

April 26, 2017

To: The Honorable Edmund Aczon, Chair  
and Members of the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission

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Re: Support for the Hearings Officer's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order, etc. filed April 4, 2017 in Docket No. A89-649

Dear Land Use Commission,

My name is Tom Roelens and I am the General Manager of Four Seasons Resorts Lanai. I have been in this position and a resident of the island since March, 2008, and I was fortunate to be a part of the senior team that transitioned the Golf Course employees to Four Seasons management in early 2014.

Manele Golf Course has always been an important part of marketing the Four Seasons concept on Lāna'i, but now that Four Seasons manages the golf course, we have been able to "get the word out" about how truly special Manele Golf Course is and what an important part of the Resort the golf course is. Since taking over the management of Manele Golf Course in early 2014, our Golf team, under the direction of Scott Ashworth, Director of Golf, has worked extremely hard on the conditions of the golf course as well as the service we provide to our guests. This wonderful effort has led to world class playing conditions and service levels that have elevated the Manele Golf experience to a new level.

We directly employ over 40 people from the island of Lāna'i on Manele Golf Course. The continued success and operation of Manele Golf Course has a direct impact on the lives of those that work at Manele Golf Course, as many of our employees have worked at Manele Golf Course for over 20 years and their job has provided the income that has allowed their families to continue to live on Lāna'i. The continued operation of Manele Golf Course also helps drive occupancy at the Beach Resort which has a direct effect on those that work at the Hotel as well.

The survival of Manele Golf Course relies on the ability to continue to use the water it has been using for over 20 years. We take pride in being great stewards of the land and using water responsibly. Our team has worked hard to reduce the amount of water being used on the golf course, and has taken extraordinary measures to hand water where necessary (as to not overwater areas that do not need the water), and we have recently begun a project to implement a new irrigation system that will continue to allow us to become more efficient in how we use water on the golf course. This is a big investment of resources, but one that we know will have positive long lasting effects for all involved.

The Manele Golf Course provides the employment directly or indirectly for many of us who live on Lāna'i. If we were to lose this source of water for the golf course, it would most likely mean the end of Manele Golf Course, and would therefore have a negative economic impact for many of our island residents and not just those employed at the golf course or Four Seasons.

I am strongly in favor of allowing Manele Golf Course the continued use of the water it has been using for the past 20 plus years, and believe that we are using it in a sustainable manner that will benefit the island and its people. I also strongly support the Hearings Officer's Recommendation in this case.

Mahalo for allowing me the time to speak about my feelings on this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Roelens  
General Manager  
Four Seasons Resorts Lāna'i

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Testimony for  
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Lānaʻi Community Center, Lānaʻi City, Hawaiʻi 96763

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**Hearing & Action A89-649 Lānaʻi Resorts Partners**

Dear Chair Aczon and Members of the Commission:

This testimony is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the Hearings Officer's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order relating to an Order to Show Cause on whether certain Manele land failed to comply with Condition No. 10 from the previous Findings of Facts, Conditions of Law, and Decision and Order filed April 16, 1991.

I am Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Pulama Lanai. This position includes reporting to government (both Maui County and State of Hawaiʻi) and the Lānaʻi community from prior entitlement conditions. These include quarterly ocean water testing below the Manele Golf Course; semi-annual reporting of brackish and potable water consumption for the Manele Project District; annual reporting of brackish and potable water consumption for specific locations in the Manele Project District, along with watershed quality, fog drip study, water use rates; and the annual report to the Land Use Commission on the Manele Project District entitlement conditions, of which there are many.

For all of Pulama Lānaʻi's permits/entitlements that go to the Lānaʻi Planning Commission, the current actual usage of water for the permit and the projected water usage is included in the application. Before we file for a permit/entitlement we hold at least one Community Informational Meeting that is open to everyone on Lānaʻi. We discuss the project and cover both the actual and projected water usage. With 3,200 Lānaʻi residents, we usually have between 30 and 60 community members attending. A summary of the meeting is included in our monthly newspaper.

