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Explore the Feasibility of Purchasing and
Maintaining the EMI Water Delivery System and
Examine Other Alternatives for Ensuring That
The People of Maui County Have Authority Over
the Delivery of Water, Which is A Public Trust

Stated Purpose of the Investigation

# Opportunities related to community ownership of the EMI System:

Direct cost savings through improved maintenance

Indirect cost savings through mitigating health and safety risks

Support of culturally and community-based economic development as defined by the community

Economic and other benefits of accountability regarding streams flows

Non-monetary value of safeguarding of public health & community security

Access to environmental and infrastructural grants, diverse financing, and investment funds

**Watershed Protection** 

General storage, wastewater, and other conservation options

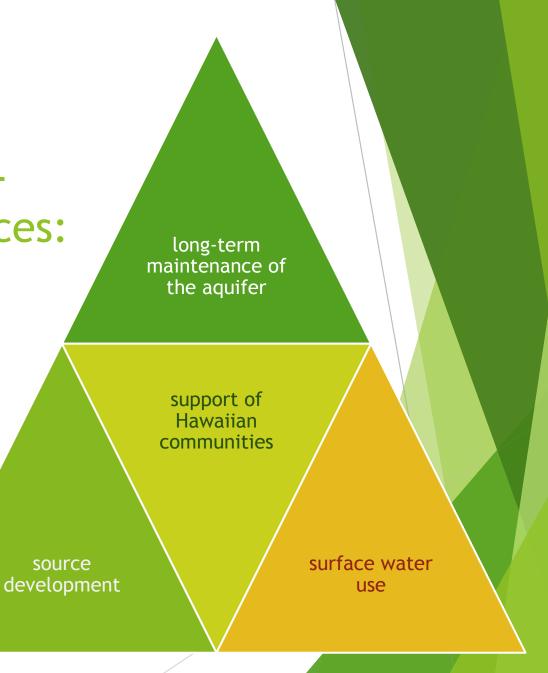
Renewable Energy and battery storage, (including wastewater use)

Improved maintenance of water systems to reduce and eliminate water loss

Integration of the above with agricultural recommendations that support food security and soil regeneration (with labor and affordable housing considerations)

# Considerations of climate change & impact on future water access

Addressing all of these considerations requires a comprehensive, binding, well-funded water plan that balances:



## Conclusion:

►This TIG believes that ownership of the EMI Water Delivery system by the people of Maui or a partnership - in the form that is most cost-effective, accountable, environmentally responsible, transparent, and meets the needs of the island's diverse stakeholders, in particular native Hawaiians - will ultimately be the only way to guarantee that the public trust is maintained and remains safely in community hands.

▶ The TIG therefore recommends that the County of Maui take immediate steps to secure community ownership and control of the EMI water delivery system, or a partnership.

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#### Aloha:

I was planning to present this powerpoint at this afternoon's meeting. Here it is in PDF and PPT form — just 5 slides total.

Mahalo!

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