

Kauai Water Use & Development Plan Update
First Series of Public Meetings
October 28, 2015
Waimea Neighborhood Center
5PM to 6:15 PM

ATTENDANCE:

KDOW: Kirk Saiki (Manager and Chief Engineer), Edward Doi (Head of Water Resources & Planning Division, WR&P), Kim Tamaoka (Public Relations, PR), Jonell Kaohelaulii (PR)
Fukunaga & Associates, Inc. (Consultant): Lynn Malinger, Amanda Tanaka, Amanda Kimi
Resolutions Hawaii (Facilitator): Dee Dee Letts

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this series of five (5) public meetings is to present the information that will be covered in the update, the sources for this information, how it will be presented, as well as any information that is available regarding the status of the resource on the Island. There will be a second series of public information meetings in about a year that will present all of the data gathered.

The intent of this series of meetings is to create an understanding of the purpose and intent of the Kauai Water Use & Development Plan Update and the context within which it is being developed. This series is to give the community an opportunity to express any concerns or voice any questions they may have about the process to be used to create the update. This will allow the consultant and the Department of Water to factor these into the planning process as the data is being collected and analyzed.

The meeting started with a presentation by Fukunaga & Associates. This presentation is posted on KauaiWater.org. There is a one page handout from the meetings that is also posted on the same website.

DISCUSSION:

These notes reflect the questions and concerns voiced by attendees at the Waimea meeting. (Q = question; A = answer; C = comment.)

- 1) C: An attendee expressed enthusiasm that this update is happening and that the update is being coordinated to the extent possible with the General Plan Update which is also currently underway.
- 2) C: It appears there are a lot of water resources but we're missing the infrastructure, which is already old.
A: Water Plan 2020 is addressing the aging infrastructure.

3) C: A concern was expressed about Eleele relying on Hanapepe for its water and the existing transmission main.

A: Presently, the Department of Water (DOW) has two wells in Hanapepe Valley and one well located above Hanapepe Heights. Water is provided to the Eleele service zone by two booster pumps located in Hanapepe Valley which pump water through a transmission main that traverses the cliff to DOW's storage tanks. DOW is in the process of installing a transmission main from Hanapepe town to the Eleele water system [near the intersection of Kaumualii Highway and Waialo Road adjacent to Eleele Shopping Center].

NEXT STEPS:

FAINC will continue to collect and analyze data and will explore the issues that were raised during the meeting. The findings will be presented at the next public information meeting. In the meantime, new and updated information will be posted on the DOW website periodically.