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WATER BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAII NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board of the County of Hawaii will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**, pursuant to Sections 8-2(c) and 10-4 of the Hawaii County Charter, for the purpose of considering and adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and 5-year Capital Improvement Projects Budgets.

The Sunshine Law, Part I of Chapter 92, HRS (Hawaii Revised Statutes), has been partially suspended since early 2020 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The Sunshine Law was also amended by the Hawaii State Legislature during the pandemic. On January 1, 2022, Act 220 (2021 Regular Session) became effective. Act 220 made permanent changes to the Sunshine Law to allow remote meetings that have been permitted through the emergency proclamations during the pandemic. Boards are now required to have at least one in-person meeting site for remote meetings where the public can attend and testify.

Act 220's provisions are affected by the latest COVID-19 emergency proclamation dated January 26, 2022, the Emergency Proclamation Related to COVID-19 (Omicron Variant) (Proclamation). The Proclamation suspends Section 92-3.7, HRS, only to the extent necessary to suspend Act 220's requirement to have at least one meeting location that is open to the public. All other provisions of Act 220 and the Sunshine Law remain in force. The Proclamation is in effect through March 25, 2022, unless terminated or superseded by a separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first.

Pursuant to the latest COVID-19 emergency proclamation dated January 26, 2022, the Emergency Proclamation Related to COVID-19 (Omicron Variant), the public hearing will be held via Interactive Conference Technology (ICT) only, unless terminated or superseded by a separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first. Please contact the Department of Water Supply Board Secretary at (808) 961-8050 to confirm any changes.

Board Members and Department of Water Supply staff will participate in this public hearing via the Zoom interactive video conference platform. If lost communication exceeds 30 minutes, the public hearing will be terminated. Members of the public may provide remote oral testimony by registering with the Department of Water Supply to participate via Zoom. Contact the Department by email at dws@hawaiidws.org no later than 12 noon, Monday, March 21, 2022, with your name, telephone number, email address. Written testimony may also be submitted by email, facsimile (808) 961-8657, or mail to the Department of Water Supply at 345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Please submit by 12 noon, Monday, March 21, 2022, to be acknowledged at the board meeting. All written testimony, regardless of time of receipt, will be part of the permanent record.

The summary of the proposed Operating Budget is as follows:

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Receipts:

Water Service	\$20,851,450
Power Charges	18,025,000
Standby Charges	16,304,603
Energy C.I.P. Charges	470,000
Interest Income	42,800
Miscellaneous Income	800,000
Rental Income	<u>243,000</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$56,736,853</u>

Expenditures:

Purchased Power	\$18,025,000
Personnel Services	21,609,044
Materials, Supplies, & Services	9,348,181
Debt Service	6,754,629
C.I.P. Reserve	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$56,736,853</u>

The summary of the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Projects Budget is as follows:

Fiscal Year:

2023	\$39,350,000
2024	26,350,000
2025	61,200,000
2026	22,000,000
2027	<u>27,500,000</u>
TOTAL 5-YEAR C.I.P. BUDGET	<u>\$176,400,000</u>

If accommodation or auxiliary aid and/or services (i.e., sign language, interpreter, large print) to participate in the hearing is required, please call (808) 961-8050.

Dated at Hilo, Hawai‘i, this 22nd day of February, 2022.

WATER BOARD OF THE
COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I

By: David De Luz, Jr.
Its Chairperson

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