

PEA Committee

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To: PEA Committee
Subject: Support Letter for CFD (PEA-93)
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I have attached a Word file containing my statement of support for PEA-93. I will be unable to attend the Council meeting tomorrow.

Please let me know if there are any problems with this document or questions.

Mahalo,
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To: Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee of the County of Maui
The Honorable Councilmembers Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair, Stacy Crivello, Vice-Chair, Alikea Atay,
Robert Carroll, Elle Cochran, Don S. Guzman, Riki Hokama, Kelly T. King, Mike White, Members,

Subject: CFD (PEA-93)

I, Tom Royer, am a resident and member of the Board of Directors of Lauhoa Condominium in Ma'alaea. As Treasurer, I have been working over the past 6 years on the replacement of our aging injection well Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), which is more than 40 years old. This has involved obtaining a design for a new system, getting it approved by the Hawaii Department of Health and County of Maui, obtaining a bank loan approval for \$700,000 and obtaining bids for this replacement. In August we finally completed this process, and we were going to award a contract to the winning company, if our membership would approve an increased loan of \$1,000,000 to cover the minimum bid. We were planning to break ground for the new WWTP on November 1, 2018. However, the prospect of this cost, the recent court decision against Maui County regarding the use of injection wells, and the concept of using old technology and methods for our sewage treatment for the next forty or so years, made us enthusiastic about joining with Hono Kai Condominium and Maui Ocean Center to develop a regional WWTP for Ma'alaea.

As an oceanographer, I have carried out research in the North Pacific from Alaska to Hawaii for more than 48 years. Prior to moving here in 2009, I enjoyed my times on Maui beginning in 1984. I introduced my daughters to snorkeling on the Ma'alaea reef. We remember how vibrant and alive the reef was in the 1980's and a very popular diving location. We would like to see it come back from its present dead condition. We need to remove the stresses on this reef and make it a healthy ecosystem again. A regional WWTP would help achieve this goal.

Lauhoa and Hono Kai condominiums along with Maui Ocean Center and Ma'alaea Harbor Shops, are awaiting a proposal for a study to determine the feasibility and possible type of a regional WWTP for Ma'alaea. The price tag of \$1 million for each condominium's system is exorbitant. A Community Facilities District (CFD) would assist all ten condominiums on Hauoli St. and Ma'alaea Harbor Shops and Maui Ocean Center to initiate the process should the feasibility report reach a favorable conclusion.

It is our understanding that all other counties in Hawaii have legislation enabling the creation of a CFD. The formation of a CFD would greatly help the process of establishing a regional WWTP for Ma'alaea. I thank Councilmember Sugimura for bringing this matter to the Council.

Please approve this bill and provide communities such as Ma'alaea the opportunity to meet their combined needs for the benefit of the community and the county as a whole. Mahalo.

Sincerely

Tom Royer