



**EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD**  
**APPLICATION FORM**  
**Maui County Council**

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Hueu, Alicia, Napua

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) Wahinepee, East Maui (First) (Middle Name)

City of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
East Maui Farm, Farm Manager / Maui Mobile Oil Change Reservations Manager

Employer & Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Business 808-495-6621 alicianapua@gmail.com

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in serving on this board?  
answer attached

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**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  
answer attached

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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.  
answer attached

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Attached to this application is a map of the Upcountry Water System Service Area. Are you actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko 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.  
answer attached

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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
		answers attached

Community and Professional Organizations/Activities: answers attached

Previous County Experience (employment or board member): n/a

Educational Background: answers attached

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 committed and available.

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:  03/29/2023

Board appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maui County Council. Board terms range from two years to five years. If you are selected as a nominee, the information contained on this form will be provided to the public upon request.

Please email your completed application to [WASSP.Committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:WASSP.Committee@mauicounty.us) by April 28, 2023, with a reference to **East Maui Regional Community Board**. You may also mail your application to Office of Council Services, 200 South High Street, #703, Wailuku, HI 96793; drop your application in a drop box located outside the entrance to the Office of Council Services' office; fax your application to (808) 270-7686; or hand deliver to any Council residency area office during normal hours of operation. For further information, call WASSP Committee staff at (808) 270-7761 or (808) 270-7143.

**Application Submission for East Maui Community Water Authority Board of Directors**  
Hueu, A. N. ([alicianapua@gmail.com](mailto:alicianapua@gmail.com)) 10301 Hana Highway, Wahinepee HI 96708

**Please indicate experience in water resource management and watershed restoration, and include the name of the watershed area:**

My family are generational taro farmers of the Keanae / Wailuanui area where I had the profound experience of being raised in a truly subsistence lifestyle community which was reliant on Mauka (Upland) to Makai (Ocean) streamflow for day to day survival. Our reliance on the resources from the pigs to the taro to the fish created an obligation to be highly observant of the ecological interconnectivity each has to the other. I was privileged to grow up in the presence of my great-grandfather James Keolaokalani Hueu Jr. who was a skilled kalo farmer and manaleo that helped to preserve Hawaiian knowledge related to taro farming for lahui benefit. I spent my lifetime assisting my grandfather and father with the maintenance of our family taro farm which not only fed our family and community but was also grown for commercial export. After returning from college I spent years in Keanae, laboring for neighboring kalo farmers and taking our combined harvests to the broader island residency through farmers markets and roadside sale of poi. Due to dwindling shares of farmland in Keanae, I transitioned in January of 2019 to farming on ancestral kuleana lands in the valley of Honomanu which had been agricultural dormant for over 60 years. Returning to taro farming here required removal of a large mass of hau and invasive species including cane grass and African tulips trees. The volunteers that came forward to assist me helped to do extensive surveys of Honomanu valley so we could understand the stream water availability and how to most optimally navigate the flow of water to help determine appropriate 'auwai placement. Although we have a few photos of the valley when it was still agriculturally optimized, rebuilding the 'auwai systems and lo'i was nonetheless a puzzle. I used photos, kuleana parcel maps and mahele land commission testimonies to guide our volunteer body's work which was largely led by my generational intuition to ensure things like grade were accounted for in order to attain the best gravitational flow of water possible. Factoring in the predicament of erosion and sea level rise has also been at the forefront of my work at Honomanu ahupua'a where we plant native trees strategically for resiliency purposes in preparation for the effects of climate change. Honomanu stream is bone dry for the majority of the year and we rely primarily on the water availability of Punalau (Kolea) stream to irrigate our taro patches. To date, the community volunteers that I oversee have helped me to restore six wetland taro patches and five dry land taro patches. We have also planted a significant amount of bananas, papayas, tropical fruit trees, sugar cane and medicinal plants like ginger and turmeric. In the midst of our restoration work and before he retired, Skippy Hau did report spontaneous recovery of 'aka'akai and neke fern as a result of our efforts. We have seen a rise in native Hawaiian bird species in the area including the Koloa duck and 'Auku'u. Our work over the last four years has shown ecological benefit by cleaning the muliwai and optimizing conditions for various native Hawaiian plants, animals, aquaculture and ocean species to thrive.

