

WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

August 18, 2025

Online Only via Teams

CONVENE: 1:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Tom Cook, Chair
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member

STAFF: Keone Hurdle, Legislative Analyst
Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst
Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney
Lori Ann Tengan, Committee Secretary
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk
Ryan Martins, Council Ambassador

Residency Area Office:

Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, East Maui Residency Area Office
Buddy Almeida, Council Aide, Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia Residency Area Office

ADMIN.: Caleb Rowe, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel
Eva Blumenstein, Planning Program Administrator, Department of Water Supply

OTHERS: (23) additional attendees

PRESS: *Akakū: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

CHAIR COOK: ...*(gavel)*... Will the Water and Infrastructure Committee of August 18th, 2025, please come to order. The time is now 1:34 p.m. May I ask that all participants please silence any noisemaking equipment. I'm your Chair, Tom Cook. Today...we'll begin today's meeting with a moment of silence and solemn remembrance of Officer Suzanne O of the Maui Police Department, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on Friday, August 15th, 2025, while responding to a threat near the Pā'ia Sugar Mill. Officer O joined MPD in 2020, served in both the Kīhei and Wailuku Patrol Districts, was an active member of the Honor Guard, and frequently volunteered

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for extra duties, even on her days off. She was known for her professionalism, compassion, and dedication to her community and family, and was awarded the Certificate of Merit for her efforts during the August 2023 wildfires. I'd please ask us to observe a moment of silence.

(Pause for moment of silence)

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Members. Members, per the Sunshine Law, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today, exclusive of minors. I would also like the department representatives who have joined online to please also turn on your cameras when it's your turn to speak. Now I'd like to introduce the Committee Members, starting with Committee Vice-Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair. Thank you for that moment of silence, very beautiful. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Councilmember Gabe Johnson let me know he's on the ferry, and he's on his way. Councilmember Tasha Kama is excused. Good afternoon, Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aloha 'auinalā. And thank you for the moment of silence. And aloha to all my colleagues and everyone out there. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Good afternoon, Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha 'auinalā kākou. Streaming live and direct from the historic burn zone of Lahaina. I have with me Christian Balagso, and we're ready to work.

CHAIR COOK: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is excused. Councilmember Shane Sinenci, good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Chair. I'm here.

CHAIR COOK: Oh. I'm going to rewind. Good afternoon, Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha 'auinalā, Chair. E kala mai, my video was off. I'm in a public space, and there are currently no testifiers at the Moloka'i District Office. And mahalo for that moment of silence, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: And good afternoon, Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha 'auinalā, Chair, mai Maui Hikina. I'm here at my home office, I'm here by myself. Also sending our condolences to the 'ohana. And no testifiers, Chair, in Hāna. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Good afternoon, Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins.

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COUNCILMEMBER U‘U HODGINS: Good afternoon, Chair. Good afternoon, everyone. Yes, sending love to MPD today. Thank you for that moment of silence. I’m at my private residence. Currently it’s just me, and now I have say his name, Moko’o U‘u-Hodgins (*phonetic*), because today is his 18th birthday, so he’s now legally an adult, and I have to now name him. Yay. Yay for him, yay for all of us.

CHAIR COOK: Happy birthday.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thanks, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Okay. From the Department of Water Supply, we have Eva Blumenstein from Planning Program Administrator.

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Aloha ‘auinalā, Chair, Members.

CHAIR COOK: And from Corporation Counsel, we have Deputy Corporation Counsel Caleb Rowe.

MR. ROWE: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: From our OCS, our Committee Staff; Keone Hurdle, Jarret Pascual, Lori Ann Tengan, we have Carla Nagata [*sic*], and Jean Pokipala. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. Good afternoon, everyone. We have one item on today’s agenda. WAI-1(4) relates to a discussion on Bill 108 (2025), Relating to an Intergovernmental Agreement With U.S. Geological Survey to Continue the Cooperative Water-Resource Monitoring Program. Members, if there’s no objections, I would like to take testimony after receiving opening comments on WAI-1(4).

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Members. Let’s begin.

