



West Moloka'i Association

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Dear Mayor Tavares,

It is clear from the June 23, 2008 letter from Peter Nicholas to the Hawaii Public Utility Commission that there is a real possibility that water and sewer service will cease on August 31, 2008 to several communities on Molokai affecting nearly half the island's population.

In light of the threat of cessation of service and the very short time line, now less than 60 days, the West Molokai Association Board of Directors believes that it must prepare for this emergency. We need county assistance to ensure that there is adequate emergency potable water and emergency sanitary services in place prior to August 31, 2008. In addition, fire suppression back up is required because the water to the fire hydrants in the WMA area will be shut down. Obviously such emergency services must be coordinated with similar services in Maunaloa, Kualapu'u, Kalae and the industrial park. While the WMA does not represent those communities, it recognizes the need for similar emergency services for those communities in this time of crisis.

Since you and Council member Mateo will be meeting with the Molokai Community on July 8, we ask that you and your staff brief the community on the County's emergency plan to deal with this imminent crisis. Specifically we would like the following information:

1. Who will direct the county's emergency effort on Molokai, i.e., name, telephone number, email address?
2. What efforts will the county undertake to involve citizens from the affected communities?
3. How will the county organize the distribution of potable water i.e., bottled water, portable water trucks, temporary water lines from unaffected areas, etc. to residents and businesses in the affected communities?
4. Where will temporary sanitary facilities i.e. porta potties, field shower stations, be located in the affected communities?
5. Will additional fire suppression equipment be temporarily stationed in either Maunaloa and/or Kaluakoi for rapid response to wild fires?

6. Where will the command center for this emergency effort be located?

7. Finally, when will the stockpiling of the necessary equipment and supplies begin?

We are encouraging our members to attend the July 8 meeting and look forward to participating in this important discussion.

Sincerely,

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President

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