

# Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee on 2022-06-07 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 06-07-22 09:00

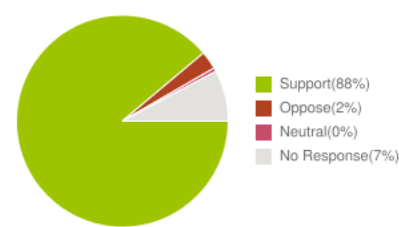
## eComments Report

| Meetings   | Meeting Time   | Agenda Items | Comments | Support | Oppose | Neutral |
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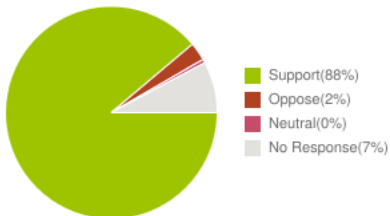
**Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee on 2022-06-07 9:00 AM**  
**06-07-22 09:00**

| Agenda Name   | Comments | Support | Oppose | Neutral |
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| GREAT-10(1) COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (PROMOTING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION) (GREAT-10(1))  | 2        | 1       | 1      | 0       |
| GREAT-10(2) COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (RESOLUTION 22-119, CHARTER PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE EAST MAUI COMMUNITY WATER AUTHORITY) (GREAT-10(2)) | 169      | 154     | 3      | 1       |
| GREAT-10(3) Reso 22-144 COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (RESOLUTION 22-144, CHARTER PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 13-2) (GREAT-10(3))                    | 6        | 2       | 1      | 0       |
| GREAT-57 BILL 92 (2022) BILL 92 (2022), RELATING TO A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (GREAT-57)                       | 3        | 3       | 0      | 0       |

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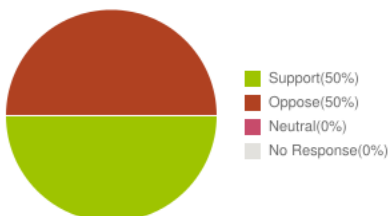
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**Overall Sentiment**



**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:26pm 06-07-22

This is an essential organizing function for the local county government. The City of Honolulu has established a model and Maui County has the opportunity to learn based on what has been done and innovate based on what it needed. Food for thought: The Resilience Games: <https://sites.google.com/view/resiliencegames>

**Barbara Barry**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:46pm 06-03-22

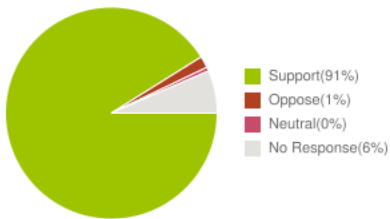
Aloha,

I support this Charter Amendment.

Mahalo,

Barbara Barry

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-10(2) COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (RESOLUTION 22-119, CHARTER PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE EAST MAUI COMMUNITY WATER AUTHORITY) (GREAT-10(2))

**Overall Sentiment****Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41am 06-08-22

Charter amendments These are important amendments that will benefit Maui Residents.

Please consider implementing the amendments for an East Maui Planning Commission and an East Maui Water Authority. These will have a positive impact on East Maui in agriculture community agency.

Mahalo,

Mike Gagne

Door of Faith Road

Huelo

**Diane Appler**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:10am 06-08-22

Secure water for Maui without foreign or domestic control. It should be local control.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:57pm 06-07-22

The establishment of this community water authority is an important step towards restoring community based management of our resources and bringing stewardship back into the hands of the people of Maui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:57pm 06-07-22

Aloha Chair Molina and Members of the GREAT Committee:

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I participated in the APT committee meeting on May 24th and heard some of the concerns raised. I would like to share some of my thoughts with you.

First, we must recognize and acknowledge the residents of the area in question. They know the mountains, waters, streams, etc. the best. They were born and raised in Ke'anae/Wailuanui, and the cultural knowledge and history were passed down from our kupuna. Each day I spend with Na Moku board members, my ohana and the residents of Ke'anae/Wailuanui my respect grows even bigger. I have such admiration for them and I repeat myself all the time that "I'm going to be smart like them one day". Our people are familiar with every inch of the mountains and can identify each area, stream, etc. How many have that knowledge?

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I am very open to meet with anyone that need more information or need clarification on anything I have stated.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my email.

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Mahalo,

Amanda Martin  
Administrative Assistant  
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Phone: (808) 248-4401  
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### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:53pm 06-07-22

I support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of an East Maui Community Water Authority. Please allow the citizens to vote on it!

Ken & Karen Stover  
490 Mikioi Place  
Kihei, HI

### **Guest User**

Location:

June 7, 2021

Michael J. Molina, Chair  
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Chair Molina and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (RESOLUTION 22-119, CHARTER PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE EAST MAUI COMMUNITY WATER AUTHORITY) (GREAT-10(2))

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Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony.

Aloha,

Amanda M. Martin  
Administrative Assistant  
Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:47am 06-07-22

**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 (Waikamoi), still reside. The postal address of this area can be identified as 10301 Hana Hwy. Many of the generational 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 loiloa. 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 Honomau Ahupuaa (point of contact Napua Hueu, alicianapua@gmail.com) and East Makaiwa Ahupuaa (point of contact Jesse Nakooka, 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 opinions on water management 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 the Honomanu lease area.

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

**Cara Flores**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:28am 06-07-22

Water is life. As global warming gets worse water will become the most precious valuable resource on Earth. I support the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority. We need to be sure a for profit corporation is not in control of such a precious resource. We need to be sure there is public accountability and transparency around water. We need to ensure our water infrastructure supports conservation. We need public

control and accountability as to the use of our water infrastructure to ensure the protection and proper use of water.

**Lu'ukia Nakanelua**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08am 06-07-22

Aloha k\_kou, my name is Lu'ukia Nakanelua. Mahalo piha to this Committee and their staff for hearing me on this critical issue that affects our present and future generations.

I am a mo'o (lineal descendant) of the original proprietors and current tenants of the ahupua'a of Wailuanui, Maui. My 'ohana and I are in SUPPORT of RESOLUTION 22-119 because it will directly impact the planning and allocation of water resources my 'ohana and our Maui Hikina community's Native Hawaiian ("Maoli") rights to our traditional and customary farming and subsistence practices-all of which are protected under our relevant state and county laws. Our 'ohana have farmed kalo and various sustainable crops since ancient times, mauka to makai, along the auwai and lo'i kalo of the Ko'olau moku, and into the muliwai (estuaries) where waters from the lo'i system discharge and feed the ocean.

The establishment of this community water authority is an important step towards restoring community based management of our resources and bringing stewardship back into the hands of the people of Maui. As part of the collective memory of injustice surrounding the water war on Maui, freshwater from Maui Hikina has been controlled by large scale agriculture, with now decrepit plantation infrastructure leading to wasted water. Plantations and their commercial successors used the lion's share of available water to irrigate their mono-crops, leaving local farmers, Hawaiian Homestead beneficiaries, watershed ecosystems, and K\_naka Maoli communities without adequate access and connection to our water resources.

We believe that RESOLUTION 22-119 carves out a way forward in operationalizing your public trust duties as political subdivisions of the State, in ensuring a future where quality land and cultural/natural resources will continue to be available not only to K\_naka Maoli but also to our Maui County community at large. This is an incredible opportunity for a return to Maui Kuhinia, Maui the land of abundance--a model for the rest of the state and possibly on the international stage.

Please allow RESOLUTION 22-119 to weave a pono way back to our connection and access to K\_neikawaiola, our life giving waters.  
Mahalo nunui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:56am 06-07-22

I am in strong support of charter amendment to establish an East Maui water authority. People of East Maui need a voice in how our water is used/steward. Too many years of abuse and misuse by big corporations. Also I hope the people of East Maui will be the ones to choose/ vote for who will sit on community board of this water authority.

