

**DHHL WATER POLICY PLAN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS  
STEVENSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, HONOLULU, O'AHU  
OCTOBER 23, 2013  
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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**Attendance:** 17 people signed in; about 25 people present.

DHHL: OCH – Darrell Young, PLO – Darrell Yagodich, Kaleo Manuel (Project Manager), Ulu Lota, Nancy McPherson, Bob Freitas, LMD – Carolyn Darr, ICRO – Ku'uwehi Hiraishi  
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:

- Overall concern on how to assure input into this plan? It's a struggle. We (beneficiaries and DHHL) usually don't have lawyers and monies to do this. Does DHHL have resources to do this? We have as history with these water struggles. How do we infuse these struggles into the plan? How do we document this?
- In Kalawahine, the homesteaders were evicted and Board of Water Supply took their land. Why was this allowed?
- After the overthrow of the Kingdom, people went to the conservation land at Papakolea, Kalawahine and Maunalaha Valley above the city of Honolulu. Then the land went to the Board of Water Supply, then to DLNR. What is DHHL's kuleana?
- For DHHL Bowl-O-Drome property in Moiliili, there is no access to water here. The water is all used up. How can DHHL develop its property?
- Do Counties accept HHL water systems?

**DHHL WATER POLICY PLAN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS  
CHIEFESS KAMAKAHELEI MIDDLE SCHOOL, PUHI, KAUA'I  
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- Can homesteaders get a cut in their water bill?
- What is NHRF? Where do these monies go? Is it s trust fund? Education loans were started in 1998 and now were stopped; why?
- CWRM – Who are the members of this Commission? Are they born in Hawaii? The piko is important.
- Define for me what is “Hawaiian” and with that the status for “Hawaiian usage”? Can I apply this to my homestead? Am I a participant in this? Who does that relate to? [Reference to traditional and customary uses?]
- Can DHHL stop development? Like if you need to use up all the water?
- I go to many DHHL meetings and I am overwhelmed when you have a meeting reporting homesteads from general leases. [Section 208 meetings?] I do not want an extension to general leases to 85 years for GMO (genetically-modified organism) general leases on Hawaiian home lands [on Molokai?] until Maui County comes up with their GMO policy.
- The Board of Water Supply uses a software called “Neptune” to read water meters from the moving car on the street. There is a problem with the Neptune software. They are mis-reading our meters and overcharging us, especially the kupuna
- Our ohana is our economic base. When kupuna cannot pay their bills, tie it into their economic base – their successors. These successors are the future beneficiaries. They need to be tied in to help their kupuna so they can succeed to the homestead later on. They need to understand they are the economic base for their kupuna.
- We need scholarships. UH Manoa used to waive tuition for homesteaders because native Hawaiian education was an allowable use under Section 5(f). Then they did away with the waivers, now the waivers are only provided by the Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language Programs. You need to be in those programs to get a tuition waiver. Under what authority did they do that? I should get a tuition waiver and go to whatever major I want.

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

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