

GM754

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Commission on Water Resource Management,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JONATHAN STARR, for a term to
expire 6-30-2016.

GM 754

from the desk of Jonathan Starr

The Honorable Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Malama Solomon, and Members
Committee on Water, Land & Housing
Hawaii Senate, State Capitol, Honolulu 96813

March 16, 2012

Re: *Appointment of Jonathan Starr to the Commission on Water Resource Management*

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon, and WLH Members.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Governor Neil Abercrombie for selecting me for service on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. This is a great honor for me, and it is a privilege I have aspired towards for 15 years, and to which I have applied numerous times.

Mahalo for the opportunity to appear before you, and to submit these comments. I hope that you consider my qualifications for this most important position favorably; and if you do, I humbly request that you confirm my appointment to the State Water Commission.

I have had an interest and love for water related issues since I was a child, and have been involved with water use and development, water rights and resource management in Hawaii since 1969. At that time, as a teenager, I moved from New York City to Kolea near Kaenae along the East Maui ditch system, and helped my friends tend kalo lo'i and auwai and bananas on the Kaenae peninsula and in Haiku. I have worked on water projects in India and Kenya and New England, while my family has lived at Kalepa, between Kaupo and Kipahulu in East Maui for 40 years.

My wife and I farm honeybees in that most beautiful and remote place, and we commercially sell delicious artisanal raw honey we produce. Our farm and home utilize 100% renewable energy, water and other independent resource infrastructure from systems I designed and built; and my family has the capability (and have at times) of living independently on the food from our gardens, neighbors, the sea below our house and the forest above. I am convinced that farming (and fishing, hunting and gathering) foods that are intended for consumption within Hawaii is one of the critical tasks that we must fulfill as a community. Our land and water policies must reflect this in the same way as does our Constitution and traditional Hawaiian kanawai (laws).

I retired from a successful career designing and building large electrical displays in New York City and across the mainland in 1994, and was nationally known as the person who lowered the Times Square Ball on New Years Eve for 15 years. I have served the past 5 years on the Maui Planning Commission, with two years as Chair, and I was honored to serve as presiding officer on numerous land use contested cases. I spent 4 years on the Maui Board of Water Supply, and have chaired numerous other County, Civic and Service organizations. I try hard to be a solution-oriented consensus builder, and to be cognizant of every represented view. I have a commercial pilots license with instrument rating, a 25 ton maritime captain's license and an extra class radio license with years of service in civil defense communications.

I have been a speaker at conferences throughout Hawaii on the subject of water law, history, equity, technology and resource protection for organizations such as the Hawaii Water Works Association, Hawaii Water and Agriculture Conference, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, Sierra Club Annual Meeting, DAR Aquatics Conference, State Biofuels Task Force, Hawaii's 100 Year Plan etc. I have also participated in many water, land use, planning and infrastructure conferences throughout the country.

As an outspoken advocate for the Public Trust Doctrine, our Hawaii Constitution, and Water Code, I have spent a lot of time understanding and helping to raise awareness of traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques, which are still relevant in keeping our vital water resources sustainable and available for everyone in perpetuity. I have had the privilege to know and learn from many of our great kupuna, some now passed, including Charley Maxwell, David Ka'alakea, President Oscar Temaru (Tahiti Nui), Ratu Manoa Rasigatale (Rewa Delta, Fiji), my neighbor Roland Kanuha, kalo growers Kimokeo Kapahulehua, Dan Clark, Ed Wendt, Ed Lindsay, Scott Fisher, Keli'i Tau'a, Sam Ka'ai, Kapono'ai Molitau, Kapua Sproat, Doug MacDougal, Bill Meyers, John Mink and many others who kindly continue to share with me their manao on issues related to WAI and our Hawaiian and Polynesian traditions and history.

I am an active musician, and I recently produced and engineered *E Ala Hawaii*, an album of innovative yet ancient music and Oli by my friends Kumu Keli'i Tau'a and Kapono Kamaunu. I also recently mixed Willy K's latest album, Warehouse Blues, in my 'Lair of the Big Gorilla' recording studio in Wailuku.

Water is our life, wealth, and the basis for our law in Hawaii. There is nothing of greater importance.

With Aloha



Jonathan Starr
Kalepa, Kaupo, East Maui



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GOVERNOR

Testimony of
Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Testimony in Support of GM754 and GM755

Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
Chair, Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair, Senator Malama Solomon

Thursday, April 5, 2012
1:25 PM, Room Number 225

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to support the confirmation of Jonathan Starr and Ted K. Yamamura to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Jonathan Starr has over 40 years of experience in water source development and resource management projects. In addition, he studied and has expertise in traditional Hawaiian and Polynesian water resource management techniques. Mr. Starr's experiences and expertise has made him a sought after speaker throughout Hawai'i on the subject of water law, history, equity, technology and resource protection for numerous organizations.

Mr. Starr has a strong business background having started several successful businesses. One of the most recent businesses started by Mr. Starr is Maui Natural Bee LLC which is a successful agricultural operation on Maui. He is also active in his community having served a four year term on the Maui Board of Water Supply and having served a five year term on the Maui Planning Commission, with 2 years as Chair.

Mr. Jonathan Starr brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise that would make him a valuable asset to the Commission on Water Resource Management. In addition, Mr. Starr's extensive work in water management and sustainability along with his background in business and planning would bring a very unique perspective to the

Commission. I am excited that Mr. Starr is willing to serve and strongly support the nomination of Mr. Jonathan Starr and encourage you to confirm him.