Mahalo Nui

Lezley Jacintho

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 06-07-22

Aloha

I am Michael J Duberstein. I reside at 34 Iliwai Loop in Kihei and have been a Maui resident/voter since 2005 when Jeanne and I moved here from Takoma Park, Maryland—although we have been coming to Maui since 1982 and owned our home since 1997 when we began our retirement plans and rented it to working families using long-term agreements.

I serve on the board of Akaku Maui Community Media and the Maui Tomorrow Foundation and have volunteered for many events and organizations.

In addition, from 2008 to 2014, I served as the Chair of District Eleven (South Maui) of the Hawaii Democratic

Party.

I have been able to do so because I am retired only in terms of my active career as an economist, my final 25 years as Director of Research for the National Football League Players Association.

I am not bragging but more simply pointing out that individual citizens can take part directly in the affairs of their communities.

And, more to the point, both of these pending Charter Amendments, when enacted, will involve many more of our fellow citizens in the decisions that relate to our everyday lives.

You all know what these Amendments can and will do.

I don't have to list every plus and detail.

These Charter Amendments are important and well-needed.

Do your part today!

Advance their progress.

Mahalo.

Michael J Duberstein

34 Iliwai Loop

Kihei 96753

891-0597

### **Amy Chang**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:47am 06-07-22

Aloha Good Morning, thank you for this much needed amendment for this all important issue of water! Yes please let us island residents vote for local control ! I am live and work off grid on water catchment in Huelo where we just had a meeting of 40 people all concerned about this issue. Although not on stream diversion yet, with the unpredictability of climate change and many dry spells we need the control of this important resource for our many residents.

I want to add that I joined a neighbor crew of farm workers that went to Mahi Pono for a community work day and we planted many of the ulu and citrus in that field. We worked to the end and met a few of the managers and Tiare Lawrence. It was a really good work day and it changed my attitude towards them. I want Mahi Pono to succeed as a farming company and to have the water they need to grow food especially if it's for the island.

However I want them to be responsible and accountable in their water usage. I have heard numbers of enormous waste, over what they actually use, Millions of gallons unaccounted for. What is going on? Are they water banking and is this even legal when so many island residents are suffering under water shortage or waiting for meter? The idea that a foreign corporation has a thirty year lease seems incredibly irresponsible to us. Even you council members only get two years.

Please pass this amendment so we can vote in November. We need accountability and transparency in our precious water resource. Mahalo Council Sinenci and all Council for your time and attention,  
Amy Chang, educator and 40 year resident.

### **Tara Apo**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40am 06-07-22

Aloha mai, please find my attached testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of resolution 22-119 for a charter amendment to establish an East Maui Community Water Authority. Mahalo!

### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36am 06-07-22

I strongly support East Maui water Authority!

We need to keep the integrity of our islands natural recourses.

### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59am 06-07-22



I support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority – Maui County's people deserve a chance to learn more about the proposal, and a pathway to move towards the restoration of community-based resource management and land stewardship.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:45am 06-07-22

The most important reason for this is to keep control of our water in the hands of Maui citizens and not under control of a Canadian pension fund.

The second most important reason is to seize the opportunity to control this water and use it for all in a fair manner, addressing distribution and maintenance needs. A public utility will allow access to all the federal monies for infrastructure.

This form of water administration is the future. For all of Maui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41am 06-07-22

I strongly support resolution 22-119 East Maui community water Authority. It is very important to have this stewardship over any foreign and or for-profit corporation.

We must protect our natural resources that greatly impact us here on East Maui & all of Hawaii.

I firmly believe the County of Maui needs to take this vital step towards securing long term water management & become independent from dependency of private, commercial & 3rd party operators who are NOT committed to the integrity of conserving our natural resources.

The East Maui water Authority would uphold ethical water management & true Aloha Aina!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:26am 06-07-22

Water is a community resource and should be shared and protected by the people in that community. We need more oversight and intention around such a precious resource. It should be in the hands of the people who steward the lands where the water flows not by foreign corporations. Hawaiian waters in Hawaiian hands.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:19am 06-07-22

Support

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17am 06-07-22

As a farm manager and resident in East Maui it is so clear and important to me that residents and experts should have control and make the decisions on water for our island moving forward. That is why I am in strong support of Resolution 22-119 to establish the East Maui Water Authority. In March 2021 we had one of the biggest flood events on the island followed by an incredibly dry winter this past season in 2022. Hanehoi stream came to a complete stop for a few days in February, which is on record our average wettest month. We don't know what the future holds but with climate uncertainty it is not a time to give long term control of our most important resource to a single company or entity and expect them to have the islands best interest in mind and to manage all of the complexities of East Maui's watershed completely and effectively to ensure the health of our communities and ecosystems. This Charter amendment is a necessary step towards managing our water for the best of all. I want Mahi Pono to still get adequate water to ensure their farming and success in the central valley but it is not the right decision for the island to give a 30 year lease at this point. I am in strong support of this charter and taking this essential step to managing our resources collectively and intelligently.

Joe Barrett, Farm Manager  
Huelo Resident along Hanehoi stream

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 5:29am 06-07-22

Strongly support this!

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 4:40am 06-07-22

The time has come to do this and secure the water as a public utility.

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 11:06pm 06-06-22

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. I am a 20 year resident of Maui and a member of the HFUU. I not only vote, I campaign and fundraise. It is long past time to stop capitalizing natural resources. Water should not be privately held to benefit local or off shore corporations! Do the right thing now, ho'o pono pono. Cambria Moss, HFUU member & small business owner, MauiSunsetMusic.com. I hope to play fine dining music for your campaign fundraiser, give me a reason to do so.

**Kendra Hunter**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:59pm 06-06-22

I support and deeply care about our water resources! We need fair representation of who gets our waters. Corporations have been hoarding our waters for decades. It's time to support our farmers and the Hawaiian people!

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:59pm 06-06-22

I support this proposal to create the East Maui Water Authority. Mahalo!

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:34pm 06-06-22

I support this proposal to establish the East Maui Community Water Authority. Mahalo

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:04pm 06-06-22

I strongly support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority – mahalo!

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Submitted At: 10:04pm 06-06-22

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**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:46pm 06-06-22

Aloha, my name is Camry Gach, and I am part of this year's Seabury Hall graduating senior class. Although I am a resident of Kihei, I do have a connection to East Maui and their water supplies through the AP Research project that I conducted, examining perceptions on Maui's water resources spanning from ancient times to the early plantation era to the present. Although I am still working on publishing my paper, I would like to emphasize a key finding of my research; After the Great Mahele that privatized Hawaiian lands and subsequent court cases (i.e. Peck vs Bailey) that enabled interbasin water diversions (allowing water transport to cross Ahupua'a land division lines), Maui's perception began to shift towards treating water as a commodity, which was led by plantation enterprises seeking more substantial water diversions for their crops.

This perception led to wasteful management practices that continue into the present-day, including inefficient transportation and unfair price advantages over water that encouraged unsustainable volumes of diversions. A loss of water in its instream state has environmental consequences including erosion, invasive species competition, salt water intrusion into aquifers, and loss of valuable wetlands that play a major role in filtering pollutants and providing habitats to native species of birds. This historical occurrence teaches us the potential consequences of allowing for commercial command over our water resources, a history that we can begin to end on Maui by putting water back in the hands of Maui's people, not just the powerful few.

