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SUBJECT: A92-686 Puukolii Mauka and Puukolii Triangle,  
Clarification of Item in Petitioner's 2023 Annual Report

Statewide Geographic  
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The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) respectfully transmits information received from Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) staff on the status of Petitioner Kaanapali Land Management Corporation's (KLMC) water use permit for the Puukolii Mauka portion of the Petition Area.

OPSD requested clarification of the status of KLMC's water use permit applications. CWRM staff informed OPSD that KLMC had submitted **existing** surface water and groundwater use permit applications for diversified agriculture and irrigation in August 2023, but that the Petitioner had not applied for new water use permits for the Puukolii Mauka housing project. The email from CWRM containing this information is attached for your reference.

Enclosure(s)

c: Katie Roth, CWRM

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Aloha Aaron,

Apologies for the delayed response. Below is CWRM's response.

Question: Has KLMC submitted an application for a new water use permit for the Puukolii Mauka project, and if so, the current status of the permit review?

Response:

Surface Water:

- KLMC submitted an existing surface water use permit application (SWUPA-E - SWUP.6071.6) in August 2023
- The proposed use is for diversified agriculture and irrigation, NOT for the Puukolii Mauka housing project

Ground Water:

- KLMC submitted an existing ground water use permit application (GWUPA-E - GWUP.01171) in August 2023
- The proposed use is for diversified agriculture and irrigation, NOT for the Puukolii Mauka housing project

No new use permit for surface or ground water has been submitted to CWRM by KLMC for the Puukolii Mauka project. CWRM staff did meet with KLMC and others on August 19, 2024. Our recollection from that meeting is they acknowledged the need to file a GWUPA for new use, with KLMC recognizing that they filed a GWUPA for existing use based only on the current agricultural use of the land.

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Aloha Katie,

Attached for your reference is the 2023 Annual Report filed recently with the Land Use Commission (LUC) by Kaanapali Land Management Corp. (KLMC) for the Puukolii Mauka and Puukolii Triangle project (LUC Docket No. A92-686). On page 3 of the Report, KLMC states that, "Due to uncertainties with respect to issuance by the State of Hawaii Commission on Resource Management ("CWRM") of a new water use permit for Puukolii Mauka (required as a result of the 2022 designation of West Maui as a water management area), KLMC has deferred further development work for Puukolii Mauka until the uncertainties are resolved." Also on page 3, regarding the status of Condition 1 of the Amended Decision and Order, KLMC states "Further development work has been deferred pending CWRM issuance of a required new water use permit for Puukolii Mauka."

During the July 10, 2024 CWRM informational briefing to the LUC, CWRM stated that it had not yet received an application for a new water use permit from KLMC for the Puukolii Mauka project. This was different from what KLMC had represented during its May 8, 2024 LUC status hearing. Consequently, we would like CWRM to confirm that KLMC has submitted an application for a new water use permit for the Puukolii Mauka project, and if so, the current status of the permit review.

Mahalo,  
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