

MINUTES

WATER BOARD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAII

November 24, 2020

Via WebEx/Host Location: Department of Water Supply, 345 Kekūanaō‘a Street, Suite 20, Hilo, HI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. William Boswell, Jr., Chairperson
Mr. Eric Scicchitano, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. David De Luz, Jr.
Mr. Nestorio Domingo
Ms. Judy Howard
Ms. Julie Hugo
Mr. Zendo Kern
Mr. Benjamin Ney
Mr. Keith K. Okamoto, Manager-Chief Engineer, Department of Water Supply (ex-officio member)

ABSENT: Mr. Kenneth Sugai, Water Board Member
Director, Planning Department (ex-officio member)
Director, Department of Public Works (ex-officio member)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Diana Mellon-Lacey, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Ms. Diane Noda, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Management
Ms. Charmaine Felipe, Department of Environmental Management

DEPARTMENT OF
WATER SUPPLY STAFF: Mr. Kawika Uyehara, Deputy
Mr. Kurt Inaba, Engineering Division Head
Mr. Richard Sumada, Waterworks Controller
Ms. Candace Gray, Assistant Waterworks Controller
Ms. Judith Hayducsko, Chief of Operations
Mr. Clyde Young, Operations Division
Mr. Warren Ching, Energy Management Analyst

(Chairperson Boswell called the Public Hearing to order at 9:30 a.m.)

Chairperson Boswell: Good morning. Would the Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Water Supply please come to order. I am William Boswell, Jr., Chairperson of the Water Board, and I will have the Secretary do a roll call of the Board Members present.

Secretary: Secretary took a roll call. In attendance were eight Board Members: Mr. De Luz, Jr., Mr. Domingo, Ms. Howard, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kern, Mr. Ney, Mr. Scicchitano, and Chairperson Boswell.

Chairperson Boswell: We are here to accept testimony on the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations. The proposed changes include Rule 1, Section 1-1 Definitions; Rule 2, Section 2-5 Rules of Practice; Rule 3, Section 3-11 Discontinuation of Water Service, and 3-12 Restoration of Water Service. 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 October 25, 2020, all comments or testimony were to be filed in writing before the time of the hearing or anyone wishing to provide oral testimony during the meeting were required to contact the Department to register to take part in this Web Conferencing.

Doreen, do we have anyone registered to take part in this Web Conferencing?

Secretary: No, Mr. Chair.

Chairperson Boswell: At this time, I would like to entertain a Motion that this Public Hearing be closed.

Mr. Ney: Motion to close.

Mr. Scicchitano: Second.

Chairperson Boswell: Doreen, can we have a roll call vote please?

Secretary: Roll call was taken. Motion was carried by Ayes: 8 – Mr. De Luz, Mr. Domingo, Ms. Howard, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kern, Mr. Ney, Mr. Scicchitano, and Chairperson Boswell; Absent: 1 – Mr. Sugai.

Chairperson Boswell: The public hearing is closed. Thank you.

(Public Hearing adjourned at 9:38 a.m.)

Recording Secretary

(Approved by Water Board 12/22/20)