

**DHHL WATER POLICY PLAN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS  
LANIKEHA CENTER, HOOLEHUA, MOLOKAI  
NOVEMBER 4, 2013  
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

---

**Attendance:** 27 people signed in; about 50 people present.

HHC: Commissioner Gene Davis.

DHHL: PLO – Darrell Yagodich, Kaleo Manuel (Project Manager), Nancy McPherson, Ulu Lota. LMD – Shelley Carreira. HSD – Eddie Ayau, Julie Kaupu.

CONSULTANT: Jonathan Scheuer

**Handouts:**

- Agenda
- DHHL Water Kuleana Handout
- Conversation Mapping Handout

**Presentation:**

Kaleo Manuel provided an overview of the Water Policy Plan process, its context and relationship to the planning system, and the work done to date in developing the plan. Jonathan Scheuer synopsized the history of water law in Hawai'i and also presented the specific rights and kuleana DHHL and the trust have related to water.

**Conversation Mapping:**

In order to gather mana'o from beneficiaries and the community that would help guide what information should be included in the Water Policy Plan, the Department used a tool called "Conversation Mapping." The following triggers were used to initiate conversation amongst meeting participants:

- Ola I Ka Wai: What are the key water issues in your community?
- E Malama I Ka Wai: How should DHHL balance the development and protection of water?
- He Kuleana Ko Kakou: How should DHHL assert its rights to water?

\*Please see the attached conversation maps.

**Open Discussion:**

Below are the questions, comments, or testimony provided either verbally, on green comment sheets, or by letter, by those present at the meeting:

- Thank you for bringing this information to us. That was a good presentation and a good summary of water law in Hawaii. I am impressed. I never saw this before in this context. Good job on getting all of DHHL's rights together.
- The County Water Use and Development Plan for Molokai stopped and was never completed – left us hanging. There was a lot of discussion about water as part of that process and we can use that information for this Water Policy Plan. We need to have the County fulfill its responsibilities.
- We want a serious conversation with the County regarding service to Kalama'ula and Oneali'i.
- We will need to develop a new well in Kualapu'u. Issue with over pumping of the aquifer, we need to spread out pumpage.

**DHHL WATER POLICY PLAN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS**  
**LANIKEHA CENTER, HOOLEHUA, MOLOKAI**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

---

- I want to see the financial breakdown of running the Molokai Water System. What is the specific status of USDA grant projects for Molokai? If we know about it, we can help you get the funding. But you need to be honest, tell us exactly what it is, and where you are. We need to know more about these projects.
- We fought for enough water for DHHL land in the designation of the aquifer, that's how we have our reservations.
- Put together all the water users (purveyors and stakeholders) to figure out how to provide water for everyone. Work together to find solutions. Growth to Molokai was coming. I saw that 20 years ago. Now everybody needs water.
- Don't come to us for statewide stuff. Simplify everything for Molokai. We can work from there.
- When is the next water rate hike coming? Want to see the numbers.
- The Department of Navy through Hawaii Natural Energy Institute has a battery system to store renewable energy. Ask them to put one in Kualapuu.
- Get the County out of the Kualapuu Aquifer. CWRM told County to do this ten years ago.
- Kapaakea Homestead is serviced by the County system. So they will be affected if the County system is affected.
- The MIS was created for the HHC, then taken away by DLNR, then DOA. DHHL should take over the MIS. No water, no agriculture. . If DHHL gets control of MIS, then we can tell the Ranch "cannot" use more water. Its similar to renting and owning a property, you are not going to want to buy a property if you have cheap rent.
- The MIS is an example of HHL not exerting power and authority. It was taken away from Hawaiian Home Lands and now DOA controls it. We need to get control of the system back and make DOA pay for repairs since it was using it all of this time.
- The problem is the placement of wells at Kualapuu. Get the County out of Kualapuu. They should go somewhere else.
- MPL does not invest in a new water transmission system because it is cheaper for them to stay in the MIS.
- We do not have a shortage in the Kualapuu Aquifer, we have an unhealthy aquifer. You need to know the names of the clouds. Naleikauulu is the name of the cloud that travels from Lana'i, to Kaho'olawe, to Ulupalakua, then the Moloka'i. Clouds need to be protected. We need to malama that rain cloud. The way you use land affects the watershed and clouds. These resources are important.
- What happens in Ulupalakua affects us, it has an impact – so we need to look at things statewide
- I want one attorney for DHHL whose purpose would be to file for contested case hearings at CWRM to protect DHHL rights. Conflict with Attorney General. Put money and resources to it; don't just lean on beneficiaries; it works best when the community and DHHL stand shoulder to shoulder instead of one or the other going first.

