

In studying Plannings Revisions for the Watershed Sector, I feel a part of what was missing in original draft is now emerging -- the Ahupua'a system of resource management and environmental stewardship. Thank you Planning for including Ahupua'a concepts. In your Revision notes you added HRS, Chapter 174 C-2. This is the Declaration of Policy for the Water Code. Please print the Declaration of Policy in the General Plan for the benefit of people who do not have a way to get this information.

What I feel is still missing in Revisions are the imposing threats of man-made diversions. Last Saturday (February 25, 2017) I saw at Blue Hole at Mt Wai`ale`ale a bone-dry N Fork of Wailua River. I have never seen anything like it. I was stunned.

I couldn't speak. After some moments, I felt enraged. 100% of the water was flowing in a ditch. None of it in the riverbed destined for Wailuanuiahoano, Poliahu Heiau, Hikina'akala Heiau.

What is needed? Legally acquired water permits on adequate resources based on scientific evidence of what we have. This is our Public Trust water. We must all work together to bring it into balance. The Ahupua'a is much more than lines on a map. Inside the Ahupua'a, social, spiritual, and cultural values are tightly woven together.

I attended a State Commission for Water Resources Management meeting in January (here in this room) from which I took this quote, "the Public Trust is the State's obligation to protect water resources".

The Hawaii Supreme Court acknowledges, "When Public Trust concepts are followed:

- 1) Hawaiian rights are protected
- 2) the Public Trust elevates protection for everyone, in other words, We All Benefit.

We, as an Island community, have a Lot Of Work To Do, TOGETHER!

I am standing for the water, because the water cannot be here to stand for itself.