

# **EAST MAUI COUNTY COMMUNITY WATER AUTHORITY & REGIONAL BOARD**

**WASSP Committee  
March 6, 2023**



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WASSP Committee**

# **NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION: VOTERS PASSED CHARTER AMENDMENT 12**

"Shall the Charter be amended to establish Maui County Community Water Authorities with regional community boards to manage water collection and delivery systems acquired by the Water Authorities, including State license areas in East Maui, and to pursue long-term water lease agreements with the State to provide a long-term reliable supply of water for domestic and agricultural needs?"





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**State of Hawaii**  
**Office of Elections**

***MAUI: Community Water Authorities***

**YES**

**33,621 64.3%**

**NO**

**11,397 21.8%**

**Blank Votes:**

**7,205 13.8%**

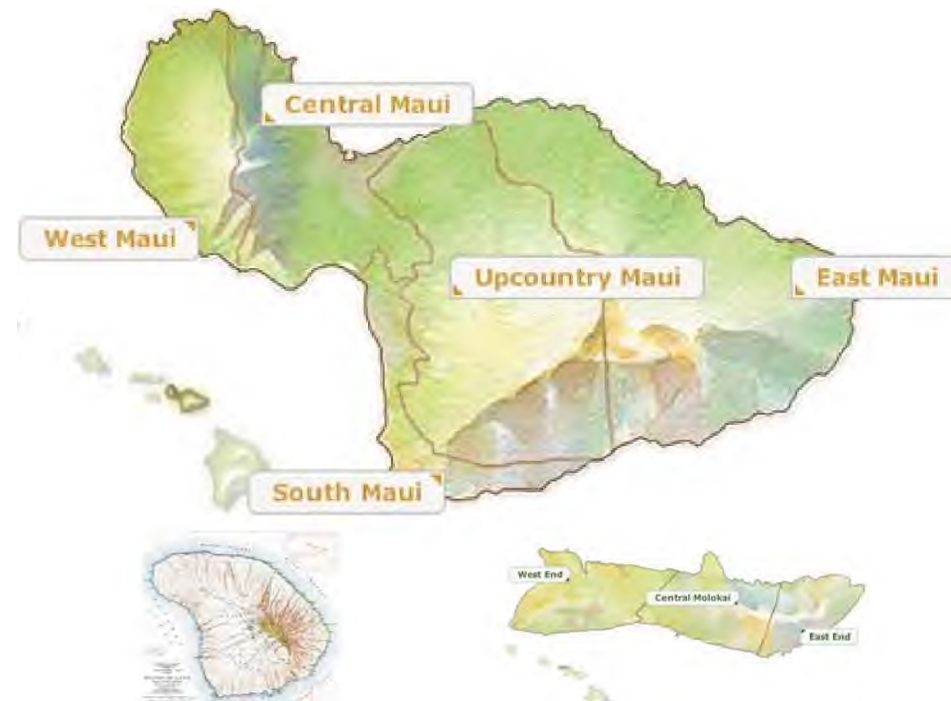
**Over Votes:**

**57 0.1%**

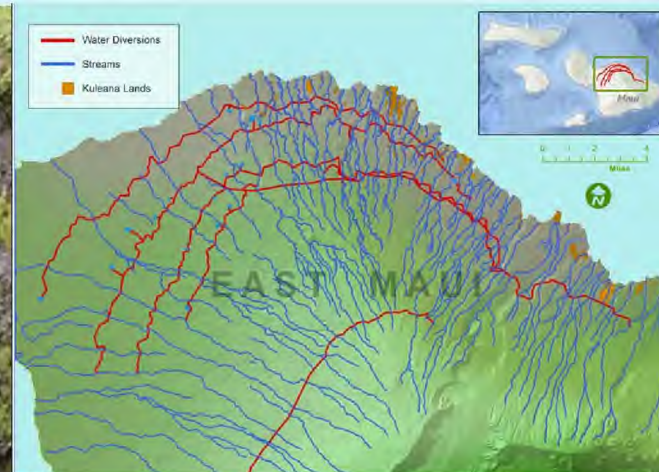
# LISTENING TO VOTERS ON WATER ISSUES

- **Voters don't want foreign corporate ownership of water resources**
- ❖ **Want government action to address continual drought restriction by getting more water**

