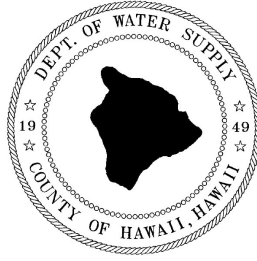


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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF HAWAII
WATER BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026
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'a Street, Suite 20, Hilo, HI 96720. Please indicate the 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 160 716 7924. 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:

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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: April 29, 2026, 10:00 a.m. (HST)
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 March 24, 2026, Water Board Meeting
- 4) APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA (if necessary)
(Note: Roll Call Required)
- 5) STRATEGIC AND BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE BY BROWN AND CALDWELL:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

- 6) POWER COST CHARGE:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Departmental power costs recovered had increased since the last Power Cost Charge rate was determined. The Department proposes to **decrease** the Power Cost Charge from \$2.84 to \$2.53 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>
March 1, 2026	\$2.84
November 1, 2025	\$2.98
June 1, 2025	\$2.08
February 1, 2025	\$2.32

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 May 26, 2026, at 9:45 a.m., to receive testimony on decreasing the Power Cost Charge from \$2.84 to \$2.53, effective June 1, 2026.

- 7) HĀMĀKUA:

A. JOB NO. 2023-1219, HAINA BOOSTERS A, B & C REPAIR:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

This project generally consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to remove the existing booster assemblies; install Contractor furnished multistage inline booster pumps, motors with motor stands, and all appurtenant materials; seal off the existing suction can and install pump mounting stand, inclusive of concrete work; complete an efficiency and vibration test; daily clean-up of the job site at the conclusion of each work day; and perform all incidental work necessary to complete repair in accordance with the specifications.

Bids for this project were opened on April 9, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., and the following are the bid results:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Alpha Inc.	\$585,690.00
Derrick's Well Drilling & Pump Services	\$370,866.00
Hawaii Drilling & Pump Service, LLC	\$348,600.00
Jas W. Glover	NO BID RECEIVED

Project Costs:

1) Low Bidder (Hawaii Drilling & Pump Service, LLC)	\$ 348,600.00
2) Contingencies (10.0%)	<u>\$ 34,860.00</u>
Total Cost:	<u>\$ 383,460.00</u>

Funding for this project will be from DWS’s CIP Budget under Deepwell Pump Replacement. The contractor will have 180 calendar days to complete this project. The Engineering estimate for this project was \$260,000.00.

Booster History:

Haina Booster A:
Original Installation: Pre-1980

Haina Booster B:
Original Installation: Pre-1980

Haina Booster C:
Original Installation: August, 1983

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board award the contract for JOB NO. 2023-1219, HAINA BOOSTERS A, B & C REPAIR, to the lowest responsible bidder, Hawaii Drilling & Pump Service, LLC, for their bid amount of \$348,600.00, plus \$34,860.00 for contingencies, for a total contract amount of \$383,460.00. It is further recommended 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.

8) NORTH KONA:

A. MAINTENANCE BID NO. 2026-11, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF KAHALU‘U SHAFT INCLINED LIFT:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

This project consists of furnishing all transportation, labor, equipment, tools, and consumable materials necessary to provide quarterly maintenance and repair services to the inclined lift system and its related appurtenances at the Department of Water Supply’s Kahalu‘u Shaft facility for a period beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030.

Bids for this project were opened on April 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., and no bids were received.

	NO BIDS RECEIVED	DWS Engineering Estimate
Item 1 – (16 Qtr.) The rate of performance for this contract shall be per quarter (every 3 months). Such rate shall include all applicable taxes, per diem expenses, transportation expenses, and all other related expenses that are necessary in the execution of the full performance of the services as specified in this specifications, complete and operable.	NO BIDS	\$40,000.00

