

IRRIGATION WATER UPDATE

Mahanalua Nui Association had a very productive Annual meeting Thursday night. If you were not there I wanted to give everyone a few key points before too much time passes. Even though this is not an official channel for communications with owners, we realize many read it:

As most know, the DLNR's Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), made an unprecedented decision and order to force our non-potable water company, Launiupoko Irrigation Company, (LIC) to begin releasing very large amounts of water back into the streams that have been filling our irrigation reservoirs for decades. The effect is about an 80% reduction in the irrigation water supply that supplies our association and four others in the area. This order is giving us virtually no time to make alternate arrangements.

LIC principals were present at the meeting and gave very helpful explanations of how this occurred, how fast it occurred (essentially overnight), the overlapping and often contradictory regulations of several governing agencies, and the various options being studied by the water company.

The Mahanalua Nui Board is working hand-in-hand with LIC, and is diligently trying to gain the cooperation of the other four Launiupoko associations in developing a plan to continue irrigation water service to Launiupoko and to ensure a long-term supply far into the future.

The Association Board is working virtually day and night to finish its part of the plan, so it's a little premature to be specific about the plan, however, it will include immediate water conservation measures by ALL owners, a redeployment (curtailment) of water to the common areas, probable legal action in coordination with all affected associations, and helping to develop alternate sources of non-potable water in partnership with LIC.

The Board will be pushing out comprehensive communication to all owners this week via mail and an email blast. Please be on the lookout for these, and when you receive them, give them your full attention and respond immediately.

We will be asking you to do everything you can to conserve water, and to write letters to personally object to this unilateral action, which was taken with no due process. We all MUST pull together to solve this water crisis.

Please also visit our website at www.mlnhoa.com for updates as they become available.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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