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Hala'ula Well and Reservoir Project, North Kohala UPDATE #5

Project Scope:

This project will improve water service to the Kapa'au and Hala'ula communities by adding a new well, 500,000-gallon reservoir, control building, and more than two miles of 12-inch waterline to the Hala'ula water system. Also included will be new water meters, meter boxes and copper waterpipes called service laterals that will deliver drinking water from the main line to properties. Approximately 1,300 feet of existing waterline along Akoni Pule Highway (HWY 270) will be replaced to enhance system reliability for additional customers. Existing infrastructure will continue servicing customers until the system upgrades become operational.

General Contractor:

Goodfellow Bros. Inc.

Construction Status:

The reservoir is approximately 95 percent completed, with a leak test, paving and fencing installation remaining. Paving of the tank and well sites, along with private driveway areas impacted by waterline installation, is tentatively scheduled for mid-September, weather permitting. Installation of the well pump and motor is anticipated to be completed by mid-September. The control building is estimated to be 70 percent completed. Remaining work includes installing new, three-phase power that will run the pump and control building, along with testing the pump, motor, and water quality from the well. Based on Hawaiian Electric's latest schedule, DWS expects that power will be brought up to the site in September. The new water system is expected to begin serving the community in early 2023.

Project Cost:

Project total cost is approximately \$14 million. DWS is funding this project through a low-interest loan from the State of Hawai'i's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

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About the Department of Water Supply:

Established in 1949, the Department of Water Supply (DWS) is a semi-autonomous Hawai'i County agency governed by the Water Board. The DWS operates and maintains 23 public water systems with revenues generated wholly through providing water service to approximately 45,000 customer accounts.