

East Maui Water Authority DHHL Representative Selection Process

Beneficiary Consultation

Via Zoom

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 28, 2024

Purpose of Beneficiary Consultation Meeting

To get beneficiary input on:

- **Qualifications** for the Hawaiian Homes Commission Representative to the East Maui Regional Community Board / East Maui Water Authority (`Aha Wai o Maui Hikina)
- **Reporting** Requirements
- **Notification** for upcoming vacancy
- **Selection** Process

Invitees

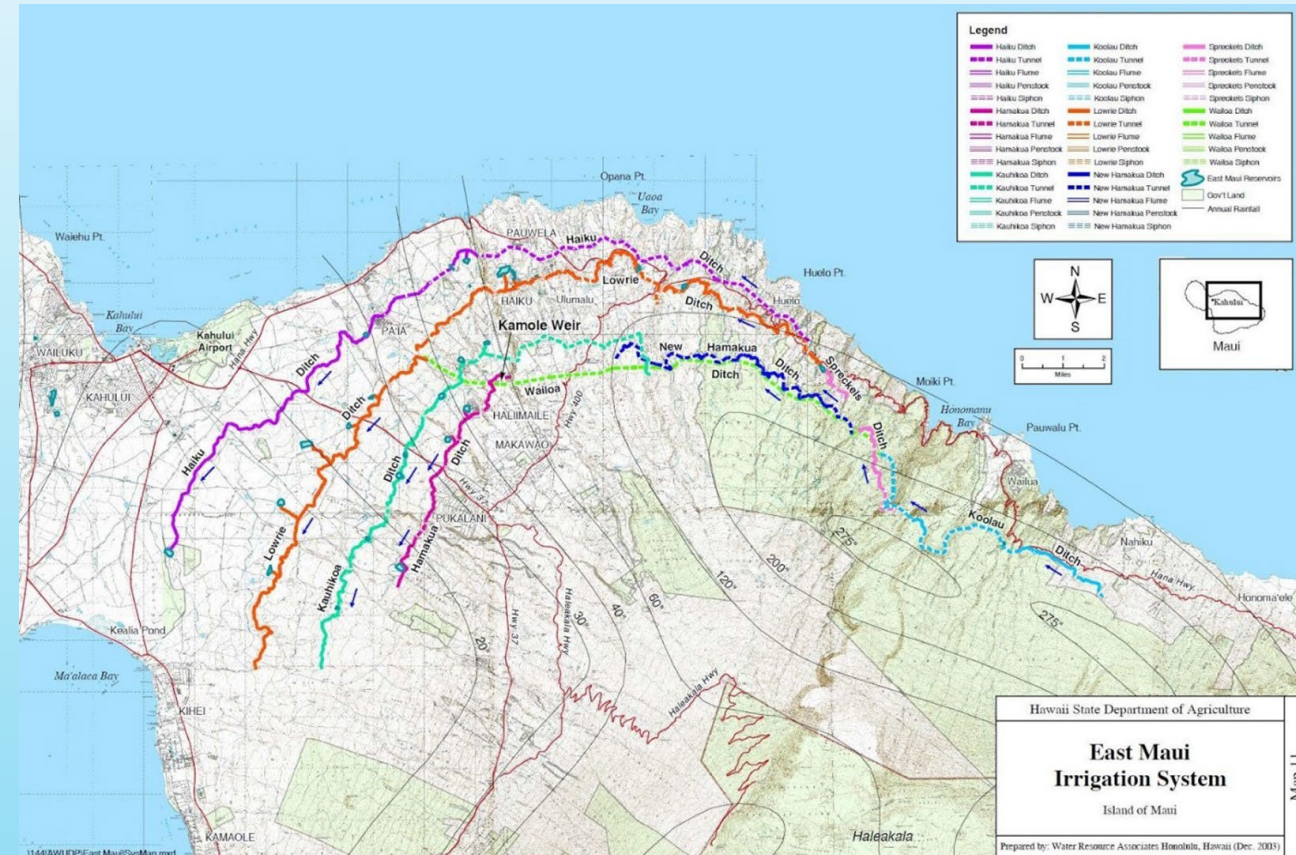
- All lessees and applicants residing in Maui County (3,063)

