

06.08.26 Molokai Irrigation System User Advisory Board

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Call to Order 1:05

II. Introductions/Role Call

- Janice Fujimoto- DAB
- Lance Kaneakua- DAB
- David Bush- DHHL
- James Boswell- Homestead Users
- Oscar Ignacio- Hikiola
- Jill Coombs- Non-Homestead User

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 3, 2026 meeting

James- moved to approve minutes as they stand

David- seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

IV. Old Business

- A. Status of 2023 Proposed Irrigation Water Rate Changes
 - a. No new information.
- B. Letter to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity addressing concerns over funding of the Moloka'i Irrigation System
 - a. Not needed at this time

V. New Business

- A. None

VI. Reports and Presentations

- A. System Update – Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (DAB) Staff
 - a. Reservoir Level: 36.75ft today, 927.5 million gal
 - b. Last year was 25.25
 - c. Outflow 1.446MGD

- d. Inflow 6.197MGD
- e. Equipment purchases:
 - i. double storage container and industrial slope mower.
 - ii. New truck
 - iii. Polaris/ trailer
 - iv. Mini-Ex
 - v. Valve exerciser

B. Capital Projects Update – DAB Staff

- a. No funds from legislature this year
- b. One ongoing project- replace pumps 5 and 6. Alpha Inc. was winning bidder.
- c. Looking for help from FMEA for access road to west portal
- d. Looking into federal grant for solar for west portal
- e. DHHL: Na'iwa subdivision area construction project- 16" irrigation main exposed from Kona low this spring. Looking to plans of how to address change in conditions as part of subdivision construction project

C. Financial Update, with energy use report and expenses – DAB Staff

- Existing rules allows dept to increase water rate by \$.02 per 1000gallons per year. July 1st 54cents per 1000 gallons. Pumping fee also included. \$0.05cent additional surcharge. So July 1st will be \$.59/1000 gallons.
- Acreage assessment is going up to \$2.663/acre/month. Last year was \$2.42
- Fiscal year ends June 30th so next meeting will reflect end of fiscal year
- Revenue MIS \$358,337 and \$819,405 for the state.
- Expenses as of June 1, \$476,352, state: \$848,100
- Last year 83 delinquencies
- Get 3 letters then water gets turned off, gets turned back on when it gets paid
- Right now 21 delinquencies (All shut off)
- 1 over \$1000, 20 under \$1000
- Month of June going to keep pumping since we already paid the surcharge.
- Planning not to pump starting in July
- Less water use and more inflow

C. Board Member Vacancies

- a. No more after July 1st.
- b. Harry Purdy, Denise Kawano and Faith Tuipulotu all approved. Waiting for notarized Oath of Office from Faith.
- c. 2027 James, Jill, and Oscar are up.

VII. Announcements - none

VIII. Next Meeting Date

- August 10, 11am base yard

VIII. Adjournment 2:10pm

Molokai Irrigation System

Department of Agriculture

Date: June. 8, 2026

To: Molokai Water Users Advisory Board

From: Lance Kaneakua (District Manager)

Subject: System update

Molokai Irrigation Tasks

June. 1st We flush the blow off valves from the West Portal to the reservoir.

June 4th Container in the reservoir was finished to store our mower and equipment.

We are continuing mowing the outside slopes of the reservoir..

All daily/Monthly duties is on going for the month.

Kualapuu Reservoir level... 36 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet..... 927.500 million gallons stored.

Level at this time last year... 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet

Reservoir average outflow... 1.446 MGD from the total usage from the meter readings for May.2026

Reservoir average inflow.....6.197 MGD

MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM

June. 08, 2026

Monthly Report

Number of farm field visit to provide general assistance not related to meters 0

Quarterly Report

Period: April. to June. 2026

Number of days without planned water delivery disruption (i.e. normal water delivery)0

**Number of days of water restrictions
for Homesteaders 0**

Number of days of water restrictions for non-Homesteaders..... 0

Number of days without accidents or injuries:6

Percentage change in revenue and operating cost:

Pump 6: Running for 24hrs

Surface Pump 1: on

Semi-Annual Report.

Period: Jan. to June. 2026

Number of meters installed for Homesteaders.....0

Number of meters installed for Non-homesteaders.....1

Number of meters repaired or replaced..... 0

**Average time between request for service and completion of
service:approximately 3 months.**

Annual Report.

Number and type of Capital Improvement Projects 0

Number of CIP projects in progress.....0

Percentage of brush cleared in Reservoir..... 40% cleared.

**Percentage of gravel cleared in tunnel..... 95%
cleared.**

Financial Strength: On time bill paying

Financial Weakness: Fuel, Electrical cost for Pumps.