

Proposed Final Water Policy Plan Draft

**A-2 Water Policy Plan Update
Hawaiian Homes Commission Meeting
June 17, 2014**

Presentation Outline

- **Role & Significance of the WPP**
- **Brief review of Draft WPP development**
- **Review of beneficiary consultation**
 - **Highlight of key comments and staff responses**
- **Review of Final Water Policy Plan**

General Plan Goals – Water Resources:

- Provide access to quality water in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.
- Ensure the availability of sufficient water to carry out Hawaiian Home Lands' mission.
- Aggressively exercise and protect Hawaiian home land water rights.

How was the Draft WPP Developed?

- **Department and Water Commission files**
- **Review of DHHL legal rights and roles**
- **Specific Projects (e.g. Pulehunui, Maui)**
- **State Water Projects Plan Update**
- **Scoping Interviews**
- **Statewide beneficiary meetings (9+1)**
 - **Notes, conversation maps, emails, letters**

Drafting and Approval

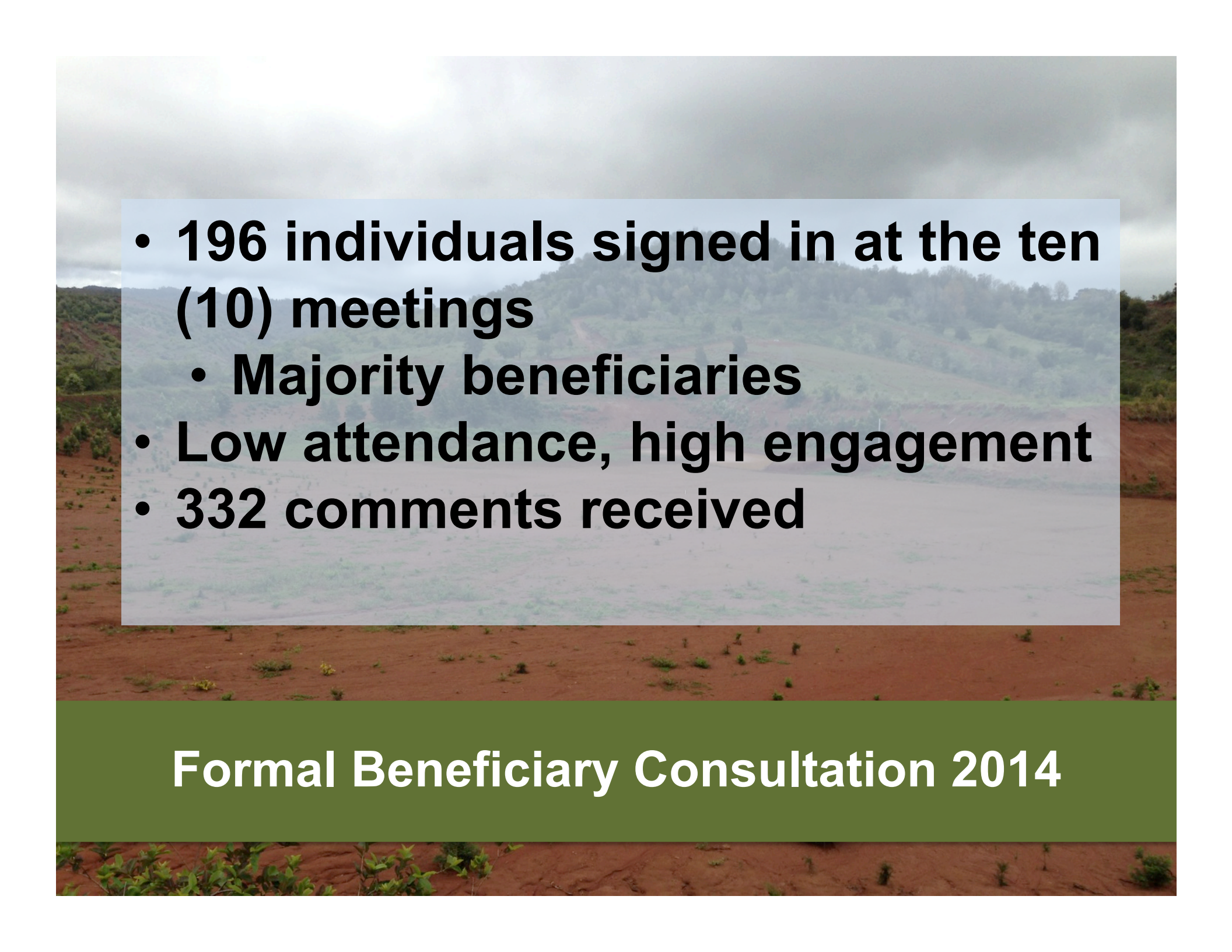
- **Beneficiary & Other Statements grouped and refined**
- **Draft cross checked with beneficiary input**
- **Review by DHHL staff**
- **Unanimous approval as DRAFT by the HHC on February 19, 2014**




