Beneficiary Consultation Meeting on EMI’s Water Lease and DHHL’s Water Reservation
January 14, 2019 Paukūkalo Community Center, 6:00 – 8:00pm --- Meeting Notes


- Lands – helping our keiki
- Mahi Pono – will lease to local farmers
- Passed law in 1980, something needs to be paid to us

Q: What are the water rights for DHHL beneficiaries? A: A Water Lease will be drafted by DLNR; DHHL’s water reservation will be included in the lease document.

Q: What is the balance/basis of NHRF? A: 30% to DHHL, 20% to OHA

- Should include potable water uses (in the DHHL reservation) re: Pa’upena – 600 residential lots
- Farmers need potable water for farming via statute, Kula Ag needs potable water
- Makena water needs missing; 229 acres (5 lots), wants to see community-based initiative there

Q: What was Maui showing in terms of available water on island? A: Average flow historically, 160 million gallons per day (mgd) in EMI; currently 20-25 mgd in EMI

Q: What are gauges saying?

- Maintain water information, what we have; improve what we have
- We need to have food for us in case it doesn’t come in
- DHHL pipe in Kula-- $9 million to Kēōkea, but cost more for distribution
- Include potable and non-potable uses in the reservation (for both ag lots and residential lots) to meet sufficient needs of existence and for applicants of new homesteads
- Constitution protects and provides water to DHHL
- 7 generations thinking, DHHL needs to take into account when developing the water reservation, HHCA says to become self-sufficient
- Climate change–Pu’u Kukui, operating @ 50%; look at water shed management – can generate water (re Kahikinui reforestation efforts)
- DHHL create incentives/programs to engage in traditional access/work to generate water (DHHL buys seeds, let us plant); perspective is to take care of what you have not just take
- DHHL Planning-- start watershed programming, include large landowners (DLNR, etc)
- Support DLNR/DOFAW by taking on some kuleana, which is our kuleana, from mauka to makai

Q: What happens after 99-year lease ends? A: Lessee must go to DHHL to extend the lease
- DHHL/DLNR develops water, do we get credits? (well development), use DWS system with water credits

Q: EMI is a transmission/distributor; where is EMI source?

- State Ag water project EIS – result was horizontal drilled pipeline – the pipeline was too deep to service by DWS, who does not want to take pipelines

Q: What is DHHL doing to extend Upper Kula Ag water line? We don’t have time. A: Continue ag project @ 18” water line – DWS & DHHL; DHHL put in money to Maui County DWS system

- $9 million to extend Upper Kula Ag Land is nothing compared to what they owe us

- 1.5 million spend on planning? Design? Construction?

Q: Phasing an increase in the reservation in the future, is that an option?

- Weather is changing; ask for 20% to include climate change; also, lessees have bigger families living together and they grow food

- Depends on crops, but need water for all needs

Q: Do we have quantity of water for DHHL South Maui identified from Na Wai ‘Eha?

Q: Did DHHL reserve ground water at ‘Iao?

- Copy of DHHL Submittal to attendees

- Requested list of Hawaiian Homes commissioners (can be found on DHHL website)