**Want local control and sustainable watershed management to grow water for our future**



- Charter amendment establishes East Maui Water Authority and East Maui Regional Community Board
- ❖ Other communities can initiate creation of local authority through legislation



**Acquire state leases**

- ❖ **Manage water responsibly in partnership with DLNR**

**Less system leakage means more water for everyone**

## **PURPOSE OF THE WATER AUTHORITY:**

- ❖ **Provide more water to DWS for residential and agricultural use**

- ❖ **Satisfy Upcountry water meter list**

**Allow for more local housing Upcountry**

**More consistent water for agriculture = food security + economic diversification**



## PURPOSE OF THE BOARD:

- ❖ **Hire Water Authority Director**
- ❖ **Avenue for community input**
- ❖ **Oversight of watershed management**



## **DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS STATED IN THE CHARTER**

**Section 819.3 Regional Community Board Powers, Duties, and Functions. As to the applicable watershed area, each regional community board will:**

- 1. Appoint the director.**
- 2. Review preliminary assessments, studies, and environmental reports prepared by or for the water authorities.**
- 3. Review and approve a long-range watershed management plan, review the plan annually, and provide a written evaluation of each plan goal and implementation status to the director, mayor, and council.**





## **Board Duties Continued...**

- 4. Review and approve watershed related programs and priorities.**
- 5. Review and approve the request to the mayor for an annual appropriation for the regional operations and capital improvements.**
- 6. Provide an annual evaluation of the regional director to the mayor and the council.**

## **BOARD DUTIES CONTINUED....**

**7. Provide written comments on the regional long-term capital improvement plan, annual maintenance plan, annual report, and annual operating budget, including recommendations on water rates and the federal, state, and private funding plan.**

**8. Hold at least two public community meetings a year in the region, which may be conducted as virtual meetings if necessary.**