Mr. Yamamura was raised on the island of Maui and honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1967-1971. Upon graduating from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Mr. Yamamura entered the banking industry. He served as manager for the former Honolulu Federal Savings and Loan and began his appraisal career as Vice President, Maui Branch of the former Alexander & Alexander, Ltd. In 1982, Mr. Yamamura established ACM, Real Estate Appraisals, now known as ACM Consultants, Inc. Currently, ACM Consultants, Inc. is one of the largest and most experienced independent real estate consulting, valuation, and research companies in our State. In addition, Mr. Yamamura is an SRA designee of the Appraisal Institute on the County of Maui and is also a Right of Way-Appraisal Certified (R/W-AC) appraiser in the State of Hawai'i. Mr. Yamamura is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide appraisals for the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

In addition to his work experience, Mr. Yamamura is actively involved in his community. He has been a past member of the State of Hawai'i, Board of Land and Natural Resources from 2001-2006, past President of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA), Hawaii Chapter #30 in 2004, member of the County of Maui, Board of Water Supply since 2008, and was the past President of the Hawai'i Chapter of the Appraisal Institute in 2010.

From his work experience and community involvement, Mr. Yamamura has been involved in land issues and land valuation for over 32 years as well as company management for over 20 years. I am excited that Mr. Yamamura is willing to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management. I am confident Mr. Yamamura will make a valuable contribution to the commission. I know that you will find Mr. Ted Yamamura is well qualified for the Commission on Water Resource Management and encourage you to confirm him.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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**Testimony of
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**

**Thursday, April 5, 2012
1:25 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 754
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JONATHAN STARR, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-16**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports Governor's Message 754 on the appointment of Mr. Jonathan Starr to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management ("Water Commission").

Section 174C-7(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), provides that Water Commissioners are chosen through an open, competitive process. An independent nominating committee composed of two (2) members selected by the Governor, one (1) by the Senate President, and one (1) by the House Speaker solicits candidates by placing public notices in newspapers across the State, in the Water Commission's monthly bulletin, and on the Water Commission's website. The Nominating Committee reviews the applications, conducts interviews (if desired), and sends the names of at least three qualified individuals to the Governor for consideration.

Section 174C-7(b), HRS, provides that the members must have "substantial experience in the area of water resource management." In addition, one member must "have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101."

Following this nominating process, the Governor selected Mr. Jonathan Starr.

Mr. Starr worked on private water systems in India, East Africa, New York, and for his own 65-acre family farm in Kaupo, East Maui. He served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Hana Community Association, Kihei Community Association, and the Maui Planning Commission. From 1999 to 2003, Mr. Starr served one term on the Maui County Board of Water Supply.

Mr. Starr participated on and sometimes moderated water panel forums, including panels at the 2000 Hawaii Water Works Association Annual Conference, the WAI Watershed Conference at Maui Community College, and the National Committee on Water Rights and Ethics for the American Water Works Association.

Mr. Starr founded the Jonathan Starr Foundation, which provides philanthropic support for humanitarian and cultural causes. He helped to start the Maui Coastal Land Trust. He was chair of the Boys & Girls Club of Maui and helped raise \$4.2 million for new youth centers on Maui.

Mr. Starr brings experience in water infrastructure development, municipal management, and Hawaiian water resource practices. The Department supports Mr. Jonathan Starr's nomination and appointment to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



KALBERT K. YOUNG
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LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

April 5, 2012

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM 754: Nomination of Mr. Jonathan Starr to the Commission
on Water Resource Management**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing:

Please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. Jonathan Starr to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Mr. Starr is a responsible citizen always open to volunteering for public service on local boards and commissions. I have known Mr. Starr to be a staunch advocate of what he feels to be in the best interest of the public good. Mr. Starr is sure to be a sound of conscience to the Commission.

I encourage the Committee and your colleagues in the full Senate to support Mr. Jonathan Starr's confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comment on Mr. Starr's nomination.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kalbert K. Young".

KALBERT K. YOUNG
Director
Department of Budget & Finance



GM 754
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JONATHAN STARR, TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

April 5, 2012

1:25 p.m.

Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offers the following comments on GM754.

Water's importance to the Native Hawaiian people is captured in the 'ōlelo no'eau "Ola i ka Wai (Water is Life)." Since the beginning of time, management of this precious resource and assurance of ma uka to ma kai stream flow provided sufficient water for food production, drinking water, healthy estuaries, ground water recharge, and other important traditional and customary practices.

The state of Hawai'i manages fresh water as a public trust resource for present and future generations. In spite of this important designation, water has been managed as a commodity, to the detriment of the rights and interests of traditional and customary practitioners, subsistence and small scale farmers, appurtenant right holders, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and domestic users.

For these reasons, decisions of the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) have direct, long-term impacts on both Native Hawaiians and the larger community. In light of this, OHA advocates for compliance with the statutory requirements of HRS § 174C-7(b), which requires that the five members of the CWRM "have substantial experience in the area of water resource management; provided that at least one member shall have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101."

Given these legal requirements, OHA urges the committee to ensure that all persons appointed to CWRM possess substantial experience in the area of water resource management, and to further ensure that at least one person appointed to CWRM possesses substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this important measure.

