

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**  
**Monday, April 8, 2024**

The Board of Water Supply, County of Kaua‘i held a Public Hearing on Monday, April 8, 2024. Chair Tom Shigemoto called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. The following Board members were present:

**BOARD:**

Mr. Tom Shigemoto, *Chair*  
Ms. Julie Simonton, *Vice Chair (remote)*  
Mr. Kurt Akamine *(remote)*  
Ms. Micah Finnila *(remote)*  
Mr. Troy Tanigawa *(remote)*

**EXCUSED:**

Mr. Ka‘aina Hull  
Mr. Larry Dill

Quorum was achieved with 5 members present at Roll Call.

Copies of the proposed rule amendments were posted and published pursuant to Part I, Section IX (I).(A.) Commission Support Clerk Cherisse Zaima explained the public hearing procedures and public testimony instructions.

With no objections, Chair Shigemoto opened the public hearing . Ms. Zaima called roll and read the public hearing notice into the record.

Deputy Manager Michael Hinazumi provided a presentation on the proposed rule change, noting that the current Rules and Regulations of the Department of Water, County of Kauai do not expressly allow the Department to render estimated billing. Part 2, Section VII, Article 1. Titled “Meter Reading and Rendering of Bills” currently states: *Meters are read and bills are rendered regularly. Special readings will be made when necessary for closing of accounts or for other reasons.*

The Board would like to standardize the rules to allow estimated billing similar to that of our neighboring counties as Honolulu, Maui, and Hawaii County all have some form of estimated billing in their rules. The Board would like to receive comments from the public relating to this proposal.

Ms. Zaima noted for the record that no testimony had been received prior to the public hearing.

There was one (1) guest from the public participating remotely but declined to provide any public testimony.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None received.

**CONCLUSION OF TESTIMONY**

With no further testimony, Chair Shigemoto closed the public testimony portion of the hearing. He noted that discussion, deliberation, and possible decision-making regarding the adoption of the proposed rule amendment is intended for the April 18, 2024 Board Meeting.

The public hearing was closed at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cherisse Zaima  
Commission Support Clerk