

From: [Hapa One](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM D-4
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 2:24:28 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Anna Koga Galatolo and I STRONGLY OPPOSE the recommendation in agenda item D-4.

The proposed long-term disposition in this agenda item is premature and threatens to only create more conflict and uncertainty over Maui's valuable water resources. The proposal would authorize more water to be diverted than would be available after the Water Commission's amended interim instream flow standards are implemented; ignores the still-unfulfilled need to implement these flow standards, which are critical to stopping the ongoing harm being inflicted on East Maui's streams, watersheds, and estuaries; turns a blind eye to the significant and ongoing waste of public trust water, including from leaky unlined reservoirs; and fails to give the 'Aha Wai o Maui Hikina a fair chance at negotiating for the disposition of Maui Hikina's streams, before launching a contested case hearing over a potential water license to a real estate investment trust and Canadian pension fund with no duty to uphold the public trust or the public's interests in their control over Maui's water resources.

Water is a sacred resource. Please uphold the public trust and the interests of the people of Maui and DO NOT allow this Agenda item D-4 recommendation to move forward. This would allow private corporate entities to continue to flaunt the public trust and state water code - including the Water Commission's still-outstanding orders - while wasting potentially millions of gallons of water per day with no consequence, and is not acceptable.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully,

Anna Koga Galatolo

From: [Bianca Isaki](#)
To: [Saraswati, Henny](#); [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony re Item D-4, Board of Land Natural Resources Meeting on 11-8-2024
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 11:54:12 AM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
My name is Bianca Isaki and I strongly OPPOSE the recommendation in
agenda item D-4.

The proposed long-term disposition in this agenda item is premature
and threatens to only create more conflict and uncertainty over Maui's
water resources. The proposal would authorize more water to be
diverted than would be available after the Water Commission's amended
interim instream flow standards are implemented; ignores the
still-unfulfilled need to implement these flow standards, which are
critical to stopping the ongoing harm being inflicted on East Maui's
streams, watersheds, and estuaries; turns a blind eye to the
significant and ongoing waste of public trust water, including from
leaky unlined reservoirs; and fails to give the 'Aha Wai o Maui Hikina
a fair chance at negotiating for the disposition of Maui Hikina's
streams, before launching a contested case hearing over a potential
water license to a real estate investment trust and Canadian pension
fund with no duty to uphold the public trust or the public's interests
in their control over Maui's water resources.

Please do not allow this recommendation to move forward, which would
allow private corporate entities to continue to flaunt the public
trust and state water code - including the Water Commission's
still-outstanding orders - while wasting potentially millions of
gallons of water per day with no consequence.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.
Sincerely,
Bianca Isaki

On Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 3:13 PM Saraswati, Henny
<henny.saraswati@hawaii.gov> wrote:

>
> Aloha,
>
>
>
> Please see the attached agenda for the Board of Land and Natural Resources November 8, 2024, meeting.
>
>
>
>
> Mahalo,
>
>
>
> Land Board Secretary
>
> Board of Land Natural Resources
>

> Email: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

>

>

--

Bianca Isaki, Ph.D., Esq.

KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance

808.927.5606

From: [Hideki Kimukai](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-4
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 11:48:24 AM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Hideki Kimukai and I strongly OPPOSE the recommendation in agenda item D-4.

The proposed long-term disposition in this agenda item is premature and threatens to only create more conflict and uncertainty over Maui's water resources. The proposal would authorize more water to be diverted than would be available after the Water Commission's amended interim instream flow standards are implemented; ignores the still-unfulfilled need to implement these flow standards, which are critical to stopping the ongoing harm being inflicted on East Maui's streams, watersheds, and estuaries; turns a blind eye to the significant and ongoing waste of public trust water, including from leaky unlined reservoirs; and fails to give the 'Aha Wai o Maui Hikina a fair chance at negotiating for the disposition of Maui Hikina's streams, before launching a contested case hearing over a potential water license to a real estate investment trust and Canadian pension fund with no duty to uphold the public trust or the public's interests in their control over Maui's water resources.

Please do not allow this recommendation to move forward, which would allow private corporate entities to continue to flaunt the public trust and state water code - including the Water Commission's still-outstanding orders - while wasting potentially millions of gallons of water per day with no consequence.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

Hideki Kimukai

--
Best regards,

Hideki Kimukai (来迎秀紀)
Global Educator/國際講師
[Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii](#)

3160 Waialae Ave Suite 120
Honolulu HI 96816

Tel: +1 (321) 750-3907

Follow us: [IG](#) // [FB\(日本語\)](#) // [TikTok](#) // [YouTube](#)



From: [s.m. lawson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Green, Josh B](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony OPPOSITION to D-4
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 2:26:01 PM

Aloha,

In September of this year, the people of Maui and from across Hawai'i came together to stand up against an ill-informed proposal, to award over 85 million gallons of East Maui's water per day, for 30 years, to a real estate investment trust (Alexander & Baldwin) and Canadian pension fund (Mahi Pono).

While our efforts succeeded in getting Board of Land and Natural Resources Chair Dawn Chang to withdraw the September proposal, a new and similarly problematic agenda item has now been submitted for the BLNR's consideration this Friday, November 8.

We need your help to defend Maui's water, and Maui's future, by urging the Board of Land and Natural Resources to reject this new proposal.

Notably, this proposal would allocate more water than would be available after the implementation of the updated interim instream flow standards ordered by the Water Commission; fails to incentivize the implementation of these flow standards or stop significant and ongoing water waste; and fails to require that the DLNR first negotiate with the 'Aha Wai o Maui Hikina, otherwise known as the East Maui County Water Authority, to take on the East Maui water system before contemplating the issuance of a license to private corporate entities; among other concerns.

Please take a moment to submit testimony in OPPOSITION to item D-4 on Friday's BLNR agenda. Testimony instructions and sample testimony are below.

Testimony instructions:

Submit written email to: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov by Thursday, November 7, 9am

*If you intent to provide virtual verbal testimony, include your request to testify via Zoom in your email with your written testimony

Subject line: Testimony in opposition to agenda item D-4

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is S M Lawson and I strongly OPPOSE the recommendation in agenda item D-4.

Even though A & B's commitment to Mahi Pono included a water guarantee and a penalty of several tens of thousands of dollars if A & B reneges on that promise, it is NOT the public trust's responsibility to withhold a PRIVATE corporation's obligation or contractual agreement. Given the recent fire in Lahaina, the public trust and interest should take precedence over private interest. The Office of the Governor and the DNLR should be shamed into representing the constituents interests, not business interests.

The proposed long-term disposition in this agenda item is premature and threatens to only create more conflict and uncertainty over Maui's water resources. The proposal would authorize more water to be diverted than would be available after the Water Commission's amended interim instream flow standards are implemented; ignores the still-unfulfilled need to implement these flow standards, which are critical to stopping the ongoing harm being inflicted on East Maui's streams, watersheds, and estuaries; turns a blind eye to the significant and ongoing waste of public trust water, including from leaky unlined reservoirs; and fails to give the 'Aha Wai o Maui Hikina a fair chance at negotiating for the disposition of Maui Hikina's streams, before launching a contested case hearing over a potential water license to a real estate investment trust and Canadian pension fund with no duty to uphold the public trust or the public's interests in their control over Maui's water resources.

Please do not allow this recommendation to move forward, which would allow private corporate entities to continue to flaunt the public trust and state water code - including the Water Commission's still-outstanding orders - while wasting potentially millions of gallons of water per day with no consequence.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

S M Lawson