**DHHL WATER POLICY PLAN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS**  
**LANIKEHA CENTER, HOOLEHUA, MOLOKAI**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

---

- Keep the MIS separate from the Kualapuu Aquifer. Different uses, different water sources.
- Many homesteaders do not have access to the MIS, so they use domestic water for agriculture. So if they extended the MIS to their lots, you can save more aquifer water for domestic uses.
- I am concerned about use of MIS water for GMO (genetically-modified) companies. MPL is selling land to GMO companies; you got to watch use of MIS water. Chemicals are used and it will affect the aquifers. They use restricted use chemicals – cocktails – and we do not understand how these chemicals affect the aquifers. Farming with massive amounts of chemicals and pesticides all around the MIS system is dangerous; the MIS is an open system and when the wind blows, nothing is stopping chemicals from entering water system – people on the west end are drinking the water
- In Naiwa, no buffer between GMO companies and the homesteads.
- How much Hawaiian homelands are the GMO companies use statewide. On Molokai, GMO companies use Hawaiian home lands in Palaau and Mahana.
- Water is our kuleana. DHHL needs to take over water for homesteads. It is our water. We set the value, cost, and use of water. We make those decisions.
- Who can give me the information on the homesteads by order from the first being Kalama'ula to 2, 3, 4, etc...
- Desalinization as future source option
- We need cheaper electricity
- Cost of pipes for maintenance
- DHHL should advocate to use existing reservation at Kualapuu
- How aggressive is "aggressive"? How will DHHL aggressively advocate for its water rights? Is it a writing a letter to CWRM and asking for CWRM action on DHHL issues? MIS – example of not asserting rights; Was created by Moloka'i Water Authority, was made up of Hawaiian Homes Commissioners, but then was taken by DLNR and then given to DOA
- Control of water is key for ag/MIS system
- Moloka'i Ranch is coming in for water, if DHHL controls the MIS we can help manage the system, the MIS is not safe for drinking
- Of all the ag lands on Moloka'i there could be a water demand of 20-40 MGD, but the island sustainable yield is only 39 MGD
- Protect recharge of aquifer
- Have a staff attend all CWRM meetings
- Get data from practitioners in previous court cases and use to strengthen DHHL's rights. Use that data to fight and advocate for DHHL and develop a database.
- DHHL has concerns about the long-term sustainability of the Kualapuu ASYA because the chloride level has been going up over time.

**DHHL WATER POLICY PLAN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS**  
**LANIKEHA CENTER, HOOLEHUA, MOLOKAI**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

---

- Water working group was formed before on Molokai – there were models being developed for the wells/aquifer to look at water levels and salinity – we need to bring back the working group
- Before we were told that when salinity in the aquifer was rising, it was only a spike. But that was 10 years ago. Is there a report or data to support DHHL's statement that the chloride levels in the aquifer are rising?
- Maybe farming up here in Ho'olehua is not sustainable – look at changing farming practices
- Don't exclude non-homesteaders – include everyone in the discussion
- "Conflict of Interest" – State Agency appointed by Governor – DHHL needs to be independent from State
- Many homesteaders are doing ag, but with domestic water – need to find a way to get them connected to MIS
- DHHL should be concerned about who is using our system.
- Need to look at compatibility of land use and effects on water
- Will the plan focus on state level priorities or Molokai specific issues?
- He kuleana makou" It should be our water for our Molokai. Kou makou, our water, the value of water, the cost of water, is water meant to rehabilitate native Hawaiians, then its our kuleana, we need to make those decisions: who can take and how much can we take. The focus should be on us to rehabilitate native Hawaiians. It should not be malihini thinking on the kala. We have our own and unique values too.
- Letter and document from Glenn I. Teves (see attached)

All handouts, notes, and conversation maps can be found on the DHHL website at:

**[dttl.hawaii.gov](http://dttl.hawaii.gov)**