Pulama Lānaʻi works with the community to be sure that they have the information on water usage from prior permits/entitlements and have the information going forward with proposed development projects. We value the input from the community and we want the community to have accurate information at all times.

We humbly ask for your APPROVAL of the Hearings Officer's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order for A89-649. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana  
With warm aloha,

Lynn P. McCrory  
Senior Vice President of Government Affairs

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Good morning Commissioners,

My name is Lesley Kaneshiro. I am the Senior Vice President of Operations for Pulama Lanai. I work and live on Lanai over 50% of my time since December 2012. I support the Hearing Officer's recommendation that has been filed in this case.

I believe in Pūlama Lāna'i and all the positive improvements that are happening on the island. Overseeing some of the Operations on the island our team has worked hard to improve the lifestyle for the residents. People living here know that Residential housing has been very tight. Since 2012 the Company has renovated 220 units that were in disrepair and not properly maintained. 30 of these homes were added to the inventory of rental homes and provided families with a place to live. These homes were rebuilt by our Lanai Builders division and were built to look like the original plantation homes. Our Facilities Maintenance Department renovated 190 homes and apartments over the past 5 year. The repairs and upgrade were done when units were vacated and provided us an opportunity to catch up on maintenance that was not done for many years.

The Company has also worked to bring services to Lanai that previously may not have existed. We've worked with the organization to help them find a commercial space for their business and help them to get settled in. In the past 5 years we have been able to attract and help open the Pharmacy, Hospice, Dentist, Physical Therapist and most recently the Women Helping Women shelter. These are all services that supported the community and were greatly needed. I believe that Pulama Lanai has the best interest of its residents, community and employees at heart and will continue to do what is right.

I am proud to represent Pūlama Lāna'i and I support the current use of water for the golf course.

I would like to thank the Hearings Officer for his recommendation and hope that the entire commission will do so as well.

Sincerely,

  
Lesley Kaneshiro

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Good morning Commissioners,

My name is Roger Alconcel, Resident of Lāna'i.

I am in favor of supporting Pūlama Lāna'i's decision on continuing to use water for Manele Bay Golf Course as it is being used today. I support the Hearing's Officer recommendation that has been filed in this case.

I have a list of names signed by Lāna'i residents who are also in favor of this recommendation but who are not able to come and testify with me.

Sincerely,

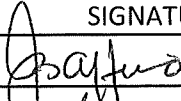
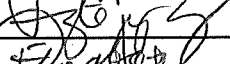
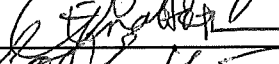
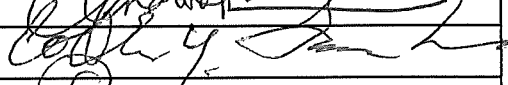
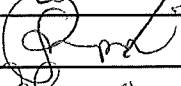


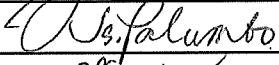
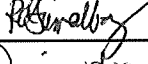
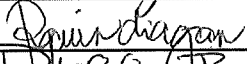
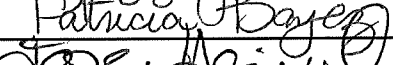

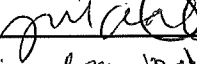
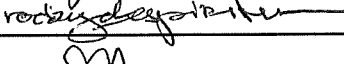



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SIGNATURES WHO ARE IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING PULAMALANAI DECISION ON CONTINUING TO USE WATER FOR MANELE BAY GOLF COURSE AS IT IS BEING USED TODAY.

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
Jonathan Baltero	
GINA TEPPANG	
EDUARDO NABOR JR.	
COLLIN TAMASHIRO	
Rowena Nabor	
Florencia Ejan	
Floramje Adams	
Jane Palumbo	
Rowena Sumalbag	
Ruby Quindangan	
PATRICIA BAYEZ	
JESSE AGCAOLI	
Janette Taal	
Rocky d. Espinto	
JUNY LALCONCEL	

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Aloha Commission Members:

My name is Kepā Maly. I was unable to attend the last meeting you held on Lāna'i, but did provide you with written testimony, which includes background on how my testimony then, and today is connected to the history of Lāna'i. While I am associated with two heritage based programs here on Lāna'i, I am here today as a resident, and someone who has specialized in native history and island ethnography rooted in more than 40 years of research and development of cultural studies.

