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May 18, 2017

Mr. Jeffrey Pearson, Deputy Director  
Commission on Water Resource Management  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Mr. Pearson:

**SUBJECT: AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS (CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES) (INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF MAKILA KAI; LAHAINA) (LU-2(1))**

At its meeting of May 17, 2017, the Maui County Council's Land Use Committee considered an application for development of the proposed Makila Kai LLC Project in Launiupoko, Maui, Hawaii, pursuant to Section 201H-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

According to the developer, the water source for this project will be from the Launiupoko Water Co., Inc. ("LWC"), a private water utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. The Makila Kai Project overlies the Launiupoko Aquifer, according to the County of Maui Department of Water Supply.

Tom Nance, Water Resource Engineer for the developer, noted there are three wells that serve the LWC with a potential of 1.4 million gallons per day and an average daily flow of 350,000 gallons per day.

To assist the Land Use Committee with its deliberations, may I respectfully request that you respond to the following:

1. Identify each well the LWC draws from and confirm the pumpage capacity of each. What capacity can be drawn without negatively impacting the salinity level of each well?

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2. What is the draw rate for these wells?
3. When considering a draw rate for a specific project, to what extent is future development in the area taken into account?
4. The developer states that Kaua`ula Stream and Launiupoko Stream are the nearest to the project, and are “part of the Launiupoko aquifer.” To what extent, if at all, does the LWC draw from nearby surface water streams?
5. The developer estimates that the daily water demand for the Makila Kai project is expected to average 98,000 gallons per day to service the 49 main dwellings. What impact will the project have on the Launiupoko Aquifer?
6. The developer also indicated an intention to drill a well for non-potable water usage for the project. Will the drilling of a well for non-potable water uses for the project impact or compromise the Launiupoko Aquifer? Please explain.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. May I also request that you submit your written response by May 26, 2017. I apologize for the short notice, but Section 201H-38, HRS, requires the Council to “approve, approve with modification, or disapprove the project by resolution within forty-five days after the applicant has submitted preliminary plans.”

To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Gary Saldana at (808) 270-7137, or Clarita Balala at (808) 270-7668).

Sincerely,



ROBERT CARROLL, Chair  
Land Use Committee

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cc: Tom Schnell, PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc.