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RE: Miki Basin Interim Industrial Uses in the State Agricultural and Rural Districts (SU

Application, Lāna'i Island, Hawai'i.

TMK: (2) 4-9-002: 061 (por.)

Dear Mr. Wollenhaupt:

The County of Maui Department of Water Supply (MDWS) thanks you for the opportunity to offer the following comments on the Miki Basin Interim Industrial Uses Special Uses in the State Agricultural and Rural Districts Application (SUP2).

Water Source and Demand

According to the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), Lāna'i Island has a sustainable yield of 6 million gallons per day (gpd). Fresh water is found solely in the high-level Central Aquifer Sector. The entire Island of Lāna'i is served by the Lāna'i Water Company (LWC), a private water utility company regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. Please note that MDWS has no jurisdiction over projects on Lana'i. The SUP2 permit application states that the water demand for the proposed project is 2,000 gpd (Miki Basin Interim Industrial Uses LUC Permit Application, page 11).

Lāna'i Island Water Use and Development Plan (WUDP) Alignment

Lāna'i Island WUDP R-1 Resource Options

The projects potential use of R-1 recycled wastewater would be in alignment with the Lana'i Island WUDP:

"Efficient use of water...." is "...essential to reduce waste of Lana'i's limited water resources. Lana'i's water and wastewater utilities should implement water recycling and water conservation programs targeting landscape...to substantially reduce water consumption to the extent allowed by the Public Utilities Commission" (Lāna'i Island WUDP, page 30).

"By Water All Things Find Life"

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Conservation BMPs

Indoor

- Use EPA WaterSense labeled plumbing fixtures.
- Install flow reducers and faucet aerators in all plumbing fixtures wherever possible.
- Install dual flush toilets with high-efficiency models that use 1.28 gallons per flush or less.
- Install bathroom sink faucets with fixtures that do not exceed 1 gallon per minute at 60 pounds per square inch (psi).

Outdoor

- Use Smart Approved WaterMark irrigation products. Examples include evapotranspiration irrigation controllers, drip irrigation and water-saving spray heads.
- After plants are established, in order to avoid stimulating excessive growth, avoid fertilizing and pruning. Time watering to occur in the early morning or evening to limit evaporation. Limit the use of turf.
- Use native Hawaiian climate-adapted plants for landscaping. Native Hawaiian plants adapted to the area conserve water and protect the watershed from degradation due to invasive species.
- We recommend adopting landscape irrigation conservation BMPs endorsed by the Landscape Industry Council of Hawai`i at https://www.hawaiiscape.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/LICH Irrigation Conservation BMPs.pdf

We hope you find this information useful. Should you have any questions, please contact staff planner Alex Buttaro at (808) 463-3103 or alex.buttaro@mauicounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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