Contrary to what has often been thought, Lāna'i's historical-ethnographic record is extensive and has time depth—the short span of 70 years as a plantation and a little over 30 years in the resort economy, barely scratches the surface of Lāna'i's history.

On the matter of water, traditional knowledge and practices, we find that at least 45 place names on Lāna'i occurred which document the presence of water on the land or in the sea. These traditional sources of water included mountain springs, one perennial stream and other intermittent streams, coastal wells and seeps, cloud and fog/dew borne moisture, and springs that were known to flow in the ocean. The place names have been recorded in traditional Hawaiian accounts, land records, kingdom and territorial survey records, and through eyewitness testimonies of historic period residents and visitors. At least nine of those names are associated with lands and resources which this commission is addressing today.

These storied places of water include:

Ha'alele Pa'akai (Salt left behind)  
Summit and water hole on Lāna'i Hale. Pālāwai-Pāwili Ahupua'a.

Kapiha'ā (The flotsam and jetsam)  
Ancient village area, named because of the periodic storms that cause flooding in the dry gulch down to the shore. Debris accumulates in the ocean fronting the area. Pālāwai Ahupua'a.

Lāna'i Hale (Lāna'i house – watershed)  
Pūnāwai Spring – boggy area of ca. two acres. Pālāwai Ahupua'a.

Mānele (The sedan)  
"Along the shore of Mānele, there are places where water—that was collected for drinking and domestic purposed—escapes through cracks in the surface rock of near shore ocean. The people of old, who lived at Mānele knew of these places, and to collect fresh water, would dive into the ocean, carrying an empty ipu (gourd container). Once they were at the place where the fresh water escaped through the rocks, they would tilt the ipu mouth over the spring source, to allow it to fill up with the fresh water. This way, the native residents of

Mānele had access to drinking water year-round, even when regular rains failed. This practice was commemorated by the elders who expressed it as — “Maika’i Mānele i ka wai kaohi ipu” (Life at Mānele is good, for there is water found, which was caught in the gourd).”

Pālāwai (Fresh water moss)

Named for fresh water moss which grows in the “boggy” basin. Pālāwai Ahupua’a.

Pūlo’u (Covered)

Upland spring in Pālāwai Ahupua’a.

Waiaka’iole Spring of the Polynesian mouse)

Mountain spring in gulch. On boundary of Keālia Aupuni-Pālāwai Ahupua’a.

Waiakeakua (Spring of the ghosts)

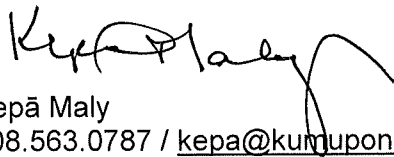
Mountain spring in gulch. Near Pālāwai-Ka’ōhai Ahupua’a.

Waikeke’e (Crooked, bent spring)

Spring in lower gulch near boundary of Keālia Aupuni and Pālāwai Ahupua’a.

In my earlier submittal to you, I observed that the ecological damage of the past is now being addressed, one step at a time through meaningful efforts of conservation and stewardship. These actions are more than just a land owner’s “kuleana, they also require each of us to modify our relationship with the honua ola (living environment), and assume roles as stewards of the land. I believe that the community, the land owner and responsible agencies need to move forward and work with trust for the good of Lāna’i. I hope that you will approve the recommendations of the Hearings Officer, and give this island community an opportunity to grow in partnership, collaboration and trust.

Na’u no me ka ha’aha’ o ke aloha,



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Dear LUC Commissioners:

My name is Margaret Villaro and I am the Safety Manager for Pulama Lana'i. Born and raised in Honolulu I have lived here on Lanai since August 2013 and have a tremendous amount of appreciation for the community and the people here on Lanai.