One of my research interviewees, who lives in Huelo on the East side and who is a major researcher and advocate for implementing recent improvements to our in-stream flow standards, told me that she began her entire career in this field through wanting to end the struggles that she and her neighbors faced, and still face today, to access water on a daily basis. Knowing this interviewee and learning about her story has demonstrated to me the need for East Maui residents to have direct control over their access to water so that they will not go thirsty in the future. I believe that the establishment of a public water authority would be the best way to address the residents' needs while still allowing private water entities like East Maui Water Irrigation and Alexander & Baldwin, now co-owned by Mahi Pono, to still have a stake in their share of water and stay profitable.

Lastly, our colonial history begs that we make reparations and give native Hawaiians their chance to have access to water for traditional customary uses such as kalo farming and other sustainable ways that they have developed to nurture themselves and live respectfully on Maui's 'aina. This opportunity for native Hawaiians to have adequate water rights has been neglected for about 150 years due to the demands of resort and plantation industries. It is now time to restore these rights back to the water's original stewards by taking this first step in expanding East Maui's water appropriation to the public's discretion.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Camry Gach  
18 years Kihei, Maui resident

#### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14pm 06-06-22

I stand in strong support of the establishment of a community-based entity to assist with managing the important and valuable water resources of east Maui.

#### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:13pm 06-06-22

U support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority – Maui County's people deserve a chance to learn more about the proposal and then VOTE!

Our communities deserve to have more say and control over our resources. Please help us protect this most precious resource, it's a community resource not a corporate asset

Mahalo,  
Blair Goldberg  
Hana resident since 2001

#### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:53pm 06-06-22

I live on Hanehoi stream (since 1978) and use this area on a daily basis. I vote in every election and I will support

every council member who votes to support!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32pm 06-06-22

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority.

It is essential to have this stewardship over any foreign and for-profit corporation. We must protect and safeguard this island's sustainability and way of life.

This Resolution 22-119 is critical for the betterment of our natural resources which impacts everyone in the region and on island.

I firmly believe the County of Maui must take this vital step to secure its / our own long-term water management and be liberated from the dependency on private, commercial and/or third-party operators who aren't committed to integrity and resource conservation.

An East Maui County Authority would uphold the primary intention of Aloha ' \_ina with ethical water management and conservation.

\_Mahalo!

Shems Heartwell

Makawao resistant

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:16pm 06-06-22

Yes! Absolutely necessary!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01pm 06-06-22

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. This is much needed, especially with increasing drought conditions. It is long overdue that water rights be put back in the community's hand as a public trust resource. Mahalo for creating this resolution and doing the right thing for our community."

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:10pm 06-06-22

I strongly support Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. I've become more and more concerned over the years with the shifting weather patterns and the effect it has on our water supply. It doesn't make sense that a foreign corporation (PSP/Mahi Pono) would have over our island's greatest public water resource – the East Maui Streams. Thank you in advance.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:55pm 06-06-22

I strongly support the proposal to establish the East Maui Community water authority.

We need to be able to control our own water - a public resource as per the Hawaiian Constitution. No more giving our water to entities which have different priorities - the Well being of our island and our people is what matters, not profits for entities elsewhere.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:47pm 06-06-22

I strongly support the efforts to give Maui residents more control over water issues—by far the most critical factor in their living standards.

Community control over vital resources is a key concept. This would be accomplished when, as expected, voters approve this charter amendment. Indeed, this issue goes back decades and involves local residents who have called for more control over the waters they need and use.

Please pass the resolution.

Malama aina.

**susan campbell**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:46pm 06-06-22

Aloha GREAT Committee:

I strongly support a Charter Amendment to create East Maui Community Water Authority.

Water is Life. Access to water is a right in the State Constitution. Maui is dependent on a Water Delivery System, EMI, to satisfy that right..

EMI has ignored stream rights until Courts said they must return water to the streams. Now we have a foreign Pension Company owning 50% of Maui's Water Delivery System. No one thinks that is a good idea except people who benefit from this contractual agreement...certainly the citizens have been fighting against poor management of our water delivery system because we don't own it.

I applaud the Council for taking this step and am hopeful that this vote will be unanimously in favor of a Charter Amendment on this year's ballot. Thank you.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:39pm 06-06-22

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. I have grown increasingly concerned over the years with our changing weather and thus changing water supply. It makes no sense for a foreign corporation (PSP/Mahi Pono) to control the keys to our island's greatest public water resource – our East Maui Streams. Thank you for creating this resolution and doing the right thing for our community.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 06-06-22

Aloha k\_kou,

Unless Dick Mayer is incorrect in his interpretation of these charter amendments, which I sincerely doubt, it is very important that these two proposals pass:

#1 Charter Amendment (Resolution 22-144 to establish a Planning Commission for each of Maui's Community Plan Districts)

Proposed CHARTER QUESTION "Shall the Charter be amended, effective July 1, 2023, to establish the Maui County Planning Commission, establish planning commissions for all community plan areas on Maui, and dissolve the Maui Planning Commission?"

If the proposal DOES pass: Residents and communities will be able to guide the future of their community plan district more effectively by having control over decisions on land use and planning within their community plan district. There will be a County planning commission for issues with general countywide issues.

If the proposal DOES NOT pass: Final decisions on the land use and planning for each of Maui Island's community planning districts will be made by a single Maui Island Planning Commission with minimal representation from the respective district.

Description: Molokai and Lanai already have Planning Commissions and that would not change. The existing East Maui, Haiku-Paia, and South Maui advisory committees would be replaced by planning commissions which will be able to take action, instead of being merely advisory. The Charter Amendment would permit Planning

Commissions for the all Maui Island community plan districts (South, East, North, Central, Upcountry, and West Maui). There will be a planning commission for each community plan district. Each district planning commission would be made up of seven appointed residents of that community planning area.

## #2 Charter Amendment (Resolution 22-119 to establish an East Maui Community Water Authority)

Proposed CHARTER QUESTION "Shall the Charter be amended to establish the East Maui Community Water Authority to pursue acquiring long-term water lease agreements with the State and to manage the collection and distribution of water from East Maui license areas to provide a long-term reliable supply of water for domestic and agricultural needs?"

If the proposal DOES pass: Maui's largest water source, the East Maui water aquifer, will be managed by a public authority for the benefit of Maui's residential and agricultural users. It will no longer be controlled by an off-island investor, -- A&B in the past and a Canadian investor in the future.

If the proposal DOES NOT pass: The State's Department of Land and Natural Resources will conduct an auction in which there will be only one bidder, a Canadian pension fund which would control the management of the East Maui watershed, control the collection and distribution of the water, and set the water rates that the County would have to pay.

Mahalo,  
Tom Mellin  
40 Halili Ln 4E, Kihei

### **Danen Achten**

Location:  
Submitted At: 4:23pm 06-06-22

Water is a basic human right. How that water is divided should be a public matter, not private. Resolution 22-119 is not even available on the county website for viewing. The people do not know this is happening. This is a violation of human rights.

### **Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:57pm 06-06-22

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. I have grown increasingly concerned over the years with our changing weather due to global warming and hence changing our water supply. Please stop capitalizing natural resources to satisfy the corporate dollars. Water should not be privately held to benefit certain party.

### **Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:53pm 06-06-22

In support of this resolution. I am a Haiku resident.

### **Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:37pm 06-06-22

Support The East Maui Water Authority creation to manage our precious Public Trust Water is Life. No need private company/corporations taking advantage with another 30 year deal A&B/EMI should be revoked from any Water related tasks with exception of EMI training County how to operate antiquated water delivery system.