# 11 MEMBER BOARD




## **8 members from license areas**

**must have experience in water resource management and watershed restoration**

**must live in community plan area; not everyone who malamas a watershed area lives there**

**4 Council appointed**

**4 Mayor appointed, no Council approval**

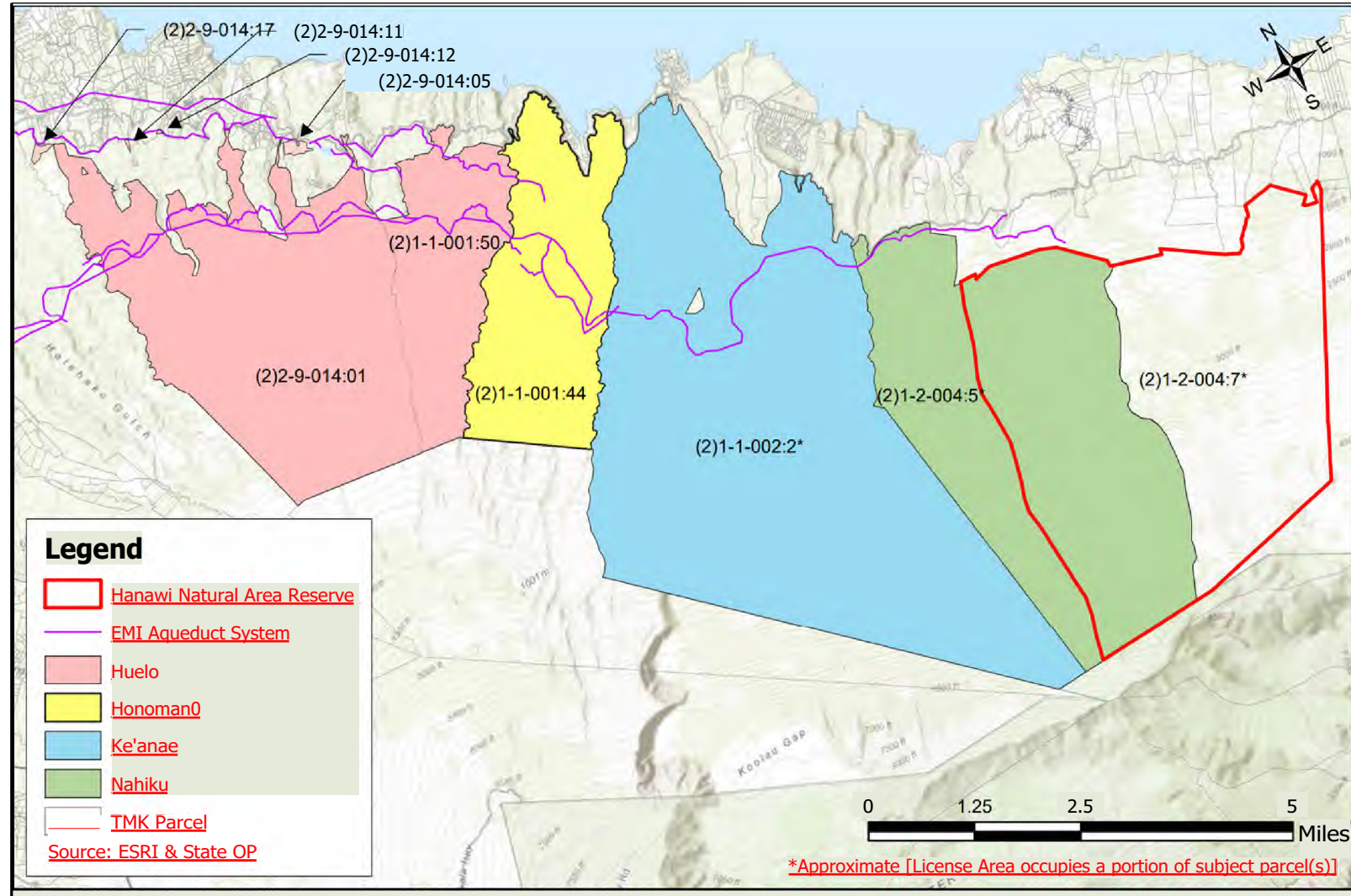
-  **1 member from Water Service Area with water resource management**
-  **1 member with water resource management experience actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i'a in water service area**
-  **1 member representing DHHL as recommended by DHHL**
  - We have notified DHHL and are working with them on their appointment**
  - They are in the process of finalizing their new Chairman**