April 4, 2012

The Honorable M. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land & Housing
Hawaii Senate, State Capitol, Honolulu 96813

Dear Senator M. Donovan Dela Cruz and Committee members,

**SUBJECT: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN STARR TO THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016 (GM754)**

It is with great pleasure that I express my strong support for the appointment of Mr. Jonathan Starr for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have had the privilege of getting to know Jonathan over the past several years, and I am continually impressed by his character and integrity. My impression of Mr. Starr is that he is very trustworthy and conducts himself to the highest standard and takes to heart the best interest of the people that he influences.

I feel strongly that Jonathan Starr would make a great Water Commissioner. The fact that he served the past five years on the Maui Planning Commission, with two years as Chair, and four years on the Maui Board of Water Supply; I feel that Mr. Starr not only has what it takes to meet the high demands of serving on such an important Commission as the Commission on Water Resource Management, but that he also possesses the experience required to serve the Commission *well*.

Mr. Starr is a longstanding community advocate who actively participates in the betterment of our communities. His compassion and concern for the people of Hawaii will be of great benefit to the Commission on Water Resource Management in supporting their mission of protecting and enhancing the water resources of the State of Hawaii through wise and responsible management.

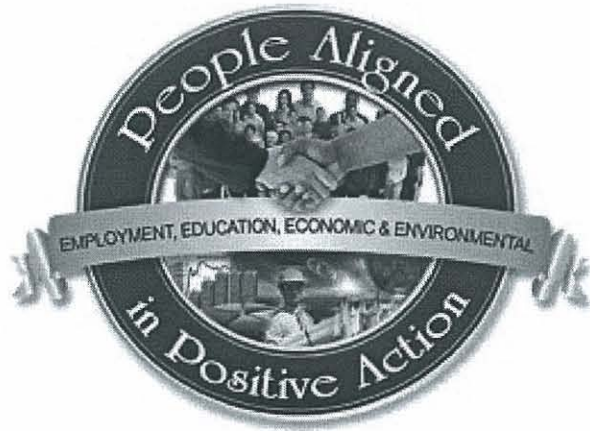
I highly recommend that Jonathon Starr be appointed to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Elle Cochran

Maui County Council Member



April 3, 2012

SUPPORT for Measure GM754 for consideration and confirmation of Jonathan Starr.

Aloha,

Our organization, known as the DreamMakers Foundation AKA People Aligned in Positive Action, as well as myself personally, have known Jonathan Starr for more than 15 years and find him to be not only an upstanding and outspoken citizen of utmost regards; he has served on Maui in board positions with utmost effectiveness.

He does more than asked for and would be an excellent choice to represent all citizens for water, land and housing. He is open to fresh ideas and has a tremendous background and experience that makes him eminently qualified for a position on this committee.

He has our 100% support and recommendation.

Sincerely,

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April 3, 2012

SUPPORT Jonathan Starr

GM754

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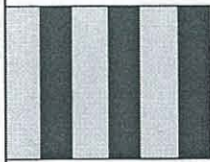
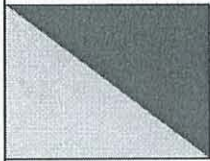
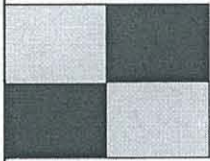
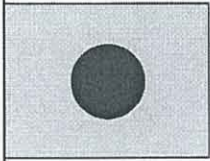
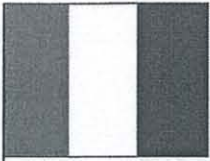
The Farmers Union supports Jonathan Starr for the Commission Water Resource Management .

He is well known , respected and knowledgeable on the subject matter.

Please approve him.

Thank you,

Glenn Martines
Pres. HFUU



GM754

March 28, 2012

Aloha members of the CWRM,

It is always refreshing when citizens in the private sector volunteer for service in the public sector without a special interest agenda or egregious conflict of interest. It is even more remarkable to see someone with a broad range of experience and success in both the public and private sectors offer to continue that selfless public service long after most people would have moved on.

That is why I am asking you to confirm Jonathan Starr to serve on the CWRM. During his almost 5 years on the Maui Planning Commission Jonathan demonstrated his thoughtful temperament, fair deliberations, as well as his love for the Aina. As a successful business owner he is also keenly aware of the challenges facing the private sector here in Hawaii. But perhaps more importantly, as an active farmer himself, Jonathan is intimately aware of the many complex issues facing our islands agricultural sector.

I believe these qualities and the wealth of experience Jonathan brings to the table make him uniquely qualified to serve on the CWRM.

Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration.

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March 17, 2012

The Honorable Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Malama Solomon, and Members
Committee on Water, Land & Housing
Hawaii Senate, State Capitol, Honolulu 96813

Re: Strong Support for Jonathan Starr for Commission on Water Resource Management

I applaud Governor Abercrombie for his nomination of Jonathan Starr to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management. Jonathan will bring a great blend of skills and experience to this role. Besides his service on the Maui County Board of Water Supply and County Planning Commission, he has over 40 years experience living, working and being engaged with Maui's small farm community in East Maui. He also has serious urban experience, having left Maui in the 80's to spend approximately ten years helping to successfully turn-around his family's pioneering billboard advertising business at Times Square in New York City started in the 1920's.

I have known Jonathan for over 12 years in multiple capacities starting in my role as director of the Small Business Development Center at the Maui Tech Park, as a fellow member of the Wailuku Garage Band, as a fellow member of Maui's Democratic Party, as a fellow Maui resident, and more recently as a fellow member of the Hawaii Farmers Union.