### **Katharine Romanchuk**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:34pm 06-06-22

Hello I am a Haiku resident (for 34 years) and strongly support this resolution 22-119 and feel it has been a long time in coming. The public and EMI should work together on water rights for our future - water in Maui County is actually supposed to be a Public Trust in which the People have a say, not only or maybe not even outside big corporations. If this resolution does not pass, EMI/A&B will be able to divert up to 88 MILLION gallons a DAY from E Maui streams and rivers, our precious resources, for 30 years! Please keep the water in the streams, for local

farmers and the environment and our future water rights and needs. We are all feeling results of Climate Change regarding prolonged droughts and we need to be especially prudent regarding our water supplies and needs for everyone now and into the future. Maui County's population is growing and we will only need more. Please vote for the streams and the People, and accountability, thank you!

**Pamela Tumpap**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:28pm 06-06-22

Please see attached written testimony.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:23pm 06-06-22

Water should not be privately held. Thank you.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:23pm 06-06-22

I am in strong support of establishing the East Maui Community Water Authority.

Public interests are best preserved by public entities; private ownership is bound to prioritize profits in all its actions, no matter how well intended, which leaves the public without a champion when important decisions and trade offs will be evaluated in regards to our access to water. The establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority gets us much closer to ensuring that what is best for the public is prioritized above all.

Jen Cox

Haiku

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:18pm 06-06-22

"I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. I have grown increasingly concerned over the years with our changing weather and thus changing water supply. It makes no sense for a foreign corporation (PSP/Mahi Pono) to control the keys to our island's greatest public water resource – our East Maui Streams. Thank you for creating this resolution and doing the right thing for our community."

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:15pm 06-06-22

Please protect our East Maui Streams! They are vital to the island and to our community

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:15pm 06-06-22

I am in support of Resolution 22-119 for the establishment of a community Water Authority, which is an important step towards restoring community-based management of our resources, and not left solely to be decided by the corporations that use the diverted water. It is most important to bring water stewardship back into the hands of the people of East Maui and all areas of the island. Water is life.

Cynthia Day

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:03pm 06-06-22

I am writing because I STRONGLY support Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. With weather changing over the years and draught being more common, I have become increasingly concerned

with water supply. Foreign corporations do not deserve access to the East Maui Streams. In no way is this supporting Native Hawaiians and local residents in the struggle to maintain their home. Thank you for taking the time to read and creating this resolution.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:53pm 06-06-22

I strongly support resolution 22-119. Being a Haiku resident I've always experienced consistent rainfall, but those are getting more scarce. Climate change is getting increasingly visible on this island we need to not let foreign corporations have control of one of our most precious resources the island has to offer.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 06-06-22

Water is Life , let's give it to the people

**David Kahn**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 06-06-22

Support. Let the people decide.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:24pm 06-06-22

Maui\_s water is a public trust which means the actual people in the actual community should be ones protecting and making decisions about how the water flows. Those who have been in control and exploitation of the water cannot continue to be trusted with this resource. As more water distribution, land grabs, gentrification, and poor management happens the streams must come first and the community advisory and those that have been protecting this precious resource must be at the table and hold plenty power. I support the continued protections and transparency of this public trust in the hands of the actual community!! WE don't have time for wheeling and dealing colonial profits and theft now or ever. Thank you, Pahnelopi McKenzie

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:23pm 06-06-22

I wholeheartedly support the proposal to create an East Maui Water Authority. The public trust doctrine with our wai has been ignored for too long. This is the first step in shifting the hierarchy of our water from corporate profits back to our community. It is time to bring community-led oversight and accountability to our most precious resource, East Maui streams. Thank you for pushing the ball forward and beginning to right some historical wrongs. Aloha.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06pm 06-06-22

Maui's most precious resources should not be controlled by outside corporate entities. This this is a critical opportunity for Maui residents to move towards a more self-sufficient future. I absolutely support the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00pm 06-06-22

To The Government Relations, Transparency and Ethics committee,  
I totally support the charter amendment for the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority. Control of this most precious resource should be in the hands of the people of East Maui.  
Respectfully submitted by a 37 year Maui Resident



**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15pm 06-06-22

I am against government entities getting to large or confusing.. However, this is a important matter. Water belongs to the aina and its people. It should be therefore controlled, maintained and nurtured by its people. I strongly support this proposed charter amendment. Respectfully Submitted.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 06-06-22

As a thirty-six year East Maui resident, I wholeheartedly support Resolution 22-119. It makes no sense for a most vital resource to be controlled by an off-island entity whose financial interests may be apart from the best interests of our community.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:11pm 06-06-22

It is time to honor the streams of eAst Maui and finally give them the attention they deserve.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:07pm 06-06-22

We depend more than enough on foreign entities for services to the native lands. We need to stand up for ourselves and take our natural resources under our control. Please support this effort.

**Marty Martins**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06pm 06-06-22

I support the establishment of an East Maui Water Authority. For way too long, big corporate interests have controlled the East County water supply, often to the detriment of local farmers and fish, shellfish, and plants dependent on steady stream flow. The many and varied people who depend on this water should a place at the table.

Additionally, as a public entity, the Water Authority would be eligible for private, federal, and state funding that is not available to private corporations. Funding could be used for watershed restoration and much needed repairs to the century old infrastructure of the East Maui Irrigation system.

Please vote in favor of East Maui Water Authority. Mahalo.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:04pm 06-06-22

"I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. With impending climate change it is more important than ever for the citizens of Maui to have a voice on what happens to our water. It makes no sense for a foreign corporation (PSP/Mahi Pono) to control the keys to our island's greatest public water resource – our East Maui Streams. Thank you for creating this resolution and doing the right thing for our community."

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 06-06-22

Give water rights back to the people of Maui. No corporation should be able to control that.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 06-06-22

"I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. I have grown increasingly concerned over the years with our changing weather and thus changing water supply. It makes no sense for a foreign corporation (PSP/Mahi Pono) to control the keys to our island's greatest public water resource – our East Maui Streams. Thank you for creating this resolution and doing the right thing for our community."

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 06-06-22

Yes, I fully support the Resolution 22-119. It's time to put an end on foreign corporations having control over Maui's greatest resource.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 06-06-22

I strongly support Resolution 22-119. With global warming and water shortages, it's increasingly important for us to responsibly manage our scarce water resources! Thank you so much.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34am 06-06-22

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority. I have grown increasingly concerned over the years with our changing weather and thus changing water supply. It makes no sense for a foreign corporation (PSP/Mahi Pono) to control the keys to our island's greatest public water resource – our East Maui Streams. Thank you for creating this resolution and doing the right thing for our community.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 06-06-22

As a third generation Maui resident I whole heartedly approve of resolution 22-119, charter proposal to establish the East maui water authority - Let's give the vote to the people - It's the right thing to do.

Noelani Vicente  
Kihei

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 06-06-22

I very much support RESOLUTION 22-119. For too long, East Maui water has been controlled by large scale agriculture, with aging, inefficient water transport systems leading to wasted water. Commercial users have had to use the lions share of available water to irrigate their crops, leaving smaller farmers, Hawaiian Homesteads, watershed ecosystems, and local communities without adequate access to life giving waters. The establishment of this community water authority is an important step towards restoring community based management of our resources and bringing stewardship back into the hands of the people of Maui. The last thing we need right now is a foreign-entity controlling our water supply for the next 30 years, which seems likely to happen if we don't pass this resolution. Thank you council for helping the people of Maui!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:07am 06-06-22

I strongly support RESOLUTION 22-119 to create an East Maui Water Authority. With increasingly uncertain weather, it makes absolutely no sense to grant a foreign corporation (PSP/Mahi Pono) 30 years control of Maui's largest public water supply. Especially when public records show they're already wasting at least 50% of what they take right now. We need our water usage decisions made by our local communities, and I am so thrilled that the council is finally trying to correct this massively broken system. Let's bring our priorities back in line - putting locals before foreign corporations. I urge you strongly to pass this resolution now!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 06-06-22

Dear GREAT committee members,

Thank you for considering allowing the citizens of Maui to decide on this issue that affects everyone on the island. It is imperative for the future of our island that we not only restore the ditch system using State and Federal funds but that we address the small water cycle of our islands. Unless we address the dessertification of our island we will not have enough rain to fill up our irrigation ditches.

