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Please consider this when you make your decision to re-zone ag lands in Waiehu (na wai eha) to urban for the benefit of a mainland developer, cloaked in the language of “affordable”

Sierra Club Maui “For more than a century, Maui County's stream water delivery systems have been controlled by private corporations. Today these systems are poorly maintained and waste millions of gallons each day. Maui County also depends on this precious water for its public water systems and must pay private corporations for delivery.

With climate change and more frequent droughts across the globe, it's crucial to shift control of the island’s stream waters out of corporate hands and back to the people of Maui Nui. Future prosperity depends on water, and Maui County must not leave itself vulnerable to decisions made behind closed doors for profit.

It’s essential to update these water systems for future water & food security, and bring the people of Maui Nui into decision making to help manage public trust water for the benefit of all.”

Thank you for your attention to the water situation on Maui.