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**From:** County Clerk  
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**To:** WIT.Committee  
**Subject:** FW: My concerns about the WUDP

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From: beverly young <[byoung@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:byoung@hawaiiantel.net)>  
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:29 PM  
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Subject: My concerns about the WUDP

To Maui County Council Members,

I have lived in the Haiku - Hale Haku Honopou area for the past 45 years. I feel the community deserves the respect and recognition from the County Council by being allowed to hold an online Town Meeting concerning the Water Use and Development Plan before the Council's first vote on the WUDP for the following reasons:

1. My husband and I built our home in the Hale Haku Honopou area of Haiku in 1975. We live off water catchment. We also have a private well. When we moved into our home in 1975 the annual rainfall was in the 150 - 160 inches. Last year it was around 90 inches. This is a drastic and alarming decrease. We have watched the changes in the waterfalls, streams, and forest. The rainforest around us is being severely damaged, and destroyed by wild pigs, goats, cattle, invasive species, mismanagement, and neglect. It is this incredibly valuable resource, the forest on the mountain, that attracts the moisture that generates the water that is in consideration.
2. We are currently in a drought and climate crisis. What exactly will be the impact of exporting the water out of our area to an arid region instead of replenishing our local water table? Will this action accelerate the drying trend? We should restore, replenish, protect the water generating forest before exporting its water. We need more information before making such drastic and costly decisions.
3. Shouldn't local residents have priority access to water meters for both agricultural and domestic use before we export our local resource? Some have waited for years!

Please consider postponing your vote on this important issue until the community has had the opportunity meet and discuss, via a virtual Town Meeting, the impact of the proposal on our local residents and the region.

Sincerely,

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