I have always observed Jonathan to be an independent thinker who can be counted on to speak truth to those in power, look out for the greater good, champion diversity, and understand economic realities. He is also willing to listen and when appropriate change his mind.

From my experiences with Jonathan above, along with my own experience as a member of the Governor's Advisory Board for Community Based Economic Development, board member of the Hawaii Venture Capital Association, and board member of Akaku Community Media, I can strongly recommend that you confirm Jonathan Starr for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

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David B. Fisher
Principal



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COMMITTEE ON Water, Land and Housing
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

**In support of GM 754, Confirmation of Jonathan Starr for Water Resource
Management Commissioner for term to expire 6-30-2016**

Testimony of Pacific Biodiesel Technologies

Dear Legislators,

We urge you to confirm the appointment of Jonathan Starr to the Commission on Water Resource Management. As a fellow Mauian, we know Jonathan to be intelligent, caring and extremely well-versed in the area of water as well as knowledgeable in community planning. Jonathan's background includes providing expertise on water law and resource protection for organizations such as Hawaii Water Works Assn., Hawaii Water and Agriculture Conference, Sierra Club and the State Biofuels Task Force, to name a few. He is also honest and possesses a level of integrity much needed in public service.

Furthermore, Jonathan's personal experience in beekeeping, farming and building his own sustainable resource system for his Maui residence has given him a unique perspective of the importance of the precious water systems of our State and Counties. He will be a most thoughtful and active member of the Commission.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Robert King, President

Kelly Takaya King, Vice President



Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing
Thursday, April 5, 2012, 1:25 p.m.
Conference Room 225
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

Testimony on GM 755 Ted Yamamura for CWRM

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My testimony is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 755, Ted Yamamura to the Commission on Water Resources Management. My name is Lynn McCrory and I am the President of PAHIO Development, Inc. We are a locally owned and operated time share development company on the island of Kauai.

I had the privilege and pleasure of serving on the Land Board with Ted Yamamura for a number of years. His understanding of complex issues, and ability to ask questions that obtained all the relevant information was very important to address numerous issues that came in front of the Board. Regardless of the intensity of the situation, Ted was always a calming influence in the room; which often made the difference in coming to a resolution that was acceptable.

I have also worked with Ted in his business life as a land appraiser. Ted has completed numerous appraisals for us and all were very professional and without question. In looking at the issues that will come in front of CWRM, his expertise will be invaluable.

We humbly ask for your consideration to SUPPORT GM 755 Ted Yamamura to CWRM. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn P. McCrory".

Lynn P. McCrory
President

From: William Greenleaf [gleafs@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 9:41 AM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: Jonathan Starr on Water, Land and Housing

Dear Mr Wicker,

I am writing in support of confirming Jonathan Starr's appointment to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management.

Greenleaf Farm supports Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Jonathan Starr, a man who has spent a lifetime in support of local food growers. We appreciate the wisdom of appointing a man who has years of experience both in the fields with traditional Hawaiian agriculture and in the offices of government while serving on boards.

My wife and I own and operate Greenleaf Farm on Maui. We are deeply involved with local agriculture with our own farm, with the gardens in schools movement, with farmers markets, with Slow Food Inc, with Whole Foods and Mana Foods and with Hawaii Farmers Union United.

In Hawaii and across the globe local agriculture is emerging as a necessity for people that are struggling to feed themselves and those that they love. A passion for the process is also emerging and a new community is growing among the people who realize that improved health and well being is a product of growing and eating local food that is grown through regenerative agriculture.

Greenleaf Farm is blessed and grateful to be a member of that emerging community. Jonathan Starr's background and commitment to the future of Hawaiian Agriculture make his a wonderful appointee to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management.

Sincerely and with Aloha,
Bill and Marta Greenleaf
Greenleaf Farm
Hawaii Farmers Union United
Slow Food Inc

~~Date: 4/5/2012~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 9:33 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: mark@marksheehan.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Sheehan
Organization: Maui Tomorrow
E-mail: mark@marksheehan.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

I enthusiastically support the nomination of Jonathan Starr to the Water Commission. I have known Jonathan for 20 years. He is a tireless worker for the citizens of the state of Hawaii. He is smart, hardworking and dedicated to preserving and protecting natural resources. As an organic farmer, I appreciate a nominee who has worked for the aina, has the skill to work with farmers and legislators, and who understands both the needs of small farmers and the challenges of corporate AG. Jonathan has an impressive knowledge of water issues and served an noteworthy term on the Maui Planning Commission. I know he will serve all the people of Hawaii on the Water Commission.

Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 2:03 AM
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Cc: dan@walklive.org
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dan Burden
Organization: Walkable and Livable Communities Institute
E-mail: dan@walklive.org
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

On behalf of my organization, the nonprofit Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, and myself as the Executive Director, I wish to testify that Jonathan Starr is an outstanding candidate for this position. In my 16 years of travel to 3500 communities worldwide, Jonathan is not only a brilliant rising Starr (pun intended) and he is one of the most sincere, capable and effective people that I have met in these many travels. Indeed, I can think of no equals. Jonathan speaks from the heart and for the people and he understand the precious resources of the islands. It is my belief that he will provide insight, knowledge and a style of collaboration to protect such a precious resource as water, and he will do this with extraordinary giving.

Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 7:59 AM
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Seth Raabe
Organization: Whispering Winds Bamboo Inc.
E-mail: Rasabes@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

We strongly support Jonathan Starr for this position, feeling it essential to have more representation for sustainability-minded voices in our government. As small farmers we object to the other potential appointees to this position and highly favor Mr. Starr.
Mahalo for your consideration

~~Dane Wicker~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:49 AM
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary A. Wilkowski, Esq.
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Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

Gentlepersons,

I write in support of Jonathan Starr, who, as a principled, experienced farmer, will provided a sorely-needed voice in the area of water resource management. All of us know that water issues in Maui and on Oahu have proven contentious, pitting groups against each other. We're seeking common ground, and Jonathan Starr can bring people together. Please consider him kindly.

Mary A. Wilkowski, Esq.

~~Date: Wickel~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 8:25 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: jdancer@kula.us
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John NAYLOR
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jdancer@kula.us
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Aloha All,

I have known Mr. Starr for a number of years and know him to be an asset to any organization he is involved with. He certainly has extensive knowledge of Maui's water systems and its issues. I strongly recommend him for membership in the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management.

Sincerely,
John Naylor

~~Dane Wicke~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 8:57 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: laureenelizabeth1@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Laureen Elizabeth
Organization: Individual
E-mail: laureenelizabeth1@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

I enthusiastically support Jonathan Starr for his appointment to Hawaii Water Resource Management! I feel that he would do a conscientious job, and take his appointment very seriously.

Dane Wicket

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 10:15 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: suellen@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Suellen Barton
Organization: Individual
E-mail: suellen@maui.net
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:
I have seen Jonathan be very proactive in the community - he has dedicated many hours in community service and would be perfect for the position. Plus he's a heck of a musician!

~~Handwritten signature~~
Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 11:19 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: deshayne@deshayne.net
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Donn DeShayne
Organization: Individual
E-mail: deshayne@deshayne.net
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

I support the Confirmation of Jonathan Starr's Appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. I feel he understands the needs of the aina and the people of Hawai'i in regards to the stewardship of water resources in our state. Thank you.

Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 10:24 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: ohialani@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Katie Romanchuk
Organization: Ohialani Gardens
E-mail: ohialani@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

Please support local family farming to support our community and feed the people.

Rob Tarver
PO Box 536
Wailuku, HI 96793
808-205-3205

April 2, 2012

RE: Hearing Notice for GM754
The State Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Jonathan Starr's Appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management.

Jonathan Starr will be a valuable addition to Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. His experience here on Maui has shown his deep commitment to best practices in the water resource management that is important to all of Hawaii's residents.

Sincerely,

Rob Tarver
Wailuku, HI

~~Dane Wicker~~

GM754

From: katy@merrimanshawaii.com on behalf of Peter Merriman [peter@merrimanshawaii.com]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 1:26 PM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: Jonathan Starr

Aloha Dane,

I am writing to express my support of the appointment of Jonathan Starr to the State Commission on Water Resource Management. I believe that Jonathan will serve the State well on this Commission because he is so well-versed in water issues in the State of Hawaii. He is very honored to be nominated, and has wanted this for years. He is passionate and fair in all of his commission and board roles, and I feel he would be great at this as well.

--
Peter Merriman
Merriman's Restaurants
-Do the Right Thing
808 446 8045
The Home of Hawaii Regional Cuisine

Dale B. Bonar, Ph.D.
400 Auli'i Drive
Pukalani, HI 96768

April 2, 2012

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
Committee on Water Land and Housing
Hawaii State Capitol

RE: GM 754: Consideration of JONATHAN STARR for the Commission on Water Resource Management, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

This letter is written in strong support for the confirmation of Jonathan Starr to the Commission on Water Resource Management. I have known Jonathan for the past decade and believe he is exceptionally well qualified for this position. He will bring a balanced, objective voice to Commission deliberations and decisions.

Mr. Starr's experience in water issues spans more than two decades and covers everything from constructing water systems in remote areas of the world (Africa, India) as well as in New York and rural East Maui, up to serving for many years on the Maui County Board of Water Supply, including chairmanship of the BWS.

Subsequent to his service on the BWS, he was appointed to the Maui Planning Commission in 2006, and served as its chairman in 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 when his term ended.

In all of these efforts, Jonathan has brought high professional standards to his participation, carefully researching the issues, asking the penetrating questions, and seeking solutions that are in the best interests of the community which he represents. His extensive business experience brings a very realistic approach to balancing the current economic demands for water with the long-term protections of water resources necessary to ensure the future generations have the water available for continued sustainability.

Please confirm Jonathan Starr for the Water Resources Management Commission.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale B. Bonar", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dale B. Bonar, Ph.D.
(Currently Chair of the State Natural Areas Reserve System and Legacy Land Conservation Commissions)

GM 754

~~Dane Wicker~~

From: Pete155@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 11:51 AM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: State Water Commission needs Jonathan Starr

Aloha,

This is a letter of support for the appointment of Jonathan Starr to the State Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have known Jonathan for approximately ten years. He is an intelligent, hard-working, dedicated individual who is very familiar with the water resource issues facing Hawaii. He has done a terrific job serving Maui County on the Board of Water Supply and Maui Planning Commission.

Jonathan's knowledge and passion concerning Hawaii's water would make him a very valuable asset on the State Commission on Water Resource Management.

Sincerely,

Mike Foley, former Maui County Planning Director

GM 754

Olinda Organic Farm
39 Naniuka Place
Makawao, HI 96768-7259
olindaorganicfarm@hawaiiantel.net
(808) 572-8306

I support the confirmation of Jonathan Starr to the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management.