I support putting this issue to a vote of the people,  
Char O'Brien, Haiku

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 06-06-22

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority.

It is essential to have this stewardship over any foreign and for-profit corporation. We must protect and safeguard our island.

This Resolution 22-119 is critical for the betterment of our natural resources which impacts everyone in the region and on island.

I firmly believe the County of Maui must take this vital step to secure its / our own long-term water management and be liberated from the dependency on private, commercial and/or third-party operators who aren't committed to integrity and resource conservation.

An East Maui County Authority would uphold the primary intention of Aloha ' \_ina with ethical water management and conservation.  
\_Mahalo!

Miranda Seeton  
Citizen of Maui  
Local Business Owner

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 06-06-22

Aloha,  
Thank You for this proposal. It is very important to our community and residents.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:26am 06-06-22

East Maui residents should be able to have greater control over how water in their communities is distributed, rather than letting large corporations with little interest in local communities control our water

**Dick Mayer**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:10am 06-06-22

RE: Proposed Charter Amendment on Planning Commissions  
Great Committee: GREAT-10(3) Reso 22-144

Aloha Councilmember,  
I have attached a clearer version of the proposed charter amendment on planning commissions. I believe it will

clarify several items that the present version leaves unclear.

The following are the changes that I am recommending:

1. The role and purpose for having a Maui County Planning Commission, as distinct from the district planning commissions.
2. The method by which the members of the Maui County Planning Commission will be selected.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:03am 06-06-22

This would give our community the water it needs to grow Taro and other needed crops for our community. This is the just and right thing to do to give the water to the people to grow what we need to take care of our families. Please vote yes on this bill. We have been without water long enough. It's time to give us back the water in our streams, for our crops, and to bring back the Opaekala'ole and have a healthy eco-system again. Please do the right thing for the people who depend on this water and for the health of our communities. Mahalo and God Bless

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 06-06-22

SUPPORT!!!

Private corporate entities should NOT control the water. They have proven over and over they are not doing what's best for anyone but their bottom line. And they aren't going to change.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00am 06-06-22

Hawai'i and its people deserve more oversight of the water and the proper allocation of it- to its people and farmers. The history has shown the greed of the corporations to take without the thoughts of sharing (as with taro farmers) and sustainability. I believe this is a step in a direction of mōlama ʻāina e kōkā.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 06-06-22

I support the the East Maui Community Water Authority. Maui needs control over its resources, not a for profit entity that has no real connection to the island. Give people the power back! Democracy not corporate oligarchy.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:01am 06-06-22

Critical that this charter proposal be on the ballot

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 06-06-22

I strongly support the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority. For far too long Maui's water resources have been subject to known mismanagement under corporate water leases (A&B/EMI and Mahi Pono/PSP) which have caused great harm to the community (including local kalo farmers & the preservation of Indigenous ways), as well as ecological harm by altering the essential mauka to makai water flow.

Mahi Pono is owned and controlled by one of Canada's largest investment firms, Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSP), which has already invested in the privatization of water rights in other drought prone areas of the world, and is under global scrutiny for its investment management practices.

Our public trust resources do not belong under the control of this foreign, for profit entity whose legal mandate is to maximize returns on investments. Maui needs another choice.

The Community Water Authority would support East Maui communities, upcountry farmers & ranchers who depend on East Maui waters to support food security for all of us on Maui.

Especially with everything that has happened over the last two years, this is an important opportunity for us to take responsibility for managing our own resources so we can be more self sufficient in these unprecedented times.

I strongly support the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:45am 06-06-22

I support the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority. It's the pono thing to do and I hope you will all support this too. Mahalo, Ashford DeLima

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:45am 06-06-22

I support Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority.

Our natural resources are a public right, please let the people decide. All life in Hawai'i depends on the health of our fresh water ecosystems. The public's decisions for the allocation of this resource will be for the greater good of all.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:35am 06-06-22

Pleased support the proposed charge amendment for the establishment of an East Maui Community Water Authority and allow Maui traitor vote on it.

Mahalo!!

Colleen DeLima

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 06-06-22

GREAT-10(2) COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (RESOLUTION 22-119, CHARTER PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE EAST MAUI COMMUNITY WATER AUTHORITY) (GREAT-10(2))

How is this even a question? Let the citizens of Maui County have authority over the water that flows over publicly held lands or a private for-profit corporation? Or a foreign corporation? Since you are our elected representatives I don't see how you can vote any other way. Allow the voters to decide. And please publish an FAQ page explaining in clear language the facts, to the best of your ability, so no one has to guess what they're voting for. Strongly support!

Sydney Smith

Maliko Estate Coffee

808-268-3646 (call or text)

808-572-0072 (farm)

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 06-06-22

Aloha Committee Chair Molina and Maui County Council

Today, I am writing in support of Resolution 22-119 and the creation of the East Maui Water Authority.

Wai – water - is the lifeblood of our society, and across my career in public service, I have always been a staunch believer that our freshwater resources belong in the hands of our people, not special interests, or for-profit entities. This amendment presents an opportunity for Maui County to ensure that its water resources are protected, not only for our local communities, but our future generations and the \_\_\_\_ina on which they will depend.

The benefits of Maui County obtaining the long-term water lease are enumerable. These include: incorporation of community-based watershed management planning; the creation of a municipal agency that can use public and private grants and financing for long-term capital improvements to the system; secure water resources for all farms and agribusinesses; and formalized mechanisms to incorporate the interests of all stakeholders.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for our local communities to have ownership over Maui's water resources. This Resolution is a critical first step that the County Council can take, today, to stand up as servant leaders for the betterment of a vital resource that touches and impacts everyone. As I stated in a 2019 letter to Mayor Victorino, I believe the County of Maui must take steps to secure its own long-term water lease to free itself from its dependency on private, commercial, third-party operators who are not duty bound, as we are, to uphold the state's public trust obligations to conserve and protect Hawai'i's natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

The opportunity to accomplish this is now.

Me ka ha\_aha\_a

Kaiali\_i Kahele  
Member of Congress

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:15am 06-06-22

I fully support the proposal to establish an East Maui Community Water Authority.

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:05am 06-06-22

As a resident of East Maui and an advocate for our local community's sustainability, I support the establishment of the East maui Community Water Authority

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 7:57am 06-06-22

My name is Kamaui Aiona. I am a part-Hawaiian kane from the Big Island. I am married to a Hana-born part-Hawaiian wahine and we have three children and one grandchild. We have lived in Kawaipapa, Hana (near Hana Health aka the "medical center") for 20 short years.

I strongly support the resolution to create an East Maui Community Water Authority. I feel that the communities where the water is removed from must yield some/majority (?) authority over this resource. I also support giving them enough resources to supply themselves with accurate and non-biased technical, social, and other pertinent categories of information to make the best-informed decisions regarding the use of this most precious resource for their individual moku and the larger mukupuni of Maui.

Mahalo for your consideration of my opinion. Submitted with respect and humility, Kamaui.

**Tom Bacon**

Location:  
Submitted At: 7:45am 06-06-22

Please support creating the East Maui Community Water Authority.