**ITEM 1(4): DISCUSSION ON BILL 108 (2025), RELATING TO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S.
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (COOPERATIVE WATER-RESOURCE
MONITORING PROGRAM) WAI-1(4)**

CHAIR COOK: Members, WAI-1(4) relates to a discussion on Bill 108 (2025), Relating to an Intergovernmental Agreement With the GS...U.S. Geological Survey. The Department requests authorization for the Mayor to execute a joint funding agreement with USGS Pacific Islands Water Science Center to continue its cooperative water resource monitoring program from October 1st, 2025, to September 30th, 2026. The total agreement cost is \$321,217, of which 270,558 is to be contributed by the Department of Water Supply, and 50,000...50,659 by USGS. Additional funding is...in this period supports one, adding a precipitations stream gauge at Honomanu’s East Maui; and two, assessing ground water availability in the Launiupoko aquifer system

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in West Maui. On August 12th, 2025, Bill 108 (2020)...Bill 108 (2025) passed first reading, and remains with the Council for consideration of passage on the second and final reading. At this time, Mrs. Blumenstein, would you like to provide any opening comments?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Mahalo, Chair. You covered most of it here. We appreciate it. I did testify at the August 12th meeting, really appreciate that. This was taking action already, that way we can execute the...the contract timely by October 1st, hopefully. And as Chair mentioned, we are...we're adding two deliverables this fiscal year. We assess needs, priorities. We consult with the State Water Commission and the USGS on priorities for whether that's precipitation or rainfall gauges, stream gauges, run water monitoring, et cetera. So, in collaboration with the Water Commission, we've as...we're asking to add the Honomanu stream rain gauge this year. And we have USGS contributing 100 percent of the equipment and installation, which should be...which was in this current Federal fiscal year, so that should be done before the next Federal fiscal year starts. And then, we...the Water Department, we would take on the operation and maintenance for Fiscal Year '26. Then the Water Commission would take on all the operation and maintenance for Fiscal Year '27. After that, we will split it 50/50. That's the idea. And on the deep monitoring well, that is...we're asking for funding for Phase I of this study by USGS. And this is also in collaboration with the Water Commission, where Phase I would be stakeholder outreach and hydrological assessments to determine appropriate site or sites for a monitoring well in Launiupoko aquifer in West Maui, which is needed. And I did mention in my testimony last week, on...on August 12th, that we had intended to execute this Phase I in Fiscal Year 2025, and we couldn't get it executed before the end of the fiscal year. So, this is the same Phase I of the study that we proposed, and we have an intergovernmental agreement passed by ordinance in...in April of this year. Yeah, we have funds for the...our portion in our Fiscal Year '26 budget, so we really appreciate this is moving forward here. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Any comments from Corp. Counsel?

MR. ROWE: No, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Ms. Blumenstein, for your...before we begin discussion, we'd like to see if anyone would like to provide testimony for WAI-1(4).

. . . OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR WAI-1(4) . . .

CHAIR COOK: Staff, is there any testifiers?

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, there's no individual signed up to testify at this time. Would you like me to do a last call?

CHAIR COOK: Please.

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MR. PASCUAL: So, this is the last call for oral testimony. Please come up to the podium or raise your hand on Teams if you would like to testify. The countdown is three...two...one. Seeing none, Chair. No one has indicated that they wish to testify.

CHAIR COOK: Members, seeing there no more...no more individuals wishing to testify, without objections, I will now close oral testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR COOK: As a reminder, written testimony will continue to be accepted into the record.

. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR WAI-1(4) . . .

CHAIR COOK: Members, I am proposing two rounds of three-minute questions per Member. Are there any objections? Thank you. Members, let's begin. Councilmember Chair [*sic*] Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Glad that we're supporting this, it's always urgent when see things related to water. So, appreciate you encouraging first reading at the last Council meeting. So, can you explain, like in layman's term, why this is important, especially this is West Maui-related.

