WASTEWATER ALTERNATIVES & INNOVATIONS **Maui County** 1/5/22 CAUTIO **Stuart Coleman, Executive Director**

Water Quality

Currently:

- 86,000 gpd to injection wells in Maalaea
- 20+ injection wells

In Maalaea:

- Contribute 17% of nitrogen and 73% of phosphorous flux to the nearshore system
- Contribute to algae growth in nearshore bay
- Coral declines primarily caused by sedimentation
- Multiple stressors reduce reef resilience



Photo: Sierra Club, Maui



Civil Beat Article





The Work To Convert Hawaii's Cesspools Continues

There is federal money on the horizon — and promising new technology too.

By Stuart Coleman

The Middle Ground

Instead of big sewer plants or individual cesspool conversions, the best option for at least a third of the households in Hawaii currently on cesspools may be to connect to smaller "distributed sewage management systems," as Sen. Schatz outlined.



Community-Scale Wastewater Systems

- Cluster or Decentralized Systems, can be Package Plants
- Middle ground between centralized sewer and Individual Wastewater Systems (IWS's)
- Ideally between 20 and 200 homes
- Opportunity to demonstrate a circular economy approach at a manageable scale
 - Resource recovery and re-use





Current Situation

- Liquids: Some treatment, then disposal into ocean/groundwater
- Solids: Dewatering, then burning or straight to landfill

Proposed

- Treatment & reuse of liquids for irrigation
- Treatment & reuse of solids for recycling of nutrients







carbon intensity Current focus on industrial and private

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water at less than utility rates with less

- municipal treatment one of the fastest-growing segments of the \$700B+ global water market
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- Proprietary biological treatment processes with low opex
- Intelligent, data-driven operations
- Simple modular systems
- Sold as a service on a \$ / gallon basis

Proven, Innovative Product Suite 30 Patents : Multiple National and International Awards



Reuse: Irrigation

R-1 Water

Intellectual Property





Biomass Controls Global Patents and Patents Pending

Our Circular Economy Principles





Resource Recovery





Benefits of Biochar

• Filtration

- Stormwater runoff
- Filter contaminants heavy metals and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- May also filter nutrients, pathogens
- Soil amendment
 - May increase crop yields
 - Enhanced nutrients to soil
 - Enhanced water retention
- Carbon sequestration
 - Natural decomposition processes release CO2 over time
 - Biochar is 70-80% carbon and more stable \rightarrow Less CO2 in atmosphere



MA'ALAEA TOWN



Wastewater "has had major effects on the Maalaea coral as well as the nearshore fisheries." - Rep. Kahele









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Community-Scale WW Treatment & Circular Economy







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