

## WIT.Committee

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**Subject:** Testimony for 9/11/2020 Council meeting: WUDP process needs to include Ha'iku

Dear Maui Council Members,

Regarding the WUDP Process:

We are asking for you to:

- 1) Defer approval of the Maui Water Use and Development Plan (WUDP) at their 9/11/2020 meeting
- 2) Require the County Water Department to attend a Pa'ia-Ha'ikū Town Hall to
  - answer the community's questions,
  - tell the community what is being proposed and
  - hear the community's mana'o

### Why is this important?

Ha'ikū residents need water justice.

- Ha'ikū streams have been diverted for 100 years by the plantations. The WUDP proposes NO restriction of flows.
- Ha'ikū has over 400 properties waiting for water meters. WUDP is not clear on where it will get water for Ha'ikū
- The WUDP says 5 million gal/day MORE water is needed for Central/South Maui. The only place it discusses getting that water is the Ha'ikū aquifer.
- The Water Department started having public meetings on WUDP in 2016. Not one has been specifically done for Ha'ikū / Pa'ia residents.
- Almost no one in Ha'ikū / Pa'ia has heard of the Water Use Plan or knows that it says 10 or more wells in Haiku would be the preferred option for 5 million gallons/day of water to take to other places.
- Ha'ikū has farms, homes and cultural water users who need to have their needs met too.

The WUDP process is not complete until Ha'ikū folks have a chance to be informed and to be heard. That conversation needs to happen first and it should have been done a long time ago.

Thank you for your engagement in this important issue, with huge ramifications for the future of water usage and distribution on Maui!

Mahalo,

Theresa Kapaku

Concerned Voter

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