



EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD

APPLICATION FORM

Maui County Council

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Name: Gaggero Quintana Mario Raul
(Last) (First) (Middle Name)

City of Residence: Kihei

Employer & Position: self employed- Flower and seed farm in Kula

Business

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Why are you interested in serving on this board?

I have been involved in farming in Maui since 2006. I am very interested in sharing my views from a farmer perspective. We all need water to prosper,
but we need to be respectful of the environment and keep creating opportunities for farming in Maui for all type of farmers.

Please respond to at least one of the following four prompts. If you are unable to respond to any of the following four prompts, you do not qualify for this board.

The East Maui Regional Community Board is concerned with the Nāhiku, Ke'anae, Honomanū, and Huelo license areas. Are you interested in representing any of these license areas? If so, please check the box next to the license area or areas you are interested in representing and describe why you are qualified to represent those areas.

☐ Nāhiku ☐ Ke'anae ☐ Honomanū ☐ Huelo

If you expressed an interest in representing any of the license areas, please describe your experience and knowledge in water resource management and watershed restoration, both generally as well as in the selected area or areas.

Attached to this application is a map of the Upcountry Water System Service Area. Are you actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loco i'a in this area? If so, please provide a description of the operation and an explanation of your role in the operation. Please also describe your general experience and knowledge in water resource management.

I am currently farming in the Kula Ag Park- I have a flower, cover crop and seed business. I have been farming since
I graduated from high school. I started my career as a rice breeder, helping develop better lines of rice that can produce more grain with less water.

I moved to Maui to work in agriculture, after many years working for corn seed company, in 2018 I started my own farming business.
I irrigate 100% of my crops, water is live, without water there is no crops, no soil health. Water is also one of the biggest crop inputs in term of cost.

To be successful at farming we need to save as much water as we can, regulating our water consumption is not only important to crop health but also to our economic viability.

I am passionate about conserving water also using it the right way to assure there a future in farming in our island of Maui.
We need to strike a balance of water usage that is fair for all of us, farmers, ranchers and public in general.

Referring to the same map of the Upcountry Water System Service Area, if you reside in this area, please describe your general experience and knowledge in water resource management.

Employment History:

From	To	Employer & Position
2003	2006	University of Minnesota
2006	2018	Monsanto Company
2018	present	Owner of Hawaii seed pro- flower, seed production

Community and Professional Organizations/Activities:

Board member Kilohana Waena Community Association 2015-2019

Member of Maui County Farm Bureau (MCFB)

Board member MCFB 2019-2021

Previous County Experience (employment or board member):

Maui County Kula Ag Park Committee member

Educational Background:

Agronomy degree, Master of Science in Plant breeding

Please review Maui County Code, Section 2.41.090 for rules on board attendance. If selected, please state your commitment and availability to attend all regularly scheduled board meetings and at least two public meetings per year.

I am committing to attend to the meetings

Consent to be Nominated and Certification of Truthfulness and Accuracy of Information:

I declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: *Mario Gaggero-Quintana*

Board appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maui County Council. Board terms range from two years to five years. Upon applying, the information contained on this form will be provided to the public upon request.

Please **email** your completed application to WASSP.Committee@mauicounty.us with a reference to the **East Maui Regional Community Board**. You may also **hand-deliver** your application to the Office of Council Services, 200 South High Street, #703, Wailuku, Hawai'i. **Your application must be received by the Office of Council Services or via email by 4:30 p.m., June 6, 2023, for you to be considered for appointment to the East Maui Regional Community Board.** For further information, call WASSP Committee staff at (808) 270-7761 or (808) 270-7143.

Applications submitted on or prior to April 28, 2023 are still valid. **Any applicant who submitted an application after April 28, 2023, must submit this new application by 4:30 p.m., June 6, 2023 to be considered.**