Agenda

1. Background
2. Qualifications of a Nominee
3. Reporting Requirements
4. Notification of Vacancy
5. Selection Process
6. Next Steps

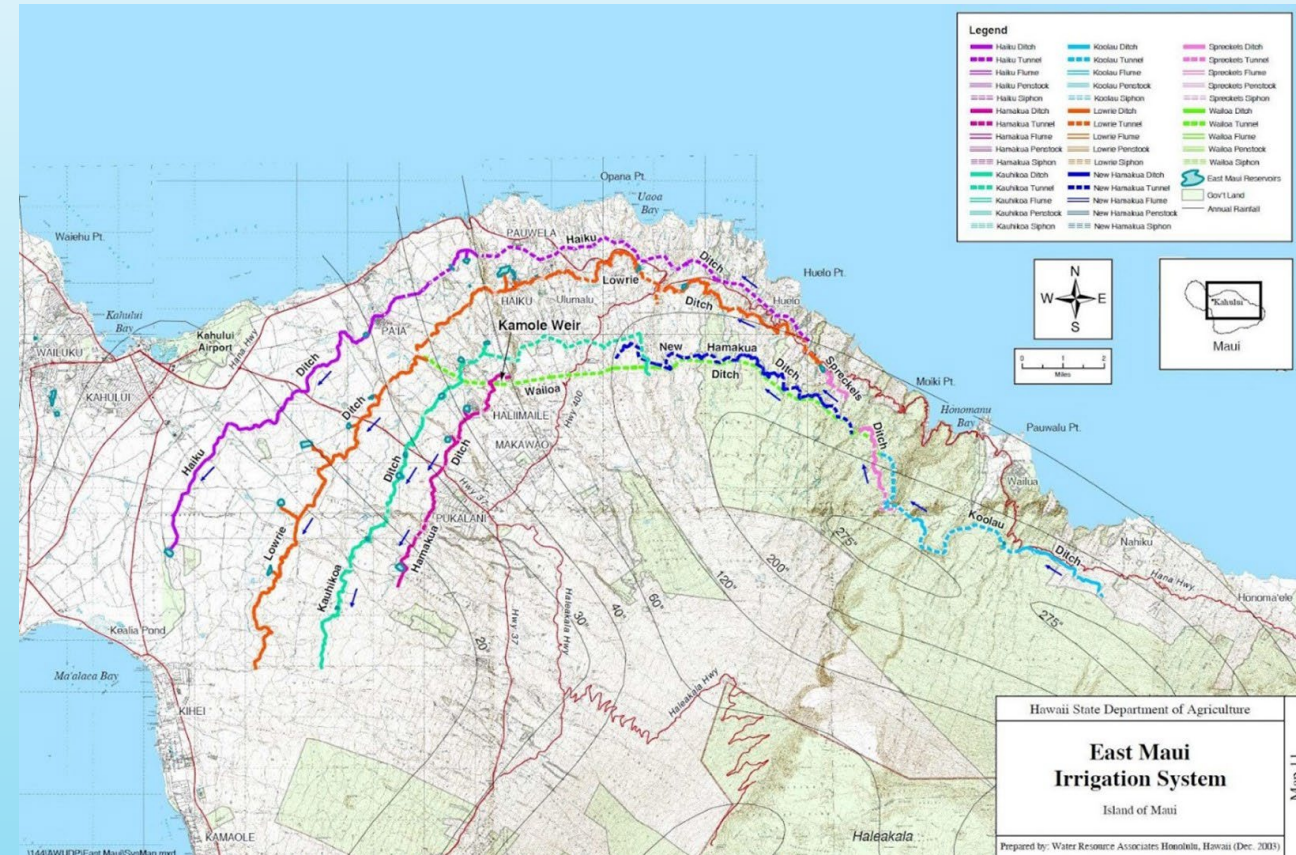
Background on the East Maui Irrigation (EMI) System

