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To: Public Works & Economic Development Committee
Re: Resolution 06-015

I urge you to seriously consider the small request in Resolution 06-015: to ask DOH, the final permitting agency for the proposed Woods at Ahuimanu development, to hold a public hearing for our very concerned community

When developer Peter Aiello came before the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board last October, our community filled the hearing room and the hallway. We came with questions and very big concerns. We expected that there would be representatives from the several permitting agencies to hear those questions and concerns. BUT, there was not—not an agency was represented. There was only Mr. Aiello, who right off announced that he already had all his permits in hand and there was nothing for us to do about it.

As we learned later, too late for that meeting, Mr. Aiello's statement was not entirely true. His project did not and still does not have the DOH section 401 Water Quality Certification. The DOH 401 WQC involves our greatest concerns. **Our community would like to be heard by DOH while this last, very important, permit is being considered.** We who live in the area are most familiar with the results of the heavy rainfall; what a storm can do; how well current wastewater systems do (or do not) function; and much, much more. A public hearing would be worthwhile for all concerned.

To illustrate the need for a hearing, I'd like to share a statement I found in the Department of Permitting and Planning file just before the DPP permits for the project were approved. It says, in essence, that part of the development is on land *not suitable for wastewater disposal by cesspool or septic*, but that because there are properties adjacent with cesspools and septic on unsuitable land, it is OK to approve septic for the unsuitable areas of this development. ***This reasoning needs to be questioned.***

I'd also like to mention a proposed open-holding-pond for effluent that has the potential for overflowing.

And, I'd like to point out that Kahaluu Stream runs through the project property. Concerns run to projected alterations to the stream flow and the impact of unsuitable wastewater disposal on the water quality of the stream.

All of these concerns are appropriate for public address in the context of the pending Water Quality Certificate .

Our community has questions; we foresee problems; we have input to offer; we wish very much to be heard this one last chance at a public hearing—before the bulldozers arrive. You can make this possible by passing this Resolution (06-015) out of your committee and on to the Council.

Mahalo.



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