Formal Beneficiary Consultation

Mar. 31	Kaua'i	Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle Sch.
Apr. 1	O'ahu	Blanche Pope Elementary Cafeteria
Apr. 2	Moloka'i	Lanikeha Community Center
Apr. 7	Maui	DHHL Paukūkalo Community Center
Apr. 8	O'ahu	Stevenson Middle School Cafeteria
Apr. 9	Lana'i	Lana'i Elementary & High Cafeteria
Apr. 14	O'ahu	Kapolei Middle School Cafeteria
Apr. 15	Hawai'i	DHHL Kūhiō Hale – Waimea
Apr. 16	Hawai'i	Hilo High School Cafeteria

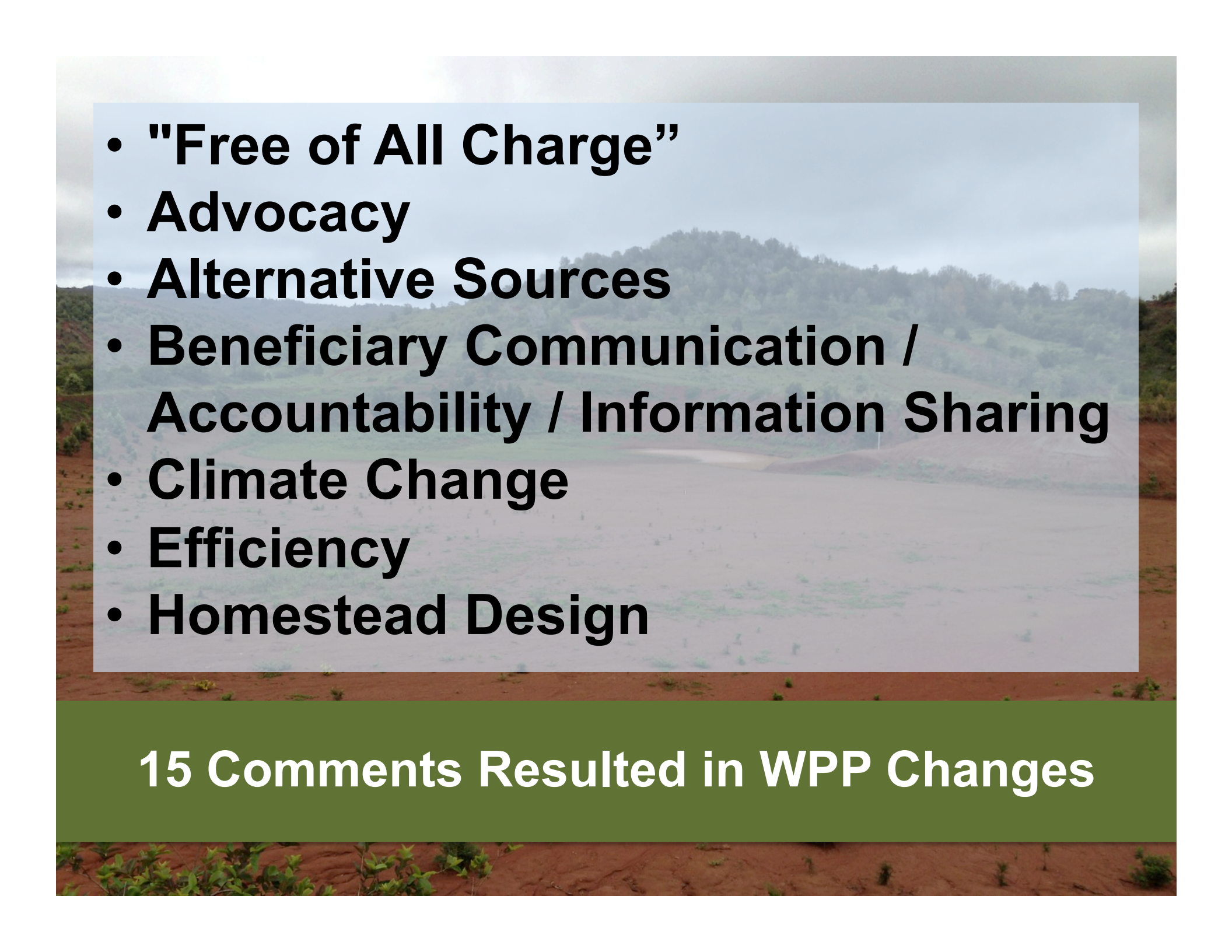
Formal Beneficiary Consultation 2014

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- **196 individuals signed in at the ten (10) meetings**
 - **Majority beneficiaries**
 - **Low attendance, high engagement**
 - **332 comments received**

Formal Beneficiary Consultation 2014

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- The background of the slide is a landscape photograph showing a wide river with a sandy or silty bed, surrounded by green hills and trees under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.
- **Comments organized, distilled**
 - **Responses written**
 - **No proposed WPP change for 23 comments**
 - **Primarily, Draft WPP policy already addressed concerns**
 - **Some comments were beyond policy scope**

Comment Organization and Synthesis

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- **"Free of All Charge"**
 - **Advocacy**
 - **Alternative Sources**
 - **Beneficiary Communication / Accountability / Information Sharing**
 - **Climate Change**
 - **Efficiency**
 - **Homestead Design**

15 Comments Resulted in WPP Changes

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- **Island / Region Specific focus**
 - **Kuleana - Include and Define**
 - **Land Use Designation and Planning**
 - **Desired Definitions**
 - **Water / Energy Connection**
 - **Water Quality**
 - **Water Rates**
 - **Water Reservations**

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Final DHHL Water Policy Plan

Final WPP: Ten Sections

- **Vision**
- **Mission**
- **Values**
- **Policies**
- **Goals**
- **Delegation of Authority & Reporting**
- **Legal Authorities**
- **Related Plans and Policies**
