Submittal of the DHHL Water Use Permit Application to the State Commission on Water Resource Management in the Kualapuʻu Aquifer System Area, Island of Molokaʻi

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DHHL Kualapu`u WUPA Submission

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I. WUPA and Public Trust Uses of Water

- Issued by the Water Commission
- Required in Designated Water Management Areas
- WUPA issuance is supposed to:
  - Limit and distribute pumping below "Sustainable Yield"
  - Protect Public Trust interests and uses in water
I. WUPA and Public Trust Uses of Water

• the maintenance of waters in their natural state;
• the protection of domestic water use;
• the protection of water in the exercise of Native Hawaiian and traditional and customary rights; and
• the reservations and uses of water for DHHL
I. WUPA and Public Trust Uses of Water

• Public Trust uses are to be satisfied BEFORE any private, commercial uses of water are considered
II. The DHHL water system PWS 230

Location: Kualapu`u Aquifer System

Water sources: Kauluwai Well Nos. 1 & 2 to water tanks

Users: 2,400 customers & approximately 581 service connections:

- Homestead users
- Homestead supporting uses
- Non Homestead Domestic uses
- Non-Homestead uses

APPROXIMATELY 33% OF ISLAND RESIDENTS
III. WUPA Overview

- Current WUP allows .367
- GWUPA-N seeks .595 mgd total
III. WUPA Overview

- Different ways of explaining proposal
- Detailed, specific uses
- New homesteading:
  - 171 new, committed service connections for Kalama`ula mauka, Nā`iwa, and Ho`olelehua
  - Up to 210 service connections for lots that can be created through subdivision
III. WUPA Overview

• Version 3: Public Trust and Non Public Trust uses
• 436,600 gpd for recognized Public Trust uses of water
• 158,400 gpd for non-Public Trust, reasonable beneficial uses of water
III. WUPA Overview

• Other issues discussed:
• Sustainable Yield
• Fit with CWRM Categories of Uses
• Previously Approved uses
• Proposed New Uses
• Consistency with applicable regulation
• Efficiency of Uses
III. WUPA Overview

- Other issues discussed:
- Alternatives
- Legal standard for reviewing the Impact on other PT uses
- Impact on other PT uses
- Proposed mitigation for other PT uses
- Interference with “other legal uses”
IV. Possible Next Actions by CWRM

• Acceptance
• Publication of Notice
• Objections?
• Hearing
• Contested Case Hearing
• Approval
• Litigation?
Nīnau?