Chair Steven Hirakami: Will the public hearing of the water board on the proposed 2024 operating budget and 5-year Capital Improvements Budget for the Department of Water Supply please come to order. My name is Steven Hirakami, Chairperson of the Water Board and I will have the secretary do a roll call of the Board Members present.
PW: Mr. Bell
Michael Bell: Here

PW: Mr. DeLuz
David DeLuz Jr: Present

PW: Ms. Hugo
Julie Hugo: Here

PW: Mr. Kekela
Michael Pono Kekela: Here

PW: Ms. Keolanui
(Absent)

PW: Mr. Lopez
Stephen Kawena Lopez: Here

PW: Mr. Ney
Benjamin Ney: Here

PW: Mr. Sugai
Kenneth Sugai: Here

PW: Chair Steven Hirakami
Chair Steven Hirakami: Here

PW: We have eight board members present.

Chair Steven Hirakami: Thank you. The Water Board under Section 8-2(c) of the Hawaii County Charter shall adopt the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for the Department of Water Supply; and under the hearing and advertising provision of Section 10-4, Hawaii County Charter, did publish public hearing notices in the Hawaii Tribune Herald and in the West Hawaii Today on March 12, 2023.

As stated in the hearing notice, all comments or testimony were to be filed in writing before the time of the hearing or register to have testimony included via web conference application. 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 afford you this opportunity to do so but would like to limit such presentations to three minutes because of the time limit.

The hearing is now open for comments from the floor. Secretary, is there anyone registered to provide oral or written testimony?

**PW:** We have two written testimonies.

**Chair Steven Hirakami:** We don't have any oral testimony today, but I'd like to enter into the record, two written testimonies from Emily Taaroa, and one from Deborah Ward and we recognize these written testimonies. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion that this Public Hearing be closed.

**David DeLuz:** So moved.

**Ken Sugai:** Second.

**Steven Hirakami:** David DeLuz moved and Ken Sugai seconded. It's been moved and seconded that this Public Hearing be closed. Are there any comments? If not, all in favor say Aye.

**Board Members:** Unanimous Ayes.

**Chair Steven Hirakami:** Opposed? (None)

**Motion is carried.** Thank you very much.

(Public Hearing closed at: 9:33am)

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Secretary

APPROVED BY WATER BOARD
(April 25, 2023)