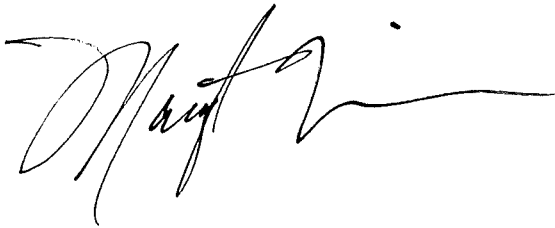
Pulama Lana'i has a mission to develop, advance and nurture a sustainable future for the island of Lana'i. Since I have been on Lana'i I can see every effort that has been put into play how we are all as one working as a team to carry out this mission

I am in full support for Pulama Lana'i and the usage of water for the Manele Golf course and believe that we are using it in a sustainable manner and will benefit the island and the community.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Margaret Villaro





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Dear Land Use Chair and Commissioners,

Good morning. My name is Aileen Pua Manuel. My testimony this morning is, as a resident of Lana'i.

Having been born and raised on Lana'i during the 70's, I am grateful for the humble lifestyle I lived back then. It taught my siblings and I to live and make do with what was available to us then. At the same, we were also taught by our parents to accept the changes that would be imposed on us whether we agreed with it or not, but to also be respectful and mindful of the benefits that it would bring, but the challenges that could still lie ahead.

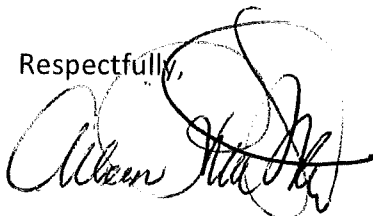
As the ownership of Lana'i has been passed on from Castle & Cooke to Pulama Lana'i, it's been over two decades since the Water Use dispute for the Manele Golf Course still remains. In my opinion both Pulama Lana'i and Lanaian's for Sensible Growth have had enough time to present their findings and I would like to see this matter come to a conclusion.

As such, it is my belief that Pulama Lana'i has done their due diligence in presenting to the LUC Commission with accurate information relating to the water use issue, enough for the LUC Commission to make their ruling today.

In conclusion, I strongly support the hearings officer's recommendation and hope that you will approve it this hearing.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak before you.

Respectfully,



Aileen Pua Manuel

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Good morning Commissioners,

My name is Noemi Barbadillo. I grew up on Lāna'i and spent most of my career here on the island. I support the Hearing Officer's recommendation that has been filed in this case.

I returned home four years ago after being away for about 12 years. One of the main reasons I returned home was the opportunity to work for the Company. The Company today is different from the one I left in 2001. The Company constantly tries its best to be transparent, keep the employees & community informed and involved, and is working very hard to protect Lāna'i for us and the future generations.

I believe in Pūlama Lāna'i and all the work that It's doing. I support their current use of water for the golf course and believe that they have the best interest of its residents, community and employees at heart.

Thank you to the Hearing Officer for your recommendation, I support your recommendation and hope that the entire commission will do so as well.

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Noemi Barbadillo

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Good morning Commissioners,

My name is Larry Plunkett, Assistant Maintenance Manager for Pūlama Lānaʻi. I was born and raised on the island of Lānaʻi.

Standing here with me are a few of my team members on the Pūlama Lānaʻi facilities maintenance team. Together we have at least 75 years of combined service with the current and previous Landowner.

The majority of us have worked for the prior Landowner, and comparing the previous and current Landowner, we are confident that our current Landowner is doing what is right for the Company, the community and the future of Lānaʻi. We are proud to represent Pūlama Lānaʻi and stand behind its decision on the way the Company is currently using water to irrigate the golf course. We believe that the Company is doing what is right and will continue to do what is right – especially when it deals with water and the golf course.

I, along with my team of maintenance workers, support the Hearing Officer's recommendation that has been filed in this case.

Sincerely,



Larry Plunkett