Water is a basic need of everyone, and everyone should share in its bounty. It should not be managed for profit, and should not be "owned" by anyone other than the people. For far too long, East Maui's water has been taken to satisfy a lot of greed, rather than to provide a bountiful resource for all. Rather than manage the resource responsibly, its abundance has been wasted. Accountability for water consumption and waste has been almost non-existent.

The EMCWA will provide a foundation for putting water to its best use for Hawaiians.

**Melinda Alexander**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:44am 06-06-22

Water is Life and the people have a right to know who and how it is being used, to be informed, to have a voice and VOTE. Climate change and drought on these small islands make water and even MORE important source of life and sustainability. We must support the vitality of the people of these islands first. Interest in these resources must be in the people's hands, not corporations or foreign interests! Water is Life! I support this proposed charter amendment and I support the creation of an East Maui Water Authority.

**cheryl hendrickson**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:38am 06-06-22

I support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority. The advantage of a public water management entity would be that decisions would be made transparently and consistent with the public trust, rather than behind closed doors based on what's best for the corporation. Water for large scale agricultural users can continue to be provided while prioritizing instream uses such as kalo growing.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17am 06-06-22

I support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority –

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17am 06-06-22

I support the creation of an east maui water authority. For the people, natural habitat and ecosystem. It is critical to maintain our sustained life in our community!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11am 06-06-22

It is about time East Maui holds authority over its own water. I support this resolution and commend the county for sending this to ballot for charter amendment.

**Scott Crawford**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:03am 06-06-22

I support the establishment of an East Maui Community Water Authority, and encourage the county to pass the resolution that will send this issue to the ballot for a charter amendment.

East Maui water is an issue that affects the island like few others, with impacts on the farmers and ecosystems of East Maui as well as the agriculture and residents in Central Maui. It makes sense to have an authority with community stakeholder representation to help guide the management of this precious resource.

**Kathleen Aitchison**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:40am 06-06-22

Natural resources such as sun, wind, water SHOULD be controlled and distributed by local government NOT private businesses. Please establish The East Maui Community Water Authority. This is the right thing to do. Be Pono.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:35am 06-06-22

If the creation of the authority means there will finally be ample and consistent water in the streams that feed kalo growing regions and the lands of Hawaiian farmers, then I am in full support.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:14am 06-06-22

I strongly support this charter amendment. We can already see the effects of climate change and it's only going to get worse. Water management is very important and should be done in a transparent manner, not in the interest of corporations

**Suellen Barton**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:48am 06-06-22

Please support the GREAT committee's formation - it's critical that community be involved in the distribution and maintenance of our ancient water distribution system. Would LOVE to see it on the ballot - thanx

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14am 06-06-22

I support the creation of an east maui water authority. For the people, natural habitat and ecosystem. Must be careful who is appointed to that board. Must be representative of the people not corporations.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:21am 06-06-22

I support the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority because I consider it vital for our community to take charge of the island's water resources and become independent of private interest. Water is Life is not just a slogan, it is imperative to our well being and future generations will benefit from decisions we make now!

**Amy Fonarow**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:41am 06-06-22

Aloha GREAT committee members,

I support the charter amendment to create an East Maui Community Water Authority to put more transparent control over East Maui's fresh water in the hands of the community who needs and uses that water rather than off-island corporate entities. I respectfully request that the GREAT committee assist this Authority creation by choosing to place it on this November's election ballot.

Mahalo nui,

Amy Fonarow (former Maui resident)

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39pm 06-05-22

How would the board be appointed? Term limits, that type of thing? If the new board is just a bunch of heads of companies anyway what's the point? Then they'd just be using state/county money for their companies benefit anyway. Pardon me if I don't know enough about the topic, but I support a community appointed board that can



represent the public's interest.

DL

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06pm 06-05-22

Gordon Lange  
38 Wawali St.  
Kihei, HI 96753

It is important that the county control Maui's water resources. As the climate catastrophe worsens this will become more important.

Aloha

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02pm 06-05-22

N\_ Wai \_Eh\_—"The Four Great Waters" of Waihe'e, \_\_ao (traditionally Wailuku), Waiehu, and Waikap\_) are a public trust; but since the sugar plantation era, various companies drained them dry for private profit. The EMI currently has amply good fresh drinking water. Let's protect and manage this asset for today and tomorrow

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54pm 06-05-22

Fresh water is the blood of the islands.  
It must flow naturally.and remain as free as the air we breath.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47pm 06-05-22

We the kanaka of this land deserve the right to our water. No one entity should lease or own it, but the people.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:35pm 06-05-22

I have lived in Maalaea for 6 years. I completely support this. Clean water is a public right and should not be managed by private entities. Thank you, Frank Russo, 50 Hauoli Street, Apt 107, Wailuku, HI. 96793.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25pm 06-05-22

Support

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24pm 06-05-22

Support

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38pm 06-05-22

I support the agenda to create a kama\_\_ina based Water Authority to regulate and manage water usage in East Maui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:35pm 06-05-22

It's so important that we have control over our water and its quality. Now is the time to secure it with the new charter amendments.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57pm 06-05-22

I support the new charter amendments. Let the streams flow on the east side again.... we need it for our agriculture.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 06-05-22

I fully support this water rights amendment!

**Scott Lacasse**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20am 06-05-22

Water rights in Hawai'i have traveled from being held in common in ancient Hawaiian culture, to its private ownership through the plantation era, and have returned to protection under the umbrella of the public trust doctrine in the State of Hawai'i's Constitution. Let us not move backward by a return to its privatization.

As the demand for water increases, and its availability becomes more and more restricted due to improper resource allocation and climate change, our society will need to come to terms with the fact that we are not separate from our resources and their efficient management will be critical for our survival.

Furthermore, although the public trust doctrine safeguards water for the uses of our society, it still does not respect the intrinsic value of water in and of itself. This is a journey that we must undertake as a society. Only when a thing is respected and appreciated for what it truly is can we live in harmony with it.

Ola i ka wai: water is life.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 06-05-22

I support this new charter amendment.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49pm 06-04-22

Water is life!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:09pm 06-04-22

Water is a public trust!!!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:43pm 06-04-22

We need a citizen's commission to manage East Maui waters. Water is a public trust.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:12pm 06-04-22

I am a Middle School teacher who guides young, Upcountry teens to invest awareness and civic engagement for issues that have impact to the local community. GREAT is a testimony to their future place in the conversation. It says to students across Maui: act local think global. And on a personal note, since moving to Maui in 2001, it has been more than disheartening how much of the island is increasingly "lost" to non-local residents and business. Government absolutely must step in and change this behavior. Especially in this case. Water IS Life.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 06-04-22

SUPPORT!

**Laura Civitello**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 06-04-22

We need a citizen's commission to manage East Maui waters. Water is a public trust.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 06-04-22

support

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 06-04-22

Public management would be better for the many ohana living here; yesterday, today and tomorrow. My kupuna, me and my moopuna and their moopuna.

