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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

North Kohala Water Customers - Use Water for Essential Needs Only

AFFECTED AREAS: HĀWĪ TO HALA'ULA, INCLUDING PUAKEA BAY, KA'AUHUHU HOMESTEADS, 'ĀINAKEA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, AND ALL CUSTOMERS ALONG AKONI PULE HIGHWAY, MILL ROAD, AND MA'ULILI ROAD; NORTH KOHALA, HAWAI'I

Effective immediately and until further notice, an **Essential Needs Only Notice** has been issued for all Department of Water Supply (DWS) customers in the affected areas. Water usage must be restricted to essential needs only, such as drinking, cooking, and hygiene purposes in order to maintain water storage in tanks for all water customers. This Essential Needs Only notice is necessary because only Hawi #1 well is operational and high water usage is causing customers to have no water or low water pressure.

DWS has authorized emergency repairs on Hawi #2 well and anticipates the mobilization of the contractor's equipment and material to start as soon as today. The tentative repair schedule anticipates the Hawi #2 well could be repaired by mid to late next week. DWS has contracted private water hauling trucks to haul water from another public water systems to supplement the water available in its North Kohala water tanks. A water tanker has been stationed at the Hawi Road and Kohala Mountain Road intersection for the public's use.

Please visit the DWS website at <u>www.hawaiidws.org</u> for more information or call (808) 961-8050 during normal business hours or email <u>dws@hawaiidws.org</u>. For after-hours emergencies, please call (808) 961-8790.

DWS thanks affected customers for their understanding and kokua.

This is your Hawai'i County Department of Water Supply.

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