- **References**
- **Definitions**

Vision – No Change

“Our vision is that there will be adequate amounts of water and supporting infrastructure so that homestead lands will always be usable and accessible, to enable us to return to our lands to fully support our self-sufficiency and self-determination in the administration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), and the preservation of our values, traditions, and culture.”

Mission

“In a manner consistent with our values, the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) shall strive to ensure the availability of adequate, quality water by working cooperatively to:

- **Understand our trust water assets;**
- **Plan for our water needs;**
- **Aggressively understand, exercise and assert our **kuleana as stewards of water;****
- **Develop and protect water sources; and**
- **Manage water systems.”**

Values

- **Waiwai**
- **Waihona**
- **Mālama**
- **Laulima**
- **Added direct translations of sayings from Puku'i**

Policies

- **One policy deleted - Time and Attention**
- **One policy significantly modified:**
 - **Advocacy and education enhanced and split**
- **Four policies added:**
 - **Water Quality, Alternative Sources & Efficiency Measures, Consistency, Considering water availability for land**

Goals

- There were twenty-two (22) goals
- **Prioritization resulted in four primary goals**
 - **Communication, Advocacy, WAI, Watershed protection**
- **Other goals still included as secondary**
 - **Clarified three (projections, homestead design, and County interaction)**
 - **Added goals for reservations and water quality**
 - **Legal compliance goal deleted**

Delegation & Implementation

- **The WPP delegates very little**
- **Chair to develop an Implementation Program**
- **Implementation Program Clarified**

Authorities and Definitions

- **Kaua`i Springs Case added**
- **Three new terms defined**
 - **Kuleana, efficiency measures, alternative sources**

Next Steps...

- **Final WPP posted to website**
- **One month to digest and consider**
- **HHC Approval of Final Water Policy Plan – July 21-22, 2014**
- **Implementation**