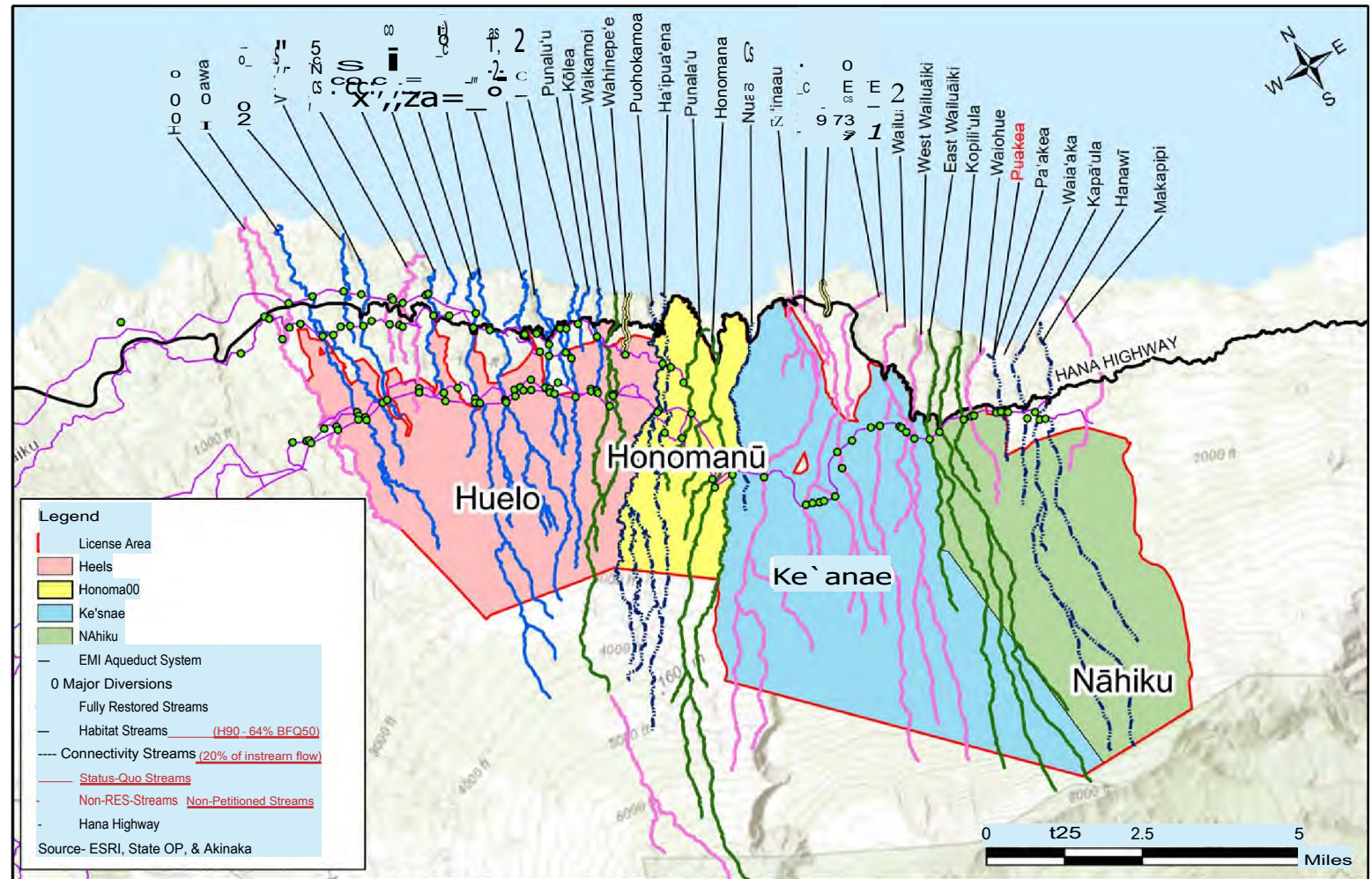
## 4 License Areas Now

**Reminder: DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing much smaller license area of only collection system.**

