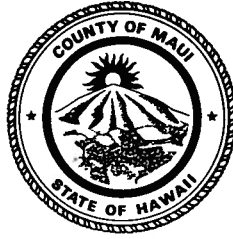


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Good afternoon members of the Community Working Group, Project Team, and those of you who are joining us from the public today.

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for volunteering your valuable time and energy in helping us to explore ways to achieve my goal of 100% reuse of recycled water. It has long been my view that recycled water is a precious resource that should be better utilized so that we may preserve our limited potable water supply.

The recommendations that you will be providing to our Department of Environmental Management at the end of this year will help us to determine the future of wastewater management. I believe you're all very aware of how challenging this task will be. Though the end goal of 100% reuse is simple in concept, the matter of getting there is highly complex and will require a thorough understanding of government processes at all levels in order to make sound recommendations.

My Project Team has already taken you through "Wastewater 101", a tour of the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility, the inner workings of County budget and finance operations, and the Capital Improvement Project process. We feel that your understanding of these frameworks that we are required to operate within, is important as you continue with your work as a CWG member. These have provided you with a solid foundation upon which to make viable recommendations to our Department of Environmental Management.

You have already begun working in small groups to brainstorm and exchange ideas. These opportunities will increase over the next several months and I am very excited to hear your thoughts and ultimately, your recommendations.

We welcome input from our community, which is why I felt so strongly about forming this group and providing a venue for that. You were chosen as representatives of key stakeholders and serve as their voice in this important issue. Your responsibility as a CWG member is to ensure that many points of view are represented in this process; that you remain open to the thoughts and ideas brought to the table by other members; and that you share the information you receive here with your respective organizations.

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During this process, let's not forget our citizens who aren't represented by your organizations. The recommendations that you will be submitting to us at the end of the year should have them in mind, too, and how they will be affected by your decisions. If there's one thing that government at all levels has learned to recognize particularly in the past few years, it's that public support is absolutely critical in all major decision-making.

Again, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your time and effort and the sacrifices that you are all making to be here for this important work. I look forward to hearing the outcome of today's brainstorming session, which will contain your individual and collective thoughts and ideas. Your work here is greatly appreciated!

Mahalo nui loa,



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