

Molokai Irrigation System Advisory Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

I. 12:09 am call to order

II. Introductions/ Roll Call

- a. Oscar Ignacio- Hikiola
- b. Janice Fujimoto- Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (DAB)
- c. Brian Kau-DAB
- d. Lance Kaneakua - DAB
- e. David Bush - DHHL
- f. James Boswell – Homestead Users
- g. Faith- guest – application in
- h. Denise- guest- application in
- i. Roldand Yartzoff- guest
- j. Noelani Joy- guest
- k. Jill Coombs – Non-homestead users

III. Approve Minutes- David to accept as presented. James 2nd. Minutes accepted

IV. Old Buisness

A- Status of proposed water rate Changes-no updates

B- Letter to Board of Agriculture addressing funding concerns-not needed at this time

V- New Business

- Pumping surcharge, water rate went up across whole state system by 2cents and can from rules. 5 cent surcharge is added for pumping surcharge, up to 57cents. But any irrigation system that uses over 850million gets 5 cent credit. MIS Rate until June 30, 2026 will be 52 cents per 1000 gallons. July 1-June 30 will go through the same exercise.

On a 10% voluntary reduction.

VI- Reports and Presentations

A. System update from Lance- see attached.

Reservoir at 23.5 feet 550million gallons. 24.5feet last year.

Infow 4.2, outflow 4.1

Pump 5 and 6 rotate 24 hours/day per week

Pump 20 run 6 hours/ day

B. Capital Projects Update- DAB

- a. Waikolu- pau
- b. SCADA- working on design and tweaks to get it working again.
- c. Pump design working on it, \$1M+ for each pump to redesign and construct. Plan to bid construction spring of next year. All electric. 5 and 6 function as backups or redundancy, and so are 23 and 24. 23 is currently offline. 23 and 24 only run at night for a few hours, so the focus is on 5 and 6. Because of CWRM, we can only run so much. Diversion dam pumps are operational but no water going over the flume so can't pump.
- d. Septic design got approved by Department of Health, can start construction in a few weeks.
- e. DAB is going after a federal grant to get PV.
- f. CIP requests for next year- last year got none. Replacing coupling, underground valves, baseyard improvements, transmission pipeline improvements. West portal access road- firebreaks, can we get that added to the list.

C. Financial Update, with energy use report and expenses- DAB staff

- a. Personnel, have 3 people, no funding for more positions
- b. End of FY 2025 (ended June 30th.)
 - i. Income
 - 1. Acreage Assessments 92,000
 - 2. 399,000 water toles
 - 3. 2600 interest/ other
 - 4. MIS 495,000 total
 - ii. Expenses
 - 1. 183,000 payroll/ fringe
 - 2. Electricity 191,000
 - 3. 209,000 other
 - 4. 584,000 total

- iii. Statewide, positive 233,000 but overall, MIS was negative this year by 88,000

D. Board Member Vacancies

- a. Denise- still in progress
- b. Faith- still in progress

E. Molokai Irrigation System Delinquency Accounts

- a. Always an issue
- b. Molokai is \$1.5 million in arrears
- c. The last legislative session took an interest, going to BOA with plan.
- d. Sending out letters to all MIS users. Give delinquent accounts a paper to sign to say they will pay from now on. But will give existing people the option to clean out- forgiveness. With the addendum that you will pay from now on OR pay later to hook it back up.
- e. 80 people overdue, 50ish use water regularly.

VII- Announcements

suggestion, to include meeting notice in Molokai Dispatch community calendar.

VIII- Next Meeting Date

October 21st. 11am.

VIII- Adjournment

Oscar motion to adjourn. David 2nd. Meeting 1pm.

Sincerely,

Jill Coombs

MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Aug. 12, 2025

Monthly Report

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

Quarterly Report

Period: July. to Sept. 2025

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

Number of days of water restrictions for Homesteaders0

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

Number of days without accidents or injuries:27

Percentage change in revenue and operating cost:

Pump 5: Running for 24hrs for a week then switch to Pump 6 for 3weeks 24hrs

Pump 24: running for 6hrs daily

Semi-Annual Report.

Period: July to Dec.

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

Number of meters installed for Non-homesteaders.....0

Number of meters repaired or replaced..... 2

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..... Pending

Percentage of brush cleared in Reservoir..... 30% cleared.

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

Financial Strength: On time bill paying

Financial Weakness: Delinquent account\Rising Fuel Cost\Pumps

Molokai Irrigation System
Department of Agriculture
Date: August. 12, 2025

To: Molokai Water Users Advisory Board
From: Lance Kaneakua (District Manager)
Subject: System update

Molokai Irrigation Tasks

Aug. 5th We went through the tunnel to clean the gratings, flush the diversion dams and weed whack the roadway to the diversion dam building. We turned pump 5 off and turned on pump 6 running for 24hrs.

Aug. 8th We flushed the Transmission pipeline from the West Portal to the reservoir.

We are continuing weed whacking the slopes of the reservoir to try to maintain the vegetation.

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

Kualapuu Reservoir level... 23 ½ feet..... 550 million gallons stored.

Level at this time last year... 24 ½ feet.

Reservoir average outflow...4.100 MGD from the total usage from the meter readings

Reservoir average inflow.....4.243 MGD