

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

Meeting Agenda

March 1, 2006

9:00 a.m.

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WR-16 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES OF WATER

DESCRIPTION: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. County Communication No. 05-319, from the Council Chair, relating to the development of new sources of water.
2. Correspondence dated January 25, 2006, from the Committee Chair, relating to: (1) the County's settlement with Earthjustice and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs regarding the Iao aquifer and the State Commission on Water Resource Management; and (2) the County's possible purchase of water systems and related property from Wailuku Water Company.

STATUS: The Committee may consider policy and legal issues relating to new sources of water. The Committee may also receive a presentation about potential means of identifying new sources of water from biochemist Donald M. Thomas of Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The Committee may also consider the filing of County Communication No. 05-319 and other related action.

NOTE: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and to deliberate concerning the authority of persons designated to negotiate the acquisition of public property, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(3), HRS.

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WR-22 HAMAKUAPOKO WELLS

DESCRIPTION: The Committee is in receipt of County Communication No. 05-356, from Councilmember Michelle Anderson, relating to the Hamakuapoko Wells (located in the Paia-Haiku Community Plan Area).

STATUS: The Committee may consider policy issues relating to the Hamakuapoko Wells. No legislative action will be taken.

WR-4 WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

DESCRIPTION: The Committee is in receipt of the following:
1. County Communication No. 05-38, from Councilmember Michelle Anderson, relating to the Water Use and Development Plan required by Chapter 2.88A, Maui County Code, and Chapter 174C, Hawaii Revised Statutes (State Water Code).

2. Correspondence dated October 13, 2005, from the Committee Chair, transmitting a draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP WATER RESOURCES". The purpose of the draft bill is to require Council approval of contracts to develop water resources.

STATUS: The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage of the draft bill on first reading, with or without revisions. In addition, the Committee may review the requirements of, and the status of the County's compliance with, Chapter 2.88A, Maui County Code, and the State Water Code. The Committee may also consider the filing of County Communication No. 05-38 and other related action.