

Committee Meetings

September 19, 2006

Pro-Tem Chair Bernie Sakoda called the Committee Meetings to order at 10:43 a.m.

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Pro-Tem Chair Ian Costa called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 10:43 a.m. Members present: Donald Fujimoto, Lynn McCrory, and Bernie Sakoda. Absent & Excused: Steven Kyono and Josephine Sokei

Re: Claims Payable:

WATER UTILITY FUND:	\$2,737,948.05
BOND FUND:	\$ 584,204.19
FRC FUND:	\$ 95,940.79
STATE FUND:	\$ -0-
TOTAL	<u>\$3,418,093.03</u>

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

The Finance Committee was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Public Affairs Committee Chair Bernie Sakoda called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m. Members present were: Ian Costa, Donald Fujimoto, and Lynn McCrory. Absent & excused: Steve Kyono, Myles Shibata and Josephine Sokei.

Re: Public Affairs Update

PR Specialist Faith Shiramizu gave the following report:

Make a Splash Festival: We have 530 fifth grade students registered to attend our 2006 make a Splash with Project WET Water Festival. They are coming from 13 schools from Hanalei to Kekaha. As of September 12, 2006, we have 175 volunteers to cover our set up on Thursday and the event on Friday. Packets have been sent out to teachers, and training sessions have been set up and are being conducted for all activities as well as parking and registration. We will have 10 hands on activities that will demonstrate to the students, where our water comes from, how pollution and waste affects our water supply, about the water cycle, and how essential water is to all of us. This is a wonderful event to help our children gain a better understanding of our precious resource.

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Senior Center Presentations: Carl Arume and I were well received at the Hanapepe Senior Center on August 22nd. As usual, Carl did a great job reviewing the Water Quality Report for the area and sharing information on Emergency Water Storage and Treatment.

On September 13th, we visited the Koloa Senior Center, where Carl fielded questions on locations of storage tanks, where they get their water from, and quality of the water (should they use filters?). He effectively used the Water Quality Report to help them understand the standards and requirements the Department of Water has to abide by. They were very happy that their water is very good. There was a brief discussion on Emergency Water Storage and Treatment.

County Fair: We rustled up a few volunteers to man the DOH booth at the County Fair on Thursday evening and the earlier part of Friday evening. Items from the DOH did not arrive on Kauai before hand, so we assisted with the decoration of the booth and providing additional material for display and giveaways. Volunteers included: Les Yoshioka, Eddie Doi, Keith Aoki, Keith Fujimoto, Mona Yamauchi, Wynne Ushigome and Faith Shiramizu. People seem generally happy with the Water Department, the few questions we had were handled very well by our knowledgeable volunteers. If we participate at the fair again, it should be our own booth or volunteering at a "county" booth.

Radio Stations: Met with Dianne Mikami from KFMN and Kelli Kelly from the KQNG Radio Group to review our contracts and announcements that are currently running.

Received for the record.

The Public Affairs Committee was duly adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Committee Chair Lynn McCrory called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m. Members present were Ian Costa, Donald Fujimoto, and Bernie Sakoda. Absent & excused: Steven Kyono, Myles Shibata and Josephine Sokei.

Re: Rules Update

Ms. McCrory gave the following Rules Update:

The Department has no rules amendments being formalized on at this time; however, the Department continues to internally discuss the application and implementation of the follow items:

- **Facilities Reserve Charge (FRC) Offsets Interim Directive**

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. As indicated previously, the Department is still evaluating this interim directive and determining the applicable criteria and/or conditions which will allow developers to qualify for (one-time only) 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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- **Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement**

At the last Board meeting, the Board decided to allow the Water Manager to administratively grant the use and approval of the Waiver Release and Indemnity (WR & I) agreement on a case by case basis. Again, the purpose of the Waiver Release and Indemnity Agreement is to have the applicant waive, release and indemnify the Department of Water (DOW) from any and all liability for injuries or damages which might arise out of the fact that the County will be issuing and does issue a permit to the applicant for construction activities on the property, although the project water improvements have not been fully and finally approved and accepted as required by the Department of Water's Rules and Regulations.

Although no formal policy was established, the Manager will provide notice and update the Board of executed WR & I agreements through the Manager's Monthly Update reports.

Received for the record. The Rules Committee was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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