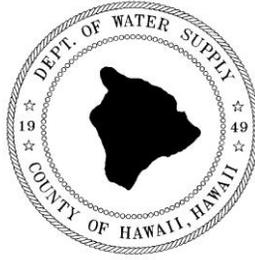


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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY5
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
WATER BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
IN-PERSON LOCATION: Department of Water Supply, Hilo Operations
889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

REMOTE MEETING LINK:

https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiDWS/live_videos/

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Public testimony may be done in person or in writing by email (dws@hawaiiidws.org), fax (808-961-8657), or by mail: 345 Kekūanaō'ā Street, Suite 20, Hilo, HI 96720. Please indicate agenda item submitting for. All testimony, regardless of time of receipt, will be part of the permanent record.

Remote Oral Testimony:

Telephone testimony may be presented by calling 1(669) 254-5252 and entering meeting ID 160 579 1398. Please wait for the Chair to ask for testimony on the item you are interested in. The Chair will unmute testifiers who call in, one phone number at a time.

Optional Alternative to Present Remote Oral Testimony:

If you would like to testify via an online video link, please email dws@hawaiiidws.org at least 24 hours before the meeting to request the link. You may also email to pre-register to present telephone testimony if you wish to be called on by name or before those who have not pre-registered. Testifiers who wish to remain anonymous or have not pre-registered may still call the testimony phone number and follow the instructions listed above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information about all the board's meetings is available [here](#). General information about the board is available at [About the Water Board](#).

In the event the online remote connection is interrupted during the Water Board meeting, the Board shall recess for up to 30 minutes to allow for reestablishing the online remote connections. If the online remote connection cannot be reestablished after 30 minutes the meeting shall be adjourned and then reconvene per the following contingency plans:

Board shall reconvene on: August 27, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Board shall reconvene at: DWS, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

If you would like to testify via an online video link, please email dws@hawaiiidws.org before the meeting to request the weblink or phone number to testify.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m. (please turn cell phones off or set to silent)
- 2) STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Pursuant to HRS §92-3, oral testimony may be provided entirely at the beginning of the meeting or immediately preceding the agenda item.
- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - Minutes of July 22, 2025, Water Board Meeting
- 4) APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA (if necessary)
(Note: Roll Call Required)
- 5) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AUDIT REPORT BY ACCUITY LLP:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Copies of the Department’s Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, have been distributed to Board Members. Representatives of Accuity LLP, the Department’s independent auditors, will be present to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the report.

- 6) POWER COST CHARGE:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Departmental power costs from all power sources increased since the last Power Cost Charge rate was determined. The Department proposes to the Power Cost Charge from \$2.08 to \$2.98 per thousand gallons as a result of this increase. Power cost charges over the past year were as follows:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>PCC</u>
June 1, 2025	\$2.08
February 1, 2025	\$2.32
September 1, 2024	\$3.04
May 1, 2024	\$2.37

Before the Power Cost Charge is changed, a Public Hearing shall be scheduled to accept public testimony.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve holding a Public Hearing on September 23, 2025, at 9:45 a.m., to receive testimony on increasing the Power Cost Charge from \$2.08 to \$2.98, effective October 1, 2025.

- 7) SOUTH KOHALA:

- A. SERVICE BID NO. 2025-09, WAIMEA WATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE REMOVAL:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

This project generally consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to remove and dispose of settled sludge from the Waimea Water Treatment Plant 2.7 MG reservoir, 8.5 MG reservoir and drying beds, for a period not to exceed one year.

Bids for this project were opened on August 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., and the following are the bid results:

	2B Environmental	DWS Engineering Evaluation
Item #1. Sludge Removal from 2.7MG Reservoir with Disposal Off-Site	No Bid	\$ 0.48
Per Gallon Cost		
Item #2. Sludge Removal from 2.7MG Reservoir with Disposal at Waikoloa #1	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48
Per Gallon Cost		
Item #3. Sludge Removal from 8.5MG Reservoir with Disposal Off-Site	No Bid	\$ 0.49
Per Gallon Cost		
Item #4. Sludge Removal from 8.5MG Reservoir with Disposal at Waikoloa #1	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.49
Per Gallon Cost		
Item #5. Sludge Removal from Drying Beds with Disposal Off-Site	No Bid	\$ 0.51
Per Gallon Cost		
Item #6. Sludge Removal from Drying Beds with Disposal at Waikoloa #1	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.51
Per Gallon Cost		

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board award the contract for WAIMEA WATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE REMOVAL, JOB NO. 2025-09 to the lowest responsible bidder, 2B Environmental, Inc., for a unit price of \$0.48 per gallon for Item #2, \$0.49 per gallon for Item #4, and \$0.51 per gallon for Item #6, on an as-needed basis, and that either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson be authorized to sign the contract, subject to review as to form and legality by Corporation Counsel. The sludge removal contract shall be from the date of Notice to Proceed, to June 30, 2026.

