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**EXPLORATORY WELL DRILLING ANNOUNCEMENT
SOUTH KONA, HAWAI'I
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The County of Hawai'i, Department of Water Supply (DWS), is announcing a new exploratory well drilling project for the South Kona area. The proposed well site is located in Kealahou, South Kona at approximately the 1,750 foot elevation. If successful, and once fully developed and dedicated to DWS, this well is expected to provide an additional source of high quality water for the South Kona community and to further improve the reliability of the Department of Water Supply's current water system.

The well project is being initiated by private development, but will be 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.

Drilling of the exploratory well is expected to begin in mid-August. Hours of operation for the drilling will be from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Occasional Saturday operations may be required to keep on schedule and to perform basic repairs, etc., to be ready for the normal work week. Equipment used at the site will be 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 reliably provide safe, dependable, good-tasting water meeting all EPA standards at the lowest rates possible.