

**From:** [Harvey Arkin](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: agenda item D-9  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 6:43:32 PM

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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Harvey Arkin and I am a resident of Manoa

The proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what both the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed continues to perpetuate waste and take much needed water from native stream and coastal ecosystems and downstream users, including farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

Further, water usage data clearly show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs every day. Millions of gallons of water that should have remained in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries will be lost every day to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to persist while continuing to take water from East Maui streams is unacceptable, especially as we face ongoing drought conditions and the impacts of climate destabilization.

[Include personal stories or connection to Maui Hikina]

I urge the Board to take the following actions:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harvey Arkin

**From:** [Barbara Barry](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-9  
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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Barbara Barry and I am a resident of Ha'ikū, Maui County.

The proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what both the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed continues to perpetuate waste and take much needed water from native stream and coastal ecosystems and downstream users, including farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

Unfortunately, we cannot rely upon Mahi Pono to be pono with how much water is needlessly wasted on a daily basis. No one is monitoring them to ensure their conservation of this gift of life.

Everyone living and visiting Maui has to share this precious resource of Maui. The wai belongs to the Hawaiians and they need to be consulted about how it is used and respected by everyone including A&B and Mahi Pono.

A&B has had a terrible track record with wasting water like they did when growing sugar cane. Mahi Pono should show that they are excellent water stewards by asking for much less than the current amount they want.

Further, water usage data clearly show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs every day. Millions of gallons of water that should have remained in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries will be lost every day to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to persist while continuing to take water from East Maui streams is

unacceptable, especially as we face ongoing drought conditions and the impacts of climate destabilization.

I urge the Board to take the following actions:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.
- Appoint county water monitors to ensure compliance with best conservative practices and maintenance of the reservoirs and waterways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ms. Barbara Barry

**From:** [Patricia Blair](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reduce the amount of water allowed to be taken from East Maui to what is actually needed. Require the diverted use reservoirs lined as a condition for the revocable permit.  
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Patricia Blair, Kailua, 8088886393  
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**From:** [Boisvert-Jorgensen](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item D-9  
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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I appreciate this opportunity to testify against the proposed amount of stream water that would be diverted for Alexander & Baldwin and Mahi Pono under the 2025 revocable permit.

They do not need all that water; and yet, they still want it for themselves. Greed is not pono.

Isn't this the Alexander & Baldwin company that has wielded immense power and control over Hawaiians and their land since their first purchase of 12 acres on Maui in 1869, and 559 acres in 1870?

Isn't this the Mahi Pono farming company that is funded by one of Canada's largest pension funds and has spent millions of dollars purchasing water rights worldwide?

**I thought the days of the Big Five, when companies dictated and ruled over everything across the islands, were over! I guess a few people just didn't get the memo?**

For the sake of the survival of small farms and the environment:  
Please REDUCE the amount of water to be allocated so it will be more realistic and based on the amounts actually being used.  
Please REQUIRE all the reservoirs to be lined to prevent leaks and the waste of valuable water.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Denise Boisvert  
Honolulu

Please confirm receipt of this testimony.

**From:** [dd](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Limit Water Allocation in the Reissue of Water from Maui Hikina (East Maui) streams to Mahi Pono and Alexander & Baldwin in 2025  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:30:47 PM

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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Danette Delconte and I am a resident of Paia, Maui.

According to many sources, the proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what both the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed perpetuates waste, takes much needed water from native stream and coastal ecosystems, and from downstream users, including farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

Furthermore, water usage data show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs every day. Millions of gallons of water that should remain in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries will be lost every day to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to persist while continuing to permit private enterprises to take water from East Maui streams is unacceptable, especially as we, the residents of Maui County, face ongoing drought conditions, water use restrictions, and the impacts of climate destabilization.

I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to take the following actions:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Danette Delconte

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**From:** [Lewis Glenn](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony re; East Maui water allocation  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 8:35:24 PM

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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is LEWIS GLENN and I am a resident of Kailua, O'ahu

I write regarding the proposed diversion of water from East Maui streams. The proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what both the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed continues to perpetuate waste and take much needed water from native stream and coastal ecosystems and downstream users, including farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

Further, water usage data clearly show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs every day. Millions of gallons of water that should have remained in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries will be lost every day to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to persist while continuing to take water from East Maui streams is unacceptable, especially as we face ongoing drought conditions and the impacts of climate destabilization.

Please support equitable and sustainable use of water in East Maui.

I urge the Board to take the following actions:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lewis Glenn  
1111 Akipohe St; Apt C  
Kailua, HI 96734

**From:** [Hawaiian Supaman](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No to water diversion  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 9:31:51 AM

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Aloha,

Please do not allow any stream diversion at all. Let the streams flow into the ocean as Mother Nature intended.