**Scott Fretz, DoFAW Manager provided information at December 2022 APT meeting.**

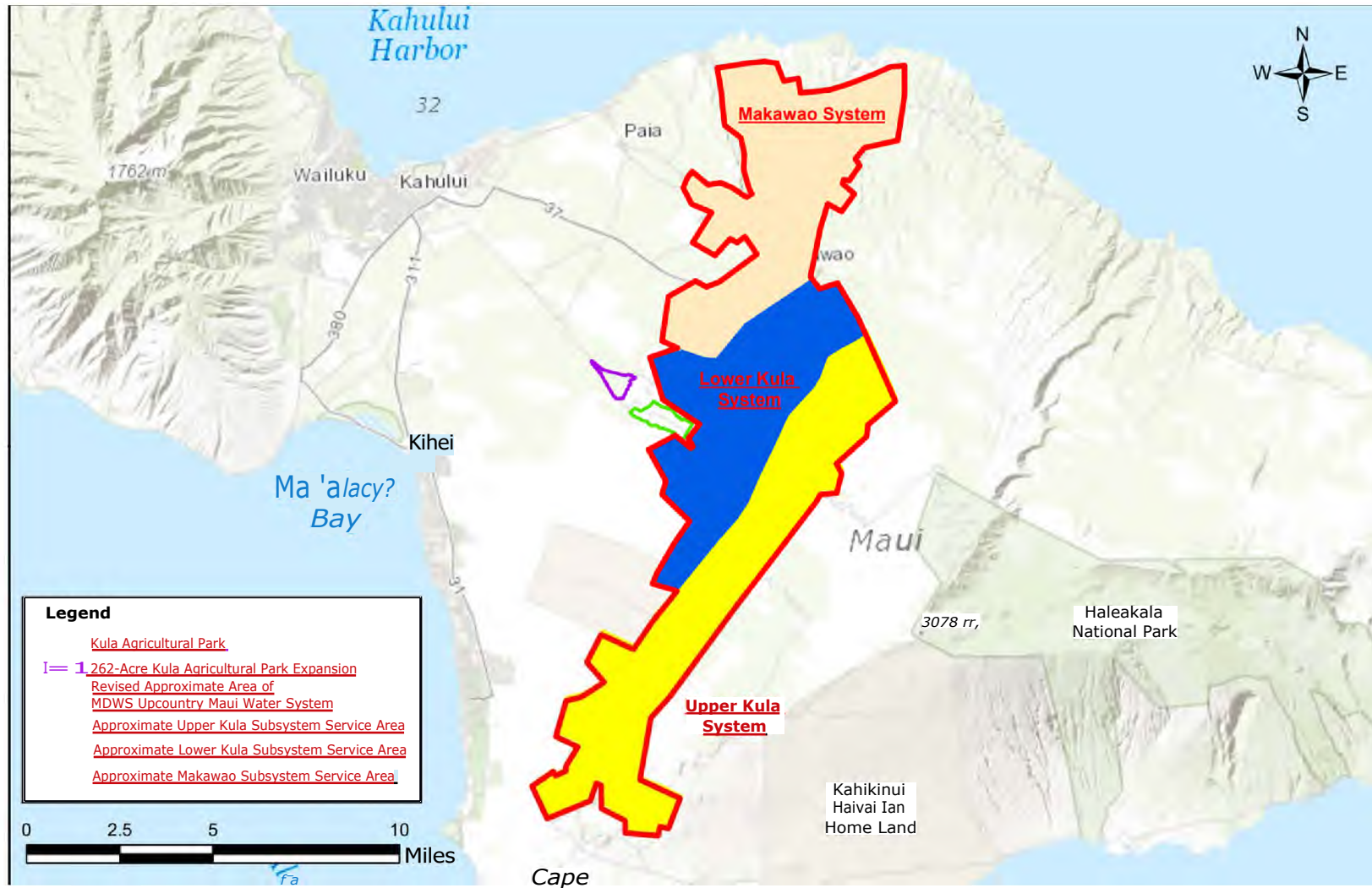


# License areas and watershed





# Water Service Area





# Board application

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<b>EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD APPLICATION FORM</b> <b>Maui County Council</b>		
N... Please print or type.		
Name:	pure	(Fuel)
City of Residence:		
Employer N. Position:		
Business Phone:	Email:	
Why are you interested in serving on this board?		
<b>If you cannot respond to any of the following four prompts, you do not qualify for this board.</b>		
The East Maui Regional Community Board is concerned with the Nahiku, Ke'ahine, Honomann, and Huelo license areas. Are you interested in representing any of these license areas? If so, please check the box next to the license area or areas you are interested in representing and describe why you are qualified to represent those areas.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nahiku <input type="checkbox"/> Ke'ahine <input type="checkbox"/> Honomann <input type="checkbox"/> Huelo		
If you expressed interest in representing any license area, please describe your experience in water resource management and watershed restoration in the selected area or areas.		
Attached to this application is a map of the Upcountry Water System Service Area. Are you actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko in this area? If so, please provide a description of the operation and an explanation of your role in the operation. Please also describe your experience in water resource management.		

Attached to this application is a map of the Upcountry Water System Service Area. If you reside in this area, please describe your experience in water resource management.		
Employment History	To	Employer's Position
From		
Community and Professional Organizations/Activities:		
Previous County Experience (employment or board member):		
Educational Background:		
Please review Maui County Code, Section 2.4/.090 for rules on board attendance. If selected, please state your commitment and availability to attend all regularly scheduled board meetings and at least two public meetings per		
Consent to be Nominated and Codification of Truthfulness and Accuracy of Information I declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.		
<b>Signature:</b>		
Board appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maui County Council. Board terms range from two years to five years. If you are selected as a nominee, the information contained on this form will be provided to the public upon request.		
Please email completed application to: WASSP Committee of Maui County Council by _____ with a reference to <b>But Maui Regional Community Board</b> . You may also mail your application to Office of Council Services, 200 South High Street, #703, Wailuku, HI 96793; drop your application in a drop box located outside the entrance to the Office of Council Services' office; fax your application to (8013) 270-7686; or hand deliver to any Council residency area office during normal hours of operation. For further information, call WASSP Committee staff at (808) 270-7761 or (808) 270-7143.		

