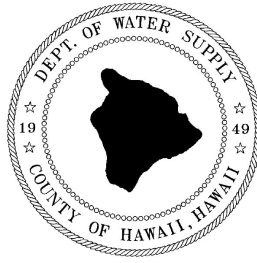


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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF HAWAII
WATER BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

MEETING DATE: August 25, 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 Kekūanaʻōa 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 161 403 3415. 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 26, 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 July 28, 2026, Water Board Meeting
- 4) APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA (if necessary)
(Note: Roll Call Required)
- 5) POWER COST CHARGE:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

The actual power costs paid by the Department exceeded the power costs recovered during the review period of March 2026-June 2026, which resulted in a loss during this 4-month period. Therefore, the Department proposes to increase the Power Cost Charge from \$2.53 to \$3.04 per thousand gallons. Power cost charges over the past year were as follows:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>PCC</u>
June 1, 2026	\$2.53
March 1, 2026	\$2.84
November 1, 2025	\$2.98
June 1, 2025	\$2.08

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 22, 2026, at 9:45 a.m., to receive testimony on increasing the Power Cost Charge from \$2.53 to \$3.04, effective October 1, 2026.

6) MISCELLANEOUS:

A. DEDICATION OF WATER SYSTEM:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

The Department received the following document 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. Bill of Sale
Seller: Sure Foundation
Tax Map Key (3) 2-3-036:022
Ponahawai, South Hilo, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i
Final Inspection Date: 8/10/2026
Water System Cost: \$61,000.00

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

B. SERVICE BID NO. 2026-17, FURNISHING CALL CENTER SERVICES (ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS):

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

This project consists of paying for all labor, telephony infrastructure, communication software, secure data systems, and applicable taxes necessary to provide comprehensive inbound call answering and message relay services to the Department of Water Supply, County of Hawai'i for a period beginning September 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Bids for this project were opened on August 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., and the following are the bid results:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Direct Interactions, Inc.	\$112,912.00
Hopson Connect Corp.	\$275,300.00
McGhee and Associates, LLC	\$59,500.00

The Engineering estimate for these services was \$75,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board award the contract for SERVICE BID NO. 2026-17, FURNISHING CALL CENTER SERVICES (ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS), to the lowest responsible bidder, McGhee and Associates, LLC, for their bid amount of \$59,500.00. 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.

C. MATERIAL BID NO. 2026-16, FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SPARE PUMP AND MOTOR SETS AND PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Bids were received and opened on August 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., and the following are the bid results:

BIDDER	Derrick's Well Drilling & Pump Services, LLC	CribProcure, Inc.	DWS Engineering Estimate
Section 1 – Group #2	\$679,755.00	No Bid	\$580,000.00
Section 2 – Group #3	No Bid	No Bid	\$815,000.00
Section 3 – Pad-Mounted Transformer	No Bid	Non-Responsive	\$245,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board award the contract for MATERIAL BID NO. 2026-16, FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SPARE PUMP AND MOTOR SETS, AND PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS, 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 – Group #2 to Derrick's Well Drilling & Pump Services, LLC

For the Sections where no bids were received, staff shall seek alternative procurement pursuant to HAR 3-122-35 to procure the required materials in the best interest of the Department.

D. PROPOSED REVISION TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION 3-29, RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL USE RATES:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Agricultural Use Rates as adopted by the Board shall be provided to a consumer who is engaged in commercial agricultural activities. The Department of Water Supply proposes changes to section 3-29 of the Department of Water Supply Rules and Regulations to modify the department's Agricultural Use Rate application requirements to align with the qualification and terms of the County of Hawai'i Real Property Tax agricultural programs.

Before the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Water Supply can be changed, a Public Hearing shall be scheduled to accept public testimony.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve holding a Public Hearing on October 27, 2026, at 9:45 a.m., to receive testimony on the proposed changes to section 3-29 in the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Water Supply, County of Hawai'i.

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. Online Recordings of Water Board Meeting Videos
3. Department of Water Supply Quarterly Energy Report
4. Hurricane Lala briefing

H. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

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

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting – September 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m., West Hawai'i Civic Center, Building G, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.

8) 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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