**Please indicate why you are interested in serving and what skills you have to contribute.**

I have first-hand experience of the Mauka to Makai stream geography from Wailua Nui to Wahinepee which includes knowledge of the water resources within the Keanae and Honomanu lease areas. I have spent many days traversing the Waikamoi Forest Preserve and observing the shorelines across the Koolau moku to understand the intricacies of stream flow mechanics. I am a fluent speaker of the Hawaiian language and can help interpret and cross reference historical information relating to the subject at hand. The challenge of farming amidst conditions of water scarcity and having to alter our irrigation ways to supplement for the conditions inflicted upon us by the water diversion system has provided me with modern day experience in recovering the aboriginal agricultural infrastructure that lay dormant in many of the valleys throughout East Maui which are significant potential local food sources for the island. I am tied into the social network across East Maui having lineage from multiple moku and relationships with prominent members of the Maui Hikina community. Additionally, I have an advanced administrative skillset that can be contributory to the work involved. I feel that I would be beneficial to many aspects of the water resource management kuleana of the East Maui Community Water Authority Board.

**For those applying for the board seat that requires active involvement in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i'a in the water service area, please provide the address and a description of the ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i'a operation and you're your role:**

I grew up on a cattle ranch in Keanae and spent a significant portion of my life assisting my grandfather with his herd of free ranging cattle in the area. Additionally, my grandfather on my mother's side spent a large portion of his life assisting with rotational grazing operations in Kipahulu. I harnessed this cattle ranching experience in January of 2019 as a means to helping restore taro patches at Honomanu. I purchase a female cow from my grandmother in Keanae to assist us with taking down the expansive cane grass in the Honomanu area. We tended this cow down at Honomanu for six months before she returned to her herd in Keanae. She helped clear the area for our first 'auwai and series of taro patches that were later installed. I am well versed on the carbon sequestering benefits and general assistance that the management of cattle can play in the aspect of land maintenance and watershed restoration. I have extensive taro farming experience growing up in a taro farming family and community. I have served as a farming assistant and apprentice under many conventional and organic taro farmers in East Maui. I consider my experience of reopening taro patches that had been completely overridden by invasive species to be important to the work of stream water restoration and local food security improvement. In my taro patch restoration work I have subsequently been monitoring aquaculture populations in the vicinity. My experience in harnessing digital technology to measure the pre-existing conditions and improvements to aquaculture are relevant to tracking the objective of ecological and habitat improvement. A few of the taro patches we have restored seem to have been loko ia loi (fishpond taro patches) and therefore I have been adamantly researching the specifics of this type of taro patch and mapping out the plan for fishpond restoration to enable the construction and conditions for this type of taro patch to function properly. We have uncovered a portion of the preexisting fishpond structure and are actively excavating and restoring this structure.

**Employment History:**

Hueu Taro Farm, 13705 Hana Highway Keanae, HI 96708: Farm Laborer, 2005-2008  
Aunty Sandy's Banana Bread Fruit Stand, 210 Keanae Rd Keanae, HI 96708: Baker, 2008-2012  
The R2H, Audio Guide, PO Box 330309, Kahului, HI 96733: Community Relations 2011-2012  
Platinum Tours, Po Box 1146 Lower Main St. Wailuku, HI 96793: Operations Manager 2014-2020  
Honomanu Ahupuaa Restoration Project, Po Box 81511 Haiku, HI 96708: Farm Manager 2019 - Present  
Maui Mobile Oil Change, Po Box 1391 Puunene, HI 96784: Reservations Manager 2021-Present

**Political Affiliation if any:** None

**Current or previous community and professional organizations and activities:**

Na Moku Aupuni o Koolau Hui, Board member, 2010 - 2012  
Hana Community Association, Board member, 2017 - 2018  
Hana Highway Regulation, Administrator, 2006 - Present  
East Maui Farm (Honomanu Ahupuaa Restoration Project), Board Member 2019- Present

**Previous county experience (employment or board or commission member):** None

**Educational background:**

Punana Leo / Kula Kaiapuni o Maui: Preschool, Kindergarten - 12th grade  
King Kekaulike High School: Graduate, Class of 2005  
University of Hawaii at Hilo: 2006-2007  
University of Pennsylvania: 2007-2008  
University of Hawaii Maui College: 2008-2009

**Are you able to attend board meetings and at least two public meetings a year?** Yes

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