- Developed and formerly wholly owned by Alexander & Baldwin (A&B)
- Diverts water from government and private lands
- Historically dewatered streams relied upon by the East Maui community
- Historically diverted an average of 165 million gallons a day (mgd) and up to 450 mgd
- 75-mile long network spans across East, Upcountry, and Central Maui
- Delivered water to sugarcane operations, Maui County Department of Water Supply, Kula Agricultural Park
- Subject to decades of controversy and litigation



Background on the East Maui Irrigation (EMI) System [cont.]

- A&B announced the plantation closing in 2016
- Sold 41,000 acres to Mahi Pono, a joint venture between Pomona Farming and Canada's Public Sector Pension Investment Board
- EMI currently owns 50/50 between Mahi Pono and A&B
- A&B seeking a 30-year water license

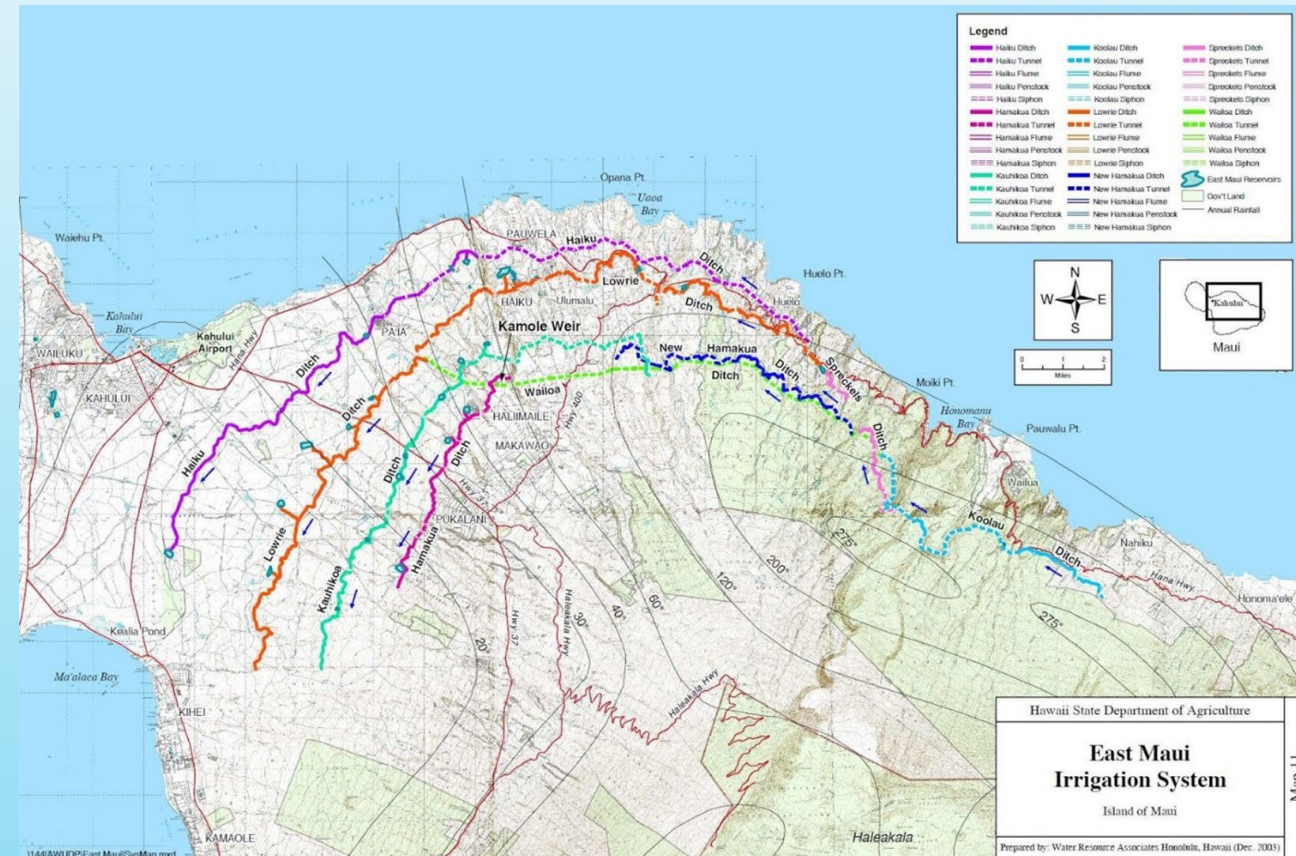


DHHL Interests related to the EMI System

- 11.455 mgd water reservation requested in 2020 for DHHL lands in Kēōkea, Waiohuli, and Pūlehunui
- Request not fully granted yet by the Commission on Water Resource Management
- EMI System historically dewatered DHHL lands at Ke`anae and Wailuanui
- DHHL also entitled to 30% of revenue from any water disposition by the State

Background on the East Maui Water Authority

- November 9, 2022 : The East Maui Water Authority was established by Maui County Charter Amendment
- Purpose: to acquire, manage, and control water collection and delivery systems with staff
- Concerned with Nāhiku, Ke'anae, Honomanū, and Huelo water license areas
- Governed by the East Maui Regional Community Board / `Aha Wai o Maui Hikina



Maui County Charter

Section 8-19.2(1) Regional Community Boards