Let do this; give the greater masses a chance to vote; put it on the ballot.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 06-04-22

We need an alternative Kama'ina plan, not a corporate plan - a Water Authority that gives everyone a seat at the table to work out water policies that make sense in the face of uncertain rainfall patterns. I support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of an East Maui Community Water Authority, that allows Maui residents a chance to vote!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:10am 06-04-22

As an upcountry land owner and having invested in planting a small orchard for the purpose of sustainability, it has become difficult to irrigate the orchard due to water restrictions. In the past two years I have lost three trees because of the mandatory water restrictions. Though I understand we need to conserve our water resource it is hard to witness the carless nature and lack of stewardship and accountability of the neighbor with the pristine green lawn who lets the water run down the street. This precious resource needs to be rationed equally among our collective community. I believe in a transparent governing body to monitor and be accountable for the distribution of our most precious resource. In God We Trust His Living Water

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 06-04-22

The Maui community needs to oversee our resources on East Maui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40am 06-04-22

I support GREAT 100%. Please do not give away control of Maui's water rights. We need to protect this precious resource for the people of Maui and future generations.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:38am 06-04-22

We need East Maui Community Water Authority – We need an alternative kama\_\_ina plan, not a corporate plan - a water authority that gives everyone a seat at the table to work out water policies that make sense in the face of uncertain rainfall patterns. Please allow Maui residents a chance to vote!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:43am 06-04-22

I support the idea of creating the East Maui Community authority board to help keep a life vital resource available for the people. We as the community members should have the right to proper water usage and functions. The water should go first and foremost to our farmers, households for safe drinking water and our communities.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:35am 06-04-22

Support

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24am 06-04-22

Sharyn Stone

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:23am 06-04-22

This is a much needed committee for the East Maui community and I support 100%

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:46am 06-04-22

We all need to focus on the life giving resource Water. We need the support for this. Being a visitor and resident of Maui for fifty years. I have witnessed many changes, most not positive. We need the direction of our beautiful island to go strongly in an environmentally positive way.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:07am 06-04-22

I lived Maui 2007-2009 and attended futile water board meetings that did not honor the agreements we came to in 2008. ALL WATER RIGHTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE, HAWAIIANS ,FOR THEIR AGRICULTURAL USE, AND NATURE.

NO MORE WATER RIGHTS FOR CORPORATIONS.

IF THE PEOPLE WANT THIS GOVERNING BOARD, DO IT.

IF THIS IS ANOTHER DISTRACTION, IT IS A CONTINUING OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

SINCERELY,

CLAIRE DGAIA

SW MISSOURI

JAMES RIVER WATERSHED

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:01am 06-04-22

We must take care of the land the water and the supportive ecology of this island and county.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:33am 06-04-22

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**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37pm 06-03-22

Water is a public trust and should be managed by the people of Maui fairly, so I am in support of this charter amendment.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04pm 06-03-22

I support full transparency and fair use and local management of the water on Maui. Private, for-profit uses should pay a reasonable and fair percentage for the privilege of using Maui's resource, so that all who live on the Island in community are respected and valued. Water for local food production and housing is a priority before foreign investment. We must have a balance. I would like to see new clean technology in accessing and preserving our valuable water sources. Let's Educate the Voter so they can make a good decision in November.

**Charlene Kiana Rowley**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57pm 06-03-22

I support these charter amendments

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53pm 06-03-22

Put kanaka Maoli water rights First

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55pm 06-03-22

A drought in Maui  
authority for water  
for community

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30pm 06-03-22

I believe this is an awesome idea and an important step in bringing stewardship back into the hands of the people of Maui

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21pm 06-03-22

water rights belong in the hands of the people of the land.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:57pm 06-03-22

We need a kama\_\_ina plan, not a corporate plan

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:25pm 06-03-22

I support east Maui community water authority

Thank you

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:20pm 06-03-22

I support the establishment of the East Maui community Water Authority.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15pm 06-03-22

We need to \*PROTECT\* the water for the land on this island!. Do whatever you can to help & make this good for the people & the land!

\*THANK\* you!

**Sarah Hofstadter**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:47pm 06-03-22

Water is a public trust, and should be managed by representatives of the public for public benefit, not by a private business for profit. Maui is currently experiencing a severe drought, just when we need to build more affordable housing and expand our agricultural sector to promote food security. This means it is critical that the aging water collection, storage, and distribution systems in East Maui be upgraded and modernized to maximize our ability to collect and safely store rainwater, and distribute it in an efficient way, based on priorities that serve the needs of Maui's residents, farmers, and ecosystems. For those reasons, I urge the Committee to pass this resolution.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29pm 06-03-22

I fully support the establishment of the East Maui Community Water Authority.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:18pm 06-03-22

I support the charter amendments ( Resolution 22-119 ) and respectfully ask that it be on the November ballot. Mahalo. This is long overdue!! Water to the People!!~

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:11pm 06-03-22

This is too important to let commercial companies have power over our water

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 06-03-22

Great idea and initiative. Imua!

Guest User

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:47pm 06-03-22

I support the charter amendments ( Resolution 22-119 ) and respectfully ask that it be on the November ballot.  
Mahalo,  
Teri Sherrow

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:46pm 06-03-22

Please support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of an East Maui Community Water Authority, and allow Maui residents a chance to vote.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 06-03-22

Let the people have a say in their water rights

**Barbara Barry**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:37pm 06-03-22

Aloha,

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important Charter Amendment.

Maui County needs to manage this precious resource, not a Foreign owned Pension Fund Corporation.

This is an important step! Let the people vote!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:24pm 06-03-22

Aloha,

Support

I support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of an East Maui Community Water Authority, please honor Maui residents' right to clean and abundant water ! JN Makawao

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:23pm 06-03-22

I support. Please let the people have a say in their water rights

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:13pm 06-03-22

A positive step in the right direction. Please support!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:12pm 06-03-22

excellent Idea. its about time.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 06-03-22

I support the proposed charter amendment for the establishment of an East Maui Community Water Authority, please honor Maui residents' right to clean and abundant water

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:08pm 06-03-22

Let's get to Pono!

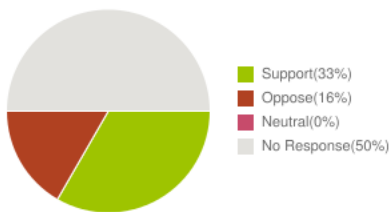
**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:07pm 06-03-22

Support. Please let the people have a say in their water rights!

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-10(3) Reso 22-144 COUNCIL-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (RESOLUTION 22-144, CHARTER PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 13-2) (GREAT-10(3))

**Overall Sentiment****Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42am 06-08-22

Charter amendments These are important amendments that will benefit Maui Residents. Please consider implementing the amendments for an East Maui Planning Commission and an East Maui Water Authority. These will have a positive impact on East Maui in agriculture community agency.

Mahalo,  
Mike Gagne  
Door of Faith Road  
Huelo

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31am 06-07-22

Aloha

I am Michael J Duberstein. I reside at 34 Iliwai Loop in Kihei and have been a Maui resident/voter since 2005 when Jeanne and I moved here from Takoma Park, Maryland—although we have been coming to Maui since 1982 and owned our home since 1997 when we began our retirement plans and rented it to working families using long-term agreements.

I serve on the board of Akaku Maui Community Media and the Maui Tomorrow Foundation and have volunteered for many events and organizations.

In addition, from 2008 to 2014, I served as the Chair of District Eleven (South Maui) of the Hawaii Democratic Party.

I have been able to do so because I am retired only in terms of my active career as an economist, my final 25 years as Director of Research for the National Football League Players Association.

I am not bragging but more simply pointing out that individual citizens can take part directly in the affairs of their communities.

And, more to the point, both of these pending Charter Amendments, when enacted, will involve many more of our fellow citizens in the decisions that relate to our everyday lives.



You all know what these Amendments can and will do.  
I don't have to list every plus and detail.  
These Charter Amendments are important and well-needed.  
Do your part today!  
Advance their progress.  
Mahalo.  
Michael J Duberstein  
34 Iliwai Loop  
Kihei 96753  
891-0597

**Dick Mayer**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13pm 06-06-22

From: Dick Mayer

Charter Amendment (Resolution 22-144 to establish a Planning Commission for each of Maui's Community Plan Districts)

Proposed CHARTER QUESTION "Shall the Charter be amended, effective July 1, 2023, to establish the Maui County Planning Commission, establish planning commissions for all community plan areas on Maui, and dissolve the Maui Planning Commission?"

