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Aloha,

My name is Napua Hueu and I am a taro farmer in the Honomanu ahupuaa.

Attached you will find my testimony in support of Resolution 22-119 which includes three pages of exhibits that document the proof of indigenous agriculture and native tenancy in Honomanu ahupua'a which is part of one of the water lease areas.

Mahalo,  
Napua Hueu  
808-276-0581  
Honomanu Ahupua'a

## Testimony in Support of Resolution 22-119

My name is Napua Hueu, and I am a lifelong resident and generational taro farmer of East Maui. I am in support of this resolution as is, which would include representation from the Honomanu lease area. Historically this middle lying area between Keanae and Kailua has gone largely disregarded despite the fact that it was among the largest habitated areas in East Maui in ancient times. There is still active human life and habitation in East Makaiwa ahupuaa where lineal descendants of this area known as Wahinepee or Waikamoi, still reside. The postal address of this area can be identified as 10301 Hana Hwy. Many of the residents who live here at 10301 Hana Hwy. are part of our farming initiatives in the neighboring Honomanu ahupuaa. In more modern history, the residents of Wahinepee would farm in the Honomanu ahupuaa and that is still happening today due to the fact that the State of Hawaii DLNR, A&B and EMI have locked Wahinepee residents out of the Mauka region where they traditionally farmed in the area known as Iolua. The residents of Wahinepee rely on the Honomanu ahupuaa coastal farming region to serve their agricultural needs in lieu of not having clear Mauka access at this time.

Honomanu Ahupua'a is the largest stream in East Maui, and East Makaiwa Ahupuaa is where the primary intersection of the entire water system is located. I will state here that Honomanu Ahupuaa (point of contact Napua Hueu, [alicianapua@gmail.com](mailto:alicianapua@gmail.com)) and East Makaiwa Ahupuaa (point of contact Jesse Nakooka, [jessenakookaemakaiwa@gmail.com](mailto:jessenakookaemakaiwa@gmail.com)) which have been in organizational alliance since January of 2019 do not share the same perspective as neighboring larger leasehold areas such as Keanae and Wailuanui ahupuaa. The dynamics of our ahupuaa are very different and the tenancy share differing views from that of the mainstream non-profit views of the Wailua Nui ahupuaa that has overreached its represented jurisdiction in past and made regional water management decisions for our smaller taro farming ahupuaa without our knowledge or full consent. It is important that the Honomanu ahupuaa have its own specific representation on the East Maui Water Authority to ensure that the concerns of the Honomanu and East Makaiwa ahupuaa are accounted for as there is active taro patch farming as well as human life and habitation here.

In further I wanted to note that East Maui Irrigation does not deserve a place on the board of the East Maui Water Authority. Had they been managing the water diversion with responsibility to the ecology and people of Maui of over the course of their authority tenure, we would not be here needing to establish an East Maui Water Authority to straighten out the mess that they created.

Exhibits attached are proof of indigenous agriculture and native tenancy in Honomanu ahupuaa and East Makaiwa ahupuaa which are part of the Honomanu water lease area. Please do not disregard our existence and our contributions to local food security which could be amplified with the rightful return of adequate stream flow to our ahupuaa.

Mahalo, Napua Hueu



Caption



Multiple varieties of wetland kalo growing at Honomanu Ahupuaa





Taro Patch #001 at Honomanu Ahupua'a, photo taken 6-5-22



Taro Patch #002 at Honomanu Ahupua'a, photo taken 6-5-22  
This taro patch is currently serving as a watercress patch.





Taro Patch #004 at Honomanu Ahupua'a, photo taken 6-5-22



The Community Farm at Honomanu Ahupua'a currently produces banana, sugar cane, sweet potato and other native medicinal plants.