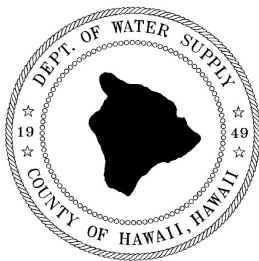


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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF HAWAII
WATER BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
IN-PERSON LOCATION: West Hawai'i Civic Center
Building G, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy., Kailua-Kona, 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@hawaiidws.org), fax (808-961-8657), or by mail: 345 Kekūanaʻa 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 161 433 1555. 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@hawaiidws.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: September 23, 2026, 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@hawaiidws.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 August 25, 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:

Effective	PCC
June 1, 2026	\$2.53
March 1, 2026	\$2.84
November 1, 2025	\$2.98
June 1, 2025	\$2.08

A Public Hearing has been held prior to this Board meeting to accept public testimony on this change.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the increase of the Power Cost Charge from \$2.53 to \$3.04, effective October 1, 2026.

- 6) NORTH KONA:
 - A. JOB NO. 2026-1290, KAHALU‘U BOOSTERS A & B 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 pumps, stuffing boxes, motors, and all appurtenant materials; chlorination and testing of the booster pump assemblies; and perform all incidental work necessary to complete repair in accordance with the specifications.

Bids for this project were opened on September 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., and no bids were received.

BID TABULATION FOR THE INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE KAHALU‘U BOOSTERS A & B REPAIR			
	Derrick's Well Drilling & Pump Services, LLC	Hawaii Drilling & Pump Service, LLC	Engineering Estimate
Labor Charges			\$54,000.00
Pumps & Motors			\$60,000.00
Materials & Services			\$42,000.00
Total Lump Sum Bid	NO BIDS RECEIVED	NO BIDS RECEIVED	\$156,000.00

Booster History:

Kahalu'u Booster A&B:

Original Installation: March, 1961

Repaired: January, 2005

Repaired: September, 2017

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

7) MISCELLANEOUS:

A. HURRICANE LALA RECOVERY RESPONSE – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF WAIVER OF WATER CHARGES FOR AFFECTED AREAS:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

For information and discussion purposes.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

1. North Kona Wells
2. Retiree: Gwen Kimura – Human Resources Specialist I

E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

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

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Meeting** – October 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Department of Water Supply, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawai'i.
- **Public Hearing** – October 27, 2026, 9:45 a.m., Department of Water Supply, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawai'i.

9) 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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