think middle the June. Get all the kinks out, maybe the latter part of June.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: I would think so. Between the third week and -- if sooner, fine, but third week to the ending of June. Okay? Yes, sir.

MR. STARR: I would like to know -- we are doing a lot of pumping and the system is being buoyed, kept up by the pumping now. If the ditch continues to fall, at what point would it reach the spot where we would not be able to keep up?

MR. CRADDICK: I think the MOU said 16 and some fraction of a million gallons.

MR. STARR: So in other words, as long as it stays above 17, then we won't have a problem keeping up with this 8, 9 mgd demand; is that correct?

MR. CRADDICK: That's correct.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: And that would be -- the amount to be recovered or taken from the ditch would be -- would not be affected by what is put in by H-Poko. Whatever is put in by H-Poko is ours anyway and we can get that 1.5 or 2 plus whatever fractional amount comes from the supply in the ditch system. So it appears that with prudent control and management and cooperation of everybody, we will be able to weather and take care of the situation.

And if the worst comes to the worst, I would suggest that the department looks into this. That's with respect to the well closer to the Pulehu area where the ill-fated golf course had been scheduled to go into and possibility of using that to put water into the ditch system and therefore allow us more on the other side for pumping purposes.

So I think when we look at the totality of the right of withdrawals, what can be available from H-Poko, and anticipate the Dowling situation, anticipate the potential of the Pulehu area, we have ample water and to be in a position of making sure we deliver. So your pump is necessary, a second pump is necessary in that Upcountry area.

MR. CRADDICK: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: But it appears that we seem to have the system pretty much under control and the agreements that you people worked out are very, very good as long, as we continue to meet those requirements. Yes, sir.

MR. CRADDICK: Just in the worse case event that is absolutely no rain on East Maui, I would just like to request that if the ditch gets down to say 25, then say an emergency meeting get called and some other action taken to deal with it before we get to a crash situation. And I doubt we will get to that. But just in that worst case event.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: The Chair wishes to assure you that a special meeting will be called for those purposes. Mr. Nobriga?

MR. NOBRIGA: Is it appropriate for us to take action to support the pumping of water at this time or --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: We are pumping already.

MR. NOBRIGA: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: That's part of the agreement.

MR. NOBRIGA: So no action is actually required from the board.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Not at this stage.

MR. NOBRIGA: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Not at this stage. But we may potentially, because we are already utilizing the pumping requirements and the conditions of the agreements. That's an ongoing kind of thing. That's my understanding.

Anything else to come before this distinguished body? Mr. Nakamura.

MR. NAKAMURA: Mr. Chairman, just a couple of quick things. Making the board aware of Mr. Rice's committee report from the finance committee, I did neglect one specific item which was a little bit outside of the authorization for public hearing, which is that one of the items that was discussed was the issue of the rental paid for the baseyard facility. And the finance committee suggested that this issue could perhaps be referred to the legislative committee for followup in trying to bring it to resolution so that we would be able to deal with it during the budget process.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: May the record reflect that

the recommendation is accepted and the matter is hereby referred to Mr. Hashimoto and his committee. Anything else? Yes, sir.

MR. HELM: Yes. Mr. Chair, this is in regards to a conversation I had with the supervisor in charge of the water department on Molokai. He was concerned about where the status of the CIP for the upcoming fiscal year was at because he had some concerns about some immediate problems that he deals with every day. So I would just like to suggest once we go through the process of a public hearing and we move forward on that, that we sort of look at some of the CIP projects, especially the Wakea Loop one which he was concerned about. And once that's approved, if we can expedite and move forward in getting some of those problems taken care of because the people are going through some hardships there in dealing with problems with the water system. And that's based on the age of the waterline and the quality of the water going through that waterline. So that's --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: May the record reflect the request. The Chair suggests and recommends to chairman of the CIP committee, capital improvements, to give that attention on a priority basis so that we're able to roll.

Anything further? Mr. Starr.

MR. STARR: I just want to favorably comment on two meetings that I attended in the last week. The strategic planning session, open session on Monday, which Mr. Nakamura had put together, I thought was a really excellent experience. I think that it brought a lot of the ideas that had been put together in the strategic plan into a greater perspective, gave a lot of different elements of the community opportunity to comment on them, and I just felt that it was handled very well and would like to compliment Howard on a very good process which he's been leading us on.

And secondly, last week I went to the Hawaii

section of the American Waterworks Association convention in Honolulu and there were some interesting sessions, most of them technical, a lot of them about EPA stuff. But the best of the sessions that I sat in on was a presentation by our own Walter Hagar who talked about -- gave a presentation on our microfiltration plants and the problems we've had, how they resolved them, and how the plants work, and it was just an excellent presentation that was very honest, had great photographs and a really good power point presentation, so I would just like to compliment Mr. Hagar for a job well done on that and I think everyone in the audience was impressed by how knowledgeable and how good a job he did.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Mr. Helm?

MR. HELM: Yes, Mr. Chair. I would like to [inaudible] Mr. Starr's comment on the committee that Mr. Nakamura chairs in regards to the strategic plan. I noticed one item in there that I felt good about and he had mentioned it's in regards to the ability of looking into providing more resources for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land and I think very important that the Board of Water Supply really look at some of those issues. And I'm glad that was -- I appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Anything else?
Mr. Nakamura?

MR. NAKAMURA: I just wanted to say that subsequent to the public meeting that Mr. Starr referred to, that the committee will be getting together and reviewing the comments that had been received both in writing and at the forum and coming up with a revised draft to present to the board.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Mr. Craddick?

MR. CRADDICK: One other, Jonathan kind of went over the one item discussed with the public and I'll go over another one there. There was a seminar put on

with the Groundwater Foundation and the State Department of Health and ourselves cosponsored it. Ellen's planning department gave a very good presentation and such a good presentation that the EPA wants to give us \$70,000 to continue in that effort to get --

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: \$7,000 to the board or \$7,000 to the administration?

MR. CRADDICK: It all comes through the board.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Thank you. Seventy.

MR. STARR: I would like to make it clear -- I didn't want to belittle that presentation; I just wasn't there. There were three things happening at any given time.

MS. KRAFTSOW: I just want to say they're interested in giving it to us. It doesn't necessarily guarantee that they will give it to us.

CHAIRMAN CRAVALHO: Spoken like a true government official.

Any other matter to come before this board? If not, the meeting is hereby adjourned.

(WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned.)

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