

MINUTES
WATER BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 3-4 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE/AMENDMENT TO THE POWER COST CHARGE

West Hawai'i Civic Center, Liquor Control Conference Room, Bldg. B, 2nd Floor, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Kailua-Kona, HI

July 24, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Robert Meierdiercks, Chairperson
Mr. Art Taniguchi, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. David Greenwell, Board Member
Mr. Ken Kaneshiro, Board Member
Ms. Susan Lee Loy, Board Member
Mr. Bryan Lindsey, Board Member
Mr. Delan Perry, Board Member
Mr. Rick Robinson, Board Member
Mr. Richard Kuehner
Mr. Patrick Callaghan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jay Uyeda, Board member

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY STAFF

Mr. Quirino Antonio, Jr., Manager-Chief Engineer, Department of Water Supply (ex-officio member)
Mr. Keith Okamoto, Deputy
Mr. Richard Sumada, Waterworks Controller
Mr. Kurt Inaba, Engineering Division Head
Ms. Kathy Garson, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Mr. Daryl Ikeda, Chief of Operations

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Richard Kuehner
Mr. Patrick Callaghan

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON: Good morning. Would the Public Hearing on proposed changes to Section 3-4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Water Supply please come to order. I am Bob Meierdiercks, Chairperson of the Water Board, and the members of the Water Board who are here are, to my left:

(Messrs. Kaneshiro, Greenwell, Lindsey, Taniguchi, Ms. Lee Loy and Messrs. Robinson and Perry introduce themselves.)

Thank you, Board. We are here to accept testimony on the proposed changes to Section 3-4 of the Rules and Regulations. In an effort to improve collection of balances owed the Department for water service, the following changes to the Department's application and credit policies are proposed:

- To establish credit deposits on all meter sizes at \$150;
- Credit deposits will be held by the Department until accounts are closed, at which time they will be used to settle unpaid balances before refunding any excess to customers, and;
- Interest will not be paid on credit deposits returned to customers.

Pursuant to Chapter 91-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, we are here to receive comments or testimony on the proposed changes. As stated in the hearing notice, **published in the Hawai'i Tribune-Herald and the West Hawai'i Today on June 17, 2012**, all comments or testimony were to be filed in writing before the time of the hearing or are to be presented in person at the time of the hearing. We would like to follow this format as closely as possible. However, because there may be some of you who do not have any written statements but would like to testify or comment, we would like to accord you this opportunity to do so, but would like to limit such presentations to five minutes because of the time element.

Do we have any written testimony? *(None)* Okay.

Do we have somebody testifying?

CORPORATION COUNSEL: Members of the public who are here, are here for the Water Board meeting, not for the Public Hearing on the rule change.

CHAIRPERSON: Okay, so is there anybody here to testify about the rule change? Okay. If there's no further testimony, I would like to entertain a Motion that this Public Hearing be closed.

MR. KANESHIRO: So move.

MR. TANIGUCHI: Second.

CHAIRPERSON: Any discussion? Call for the question. All those in favor signify by saying "aye." Those opposed? Hearing is closed. Thank you.

(Public Hearing closed at 9:35 a.m.)

Secretary

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in this Water Board Meeting should contact Janet Snyder, Secretary, at 961-8050 as soon as possible, but no later than five days before the scheduled meeting.

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