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Pearl Harbor Water Use Permits Will Be On Water Commission Agenda

9:00 a.m., June 2, 1993
Kalanimoku Bldg., DLNR Board Room

Permits seeking allocation of the last 10 million gallons of water per day (mgd) from the Pearl Harbor Aquifer will be heard by the Water Commission on June 2, 1993. This issue is a matter of critical concern to the entire community and is of particular concern to Hawaiians.

Attendees at the Hawaiian Water Law Symposium sponsored by the Native Hawaiian Advisory Council (NHAC) and the William S. Richardson School of Law on April 9 & 10 by consensus adopted the enclosed resolution. This resolution calls upon the Water Commission to suspend water use permitting until a specific amount of water is reserved for native Hawaiian use. It is critical, not only that reserves be established, but also that the Hawaiian community understands and is satisfied the reserves are adequate for both current and future housing, agriculture and economic development.

Please attend this very important Water Commission meeting. It is critical that the Water Commission and Hawaii's developers know Hawaiians will come out and take a stand to protect Hawaiian water rights. Make them aware of your concerns, your questions, and the Water Commission's duty to protect Hawaiian trust assets and to reserve adequate amounts of water for the present and future development of Hawaiian Home Lands.