Mahalo,

Paul Hanada BS Biology University of Hawaii Mānoa

Life long resident of Maui for 73 years

**From:** [Cheryl Hendrickson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony agenda D9  
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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

The proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what both the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed continues to perpetuate waste. It takes much needed water from native stream, coastal ecosystems and downstream users. This includes farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture, subsistence and cultural practices.

Further, water usage data clearly show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs every day. Millions of gallons of water that should have remained in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries will be lost to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to persist while continuing to take water from East Maui streams is unacceptable, especially as we face ongoing drought conditions and the impacts of climate destabilization.

I urge the Board to take the following actions:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Hendrickson  
Haiku resident

**From:** [Lorna Holmes](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for agenda item D-9: Revokable Water Diversion Permit  
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Aloha BLNR,

Our precious water resources are a critical issue for all residents of the State of Hawaii, of which I am one. Please, stop the waste of millions of gallons of water every day by the currently proposed permit.

I urge the Board to take the following actions:

1. Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
2. Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Dr. Lorna Holmes, Honolulu 96817

**From:** [Cheryl Hotta](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony on agenda item D9  
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Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Cheryl, and my roots are from Honolua, Maui. I presently reside in Wailuku.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed water diversion under the 2025 revocable permit. The amount allocated exceeds the actual water needs of both the diverters and the county, which perpetuates waste and further depletes essential water resources from native ecosystems and downstream users. These include farmers, residents, and those who depend on stream water for traditional agricultural and cultural practices.

Moreover, data reveals that millions of gallons of diverted stream water leak daily from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs. This water, which should remain in East Maui's streams, watersheds, and estuaries, is being lost every day, exacerbating the ongoing drought conditions and climate instability in the region.

I urge the Board to:

1. Reduce the diversion amount to match actual water usage, ensuring no excess water is diverted.
2. Require the use of lined reservoirs to prevent further waste of precious water resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Ann Hotta

**From:** [Waikiki - Hawaii Condo](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Agenda Item D-9  
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Aloha,

Please reduce the amount of water allocation in the 2025 revocable permit to what A&B and Mahi Pono are on record for actually using. There is no legitimate or logical reason why they should get more than that.

And they are not even responsible caretakers of the water they get because they don't line their reservoirs, and most of it is lost from leaks.

Others can use and need that water for their farms and fishing; and the streams are critical for a healthy environment. The people of Maui deserve to finally, after over 150 years, have access to the stream water on their island.

Mahalo,  
Kim Jorgensen  
Oahu

**From:** [Arnie Kotler](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: agenda item D-9  
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Aloha Chair Chang and BLNR Board members,

I am a resident of South Maui. I am submitting testimony that you please:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount of water to align with usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is actually needed.
- Require the diverters to invest in lined reservoirs to prevent the waste of this precious resource.

According to the Sierra Club, the proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more than is needed takes water from native stream and coastal ecosystems and downstream users, including farmers and residents who rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

Further, water usage data show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs. Millions of gallons of wai that should remain in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries are lost every day to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to continue while taking water from East Maui streams is extremely problematic as we face drought conditions and the deleterious effects of climate change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arnie Kotler  
Kihei, Maui

**From:** [wliggett@twc.com](mailto:wliggett@twc.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony regarding agenda item D9  
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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is WillliM Reese Liggett and I am a resident of 4947 Maunalani Circle, Honolulu 96816.

Re BLNR Agenda item D9, December 13, 2024

The proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what both the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed continues to perpetuate waste and take much needed water from native stream and coastal ecosystems and downstream users, including farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

Further, water usage data clearly show that millions of gallons of diverted stream water continue to leak from Mahi Pono's unlined reservoirs every day. Millions of gallons of water that should have remained in East Maui's streams, watersheds, aquifers, and estuaries will be lost every day to leakage under the 2025 revocable permit. Allowing these leaks to persist while continuing to take water from East Maui streams is unacceptable, especially as we face ongoing drought conditions and the impacts of climate destabilization.

I have witnessed the dried up streams—dried up due to diversion for no good use. Wasted water for decades to the detriment of valid water necessities.

I urge the Board to take the following actions:

- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
William Reese Liggett

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*William Reese Liggett*

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**From:** [Sam Magnotto](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water diversion  
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Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Samuel Magnotto and I am a resident of Maui.

The proposed diversion amount under the 2025 revocable permit exceeds what both the diverters and the county can use on any given day. Allocating more water than is needed continues to perpetuate waste and take much needed water from native stream and coastal ecosystems and downstream users, including farmers and residents that rely on stream flows for traditional agriculture and subsistence and cultural practices.

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I urge the Board to take the following actions:

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- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sam Magnotto

**From:** [David Saleme](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East Maui stream diversion  
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- I am David Saleme a long time resident of Kula, Maui.
- I strongly suggest the following.
- Reduce the allocated diversion amount to align with actual water usage data, ensuring no more water is diverted than is truly needed.
- Require the diverters to use lined reservoirs to prevent further waste.A

Thank you.  
David