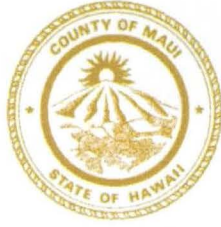


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July 1, 2020

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Acting Mayor 7/1/20  
Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Water, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura,

SUBJECT: MAUI ISLAND WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (WIT-25)

Attached please find answers to the questions in your June 26, 2020 letter.

1. Per the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appendix B, sewage bills for hotels and resorts are calculated based on a monthly base charge and metered water usage charge by the private water purveyor. The private water company, Hawaii Water Service provides their water meter readings for the hotels to the Department of Environmental Management. These amounts are used to calculate sewer charges. The rate for hotels without irrigation meters is \$8.30/1,000 gallons and \$11.80/1,000 gallons with irrigation meter.
2. The Department of Water Supply (DWS) does not prioritize customers by use or category of use with respect to water restrictions, with the exception of agriculture water users. When a water shortage is declared, agricultural water consumers are not required to implement any restrictions for 90 days following the publication of

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notice in a newspaper (Maui County Code Chapter 14.06A.080). Water restrictions are based on an area where water supply becomes limited (water shortage). Chapter 14.06A.060 discusses stages of water shortage where demand in an area is expected to exceed supply. A water shortage with approval of the Mayor, may be declared whenever the water supply becomes inadequate in any area of the County due to drought, an infrastructure or mechanical malfunction, natural disaster, or other event.

3. DWS does not issue permits or licenses related to water resource use. Permits related to water resource use issued by the State Commission on Water Resource Management include permits for well construction and pump installation, stream channel alteration permit, stream diversion works permit and water use permits in designated groundwater or surface water management areas. For example, surface water use in a designated surface water management area such as Nā Wai `Ehā is allocated by a water use permit.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) issues water leases (water license) that grant a lessee a right to develop, divert and transport water originating on government lands in a certain License Area. An example is the EMI Aqueduct System on lands owned by the State. Surface water diversions in a non-designated surface water management area are licensed by BLNR.

4. There have been no negotiations with Maui Land & Pineapple Company (ML&P) on purchase of their existing wells, including the Kapalua wells. DWS will make an inquiry, but informal discussions in the past indicated ML&P wanted to use this well as a back up to their two existing wells that are in use at this time.

We hope you find this information useful. Should you have any questions, please contact me at Ext. 7834.

Sincerely,



JEFFREY T. PEARSON, P.E.  
Director

Attachment