Board  
application  
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EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD APPLICATION  
CONTACT INFORMATION

The information contained on this form is considered **CONFIDENTIAL** and will **NOT** be made available to the public.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) 6.5 (A Me Nmei)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Political Affiliation\*  
Section 13-213) of the Charter, County of Maui, requires that not more than a bare majority of members of a board or commission belong to the same political party; therefore, please indicate if registered/card carrying member of a political party. If not, indicate 'None.'

For those actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i'a, please provide the physical address where these activities are performed:

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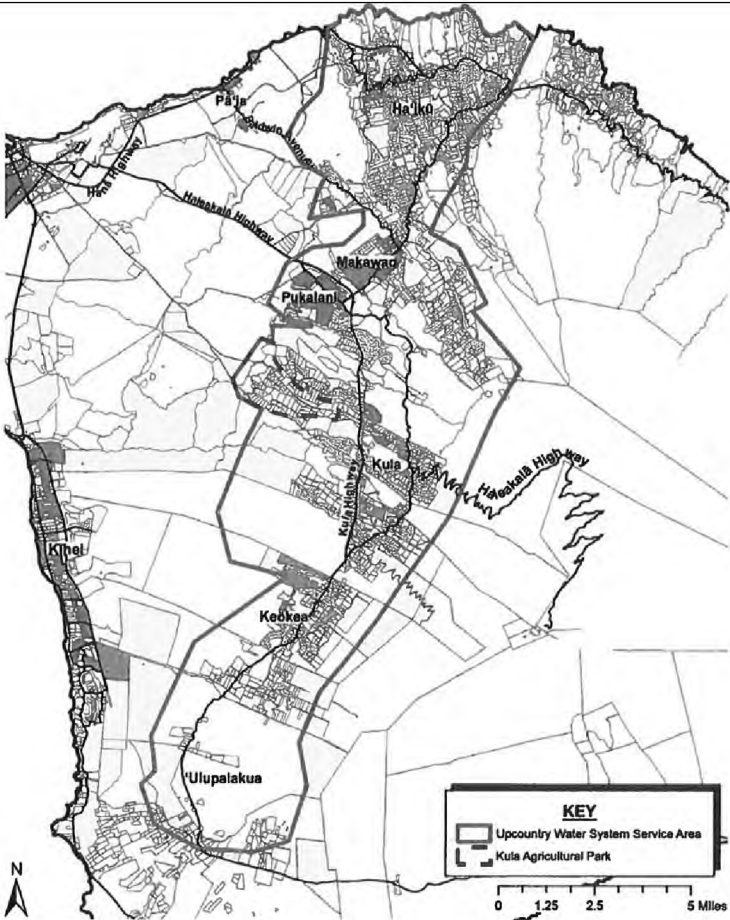


Figure 13. Upcountry Maui, Water System Service Area

# TIMELINE

**December 2, 2022: Reso 22-260 Appointments to East Maui Regional Community Board approved for committee referral**

**December 2, 2022: Council Press Release notifying public Board seats will be available soon - 14 community members and organizations expressed interest already**

**March 6, 2023: WASSP 7B presentation**

**March 13 (tentative: Application available to public**

**May 8 (tentative): WASSP appointments**

**May 26 (tentative): Council appointments approval**



# EAST MAUI COUNTY COMMUNITY WATER AUTHORITY TIMELINE

**We are already behind schedule:**

- **Water Authority charter amendment became effective immediately upon election certification**
- **Board must be established to take required steps:**
  - **Position descriptions must be developed and approved by DPS**
  - **Director salary established by salary commission**
  - **Recruit and hire Director, then Director hires staff**

**All before July 1, 2022 start date**



**QUESTIONS?**

## WASSP Committee

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**From:** Gina M. Young  
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