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Good day and aloha

My husband and I are residents of Haiku and also own the Aloha Aina Center cannery building in the town center.

We have read with alarm that the county council will be voting on a plan to drill up to 8 new wells in Haiku and pipe that water away from our community downcountry. The last few summers have been quite dry upcountry and we are a community that relies upon surface water. We have water restrictions every summer now. There has also been an influx of new residents in our town and area. Several new housing developments have come online in the past 3 years, increasing the number of residents in Haiku. Our capacity is already strained just to meet the current needs.

My concerns are:

What provisions are being made to increase storage capacity or drilled capacity now for the Haiku community to prepare for dryer summer seasons?

What studies have been done on the aquifer in our area to assure that the capacity is there to remove large quantities of water without negatively affecting wells in our area?

What is the long term plan to provide water for upcountry houses, farms and businesses?

A meeting with the water board and the residents to ask questions and get answers before the council votes on this matter would be a good start. The citizens of our town deserve to be part of the planning that affect a resource as vital as water.

Mahalo,
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