My wife and I have a 2 acre farm in Upcountry Maui. We grow organic coffee, fruit, and vegetables. We are very aware of the need for sustainable family farming in Maui and in Hawaii, and the need for water to grow these crops in order to serve the local population. Mr. Starr has been a long-time Maui farmer and beekeeper. He is a proponent of natural, sustainable family farming and an advocate for Hawaiian traditional water rights and environmental sustainability. He would be an excellent choice to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. Please allow him to serve in this most important position.

Sincerely

Lars (Rob) Lind

Owner/Farmer

Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

RE: GM754 - Appointment of Jonathan Starr to the State Commission on Water Resource Management

PLEASE SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN STARR

Dear Senators,

I am writing to support the appointment of Jonathan Starr to the State Water Commission. I have known Jonathan and his family for many years on Maui. In my residency as a 30 year long citizen of Maui County, as a Hawaii Building and Plumbing Contractor, a Real Estate Broker, as Chair of The Maui County Board of Variances and Appeals and most recently as the former Chairman of The Maui Democratic party for the past five years I have had many opportunities to interact with Jonathan. I have found him to be a person of great integrity, conducting business affairs in a fair minded manner, intelligent and innovative in his community and volunteer Board Memberships. His long time experience as a member of the Maui County Board of Water Supply, as a member and Chairman of the Maui County Planning Commission, as a business owner in Wailuku town and a farmer in rural Kaupo provides a unique and well rounded background for membership with the State Water Commission. In his capacity as a long serving former Chairman of the Maui Democratic party I found his support and experience invaluable.

The quality which I enjoy most about Jonathan is his fairness in judgment, in that he can see all sides of an issue rise above the rancor and rhetoric and see into the important truth of each competing subject. The Water Commission is fortunate to have Jonathan's Nomination and Appointment. We on Maui are fortunate to have someone with his qualities and reputation, represent us and our State at the Water Commission.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha pumehana,

Lance W. Holter

PO Box 790656, Paia, Hawaii 96779

Cell 283-1056 , tele 579-9442

GM 754

~~Dane Wicker~~

From: Susan Bradford [susanbray@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 10:46 PM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: In support of Jonathan Starr

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of Jonathan Starr to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have known Jonathan for over 10 years. We met when we were both board members on the Kihei Community Association.

Jonathan has been very involved in planning issues on Maui, both on the Planning Commission for many years, including as its Chairperson, and the Water Board. Jonathan educates himself thoroughly about the issues on any board he's on and has become very knowledgeable about water issues. He is a very respected and fair leader in the Maui community.

He would be a wonderful addition to the Water Resource Management board.

Sincerely,
Susan Bradford
3145 Makamae Place
Kihei, HI 6753

~~Dane Wicker~~

GM754

From: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:05 PM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: FW: Endorsement of Jonathan Starr for Water Commission

From: heidi [<mailto:heidielana@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 9:47 PM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz; Sen. Malama Solomon
Subject: Endorsement of Jonathan Starr for Water Commission

I would like to offer my support and endorsement for Jonathan Starr's appointment on the Water Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heidi Erhardt
P.O. Box 895
Paia, HI 96779

*The last perfection to come to a thing
is to become the cause of other things...*

~Aquinas

March 19, 2012

GM 754

Dear Dane Wicker,

I understand you are the Committee Clerk for the Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee that is considering the appointment of Jonathan Starr to the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. I am a 50 year resident in Hawaii with Hana being my home in the 1960s and since 2001. I am a retired Hawaii Loa College professor of economics and in my last month as a Commissioner on the Maui Planning Commission (MPC). This testimony is from me as an **individual** and not as a Commissioner.

I am writing this in complete support of Jonathan Starr for appointment to this important State Commission. I have known Jonathan for approximately three decades and I can attest to his excellent character, intelligence, and concern for the people of Hawai'i. We knew each other through our love for Hana and through our association through the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

But I want to expand on my very close interaction with him since 2007, when I was appointed as a Commissioner on the MPC. Jonathan had been appointed a year earlier and, when I was considering whether or not to apply, I spoke with him and he encouraged me. We served together on the MPC from January 2008 (when I was sworn in) through March 2011 (when his term ended). During that time we met twice a month for all-day meetings and for a year when the MPC was deliberating over the proposed Maui Island Plan we met four times a month. During his last year he served as Chair of the MPC. Throughout this time my admiration and respect for Jonathan grew constantly. Based on this close and intimate working relationship with him, please allow me to tell you what I know he will bring the State Commission on Water Resource Management.

He will do his homework and always be extremely knowledgeable and well prepared for every meeting. He will be thoughtful and creative in his approach to the issues before the Commission. He will be caring of the needs of the all residents of Hawai'i but especially of Native Hawaiians. He will be fair and balanced in his approach to various issues. He will be an advocate for smart planning and looking towards the future of these islands. He will be a great steward of the scarce resources, especially water, that we must deal with now and in the future. He will be easy to work with; he will earn the respect of the other Commissioners and he, in turn, will respect them. He will be a great listener and also ask good questions to fully understand and vet the issues that will confront the Commission.