“The East Maui regional community board...consists of eleven members with a minimum of two members from each license area. Eight members must have experience in water resource management and watershed restoration in the applicable watershed and reside in the applicable community plan area...The three remaining members are appointed by the council based on the following requirements: one member with experience in water resource management who is actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i‘a in the area where water service is provided; one member with experience in water resource management who resides full-time in the area where water service is provided; and one member who is a representative of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and is recommended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.”

Board Members are required to

- Be confirmed by the County Council at a Public Hearing
- File a Financial Disclosure Statement with the County Board of Ethics
- Swear an Oath of Office
- Attend all meetings (currently once per month)

Current Board Members

- **Jonathan Scheuer (HHC/DHHL) Term ends 03/31/2025**
- Kyle Nakanelua (Ke'anae) Term ends 03/31/2025
- Veralyn "Sissy" Latham (Nāhikū) Term ends 03/31/2026
- Norman "Bush" Martin, Jr. (Ke'anae) Term ends 03/31/2026
- Lurlyn Scott (Huelo-Ha'ikū) Term ends 03/31/2026
- Moses Kahiamoe, Jr. (Huelo) Term ends 03/31/2027
- Francis Quitazol (Kula) Term ends 03/31/2027
- Janet Redo (Honomanu) Term ends 03/31/2027
- Alan Arakawa (Kahului) Term ends 03/31/2028
- Moses Bergau, Jr. (Nāhikū) Term ends 03/31/2028
- Harry Hueu, Jr (Honomanu) Term ends 03/31/2028

Stuff happens...

Maui

Hawaiian Homes Commission Chooses Water Policy Expert As First Rep On East Maui Water Board

Maui

Emails Reveal A Maui Developer's Influence Over New Water Board Member

Maui

It's Still Unclear Who Will Fill The DHHL Seat On The New East Maui Water Board

Water

Former Mayor, Ex-Mahi Pono Exec Now Want To Steer East Maui's New Water Board

Maui

Maui Voters Created A Public Water Board. Two Years Later, Are Vested Interests Dragging Their Feet?

