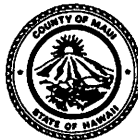


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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
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Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **PRIORITIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WATER
SOURCES** (PAF 21-329)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE MAYOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WATER SOURCES," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tasha Kama", is written over a horizontal line.

TASHA KAMA
Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

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COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 21-530

Resolution

No. _____

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WATER SOURCES

WHEREAS, Maui County continues to face an extreme shortage of attainable housing, with a significant barrier to development being lack of infrastructure, including available water supply; and

WHEREAS, Maui County's Water Availability Policy, colloquially known as the "show me the water" provision, under Chapter 14.12, Maui County Code, requires long-term and reliable water resources are secured before housing development approvals; and

WHEREAS, the Maui County Code further provides in Section 14.01.020: "It is the policy of the County of Maui to provide clean, healthful, and plentiful water to its residents"; and

WHEREAS, recent rulings by the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) have prioritized the necessity of adequate in-stream water flows for historic practices such as taro farming and other high priority uses; and

WHEREAS, CWRM identifies several water sources for development, protection, and responsible management, including groundwater, surface water, catchment, stormwater reuse, and recycled wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Supply, under the Mayor's Administration, has the primary responsibility for providing the water resources needed to meet current demand and future needs of our growing Maui County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Mayor of the County of Maui to make the development of new water sources a fiscal priority for the Administration and to include sufficient funding in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget proposal for the identification, planning, and development of new water sources for each water system operated by the County;

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2. That it urges the Department of Water Supply to focus efforts on the identification, planning, and development of new water sources and to take into consideration traditional and nontraditional approaches to water sourcing;
3. That it urges the Department of Water Supply and other relevant agencies to: (a) study and consider the implementation of new pricing structures to heighten water conservation by all users; and (b) assess the costs and potential impacts of water-reclamation efforts such as large-scale desalination and reverse-osmosis treatment plants; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Jeffrey T. Pearson, Director of Water Supply, County of Maui; Eric Nakagawa, Director of Environmental Management, County of Maui; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.