



GET Committee

From: Ryan Churchill <ryanc@pacificrimland.com>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 12:39 PM
To: GET Committee
Subject: Testimony for Jan 29 GET Meeting GET-1(4)
Attachments: Pearson - Director Testimony.pdf

Please see attached.

Disclaimer

The information contained in this communication from the sender is confidential. It is intended solely for use by the recipient and others authorized to receive it. If you are not the recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or taking action in relation of the contents of this information is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful.

This email has been scanned for viruses and malware, and may have been automatically archived by **Mimecast Ltd**, an innovator in Software as a Service (SaaS) for business. Providing a **safer** and **more useful** place for your human generated data. Specializing in; Security, archiving and compliance. To find out more [Click Here](#).

January 25, 2019

Mike Molina, Chair
Government, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: JANUARY 29, 2019 GET COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS
OF DEPARTMENTS (DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLY) (GET-1(4))

Dear Chair Molina and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Jeff Pearson to the position of Director of Water Supply at the January 29, 2019 GET Committee Meeting. I have had the opportunity to work with Jeff in a variety of capacities for the last 15 years, including as his supervisor for 6 years. He is well qualified and I am confident he will do a great job leading the Department of Water Supply.

Jeff has the education, experience and leadership ability to serve as Director. Following are some of Jeff's qualifications:

- Is a civil engineer and has worked around Hawaii water systems for over 20 years;
- Thoroughly understands the groundwater and surface water systems of Maui;
- Has managed significant water systems for both public and private operations including PUC-regulated entities. This includes overseeing numerous employees, preparing short and long-term budgets, overseeing consumer rate setting and fee collection, and ensuring compliance with county, state and federal regulations; and
- Has years of experience working at DWS as its Deputy Director and CIP Head Engineer.

The County of Maui is very lucky that Jeff is willing to leave DLNR and the Commission on Water Resource Management and take on the DWS Director position. Based on Jeff's qualifications and proven ability, I urge the council to confirm Jeff as the Director of Water Supply.

Mahalo



Ryan Churchill