

**DHHL WATER POLICY PLAN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS
HILO HIGH SCHOOL, HILO, HAWAI'I
NOVEMBER 13, 2013
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Attendance: 33 people signed in; about 40 people present.

DHHL: PLO – Darrell Yagodich, Kaleo Manuel (Project Manager), Ulu Lota, EHDO – Louis Hao, Madalyn Kaeo

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'ō 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:

- How long does it take to get approval and permit to drill a water well on our farm lot?
- What and how is DHHL leveraging its water rights for the benefit of its beneficiaries?
- Why does DHHL not form a new division to manage its water resources?
- Aloha, I wanted to inform the DHHL concerning several issues concerning the water – First, is the issue of Joint Resolution #No.1 – which in 1927 the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was amended; but the "Available lands" clause remained the same. "Available lands" were listed excluding "cultivated" sugar can lands. It stands to reason that under Joint Reso No. 1 Defunct Sugar Can lands are not being cultivated – and by law/house bill are now available with water – appurtenant water rights, allodial title – Mahele L.C. Aw. And Royal Patent Grant; Second, Allodial title/Appurtenant Water Rights Adjudicated in Iao Valley Case –

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- applies statewide (check Dr. Crabb – OHA); Third, Emergency Self Determination Fund; Please contact – OHA: Kai Markel Compliance Division (Kuleana Land Hale), Shane Nelson (Policy Making; Congress – Senator Brian Schatz – clarify “exclusion” and “available lands”; Native Tenant Protection Council
- Email from Ian Lee Loy (11-14-13)

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