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Yeah. So, the overall program that...are you asking specifically about the deep monitor well or...yeah. So, for the deep monitor well, we do have two proposed exploratory wells in Launiupoko aquifer that we hope can be turned into production wells at some point to meet demand in...in West Maui. And both to have better information about the water-resource and hydrology in the aquifer itself, we need USGS and Water Commission to...to assess and analyze the data from the monitoring well, both in terms of impact between existing wells that are there today. We have models, you know, where we have...where we project where we put wells in different locations of the aquifer, how's that going to impact the aquifer overall, is it going to impact streams, what about the adjacent nearby wells, whatnot. It's really a tool to both site new wells responsibly, and once we have production wells there, to monitor the trends over time. And those are trends of the ground water level. It can change over time, that's both...can be due to production wells that are withdrawing ground...and more groundwater than previous, it can also be due to recharge with changes with rainfall and climate change. So...so, monitoring wells is really needed everywhere, we just have to prioritize locations because it's...it's costly to...to assess the impact on the resource over time.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. So, it's being used for greater studies overall --

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Yeah --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- location?

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MS. BLUMENSTEIN: -- this...this information, I think, I hope will be very useful for the Water Commission as well. Because they're really now, with...after designation of West Maui as well water management area, it's in their...their responsibility to really assess impact on other wells and aquifers as a whole. So, this should be a...and that's why we are collaborating on this effort as well with the Water Commission.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's great. Because, of course, it's...it's challenges to the overall community, but also the housing situation. I hope we find solutions through this. So, thank you. I support this. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Chair Lee, you have questions for the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. Eva, you did mention something about two exploratory wells. Yes. What...right now, I know the final numbers haven't come in, but what's the estimate...estimated capacity of these two wells?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: The two exploratory wells in Launiupoko aquifer, for which the environmental assessment was just published, the...the capacity of the wells and what we...actually, the yield that we anticipate to be able to use this is two different things. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . The one well could have a production capacity of about .7 million gallons a day, but most of that would really be needed to offset what needs to be...what needs to be staying in the Kanaha Stream that we are currently diverting through the Lahaina Treatment Facility. So, there's really not much net yield for one of the wells, it's really just to comply with the in-stream flow standards for Kanaha Stream. The second well, if that pans out, we hope could produce at least...that a yield at least could be .7 or more million gallons a day to meet demand, both for just reconstruction of Lahaina Town and new housing demand as well.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Reconstruction...you mean Lahaina Town doesn't already have existing capacity?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: At the time of the wildfire, we were already in a capacity deficiency. We were just catching up. So, these new well developments are needed, both to just beef up the capacity of what's there, to have enough backup supply, which really just served existing demand. Existing demand is just reconstruction of burned structures. So, one of the wells that could meet new demand would both help meet the reliable capacity, as well as some new demand. But additional wells would be needed to meet future demand in the 20-year forecast.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Those are the ones we're interested in. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Councilmember Paltin, questions for the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Blumenstein. I wanted to clarify the monitor...the deep monitor wells and the exploratory wells are two sets of different wells; is that correct?

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MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Yes, that's correct. What we're asking for in the joint funding agreement here is the well that would not become a production well. It would stay just for monitoring purposes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And there's no way the monitor well could ever become a production well by design?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: I guess theoretically it could, but the intention here is that we need a monitoring well to have a better understanding of the hydraulic conditions in the aquifer. It's not really proposed to ever be transformed into a production well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then, my understanding is the well waters has its own treatment, and so it doesn't need to go to the water treatment facility, but that water in West Maui only goes one direction, which is south. Would this wells...if the exploratory wells in Launiupoko, how would it go north? Or is it meant to serve Launiupoko, or Ukumehame, or what?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: You're asking about the exploratory wells, right? Not the monitoring well now?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Because the monitoring wells aren't going to be used to provide source, right?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Correct. So, the intention is to have a sufficient interconnection between north to south to be able for each subsystem, meaning Lahaina subsystem and Nāpili subsystem, to backup each other. Right now, we really don't have adequate source or the infrastructure there to accomplish that. So, ultimately, the Launiupoko wells, 1 and 2, would primarily meet the need of the Lahaina area, but it should be able to back up the Nāpili subsystem. We have more existing capacity infrastructure and source today on the Nāpili subsystem than in Lahaina.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And I think I read the OEQC about the exploratory wells, and it was maybe a typo. There's no Kahana system, yeah? It was Kanaha in West Maui, or...

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: I'm not sure what the context was, but yeah. We have the...we have the Kanaha stream, and we have the new Kahana well on the Nāpili subsystem that's sitting idle. But there's no Kahana subsystem.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then . . .(timer sounds). . . how...oh. Next round.