Maui

Final Answer: Jonathan Likeke Scheuer Is On The East Maui Water Board

Ka Ulana Pilina

Eia Ka Ha'ina: Aia 'O Jonathan Likeke Scheuer Ma Ka Papa Luna No Ka Wai O Maui Hikina

Maui

Former Mayor Arakawa, Kalo Farmers Among 6 Chosen For New East Maui Water Board

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Qualifications of a Nominee

What does a Nominee look like?

What relationship(s) could they have to DHHL?

- Lessee
- Applicant
- DHHL Employee current/former
- Former Hawaiian Homes Commissioner
- Other?



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What relevant water experience could they have?

- Mahi`ai lo`i kalo (Kalo farming)
- Kia`i loko i`a (Fishpond management)
- Water system/utility management

Other desired experience?

- Advocacy work related to water
- Water Law Training
 - *I Mana i ka Wai: Kūkulu Kahuwai DHHL Water Law and Leadership Training Series*

Reporting Requirements

How do we communicate with our selected Board Member?

Our Board Member has kuleana to

- The Hawaiian Homes Commission
- The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
- The Beneficiaries of DHHL

How frequent should check-ins be with the Board Member?

- Regular reports to the Hawaiian Homes Commission?
 - Discussion topics, decisions made

Notification of Vacancy

How do we inform potential applicants of upcoming vacancy?

How could we inform beneficiaries of an upcoming vacancy?

- Notice of Vacancy and deadline to be posted
 - On DHHL's website
 - Emails to homestead leaders

The screenshot displays the official website of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. At the top, there is a navigation bar with language options (English, 廣東話, Chuukese, 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Ilokano, 日本語, 한국어, 国语, Marshallese, Samoan, Español, Tagalog, Tiếng Việt, Visayan) and a 'Government Directory' link. Below this is the 'hawaii.gov' logo and a text size selector. The main header features the department's logo, its name, and the Hawaiian phrase 'Ka 'Oihana 'Āina Ho'opulapula Hawai'i'. A search bar and social media icons are also present. A dark green navigation menu contains links for Home, Current Projects, Lot Offers and Awards, Newsroom, Reports, Live, Careers, and Contact Us. The main content area features a large banner with the department's logo and the text 'HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS' and 'HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION · DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS'. Below this, a 'PUBLIC NOTICE' is displayed, with the text 'PUBLIC NOTICE TO DESIGNATED SUCCESSOR TO APPLICATION RIGHTS FOR A HOMESTEAD LEASE' and a 'Read More' link. On the right side, a vertical menu lists various services: Hawaiian Homes Commission, Meetings, Information for Lessees, Information for Applicants, Broadband, and NAHASDA.

Selection Process

How are applicants selected?

Proposed Process

1. Interested applicants will complete an application form
2. DHHL staff will internally review applications utilizing the guidelines decided upon in beneficiary consultation
3. The selected potential representative will be recommended to the HHC
4. The HHC will select the Board Member to represent DHHL and the HHC

Discussion

Open Discussion/Questions/Comments

- Please raise your virtual hand
- Unmute when called upon
- What your name is, where you are from
- **What minimum qualifications should a nominee have?
Ideal qualifications?**
- **How frequent should check-ins be with the selected Board Member?**
- **How should beneficiaries be notified of an upcoming vacancy?**
- **What could the selection process look like?**

Next Steps

Your Mana`o

- Please send in your comments within the next 30 days to **DHHL.planning@hawaii.gov**
 - By November 27, 2024
- Beneficiary Consultation Report - December HHC

Next Steps

Action	Timeline
Acceptance of BC Report, approval of Selection Procedure, & Notification of Vacancy	December 16&17, 2024
Application deadline	January 6, 2025
Reviewal of applications	January 6-13, 2025
Submittal to the HHC recommending approval of selected representative	January 20&21, 2025
Notification to Maui County	January 21, 2025
Maui County Council confirmation process begins	?