

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY COMMITTEE

February 16, 2007

**Committee
Report No.**

07-6

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy Committee, having met on January 30, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-37, from the Mayor, relating to the appointment of Jeffrey Eng as the Director of the Department of Water Supply.

By correspondence dated January 23, 2007, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY K. ENG AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY". The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve the appointment of Jeffrey K. Eng as the Director of Water Supply.

By separate correspondence dated January 29, 2007, Stuart Yamada and Michael H. Lau submitted written testimony in support of Mr. Eng's appointment.

Your Committee notes that "the director of the department of water supply shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council, and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the council", pursuant to Section 8-11.5 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (Charter).

Your Committee further notes that there is no deadline by which the Council must approve or disapprove the appointment.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Mayor, the Acting Director of Water Supply, and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from one individual in support of Mr. Eng's appointment. Your Committee also received written testimony from one individual in support of Mr. Eng's appointment.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Eng was selected due to his success with managing water systems in the private industry. She further stated that she was looking forward to exciting changes to the Department under his leadership.

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In his opening remarks, Mr. Eng noted his previous experience in working with wastewater and water systems, most recently his management over the Kaanapali water system for the last 16 years.

Mr. Eng stated that, if he is confirmed, he would focus his efforts on (1) improving the efficiencies of the Department's Engineering Division by improving service to the public in terms of processing water system plans and improving the Department's track record in completing budgeted Capital Improvement Projects; (2) developing new water sources and addressing the repair and replacement of antiquated water system facilities such as reservoirs and waterlines; (3) restoring the public's trust by better educating the public on the Department's accomplishments; (4) working closely and openly with the Council; and (5) making the right decisions.

After much discussion, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution and filing of the communication.

Your Policy Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution No. _____, attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY K. ENG AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY", be ADOPTED; and
2. That County Communication No. 07-37 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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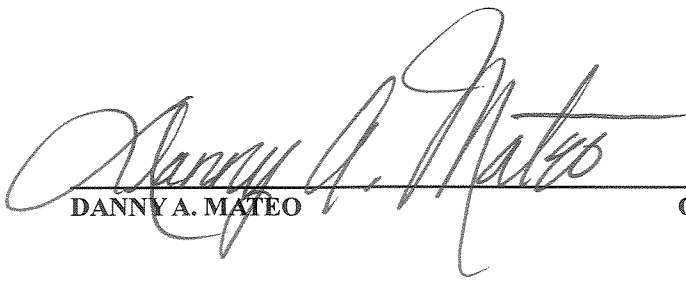
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Resolution

No. _____

APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF
JEFFREY K. ENG AS THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 8, 2007, Mayor Charmaine Tavares notified the Council that she appointed Jeffrey K. Eng as the Director of the Department of Water Supply, pursuant to Section 8-11.5 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-11.5 states that "[t]he director of the department of water supply shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of Jeffrey K. Eng as the Director of the Department of Water Supply; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of the Department of Water Supply.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



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