If the proposal DOES pass: Residents and communities will be able to guide the future of their community plan district more effectively by having control over decisions on land use and planning within their community plan district. There will be a County planning commission for issues with general countywide issues.

If the proposal DOES NOT pass: Final decisions on the land use and planning for each of Maui Island's community planning districts will be made by a single Maui Island Planning Commission with minimal representation from the respective district.

Description: Molokai and Lanai already have Planning Commissions and that would not change. The existing East Maui, Haiku-Paia, and South Maui advisory committees would be replaced by planning commissions which will be able to take action, instead of being merely advisory. The Charter Amendment would permit Planning Commissions for the all Maui Island community plan districts (South, East, North, Central, Upcountry, and West Maui). There will be a planning commission for each community plan district. Each district planning commission would be made up of seven appointed residents of that community planning area.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08pm 06-06-22

Aloha mai k\_kou,

\_O au n\_ \_o La\_akea Low. No ka mokupuni \_o Maui mai au ma ka moku \_o H\_m\_kuapoko. Ke noho nei au ma ka ahupua\_a \_o Ha\_ik\_ ma Koakomo i k\_ia manawa.

Writing in SUPPORT of Resolution No. 22-144. Mahalo nui i \_ \_oe e L\_I\_ King.

The Maui Planning Commission (MPC) has a long track record of poor decision-making in terms of protecting shorelines from development - one of, if not the most important mandate in their purview. While much of these shortcomings may be attributed to an overwhelming lack of environmental stewardship expertise in the composition of the MPC's membership, a painfully obvious lack of familiarity with many places - moku, kalana, ahupua\_a, \_ili - throughout Maui must also be taken into consideration. Therefore, each community plan area must have its own Planning Commission in order to ensure place-based knowledge in critical decision-making processes.

In examining the language that, "The members of the Maui County planning commission shall consist of: its chair, who shall be appointed by the council; and the chair, or the chair's designee, of each other planning commission,"

I would like to suggest that a balance of subject-matter expertise be codified. For instance, if the chair of each planning commission happens to have the same professional background, then the appointment of the chair's designee must be enacted in order to achieve a balanced commission. No more than one or two members of the Maui County planning commission should share the same, or similar, field of expertise.

I believe this will help alleviate many of the problems we've seen arise throughout Maui in regard to the decisions made by an unbalanced Planning Commission made up of mainly development, real-estate, and construction-industry professionals. There has been push-back against this resolution from those who do not believe change is needed when it comes to the MPC. These are likely the same types of development-, real-estate-, and construction-industry-minded professionals who continue to benefit by putting profits over people. Meanwhile, our environment suffers, our economy remains two-dimensional, and our people struggle to make ends meet. Maui needs MPC members who will prioritize responsible environmental stewardship, a truly diversified economy, and community well-being over the financial profiteering of the few.

Me ka \_oia\_i\_o,  
La\_akea Low  
Koakomo, Ha\_ik\_, Maui

### Guest User

Location:  
Submitted At: 4:38pm 06-06-22

Aloha k\_kou,

Unless Dick Mayer is incorrect in his interpretation of these charter amendments, which I sincerely doubt, it is very important that these two proposals pass:

#1 Charter Amendment (Resolution 22-144 to establish a Planning Commission for each of Maui's Community Plan Districts)

Proposed CHARTER QUESTION "Shall the Charter be amended, effective July 1, 2023, to establish the Maui County Planning Commission, establish planning commissions for all community plan areas on Maui, and dissolve the Maui Planning Commission?"

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#2 Charter Amendment (Resolution 22-119 to establish an East Maui Community Water Authority)

Proposed CHARTER QUESTION "Shall the Charter be amended to establish the East Maui Community Water Authority to pursue acquiring long-term water lease agreements with the State and to manage the collection and distribution of water from East Maui license areas to provide a long-term reliable supply of water for domestic and agricultural needs?"

If the proposal DOES pass: Maui's largest water source, the East Maui water aquifer, will be managed by a public authority for the benefit of Maui's residential and agricultural users. It will no longer be controlled by an off-island investor, -- A&B in the past and a Canadian investor in the future.

If the proposal DOES NOT pass: The State's Department of Land and Natural Resources will conduct an auction in which there will be only one bidder, a Canadian pension fund which would control the management of the East Maui watershed, control the collection and distribution of the water, and set the water rates that the County would have to pay.

Mahalo,  
Tom Mellin

40 Halili Ln 4E, Kihei

## Pamela Tumpap

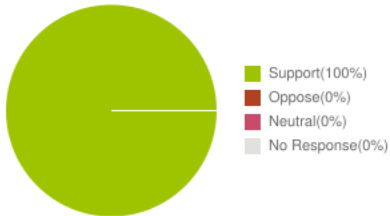
Location:

Submitted At: 3:27pm 06-06-22

Please see attached written testimony.

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-57 BILL 92 (2022) BILL 92 (2022), RELATING TO A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (GREAT-57)

### Overall Sentiment



### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:13pm 06-06-22

Aloha mai k\_kou,

\_O au n \_o La\_akea Low. No ka mokupuni \_o Maui mai au ma ka moku \_o H\_m\_kuapoko. Ke noho nei au ma ka ahupua\_a \_o Ha\_ik\_ ma Koakomo i k\_ia manawa.

Writing in SUPPORT of Bill No. 92 (2022). Mahalo nui i \_ \_oe e L\_I\_ Paltin.

I reviewed Chapter 2.60 - MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS of the Maui County Code (MCC) and am surprised that this particular requirement has not yet been codified in the MCC.

It may be worthwhile to further define "residency". For instance, I spent my entire life on \_ohana property in Ha\_ik\_ before moving to \_ohana property in Kula for a few years, and am now back on the same \_ohana property in Ha\_ik\_. I bring this up because I had just moved back to Ha\_ik\_ eariler this year when applications were being accepted for the Maui Planning Commission Advisory Committee for the Ha\_ik\_-P\_\_ia planning area. If I'm not mistaken, because I had just moved back after a few years away, I was not eligible to serve - even though I've spent nearly 90% of my entire life living in the area.

Meanwhile, someone who lived in the area for a paltry period of at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the person's appointment is - somehow - deemed eligible to serve. Assuming an applicant has never before lived in the area, is 40 years of age, and has now lived in the area for twelve consecutive months, that would mean they've spent only 2.5% of their entire life living in the area. If it is the intent of this resolution to appoint folks with place-based knowledge of the area, I suggest doing away with a residency requirement calculated in consecutive months. Instead, adopt a requirement that an applicant is a current resident of the area and that at least 10% of the applicant's age in years have been spent as a resident in the area.

This is an issue that keeps many long-time Maui Nui families up at night. I am deeply concerned with the potential flood of recent residents being appointed to boards and commissions, whereby they are empowered to make monumental decisions that - more often than not, it seems - negatively impact the livelihoods and lifeways of multi-generational \_ohana of Maui Nui. This will likely become more and more difficult to correct, especially as we see the majority of home sales being purchased by people from outside Hawai\_i. With the enormous amount of

kuleana embedded in the duties of Maui County boards and commissions, more stringent residency requirements for serving must be codified in MCC.

Me ka \_oia\_i\_o,  
La\_akea Low  
Koakomo, Ha\_ik\_, Maui

**Johann Lall**

Location:  
Submitted At: 11:10am 06-06-22

Members of boards and commissions and committees should be residents of Maui County. They should also have to recuse themselves if there are conflicts of interest. For example real estate and construction industry professionals on the Planning Commission should be recused from development projects.

**Charlene Kiana Rowley**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:58pm 06-03-22

Yes we should have a residency requirement