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Puakō Waterline Replacement, South Kohala UPDATE #1

Project Scope:

This project will improve water service to the overall community by replacing approximately 11,000 linear feet of waterline located along Puakō Beach Drive with new 8- and 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipes, installing 24 new fire hydrants, and installing 112 new replacement service laterals. The waterlines will receive a special anticorrosive coating and protective wrap to counteract the corrosive subsurface environment with the intent of extending the new waterlines' service life.

Project benefits include investment in water infrastructure, improved water system reliability, lowered maintenance costs for the Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i, and additional fire protection for the community's long-term health and safety.

General Contractor:

Drainpipe Plumbing and Solar LLC

Construction Status:

Waterlines and related materials have arrived on Hawai'i Island. The contractor is mobilizing materials and equipment to the work site, using a combination of private property, with owners' permission, and the County's rights-of-way for temporary storage. Waterline installation is scheduled to start in October. DWS will coordinate with the contractor to ensure that the contract completion date is met or adjusted as justified.

Project Cost:

The estimated construction cost is approximately \$5.8 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. DWS operates and maintains 23 public water systems with revenues generated from its water ratepayers. The Department's mission is to provide customers with an adequate and continuous supply of safe drinking water in a financially responsible manner, comply with all relevant standards, and assist and facilitate development of water systems in areas not currently served.

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