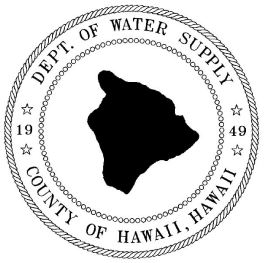
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF HAWAIʻI
WATER BOARD MEETING
AGENDA

MEETING DATE: October 27, 2026

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

IN-PERSON LOCATION: Department of Water Supply, Hilo Operations
889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawaiʻi

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 Kekūanaōʻa 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 160 850 4962. 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:	October 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m. (HST)
Board shall reconvene at:	DWS, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawaiʻi

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 September 22, 2026, Public Hearing on the Power Cost Charge
- Minutes of September 22, 2026, Water Board Meeting

4) APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA (if necessary)
(Note: Roll Call Required)

5) PRESENTATION ON FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AUDIT REPORT BY ACCUITY:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Copies of the Department's Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, 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) SOUTH KOHALA:

A. WATER TREATMENT PROPOSAL NO. 2026-18, FURNISHING AND DELIVERING COAGULANTS TO THE WAIMEA WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

This project generally consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, and equipment necessary to deliver coagulants to the Waimea Water Treatment Plant, for a period not to exceed two years.

Bids for this project were opened on October 1, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., and the following are the bid results:

Description	Pural Water Specialty Co., Inc.	Malama Solutions & Supplies, LLC	Phoenix V dba BEI Hawaii	DWS Engineering Estimate
Estimated Coagulant Cost for the 20-Month Contract Period (dry basis)	$278,622.72	$278,162.35*	Non-Responsive	$371,200.00

*Bidder's amount was corrected for an arithmetic error.

Bidder		Amount
1) Malama Solutions & Supplies, LLC		$278,162.35
2) Contingency		$ 52,041.60
	TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE	$330,203.95

The reason for the high contingency is that as the source water's turbidity increases during the year due to unstable weather conditions, more coagulants are used to meet the water quality requirements of the State of Hawai'i Department of Health.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board award the contract for WATER TREATMENT PROPOSAL NO. 2026-18, FURNISHING AND DELIVERY COAGULANTS TO THE WAIMEA WATER TREATMENT PLANT, to Malama Solutions & Supplies, LLC for the bid price of $278,162.35, plus $52,041.60 in contingency, for a total contract price of $330,203.95 for the period from issuance of the Notice to Proceed, to June 30, 2028, and that either the Chairperson or the Vice-

Chairperson be authorized to sign the contracts, subject to review as to form and legality by Corporation Counsel.

7) 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. Grant of Easement
SUB. No. PL-SUB-2023-000172
Grantors: Matthew C. Wung and Eric J. Wung
Tax Map Key (3) 2-4-003:035 (portion) Road Lot
Waiākea, South Hilo, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i
Facilities Charge: $24,380.00 Date Paid: 8/26/2025
Final Inspection Date: 11/4/2025
Water System cost: $49,122.00

2. Bill of Sale
Seller: Hilo Na Koa LP
Tax Map Key (3) 2-4-057:031 (por.) and 032 (por.)
Waiākea, South Hilo, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i

3. Use and Occupancy Agreement
Hale Na Koa 'O Hanakahi Water System
Grantor: County of Hawai'i
Tax Map Key (3) 2-4-057:031 (por.) and 032 (por.)
Waiākea, South Hilo, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i

4. Grant of Easement (3-Water Meters)
SUB. No. 2024-000236
Grantors: Edward J. Rapoza and Rhondall K. Rapoza
Tax Map Key (3) 7-6-011:004 (por.)
Hōlualoa 1st and 2nd, North Kona, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i
Facilities Charge: $18,285.00 Date Paid: 9/28/2026
Final Inspection Date: 9/16/2026
Water System Cost: $15,844.43

5. Amendment to License Easement No. 814
(Non-Exclusive Right)
Subdivision SPH-14-000023
La'i 'Ōpua Village 4, Phase 2 (Hema)
Licensor: State of Hawai'i Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands
TMKs: Existing License (3) 7-4-021:010 and 012 (portion)
Additional (Hema) (3) 7-4-021:012 (portion)
Facilities Charge: $609,500.00 Date Paid: 9/18/2026
Final Inspection Date: *TBA*
Water System Cost: $808,437.00

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

Chair: Is there any testimony for this item?

Hurricane Lala caused significant damage to DWS' infrastructure in the Kaʻū district, particularly the Waiʻōhinu-Nāʻālehu water system. DWS' customers there experienced disruption in water service and were under a precautionary boil water notice from about August 19 to September 18, 2026. Due to the extensive damage and lack of accessibility, DWS could not perform meter readings until September 22, 2026. DWS is proposing to waive the water service charges for the August 6 to September 22, 2026, billing period (see attachment) for DWS' customers in the Waiʻōhinu-Nāʻālehu water system.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve waiving the water service charges for the August 6 to September 22, 2026, billing period for the bi-monthly water service accounts (Books 950, 960, 970, & 990) in the Waiʻōhinu-Nāʻālehu water system.

C. PROPOSED REVISION TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION 3-29, RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL 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 Hawaiʻi Real Property Tax agricultural programs.

A Public Hearing was held prior to this meeting to accept public testimony before the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Water Supply can be changed.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed changes to Rule 3, Section 3-29, Agricultural Use Rates of the Department of Water Supply Rules and Regulations as provided in the attachment.

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CIVIL NO. 3CCV-24-0000343, KAPOHO LAND & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD:

The Board anticipates convening an executive meeting, closed to the public, to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities regarding the Pohoiki Road and Waterline Project, as authorized by Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS"), Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4). A two-thirds vote of the members present, pursuant to HRS Section 92-4, is necessary to hold an executive meeting, provided that the affirmative vote constitutes a majority of the board.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF NEW MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY:

The Water Board anticipates convening an executive meeting, closed to the public, pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), for the purpose of consulting with the Water Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Water Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. A two-thirds vote, pursuant to HRS Section 92-4, is necessary to hold an executive meeting.

H. DISCUSSION OF PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF NEW MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY:

The Water Board will discuss the process and criteria for selection of the new Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply.

I. MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

1. North Kona Wells

J. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

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

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting – November 24, 2026, 10:00 a.m., West Hawai'i Civic Center, Building G, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.

9) 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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