CHAIR COOK: Member, there's not...there's hardly any of us here. You can continue.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. I just was wondering about the proximity of the monitoring wells, and the exploratory wells, and the reasoning for the proximity.

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: So, this monitoring well, or wells, have not been sited yet. That's the...the intent for Phase I, to make that determination with stakeholder input. But the proposed

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wells, the existing wells, current stream diversion, et cetera, are factors that I presume U.S. Geological Survey will take into account when...when siting them.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, does it make sense to do the monitoring wells first before the exploratory wells in that case, so that, you know, we...we have better information?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Not necessarily. I mean, you...you gain a lot of information from drilling exploratory wells, and sometimes they don't pan out in all this. So, the risk, you...you may just not know enough of the hydrology or, you know, the yield. There's all these little subcomponents of an aquifer system. But also, drilling one deep monitoring well is really not going to tell you everything, or the optimal sites for...for new well siting. You know, it's just one or many tools. We had a numerical model conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey back in--2012, I think it was published--that was sort of the main tool in giving us guidance that there should be sufficient remaining yield, and, you know, how to space new exploratory wells to...with the best hope that it would be productive production wells at some point.

CHAIR COOK: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Then my last question, I think, is if...if we're siting the wells to provide a sustainable yield, what are we doing to ensure aquifer recharge? Because it's not going to be recharging as it was, you know, in the '70s, when there was like however many thousand, tens of thousands, and now we have...I think it says 150,000 population, not counting tourists. So, what...what are we doing that we're taking more water out to ensure that there's adequate recharge?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Well, I mean, there...there's multiple things here. There's first, developing new wells in...throughout the aquifer is probably a...a better...a better approach than having the current...right now we have the Kanaha wells and the Waipuka wells, and they're closely spaced. We see high chlorides when they pump. So, to like optimize the withdrawals under existing sustainable yield--and by sustainable yield, I mean that yield that the Water Commission has established for an aquifer--you want to distribute pumperage throughout the aquifer. So, that's one way that would help. But to augment or improve recharge, there's...between stream restoration has shown to improve aquifer recharge, but of course, I mean we're still concerned about changes just due to the lack of rainfall, you know, over extended periods of time. And those recharge projections are...I wouldn't say regularly, but they're at least updated by usually the USGSM and the Water Commission through different studies. So, I mean we have to take that into effect. We have...we know what sustainable yield is today, we don't know what it's going to be in 20 years from now, but we don't want to develop wells close to sustainable yield of any aquifer. There...there should be, you know, sufficient buffer, and there should be sufficient investment in improving recharge through watershed protection and restoration, which we take quite seriously, and we appreciate, you know, the Council allocating the funds to...to do that. That is really one way we can help improve recharge, and...both in terms of ground water and streamflow.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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CHAIR COOK: Member Rawlins-Fernandez, questions for the Department? *(pause)* We'll circle back. Councilmember Sinenci, questions for the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair, and mahalo, Ms. Blumenstein. Did you say that there were going to be any wells in East Maui, or just a rain gauge?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: There are no monitoring wells proposed...I mean, no new monitoring wells proposed for East Maui. Yeah, it's the rain gauge by Honomanu Stream in East Maui that we are asking to add this fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. All right. That was my question, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Councilmember U'u-Hodgins, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I really don't have too many questions--thank you, Ms. Blumenstein, for being here--but I will follow up on Member Sinenci's question. When are you guys going to install the rain gauge in Honomanu?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: The funding and deliverable is for...so the...the rain gauge installation equipment is funded by the USGS already, and supposed to be completed before Federal Fiscal Year '26 begins. So, I'm going to say, end of September.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: So, what you're asking for is just the operation and maintenance of the installed gauge.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. That's all for me.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Chair's question. Regarding the rain gauge, is that something that will be like on a public database, or is that something that could...the public could access?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Thank you, Chair. Yes. All the regular stream gauge, rainfall, and monitoring well stations under the USGS contract are live-posted on the USGS website. And you can...so the public can access that, and you can both see historic data. I think they're . . . *(inaudible)*. . . a little bit different, but most of them are up to the prior day at least.

