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<u>NEWS RELEASE</u>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

North Kona Water Restriction Downgraded to Voluntary Conservation

This is an important message from the Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i.

Effective immediately, the required 25% North Kona Water Restriction, which has been in effect since August 7, 2023, is officially downgraded to a voluntary **10% Water Conservation Notice** for the following areas:

AFFECTED AREAS: MĀKĀLEI, KALAOA, KONA PALISADES, KEĀHOLE,

PALAMANUI, KOHANAIKI, KAILUA-KONA, KALOKO, KALOKO MAUKA, HUALĀLAI, HONOKŌHAU, KEALAKEHE, KEAHUOLŪ, KEŌPŪ, HŌLUALOA, WAI'AHA, KAHALU'U, AND KEAUHOU; NORTH KONA, HAWAI'I

The Hualālai Deepwell, which went offline on March 30, 2024, has been repaired and returned to service on April 26, 2024. During this time, DWS staff worked diligently to limit the impacts to our customers.

DWS continues to ask customers to conserve drinking water, use water wisely, and to not waste it. Taking short showers, fixing leaky plumbing and toilets, irrigating efficiently, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth are easy ways to reduce water use. To learn more ways to conserve water, please visit the DWS website at www.hawaiidws.org, call (808) 961-8050 during normal business hours or email dws@hawaiidws.org. For after-hours emergencies, please call (808) 961-8790.

DWS sincerely acknowledges the community's efforts to reduce their water usage while the water restriction was in effect. **MAHALO** for your kokua!

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