In short, I fully support the appointment of Jonathan Starr and the Commission will be the better for his service on it. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Aloha,

Douglas Ward Mardfin

Douglas Ward Mardfin
PO Box 547
Hana, HI 96713

808-248-4061
mardfin@aloha.com

Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 12:08 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: garythecleaner@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gary Myerberg
Organization: Individual
E-mail: garythecleaner@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/4/2012

Comments:

Our islands need Jonathan Starr, This man embodies Pono! an honest and straight forward warrior for the interests of hawaiian's and the water which is so precious to all of us.there is not a more honorable man on maui.

Aloha

~~Dane Wicker~~

From: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 1:28 PM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: FW: Water Commision, Jonathan Starr

GM 754

From: mackensie grant [mailto:mackensie11@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 1:27 PM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz; Sen. Malama Solomon; Sen. Sam Slom
Subject: Water Commision, Jonathan Starr

Aloha,

I am writing to support the appointment of Jonathan Starr for a position on the Hawaii State Water Commission. I feel confident that he is dedicated to this islands, and has great qualifications and a very diverse background of work experience. Water is wealth, and Jonathan seems to have the awareness and reverence for the ancient hawaiian ways, as well as keen innovation and acknowledged to the present day circumstances and needs of Hawaii. I request that you appoint him to the Hawaii State Water Commission.

Thank you,

Mackensie Grant

Keokea, Maui

GM754

March 15, 2012

Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee

Re: SUPPORT of appointment of Jonathan Starr to State Commission on Water Resource Management

Hearing date: March 19, 2012

Aloha,

Chairman Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Malama Solomon,
and Members of the Committee,

Jonathan Starr has been appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. This is perhaps the most important (unpaid) role that a citizen can play in Hawaii Government.

I am a local farmer from Kurtistown, Hawaii Island, and and member of the Hawaii Organic Farmers Association. I wholeheartedly support this appointment. The support of the Water Commission in assuring that water is available for agriculture, stream-life and near-shore ecosystems is essential to the strength of Hawaii's economy, food self-sufficiency and security. It also enhances the health and welfare of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Sincerely,



Deborah Ward
Laiku Organic Farm
P.O.Box 918 Kurtistown HI 96760
808-966-7361

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~~Dane Wicker~~

From: Charlie Kirchner [charliekirchner@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 9:44 AM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: CWRM

Aloha Dane Wicker

I am an active member of HFUU and I approve of Jonathan Starr to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. We need more people like him to be in service to the people of this State.

Aloha,

Charlie Kirchner
11 Mahaolu St., D-106
Kahului, HI 96732

GM754

Dane Wicker

From: Tina [tina@kiheiice.com]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 7:27 AM
To: Dane Wicker
Subject: *****SPAM***** Jonathan Star's nomination to water commission

Aloha,

I would like to add my endorsement to Mr. Starr's candidacy. He is a tireless advocate for Hawaii's precious natural resources. A thoughtful, intelligent, well -informed, committed individual, Jonathan Starr will be an asset to any organization fortunate enough to benefit from his energy and good work.

Mahalo,

Tina Wildberger
Kihei Ice Inc.
(808) 870-1739

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~~Dane Wicker~~

From: Sally Raisbeck [sallyraisbeck@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 6:50 AM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz; Sen. Malama Solomon; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro; Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. Pohai Ryan; Sen. Roz Baker; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Shan Tsutsui; Dane Wicker
Cc: Jonathan Starr
Subject: I support Jonathan Starr for a member of the Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management

Dear Chair Delacruz, and members of the Senate Water Land and Housing Committee:

I support Jonathan Starr of Maui for a seat on the State Water Commission. Jonathan has been active on Maui on water issues for many years, serving on the Maui Planning Commission and the Maui Water Commission. He is very intelligent, very effective, and is an excellent choice by the Governor. He has been dedicated to the public's interests under the public trust doctrine, and is himself a small farmer, raising honeybees.

Please support this nomination, which I understand will be heard by your committee on March 19th.

Aloha, Sally Raisbeck
427 Liholiho Street Wailuku HI 96793 808-244-9604



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 7:34 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: paxo@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ed Pasqualin
Organization: Individual
E-mail: paxo@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

I support the appointment of Jonathan Starr to the State Commission on Water Resource Management. Jonathan has consistently proven he has the understanding and commitment to positively steward water use and development, water rights and resource management in Hawaii.

GM 754


March 15, 2012

Members of the Water Commission,

I am writing this letter of support in behalf of Mr. Jonathan Starr to serve as a Commissioner on the Water Board. I have personally known him for over fifteen years and he has continually been a public servant here on Maui. He has served on many public and community boards and fully qualifies to sit on the Water Board Commission since his first love is to mālama ka 'āina, mālama ka wai a mālama nā po'e (take care of the land, take care of the water and take care of the people). I have observed that he has a passion for serving mankind and everything that surrounds life and brings about a better quality of living. His leadership has directed the Land-Use Commission to make choices to the benefit of the community rather than for themselves. His ability to make sound judgments for the betterment of the people and the island continues to impress me.

Please contact me with any further questions concerning my support for this very capable candidate.

Me ka ha'aha'a.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MK Tau'a', written over the typed name below.

Kumu Keli'i Tau'a, Ph.D.

Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

RE: GM754 - Appointment of Jonathan Starr to the State Commission on Water Resource Management

PLEASE SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN STARR

Dear Senators,

I am writing to support the appointment of Jonathan Starr to the State Water Commission. I have known Jonathan and his family for many years on Maui. In my residency as a 30 year long citizen of Maui County, as a Hawaii Building and Plumbing Contractor, a Real Estate Broker, as Chair of The Maui County Board of Variances and Appeals and most recently as the former Chairman of The Maui Democratic party for the past five years I have had many opportunities to interact with Jonathan. I have found him to be a person of great integrity, conducting business affairs in a fair minded manner, intelligent and innovative in his community and volunteer Board Memberships. His long time experience as a member of the Maui County Board of Water Supply, as a member and Chairman of the Maui County Planning Commission, as a business owner in Wailuku town and a farmer in rural Kaupo provides a unique and well rounded background for membership with the State Water Commission. In his capacity as a long serving former Chairman of the Maui Democratic party I found his support and experience invaluable.

The quality which I enjoy most about Jonathan is his fairness in judgment, in that he can see all sides of an issue rise above the rancor and rhetoric and see into the important truth of each competing subject. The Water Commission is fortunate to have Jonathan's Nomination and Appointment. We on Maui are fortunate to have someone with his qualities and reputation, represent us and our State at the Water Commission.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha pumehana,

Lance W. Holter

PO Box 790656, Paia, Hawaii 96779

Cell 283-1056 , tele 579-9442

Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 1:46 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: joshua.stanbro@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Josh Stanbro
Organization: Individual
E-mail: joshua.stanbro@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

Aloha Chair and WLH Committee Members,
I am in support of Jonathan Starr's Appointment to the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. The CWRM has an important role in the long-term conservation and protection of water resources in our state. I believe Mr. Starr's deep conservation background, familiarity with sustainability issues, and experience with water issues on Maui will make him a valuable Commission member. Please vote to confirm Mr. Starr.
Best,
Josh Stanbro
Palolo Valley, Oahu

Doris Wick

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 11:58 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: kuladot@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dorothy Binder
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kuladot@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

I recommend Jonathan Star to be appointed to the water Board. He has been an inspiration here on Maui for his concern for the betterment of our island and lifestyle here. His dedication to the people of Maui has been proven over and over again.

GM 754

**Greenleaf Farm
Makawao Hawaii**

Chairman Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Malama Solomon
Committee of Water, Land and Housing

Dear Chairman Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Solomon:

I'm writing in support for the confirmation of Jonathan Starr to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

My personal experience with Jonathan Starr has been through the farming community on Maui. As my participation in farming issue meetings has increased, I've found Jonathan Starr to be a consistent attendee. Jonathan's grasp of the facts and the procedures is a steadying influence for both the newcomer and the experienced farmer. He shows the wisdom of a statesman.

When I learned about his appointment by Governor Abercrombie, I asked to read Jonathan's resume of experience in government and in farm issues relating to water. His record is comprehensive in both experience and in service to Hawaii.

I'm grateful that Jonathan Starr, who has experience, insight and wisdom is willing to accept this appointment.

Thank you for your work and consideration.
Aloha and Mahalo,

Bill Greenleaf
Greenleaf Farm
Makawao Hawaii

Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 11:50 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: bbonar@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert A. Bonar
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bbonar@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:
I write in support of the confirmation.

The State Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing has just published the Hearing Notice for GM754, "Confirmation of Jonathan Starr's Appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management."

This is a unique opportunity to support an East Maui beekeeper/farmer, proponent of natural, sustainable family farming for local consumption; and the first advocate for the Public Trust doctrine, Hawaiian Traditional Water Rights and Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship to be appointed.

Jonathan knows the issue and will serve with distinction.

Dane Wicker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 2:38 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: hale3697@att.net
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Richard Hale
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hale3697@att.net
Submitted on: 4/4/2012

Comments:

Jonathan Starr is the best man for the job he really cares about Maui. Thanks

Dane Wick

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 10:04 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: mamamaui@mac.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM
Attachments: April 3-GM754-letterinsupport-JSTARR.docx

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jason Schwartz
Organization: People Aligned in Positive Action
E-mail: mamamaui@mac.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:
He has our full support- a great choice, Governor



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 9:18 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: welawahine@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM754 on 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/5/2012 1:25:00 PM GM754

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leimamo Lind-Strauss
Organization: Individual
E-mail: welawahine@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

I have concerns about this nomination. As a Native Hawaiian from East Maui, will Mr. Starr " Regulate the use of water resources in water management areas, and coordinate activities necessary to insure the protection of native Hawaiian water rights?" Does he know anything about his predominantly native Hawaiian community and its lifelong residents? Is he willing to seek our input or must we go to him? The preservation of our water is as important as the preservation of the kanaka maoli.

Mark A. Shaw

Heona Gardens

7 Heona Place

Kihei, HI 96753

GM 754 Nomination of Jonathan Starr to the Commission of Water Resources

I support the nomination of Jonathan Starr to the Commission of Water Resources.

Mr. Starr represents the opportunity to support a local beekeeper/farmer who is a proponent of natural, sustainable family farming for local consumption. Mr. Starr will represent an important component of agriculture on Maui and has the ability to work for the small farmer for preservation of water resources for agriculture. Water is the life of all farmers and Mr. Starr will be a fair, reasoned and responsible voice on the Commission of Water Resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Mark A. Shaw

Dane Wicker

From: David Raatz [daveraatz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 9:36 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: Support for GM754

Aloha,

I respectfully urge you to support Jonathan Starr's confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management. I have known Mr. Starr for several years and know him to be knowledgeable, diligent, and ethical. I support his nomination without reservation.

Mahalo,

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Resident of Wailuku, Hawai'i

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