8) MISCELLANEOUS:

A. MATERIAL BID NO. 2025-05, FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SPARE PUMP AND MOTOR SETS, AND PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Bids were received and opened on September 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., and the following are the bid results:

BIDDER	SECTION 1 – SADDLE ROAD #1 DEEPWELL A	SECTION 2 – H.O.V.E. #1 DEEPWELL A	SECTION 3 – GROUP #2	SECTION 4 – PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMER
Derrick’s Well Drilling & Pump Services, LLC	\$942,527.48	\$258,010.45	\$372,373.91	No Bid
Hawaii Drilling & Pump Service, LLC	\$1,325,000.00	\$456,000.00	\$310,000.00	No Bid
Water Resources International, Inc.	\$1,147,038.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
ECB Solutions, LLC	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$398,073.00* \$318,000.00
Wesco Distribution, Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$336,508.06* \$246,860.00
DWS Engineering Estimate	\$700,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$365,000.00	\$405,000.00

Note: *Amounts are for the evaluation and award of bid only.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board award the contract for MATERIAL BID NO. 2025-05, FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SPARE PUMP AND MOTOR SETS, AND PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, by Sections to the following bidders for the amounts shown above, and that either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson be authorized to sign the contract(s), subject to review as to form and legality of the contract(s) by Corporation Counsel.

Section 1 – Saddle Road #1 Deepwell A to Derrick’s Well Drilling & Pump Services, LLC

Section 2 – H.O.V.E. #1 Deepwell A to Derrick’s Well Drilling & Pump Services, LLC

Section 3 – Group #2 to Hawaii Drilling & Pump Service, LLC

Section 4 – Pad-Mounted Transformer to Wesco Distribution, Inc.

B. UPDATE ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 137-25 FOR AN ONLINE SYSTEM THAT DISPLAYS GENERAL WATER AVAILABILITY COUNTYWIDE:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

C. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE HARDENING OF PARKER NO. 2, WAI’AHA AND LĀLĀMILO B WELLS – AMENDMENT NO. 2:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

The Department of Water Supply and the Hawai’i Emergency Management Agency would like to amend the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Hardening of Parker No. 2, Wai’aha and Lālāmiilo B

Wells (executed March 7, 2022), in accordance with the Amendment No. 2. This amendment extends the Period of Performance end date from February 10, 2024 to October 11, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Amendment No. 2 to the MOA with the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency for the Hardening of Parker No. 2, Wai'aha and Lālāmilo B Wells, and that either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson be authorized to sign the document, subject to review as to form and legality by Corporation Counsel.

D. DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY COLLECTION AND DELINQUENCY POLICIES:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Information will be provided to the Board on status updates on collection efforts due to delinquent balances for water service charges with information on current policies and procedures in place for collection and water shut offs and past recommendations submitted that remain in consideration. Discussion will follow along with any recommendations that should be considered for future action. Discussion will include steps taken to meet the agreed Board & DWS performance measure metric #5 due 11/30/25 on this subject.

E. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Submission of Progress Report of Projects by the Department. Department personnel will be available to respond to questions by the Board regarding the status/progress of any project.

F. REVIEW OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Submission of financial statements and information relating to the financial status of the Department. Department personnel will be available to respond to questions by the Board relating to the financial status of the Department.

G. MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The Manager-Chief Engineer to provide an update on the following:

1. North Kona Wells
2. North Kohala water system update
3. 2025 HWWA Conference – October 15-17, 2025, O'ahu, registration deadline is September 8, 2025 (Chr. Lopez, Vice Chr. Kekela, and Board Member Taaroa will attend.)
4. Department of Water Supply Quarterly Energy Report

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING OPEN LITIGATION FOR HAWAI'I CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (HCUCC) v. WATER BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I, 3CC181000111:

The Board anticipates convening an executive meeting for the purposes of discussing the legal rights, duties and liabilities of the Board concerning the above referenced open litigation against the Board. The Board requests to have its attorney present, in order to consult with the Board's attorney on its questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS") §92-5(a)(4). A two-thirds vote of the members present, pursuant to HRS §92-4 is necessary to hold an executive meeting, provided the affirmative vote constitutes a majority of the members to which the board is entitled.

I. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson to report on matters of interest to the Board

9) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting – September 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m., West Hawai'i Civic Center, Building G, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy., Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

10) ADJOURNMENT:

Anyone requiring an accommodation or auxiliary aid and/or services to participate in this meeting (i.e. sign language, interpreter, large print), please contact the Board Secretary, at (808) 961-8050 as soon as possible, but no later than five days before the scheduled meeting.

Notice to Lobbyists: If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawai'i County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist. {Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawai'i County Code} A lobbyist means “any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$275 in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials.” {Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawai'i County Code} Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, Hilo, Hawai'i.

Board Packet: Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Section 92-7.5, the board packet provided to members of the board for this meeting is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Department of Water Supply office, 345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20, Hilo, Hawai'i.

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