CHAIR COOK: Oh, that's really cool. Thank you. Members, is there a need for a second round? Okay, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Chair. Ms. Blumenstein, the wells that you talked about for operation eventually would be L1 and L3 for Launiupoko?

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MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Exploratory, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, these are just exploratory?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Those are the exploratory wells that we hope can become production wells.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, for these wells, do we need a permit from CWRM?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And where are we with that?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: We have just published the environmental assessment, which was the last piece that is required for a new water use permit application. So, it's ready to go now, literally.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, we were told previously CWRM wasn't issuing new permits, but now they are?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: I don't believe that the Commission is looking at new use permits yet, they are still processing existing use permits. We do not have a time frame of when they will address them.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: I believe I saw Member Paltin's hand up.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. In our last go-around, you mentioned that high chlorides might be a sign of overpumping. Would there be any other reason for high chlorides, or is that like when you see high chlorides its being overpumped...the well?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Well, it can be couple different reasons. I think, not being a hydrologist, that the high chlorides we see in the Kanaha wells in West Maui are directly related to the pump...pump level. They're very closely spaced together, and it's a very quick response from the aquifer, kind of like a...an upconing in that specific area. We don't see that for the other two wells that are really not that far away. So, it may be, you know, like one of these various particular locations of the aquifer. A lot of the wells that are makai in...most aquifers tend to be...have high chlorides just cause they're closer to the shoreline. And in other areas, it could be a long-term trend that you see rising chlorides over time, but you...your...what you're pumping, your withdrawals, is consistent, it doesn't really change, then that could be an indication of just ground water recharge is less because of less rainfall, could be seasonal, or it could be, you know, a longer trend. So, there's different reasons, really, why you see high chlorides sometimes.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then the part where you said that you're working on the capacity so it could go north and south rather than just south, what is the estimated time frame for that to be ready?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: I don't have the answer for that right now.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And are we just...from Launiupoko to Kanaha, or...

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: There is an ongoing project that I'm not really familiar with the details in...through engineering, and with the guidance from the hydraulic model that was completed this...earlier this year. So, the idea...and it doesn't...it's not just transmission line, but it's a number of booster pumps and other infrastructure that needs to be in place to accomplish that, but I...I don't know what the time frame to complete it is.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, just...these monitor wells were going in on partner with the USGS, and we probably...won't get permission to use the Launiupoko wells probably until the same time we can use the Kahana wells. And so, if the Launiupoko wells come online, they're going to be the exploratory ones. Where is that water going to go to? It's going to go to Kanaha...replace Kanaha Stream flow?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: They...so, the two exploratory --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: -- the two exploratory wells for...for which the EA was just published--L1 and L3--so those, depending on, you know, what the infrastructure is in place, it would primarily serve the need within the Lahaina aquifer system, Lahaina Town. But as I mentioned, L1 was really...would really just serve to offset...reduce the stream diversions from Kanaha stream, not really meet new demand. That would just come from L3. And again, I'm not...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, it would just kind of go into the water...the County's water system, it wouldn't need to go to Honokōwai for treatment because only the surface water does need that kind of treatment when it's used for a well, it has its own treatment capacity?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: Generally wells, but depends where and what contaminants are detected. Generally wells just need chlorination and no further treatment. It does not have to go to the surface water treatment plant.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...so, from the well, it will just go straight into the DWS line, and then go, as needed, to where it...to where it needs. I mean like the showers at Launiupoko Beach Park and...and the bathrooms, a lot of times don't have water. So, would this help with that?

MS. BLUMENSTEIN: That will certainly help with that, yes. It would just go into the Department's storage tank and distribution system.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Got it. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Members, are there any other follow-up questions for the Department? Okay. Seeing none. Members, if there are no objections, the Chair would like to defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Members. This concludes...make sure I'm seeing everybody. Member [sic], this concludes today's Water and Infrastructure meeting. Thank you, everyone, for being here, for a great meeting. The time is now 2:07 p.m., and this meeting is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 2:07 p.m.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Cheryl von Kugler, hereby certify that pages 1 through 12 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 5th day of September 2025, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



Cheryl von Kugler