

From: [Leila Morrison](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: agenda item D-9
Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024 5:32:09 PM

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

My name is Leila Morrison and I am a resident of Makawao, Maui.

The proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit EXCEEDS what BOTH the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed continues to perpetuate waste and take much needed water from native stream and coastal ecosystems and downstream users, including farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

Further, water usage data clearly show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs every day. Millions of gallons of water that should have remained in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries will be lost every day to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to persist while continuing to take water from East Maui streams is unacceptable, especially as we face ongoing drought conditions and the impacts of climate destabilization.

As a woman of Hawai'i who cares deeply for this place and about its future including its ability to sustain future generations of Hawaiians and kama'āina, I urge the Board to take the following actions:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Leila Morrison

From: [Colleen OShea Wallace](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Water on Maui
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I urge the Board to take the following actions: Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed. Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely and With Aloha From,

Colleen O'Shea Wallace, B.S., M.P.H., C.F.L.E.