

# Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation AND Environmental, Agricultural, and Cultural Preservation on 2020-11-16 1:30 PM - End time: 4:13 p.m.

Meeting Time: 11-16-20 13:30

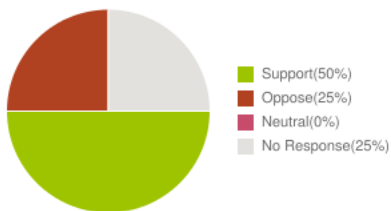
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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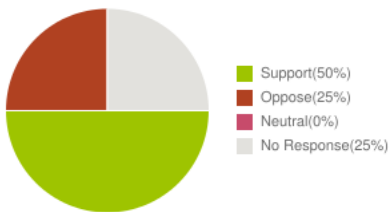
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	1	1	0	0
WIT-25 CC 19-162 MAUI ISLAND WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (WIT-25)	2	1	1	0
EACP-57 MISC WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MAUI (EACP-57)	1	0	0	0

## Sentiments for All Agenda Items

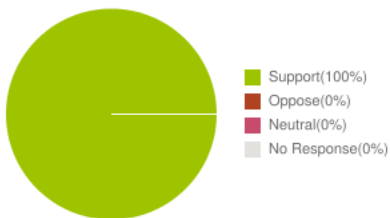
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### Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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## Megan Powers

Location:

Submitted At: 9:12am 11-16-20

Aloha,

As a 50 year East Maui resident with close ties to the flowing waters in many of the streams (for both recreation, Ag and residential use) I am very concerned for the health of the East Maui watershed and the impact the WUDP will have on the watershed.

Here are a few of my top concerns and recommendations for solutions to the many demands on the East Maui watershed.

As we know, there needs to be equity in the distribution of the water making sure the East Maui Residents and

Native Hawaiians have their needs met before water is taken away. There needs to be increases in water use efficiency, increased storage, decreased waste and revitalization of the living balance of the watershed so as to promote water collection and absorption.

I want to make sure that the Plan has strong and enforceable requirements for the maintenance of life sustaining in-stream flow in all the East Maui and Haiku streams. With the increased stream flows due to decreased diversions since the closure of HC&S, East Maui residents have witnessed many streams begin to recover after 100+ years of torture. That return to Life and Balance in the streams is absolutely necessary for the East Maui water shed to function, to collect water and to recharge its aquifers. The fisheries are beginning to revive, the stream life is beginning to return, and cultural practices may soon be viable again. Please make sure that the WUDP strongly protects (with enforcement features) the restoration of the East Maui Watershed.

I believe that the water diversion ditches should become publicly owned and managed for the highest use of all stakeholders, and that the residents and farmers and Native Hawaiians of the East Maui watershed should have their water needs met first before water is taken away from the watershed.

As climate change creates more weather extremes (extended droughts & massive rain events) it is clear that increased water storage in the form of reservoirs both lined and unlined (for ground water recharge) is necessary and needs to be included in the "Development" part of the plan. Increasing the amount of reservoirs for storing Ag water just makes good sense. It is a shame that hotels water their landscapes with potable water! Also, the central valley needs to have its hillsides shaped into Swales that collect water and direct it into the ground. This will create a beautiful landscape, increase the water recharge of the central valley aquifers as well as protect the reefs from run-off. This needs to be required and could be subsidized by the County or State to Maui Pono as part of the WUDP so as to increase the water available in the central valley wells to everyone, thereby reducing the demand on the East maui watershed during times of drought.

Regarding Mahi Pono. They purchased land that had been used and abused for nearly a century. The only things that were added were ground-water polluting ag fertilizers and pesticides. The soil food web and structure has been totally destroyed, drastically reducing the soil's ability to hold water. With dead soil, Maui Pono's water usage is extremely higher than if their soil was healthy and thriving. There needs to be requirements upon Maui Pono to rebuild the health and water retaining capacity of their soils so as to reduce their water consumption, making available more water for other uses. The NRCS could work with Maui Pono to accomplish that goal, and in so doing benefit the whole island with regard to water use and development.

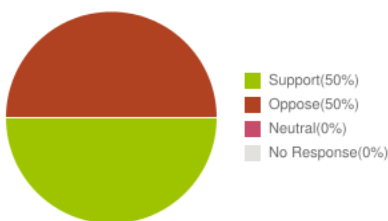
Thank you for hearing my testimony.

Sincerely,

Megan Loomis Powers

Agenda Item: eComments for WIT-25 CC 19-162 MAUI ISLAND WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (WIT-25)

Overall Sentiment



Scott Werden

Location:  
Submitted At: 11:34am 11-16-20

I would like to see more public engagement on the water plan, so please allow the committees more time to do that rather than sending this bill back to the full County Council before further public commentary can take place.  
Mahalo, Scott Werden, Haiku

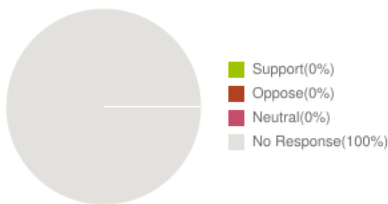
### **Megan Powers**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:20am 11-16-20

Please note in my previous comment that Spell Check changed "Mahi Pono" to "Maui Pono" at the last moment before submitting my comment. It was correct upon my last proof read, but got changed upon submission.

#### Agenda Item: eComments for EACP-57 MISC WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MAUI (EACP-57)

#### Overall Sentiment



### **Megan Powers**

Location:  
Submitted At: 11:03am 11-16-20

Aloha,

I do not support concluding this process by Dec. 2020.

I support Shane Sinenci's perspective. WE NEED 6 MORE MONTHS.

This Plan, now that it is updated with the new data, needs to go back to the Kanaka (the ones that are most directly affected by the WUDP) and get their input and support. We need 6 more months to make this happen and for it to be Pono.

The fact that the Haiku and East Maui community, who is most effected by the end results of the WUDP as it relates to East Maui, were not included in the first many years of discussion, is the reason for this delay.

It was an intentional oversight not to include us because the folks developing this plan did not want to have to deal with the well informed and passionate folks of Haiku and East Maui regarding the plan.... but they could not get around it since the water that is at stake here is primarily from East Maui.

This plan needs to go back to committee and the Kanaka of East Maui need to have a chance to contribute their input, now that the updated scientific data is included in the plan.

Thank you very much.

Megan Loomis Powers  
Huelo/Haiku