

TESTIMONY
GM 428

Responses of Larry Sagario

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board?

1. I was asked to fill in the board seat that was vacated by George Maioho and to represent the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board?

2. I perceive the duties of a Board member is to assure that the MIS system operates within the guidelines set by the Dept. Of Ag and its Board members to better serve both Homestead and none Homestead users of the MIS system.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board.

3. My qualification to be a member is that I am a Water Distribution Systems Operator for the Department Of Hawaiian Homelands. My position is the supervisor for our system. I have worked with both homestead and none Homestead user of our system. I have gained experience with our system by both working and education. Also working with Maui County, Molokai Ranch and some of the smaller system on Molokai.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

4. I hope to help make decision to improve the MIS system and better serve the community.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board?

5. I am open minded, I work and get along with the Homestead community good. My experience operating our system will help in making hopefully good advise for the board and the Dept of Ag.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board?

6. One time I was told to shut a customer water meter off. Instead I went out and

talked to the person to at least go to the office and talk to the someone about paying their bill. Some how everything worked out for the Dept. and customer.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

7. I do not foresee any conflict of interest. I know majority of the homesteaders on Molokai and have alongside of the Dept. of Ag.

Thank You,
Larry S Sagario

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**TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010
2:45 P.M.
ROOM 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 428
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE MOLOKA'I IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LARRY S. SAGARIO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011.**

Chairperson Hee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 428 nominating Larry S. Sagario to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The department strongly supports his nomination.

Mr. Sagario is a graduate of Moloka'i High School and is currently employed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for 15+ years as a Water Maintenance Technician and has a keen understanding of the Moloka'i homestead farmer's needs and how the Moloka'i Irrigation System contributes to the building of self-sustainability among the native Hawaiian people.

His knowledge of water systems and the broad base of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries will be a great asset to the board.

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