



DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY • COUNTY OF HAWAII

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WATER BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAII
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board of the County of Hawaii will hold a public hearing at the Department of Water Supply, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawaii, on **Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** for the following purposes:

Pursuant to Sections 8-2(c) and 10-4 of the Hawaii County Charter, considering and adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Operating and 5-year Capital Improvement Projects Budgets. The summary of the proposed Operating Budget is as follows:

Receipts:

Water Service	\$32,000,000
Power Charges	23,625,000
Standby Charges	25,000,000
Energy C.I.P. Charges	450,000
Interest Income	1,744,495
Miscellaneous Income	469,300
Rental Income	<u>237,000</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$83,525,795</u>

Expenditures:

Purchased Power	\$23,625,000
Personnel Services	23,426,584
Materials, Supplies, Services & Equipment	16,373,500
Debt Service	8,128,660
C.I.P. Reserve	<u>11,972,051</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$83,525,795</u>

The summary of the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Projects Budget is as follows:

Fiscal Year:

2027	\$44,500,000
2028	44,950,000
2029	64,050,000
2030	43,500,000
2031	<u>64,500,000</u>
TOTAL 5-YEAR C.I.P. BUDGET	<u>\$261,500,000</u>

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The purpose of the public hearing is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to provide comments on the department's proposed Operating and 5-Year Capital Improvement Projects budgets for Fiscal Year 2027. Comments may be presented orally at the public hearing or submitted to the Chairperson in writing by email (dws@hawaiiidws.org), fax (808-961-8657), or by mail: 345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20, Hilo, HI 96720. All testimony, regardless of time of receipt, will be part of the permanent record.

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Remote Oral Testimony:

Telephone testimony may be presented by calling 1 (669) 254-5252 and entering meeting ID 160 716 7924. 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 public hearings 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 public hearing, the hearing 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 hearing shall be adjourned and then reconvene per the following contingency plans:

Board shall reconvene on: April 29, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Board shall reconvene at: DWS, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street.

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.

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

If accommodation or auxiliary aid and/or services (i.e., sign language, interpreter, large print) to participate in the hearing is required, please call (808) 961-8050.

Dated at Hilo, Hawai'i, this 25th day of March, 2026.

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By: Michael Pono Kekela, Its Chairperson

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Hawai'i Tribune-Herald
April 14, 2026

West Hawai'i Today
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