Based on this quarterly rate, the full 48-month contract amount shall be equal to (Quarterly Rate x 16 Qtrs).		
Item 2 – (500 Hr., As-Needed Basis) Emergency call-out repair service with response on-site within thirty (30) hours of the service call at the request of the Department of Water Supply for services beyond the quarterly scheduled services performed per hour (minimum crew) which shall include all applicable taxes, per diem expenses, transportation expenses, and all other related expenses that are necessary in the execution of the full performance of the emergency service call. Materials and machining services necessary shall be paid separately from materials and machining allowance below. It shall be understood that should there be any overtime work, only the mechanics hourly rate shall be multiplied by one and one-half (1½) times and applicable taxes to the new overtime rate.	NO BIDS	\$270,000.00
Item 3 – (Lump Sum) Materials and machining allowance for parts expenses associated with Item #2 above, upon review and approval by the Project Engineer. Allowance shall be set at \$100,000.00. Payment shall be conducted by force account.	NO BIDS	\$100,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this bid go out for Alternate Procurement pursuant to HAR 3-122-35, as no responsive bids were received, and it would not be advantageous to the Department to issue a new solicitation.

9) MISCELLANEOUS:

A. DEDICATION OF WATER SYSTEMS:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

The Department received the following documents for action by the Water Board. The water systems have been constructed in accordance with the Department’s standards and are in acceptable condition for dedication.

1. **Grant of Easement and Bill of Sale**
PL-SUB-2023-000143
Grantor/Seller: Clinton Hinchcliff Jr.
Tax Map Key (3) 7-3-024:008
Kaloko, North Kona, Island of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i
Facilities Charge: \$36,570.00 Date Paid: 7/31/2025
Final Inspection Date: 7/7/2025
Water System Cost: \$216,000.00

2. Grant of Easement and Bill of Sale

PL-SUB-2023-000139
“Hikina Lani Subdivision”
Grantor/Seller: RJL LLC
Tax Map Key (3) 2-4-039:057, 058, 087, and 093
Waiākea, South Hilo, Island of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i
Facilities Charge: \$292,560.00 Date Paid: 6/3/2025
Final Inspection Date: 12/23/2025
Water System Cost: \$296,996.04

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Water Board accept these dedications subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel, and that either the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman be authorized to sign the document.

B. DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY PROPOSED OPERATING AND 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (C.I.P.) BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

The Department’s Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget, totaling \$83,525,795.00, and 5-Year C.I.P. Budget for Fiscal Year 2027-2031, totaling \$261,500,000.00, have been distributed for the Board’s review. A public hearing was held prior to this meeting to accept testimony. The Board may change either Budget or adopt them as presented over two readings.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Department’s Fiscal Year 2027 Operating and C.I.P. Budgets on this first of two readings.

C. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – SOUTH KOHALA, HĀMĀKUA, AND LAUPĀHOEHOE SITES (BRANTLEY CENTER, INC.):

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Brantley Center, Inc., presently has a Maintenance Agreement for site maintenance for the Department’s South Kohala, Hāmākua, and Laupāhoehoe tank and pump sites. We are requesting to renew this Agreement from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The rates would be as follows:

South Kohala	-	\$4,475.68/month x 12 months (23 sites)	=	\$53,708.16
Hāmākua	-	\$2,944.16/month x 12 months (15 sites)	=	\$35,329.92
Laupāhoehoe	-	\$738.48/month x 12 months (3 sites)	=	\$8,861.76
		Total:		\$97,899.84

The Department has the right to award the contract to Brantley Center, Inc., without advertising or calling for bids, according to Subsection 103D-1010 of the Hawai‘i Public Procurement Code. Brantley Center, Inc., has submitted the necessary documents to meet the requirements as a qualified rehabilitation facility. There is no increase from their proposal for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Brantley Center’s performance has been satisfactory, and the costs are reasonable. A total of 41 sites are covered by this agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board award the contract for the RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – SOUTH KOHALA, HĀMĀKUA, AND LAUPĀHOEHOE SITES, to Brantley Center, Inc., for a period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, at a total cost of \$97,899.84, and that either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson be authorized to sign the documents, subject to approval by Corporation Counsel.

D. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) FOR THE EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR AT KEAHUOLŪ WELL:

The Department of Water Supply (DWS) is proposing to enter into a MOA with the Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency to facilitate the allocation of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to DWS’ Emergency Standby Generator at Keahuolū Well project. This project involves the design and installation of a generator and supporting infrastructure at Keahuolū Well in North Kona. The federal share will be 75% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$825,000. DWS share will be a 25% match. DWS will be responsible for the procurement of the professional services and construction.

