

## **EACP Committee**

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Aloha Council & Committee members,

Attached is my written testimony from Tuesday's meeting.

Mahalo,

Kahikilani Niles

These water lines are a huge disgrace & disturbance to what was once laid down to rest before us. I don't understand why the County and state continue to give these private entities special privileges & exemptions. When private entities are allowed these exemptions, they not only rush but they also desecrate!

From September 21, 2020 West Maui Construction has been digging their trenches and laying their huge water pipes, knowing that there are known cemeteries, such as the Pioneer Mill Cemetery as well as the "Jacobson" Cemetery in their path. Being that this area of 'aina is all 'Aina Kuleana (allodial title) there are also private ohana burials that are in danger of desecration. When West Maui Construction first started their water line project, they had no archeological monitors, nor was there an Archeological Inventory Survey done by WMC.

I feel that NO ONE, ESPECIALLY in Lahaina should be given ANY exemptions whatsoever! Lahaina has a colorful and sacred history which should be recognized and never forgotten. We are a people of culture and spiritual beliefs that follows a strict protocol in everything we do. For WMC to have employees that show so much disrespect and manipulation towards living humans, imagine the kind of disrespect they have towards our Iwi Kupuna.

Please cease and desists this waterline project and all other developments until these issues (Iwi Kupuna, land title, etc.) are resolved.

IWI O KU'U IWI, EWE O KU'U EWE, KOKO O KU'U KOKO! MY BONES, MY HERRITAGE, MY BLOOD!

Mahalo,

Kahikilani Niles