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Meeting Time: 06-28-22 13:30

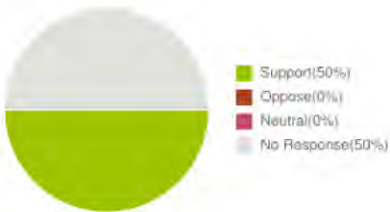
eComments Report

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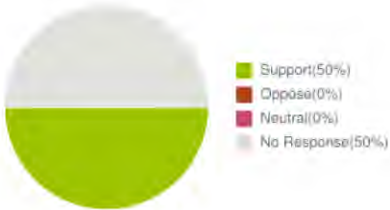
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APT-1(9) COUNTYWIDE WATER AUTHORITY (APT-1(9))	2	1	0	0

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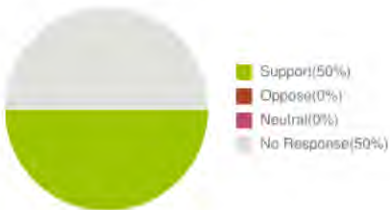
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Agenda Item: eComments for APT-1(9) COUNTYWIDE WATER AUTHORITY (APT-1(9))

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Location:

Submitted At: 2:12pm 06-28-22

Aloha e Committee Chair Sinenci and Councilmembers.

We respectfully submit this testimony on behalf of the water committee of _Aha Moku O Maui, Inc. which is the _Aha Moku island council which includes all 12 Moku of Maui who elect moku representatives from their active members, as well as a Council Chair. The island council provides consultation regarding moku-specific generational knowledge and traditional ahupua_a resource management. Each Moku holds regular meetings with their members on a monthly or as-needed basis. The Chairperson and 12-13 moku representatives, meets quarterly as a council. 'Aha Moku O Maui has separate meetings of its committees for __ina/Land, Ea/Air, Kai/Ocean, Wai/Water, Kahakai/Shoreline, and Iwi K_puna/Burials.

'Aha Moku O Maui supports your consideration of the charter amendment to establish a countywide water authority, just as we supported the creation of an East Maui water authority. We believe the voters should be allowed to evaluate this proposed change to the county charter and emphasize that as a I_hui we must seek opportunities to codify input and representation from cultural practitioners and those with generational knowledge of water resources.

Ke'eaumoku Kapu, Chair
U_ilani Kapu, L_hain_ Moku Po_o
Kaipo Kekona, K__anapali Moku Po_o
Clyde Kahalehau, Wailuku Moku Po_o
Kia_i Collier, H_m_kuapoko Moku Po_o
Joyclynn Costa, H_m_kualoa Moku Po_o
Kyle Nakanelua, Ko_olau Moku Po_o
Sam Akoi, H_na Moku Po_o
Kauiki Lind, K_pahulu Moku Po_o
Lyons Cabacungan, Kaup_ Moku Po_o
Chad Newman, Kahikinui Moku Po_o
Carol-Marie Ka_onohi Lee, Honua_ula Moku Po_o
Tim Bailey, Kula Moku Po_o (Mauka)
Cody Nemet Tuivaiti, Kula (Makai)

Pamela Tumpap

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 06-28-22

Please see written testimony attached.



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

Maui County Council
Agriculture and Public Trust Committee
Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Gabe Johnson, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Testimony on Item APT-1(9)

Aloha Chair Sinenci, Vice Chair Johnson and members of the Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like to testify on **item APT-1(9)** which proposes an amendment to the revised charter of the county of Maui (1983), as amended, to establish a Maui County Community Water Authority and an East Maui Community Regional Board.

The Chamber would like to request that this resolution be deferred to the next Council term. We are already dealing with a big election year with more candidates due to redistricting as well as many Charter Amendment questions that already had significant community input through the Charter Commission. This is a very complicated issue that needs significant vetting, exploration, and community input. We realize that the Board of Water Supply spent a long time on this item, but we feel more discussion from experts on all sides is needed.

Also, there is a charter question on the current ballot that would require a financial analysis of any proposed amendments. This amendment has the potential to be very expensive in creating yet another new county agency and a full fiscal and management (as this is a tremendous amount of water system management that needs to be well understood) impact analysis is important. This analysis should be completed, with the results released to the public so they can understand all aspects of this proposal before considering the Charter Amendment. This could potentially result in expensive legal and eminent domain challenges. Additionally, while we are not water system experts, we understand there is a lot to water system management and we feel you should hear from each of the current water system managers to better understand the annual expenses, upkeep, personnel requirements, experience needed, etc. via a public forum.

For these reasons we respectfully request that item APT-1(9) be deferred to the next Council term.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.