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EXPLORATORY WELL DRILLING ANNOUNCEMENT
NORTH KONA, HAWAII

The County of Hawai'i, Department of Water Supply (DWS), previously announced back in September of 2006, a new exploratory well drilling project for the North Kona area. The proposed well site is in Honokohau approximately 700 feet south of the Kaloko boundary at the 1,700-foot elevation. Once fully developed and dedicated to DWS, this well is expected to provide an additional source of high-quality water for the North Kona community and to further improve the reliability of the Department of Water Supply's current water system.

The well project was initiated by private development, but it has been designed to DWS Standards and with regard to the County's existing water system infrastructure. The project will provide water capacity beyond the needs of the private developer, which will benefit the general community.

Now that drilling of the exploratory well is complete, a continuous pump test needs to be performed to determine the well's *safe yield*. The pump test is expected to occur between May 21, 2007, and May 31, 2007. Hours of operation for the pump test will be for at least 96 hours continuous. Equipment used at the site is designed to minimize noise, such as sound-attenuated compressors; and engines will be equipped with industrial silencers.

The Department of Water Supply is coordinating multiple projects to be completed over the next five years. We hope to make great strides in improving the water system infrastructure to better meet the current and future needs of West Hawai'i. With the cooperation, understanding, and support of the public, we may continue to provide safe, dependable, good-tasting water at the lowest rates possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Water Resources and Planning Branch at (808) 961-8070.

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