

PC Committee

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Traci,

Attached are our comments to Section 11.5 of the proposed West End Policy Statement, of the Molokai Community Plan.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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COMMENTS ON SECTION 11.5 OF WEST END POLICY STATEMENT

Water

The proposed paragraph is subjective and biased, and should not be included in the policy statement.

At the request of the County, potable water is supplied to the West End by two PUC companies, Molokai Public Utilities (MPU) and Wai'ola O' Molokai (WOM). The "long history of questionable compliance" appears to be the author's opinion. The quality of water provided by utility companies is regulated by the DOH. Regular water quality testing is already being performed, and water quality requirements are met.

The water project is scheduled to be completed in June 2018, and Molokai Ranch's use of the MIS will cease by the time a West End Policy Statement is approved.

MPU and WOM disagree with the implication that they have failed to provide safe drinking water to their west end customers. As regards to water rates, it should be noted that the rates have been approved by the PUC.

Roads

Molokai Ranch repairs its roads as needed and to the extent permitted by its resources.

Molokai Ranch understands that when Kaluakoi and the Ranchlands were developed by the original subdivision developer, Kaluakoi Corporation, rights of way were designed and surveyed and platted and recorded all with Maui County approval. Water drainage systems including culverting and erosion control areas were designed and installed in accord with County requirements. The platted RoWs include public utility easements with assets owned by MECO, Hawaiian Tel, Spectrum and the Water District. These public utilities provide essential health and safety and community services to the residents of West Molokai.

The existing roads in Kaluakoi and the Ranchlands are in platted rights of ways. These roads are the means for delivery of Maui County Government services, including emergency responders, tsunami evacuation routes and MEO transportation.

There are additional platted and recorded rights of ways including 4wd roads to Hale O' Lono and the Kaluakoi rights of ways which permit public access to remote beach sites. These platted 4wd roads should be in the public domain.

The use of the roads for Maui County Government services and public access to remote beach sites is a compelling rationale for the dedication of the roads to the County of Maui.

Issue 3: How have they determined the water is unsafe?

Issue 4: Which roads are being referred to in this statement? All roads including the County owned and maintained roads? Molokai Ranch repairs its roads as needed and to the extent permitted by its resources.

Policies (1): Who is being required to develop a new water source? MPU has well 17, that is capable of supplying enough water to serve all of the current MPU and WOM customers on the West End. The DWS would be more financially capable of developing a new water source and making improvements to their distribution system.

11.5.03: Where is the proposed location of the emergency road? Will the County of Maui be responsible for creating, constructing and funding the construction cost, and take over such road?

11.5.05: MPL has been partnering with the WMA for some time to try and make this happen. Discussions are on-going with the County of Maui.

11.5.06: Testing should follow the requirements of the DOH. If testing is at a residential faucet, which we understand belongs to the homeowner, Molokai Ranch need not be a partner.