Federal Share (75%): \$ 825,000
DWS Share (25%): \$ 275,000
Total Est. Project Cost: \$1,100,000

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the MOA with the Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency Standby Generator at Keahuolū Well, and that either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson be authorized to sign the MOA, subject to review as to form and legality by Corporation Counsel.

E. JOB NO. 2022-1188, IDENTIFY AND APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

The Department is requesting approval to add an additional \$75,000.00 to the consultant’s current contract for the work needed to identify and apply for various federal funding opportunities. The consultant’s work will be directed by the Department on an “as-needed” basis.

Original Contract Amount: \$ 75,000.00 (not to exceed)
Additional funding request: \$ 75,000.00 (not to exceed)
Total Revised Contract Amount: \$ 150,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve an increase in the contract amount to SR Partners, LLC, for JOB NO. 2022-1188, IDENTIFY AND APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. If approved, the total revised contract amount shall be \$150,000.00.

F. SUBCONTRACT SUB-2026-10058 FOR THE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT (ETIPP) – ETIPP COHORT 5 TECHNICAL DEEP DIVE TRACK COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

The Department of Water Supply (DWS) is proposing to enter a subcontract with the Alliance for Energy Innovation, LLC, manager and operator of the National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR) (U.S. Department of Energy’s primary national laboratory for energy systems), to develop a DWS energy resilience plan with technical assistance from NLR through the ETIPP program. As part of this agreement, DWS will receive \$50,000.00 for services rendered to support this project.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the subcontract SUB-2026-10058 with Alliance for Energy Innovation, LLC for ETIPP Cohort 5 Technical Deep Dive Track Community Support, and that either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson be authorized to sign the subcontract, subject to review as to form and legality by Corporation Counsel.

G. BID NO. 2026-03, FURNISHING LIQUID CHLORINE (ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

This project consists of furnishing all materials, labor, transportation, tools, taxes, machinery, and equipment necessary for the furnishing and delivery of liquid chlorine in accordance with the specifications. The bidder will provide services on an as-needed basis, for a period not to exceed two years.

Bids for this project were opened on April 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., and the following are the bid results:

	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	DWS Engineering Estimate
Item 1 – 150 lb. Cylinder	\$575.00	\$600.00

Estimated contract use:

150 lb. Cylinder: \$575.00/cylinder x 585 cylinder/year x 2 years = \$672,750.00
 Total: \$672,750.00

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the Board award the contract for BID NO. 2026-03, FURNISHING LIQUID CHLORINE (ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, to the lowest responsible bidder, JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for the unit prices listed above, for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, 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.

H. SERVICE BID NO. 2026-04, HAUL & DELIVER CHLORINE CYLINDERS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS ISLANDWIDE (ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS):

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

This project consists of furnishing all materials, labor, transportation, tools, taxes, machinery, and equipment necessary to collect 20-ft. containers from harbor; offload chlorine gas cylinders from the container; and deliver chlorine gas cylinders to various locations in accordance with the specifications. The bidder will provide services on an as-needed basis.

Bids for this project were opened on April 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., and the following are the bid results.

		NO BIDS RECEIVED	DWS Engineering Estimate
Part I – Pick Up From Harbor & Delivery Preparation	Item 1a – Hilo Harbor (14 Ea.)	NO BIDS	\$8,500.00
	Item 1b – Kawaihae Harbor (4 Ea.)	NO BIDS	\$3,500.00
Part II – Hourly Rate to Haul & Deliver	Item 2a – Islandwide (350 Ea.)	NO BIDS	\$46,000.00
Part III – Delivery, Preparation & Shipment of Empty Cylinders	Item 3a – Hilo Harbor (14 Ea.)	NO BIDS	\$8,500.00
	Item 3b – Kawaihae Harbor (4 Ea.)	NO BIDS	\$3,500.00

RECOMMENDATION: No bids were received. Staff will seek alternative procurement pursuant to HAR 3-122-35 to procure the required services.

I. UPDATE OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY’S AGRICULTURAL USE RATES:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

For information and discussion purposes.

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT:

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

1. North Kona Wells

M. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

1. Chairperson to report on matters of interest to the Board

10) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting – May 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m., West Hawai‘i Civic Center, Building G, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i.

11) ADJOURNMENT:

Anyone requiring 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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