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Biography of Stephen Bowles



Steve was born and raised in Honolulu and is a graduate of Punahou School and a graduate in Geology from Earlham College located in Indiana.

Mr. Bowles is the owner and President of Waimea Water Services, Inc., a water development and consulting firm located in Waimea of the Island of Hawaii. In addition, he is the vice president of Hawi Agricultural and Energy Corporation, a hydroelectric producer sod farming venture. He is a Geologist by education and is a licensed Geologist in California. Mr. Bowles began his career in water development with the construction water development tunnel at Puako on

the coast of the Big Island for Parker Ranch.

Since that time he has been with the USDA Soil Conservation Service and a stint with the US Geological Survey learning island hydrology. This was followed by several years with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply before starting a consulting career in water resource planning and development in 1969.

Mr. Bowles was a principal in a solar and wind energy company in the 1970's.

In 1989, Mr. Bowles incorporated Waimea Water Services to provide expanded services in water operations, a trade he learned in his stint with HBWS and his wide exposure as a consultant to sugar plantations, developers and neighbor island water departments. He has provided development and resource consultation on all the islands, except Niihau, during his 48 year career with water resources in Hawaii.

He has pioneered membrane desalting technology applications and has been engaged in bringing these technologies to wastewater applications. As the membrane technology was developing, he also began the design and building of state-of-the-art SCADA systems to operate some of the complex integrated water and wastewater systems.