

# Water Commission Presentation

## Team Instructions:

Develop a mock presentation for the Water Commission that conveys the viewpoint of the person/role that your team is representing, selected from:

- Taro farmer in Waipiʻo Valley
- A conservation biologist (a scientist working to conserve native ecosystems)
- A farmer (small crop, not sugar) whose land is in the Hamakua uplands near the reservoir and depends on the ditch system for water
- A kupuna whose genealogy traces back to Waipiʻo Valley
- An oʻyopu (native stream fish)
- A retired executive from Hamakua Sugar Company

Be sure that your presentation is based on answers to the following questions:

1. What do you think should happen to Lālākea stream in the future? Should it be restored to its natural flow by removing the diversion? Why or why not?
2. How would you benefit by the action that you suggest? How would others benefit?
3. What would be the problems if another course of action is taken?
4. What history, knowledge or facts can you present to support your suggestion?