December 21, 2020

Pāpaʻikou Waterline Replacement, South Hilo

**Project Scope:**
This project will improve water service to the overall community by replacing nearly three miles of existing waterlines with new ductile iron pipes. New and replacement fire hydrants will be installed, existing service laterals connected to the new lines, and dirt roads located over the waterlines, including side roads in Silverton, Moirton, and Anderton camps, paved to a width of 10 feet.

Project benefits include investment in water infrastructure, improved water system reliability, and enhanced fire protection for the community’s long-term health and safety.

**General Contractor:**
Nan, Inc.

**Construction Status:**
The contractor has started mobilizing equipment. Initial construction work will commence in December in the unpaved areas located mauka of Government Road. Work will continue toward Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Elementary & Intermediate School and the Pāpaʻikou Community Center in mid-2021, at which time crews are expected to shift operations to Moirton and Silverton camps. Project completion is anticipated for November 2021.

**Project Cost:**
Project total cost is $7.4 million. The DWS is funding this project through a $3.5 million grant and low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Rural Utilities Service.

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**Department of Water Supply (DWS)**

**Pāpa‘ikou Transite and G.I. Pipeline Replacement**

**Project Scope:**
Nearly three miles of new waterlines, new and replacement fire hydrants, paving of dirt roads

**Project Timeline:** December 2020 – November 2021

**Project Cost:** $7.4 million

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