

# Committee Meetings

April 18, 2006

Chairperson Josephine Sokei called the Committee Meetings to order at 10:15 a.m.

Board present: Josephine Sokei, Ian Costa, Donald Fujimoto, Steven Kyono, Lynn McCrory, and Myles Shibata. Absent & excused: Bernie Sakoda

Staff present: Wynne Ushigome, Paul Ganaden, Les Yoshioka, Gregg Fujikawa, Bruce Inouye, and Keith Fujimoto. Absent & excused: Deputy County Attorney Galen Nakamura

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Finance Committee Chair Steven Kyono called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Members present: Ian Costa, Donald Fujimoto, Lynn McCrory, Myles Shibata and Josephine Sokei. Absent & excused: Bernie Sakoda

### **Re: Claims Payable:**

WATER UTILITY FUND: . \$	865,111.31
BOND FUND: .....	\$ -0 -
FRC FUND:.....	\$ 282,275.14
STATE FUND:.....	\$ -0-
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b><u>\$1,147,386.45</u></b>

Mr. Fujimoto moved that the claims be approved for payment, seconded by Ms. McCrory; motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Finance Committee adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

## **RULES COMMITTEE**

Rules Committee Chair Lynn McCrory called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. Members present were Ian Costa, Donald Fujimoto, Steven Kyono, Myles Shibata and Josephine Sokei. Absent & excused: Bernie Sakoda

### **Re: Rules Update**

The Department continues to internally discuss the application and implementation of the Multi-party Facilities Reserve Charge (“FRC”) Offsets Interim Directive dated January 31, 2006. This directive incorporated the Board’s policy guidance provided at its November 4, 2005 meeting discussion on this subject.

This item will be discussed further with the request by Mr. Terry Kamen representing Kiahuna Mauka Partners LLC to appear and provide testimony at the Board’s March 21, 2006 Regular Meeting.

As indicated previously, the Department is evaluating this interim directive and determining the applicable criteria and/or conditions which will allow developers to qualify for (one-time only basis) FRC offsets against water system infrastructure improvements which are constructed and dedicated to the Department, as part of their proposed developments.

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Amendments to the Department's administrative rules regarding Paragraph 4, "FRC Offsets" of Section VII "Facilities Reserve Charge" of Part 4 of the Department's rules, may be necessary. When the Department has determined what rule amendments are necessary to affect this directive, the Department will report back to the Board on this item.

Received for the record. The Rules Committee was duly adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Public Affairs Committee Pro-Chair Myles Shibata called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Members present were: Ian Costa, Donald Fujimoto, Steve Kyono, Lynn McCrory, and Josephine Sokei. Absent & excused: Bernie Sakoda

### **Re: Public Affairs Update**

PA Committee Pro-Tem Chair Shibata gave the following report:

**SCADA:** Timberline Engineering, the Department's SCADA design consultant received an Engineering Excellence award for the Kaua'i Department of Water's SCADA System Implementation project. Timberline submitted our SCADA system project as their entry into the New Mexico American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Engineering Excellence Awards and received the Small Firm Grand Award.

Keith Fujimoto and Bill Eddy will represent the Department of Water and jointly accept the award along with Timberline and FluidIQs at the ACEC award banquet held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 21, 2006.

Again, the Department would like to acknowledge and thank the project teams for their cooperative efforts in the SCADA implementation.

**Surface Water Public Information:** In March, the water purification facility's (WPF) service area was expanded to include a portion of Lihue Town. Currently, the surface water use extends from the Isenberg Subdivision in Lihue through Kapaia-Hanamaulu to the Wailua River. On average, the Department is receiving approximately 1.65 MGD.

Prior to introducing the surface water into the Wailua-Kapa'a system, the DOW notified the Department of Health, Safe Drinking Water Branch of its intention to expand the WPF's service area into a portion of the Lihue Water System.

The Department's laboratory staff continues to monitor both the Lihue-Hanamaulu and the Wailua-Kapaa water systems and is working with the DOH to develop a monitoring plan for the consolidated service area.

To date, the Department has received very few complaints regarding the surface water introduction; however, it may still be too early for problems to be fully developed. As stated

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previously, the strategy of phasing in the new water initially into a relatively limited service area has also no doubt resulted in a more manageable situation.

**Charter Amendment:** Depending on whether the Charter Review Commission accepts our proposed charter amendment to add to the November election ballot to address the Board's ability to oversee the Manager's salary, the Board may want to do a PR campaign to educate the public in order to get the proposed charter amendment approved. This was previously done for our last charter amendment and the charter amendment passed.

**Public Relations Specialist:** The candidate selected for the public relations position initially accepted, but after careful consideration decided to decline the Department's employment offer.

Subsequently, the selection committee reconvened to review the application and qualifications of the other job applicants. Reference checks will be conducted, and based on the applicant's reference comments-evaluations, a recommendation will be forward to DPS.

**Lihue Senior Center Presentation:** The Lihue Senior Center's activity coordinator requested the Department conduct an informational (Q & A) presentation on the "safety of our drinking water". Gregg Fujikawa, Water Resources & Planning Chief, and Carl Arume, Microbiologist, represented the Department at the information Q & A forum on March 6, 2006 at the Lihue Neighborhood Center. According to the activity coordinator, generally the Seniors are interested in obtaining general information on whether it is necessary to use home filter units, purchase bottled water, etc.

**Departmental Promotions:** Congratulations to Virgil Kapanui and Brian Fujii who were promoted to Pipefitter positions, effective March 16, 2006.

Received for the record.

The Public Affairs Committee and Committee Meetings were all adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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