MINUTES

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
WATER BOARD MEETING

September 22, 2026

West Hawaii Civic Center, Bldg. G, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy., Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Michael Kekela Jr., Chairperson, Dist. 4
Mr. Colin Miura, Water Board Member, Dist. 1
Mr. James Lee, Water Board Member, Dist. 2
Mr. Guy Alameda, Water Board Member, Dist. 3
Mr. Nicholas Riznyk, Water Board Member, Dist. 7
Mr. Philip Aiona, Water Board Member, Dist. 9 (via videoconference)
Mr. Keith K. Okamoto, Manager-Chief Engineer,
Department of Water Supply (ex-officio member)

ABSENT:
Mr. Keith Unger, Vice-Chairperson, Dist. 6
Ms. Emily Taaroa, Water Board Member, Dist. 5
Mr. Stephen Lopez, Water Board Member, Dist. 8
Director, Planning Department (ex-officio member)
Director, Department of Public Works (ex-officio member)

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ms. Jean Campbell, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Ms. Tiffany DeMasters, Big Island Now, guest
Dr. Jeff Zimpfer, NPS, guest
Mr. Jeff Bray, guest
Ms. Josephine Keliipio, guest

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY STAFF:

Mr. Kawika Uyehara, Deputy (via videoconference)
Mr. Alvin Inouye, Water Operations Superintendent
Ms. Candace Gray, Waterworks Controller
Ms. Shari Uyeno, Assistant Engineering Division Head
Mr. Eric Takamoto, Mechanical Engineer III
Ms. Gwen Kimura, Human Resources Specialist I
Mr. Neal Sako, Cartographic Drafting Technician III
Ms. Maraea Keamo, Senior Clerk Stenographer
Ms. Kayla Okazaki, Information Systems Analyst I
Mr. Barry Kobayashi, Information Systems Support Technician II

1) CALL TO ORDER – Chair Kekela called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board Members who were present: Messrs. Miura, Lee, Alameda, Riznyk, Aiona, and Chair Kekela.

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. There were no statements from the public at this time.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of August 25, 2026, Water Board Meeting:

ACTION: Mr. Alameda moved for approval of the Minutes of the August 25, 2026, Water Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Riznyk and carried unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: 6 – Board Members Miura, Lee, Alameda, Riznyk, Aiona, and Chairperson Kekela).

4) APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – None.

5) POWER COST CHARGE:

Chair Kekela asked if there was any testimony for this item. There being none, he continued with the agenda 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.

ACTION: Mr. Lee moved for approval of the recommendation; seconded by Mr. Alameda and carried unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: 6 – Board Members Miura, Lee, Alameda, Riznyk, Aiona, and Chairperson Kekela).

6) NORTH KONA:

A. JOB NO. 2026-1290, KAHALU‘U BOOSTERS A & B REPAIR:

Chair Kekela asked if there was any testimony for this item. There being none, he continued with the agenda 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.

CHR. KEKELA: Do we need to vote on that?

MS. CAMPBELL: I don’t think there’s any action, so no.

CHR. KEKELA: Do we need a motion to discuss?

MS. CAMPBELL: No, staff can make a presentation.

CHR. KEKELA: Just give us an update, please.

MR. OKAMOTO: Eric can provide some detail on the location and capacity of these boosters.

MR. TAKAMOTO: This facility is in our Kahalu‘u area, right around the intersection of Kuakini and Kamehameha III Road, right in that area. These boosters are about 500 GPM each; basically, they’re used to supplement from the lower wells to the upper system, so they pump up to the mauka road and from there, they can either move south or north.

MR. OKAMOTO: This is our typical process, for those that may not be familiar. We’re required to put things out per state procurement code. There are various means to do that, but typically it’s competitive sealed bids for this type of repair work. For whatever reason, there were two qualified bidders; we know who the qualified bidders are because they have to submit an intent to bid, so we know who’s bidding, but for whatever reason they ended up either not providing a bid or, I think in this particular case, one of the contractors tried to provide a product that didn’t meet our specifications. We call that either a non-responsive or a non-responsible bid attempt, and we don’t consider that an actual bid that we can review for approval; that’s what happened here. We will continue with the work because the work is needed, and we’ll seek alternate procurement from our side. What that means is Eric and/or his staff will still try to make it as competitive as possible and contact multiple vendors to see if they can provide the work needed to get the job done. If you have any questions or technical questions, we have the expert here. Additionally, there is a bid tab; we try to include this with the board packet so that you can see what the different line items were as part of the work.

7) MISCELLANEOUS:

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

Chair Kekela asked if there was any testimony for this item. There being none, he continued with the agenda item.

MR. OKAMOTO: We wanted to take this opportunity to provide an update to the Board on where we stand with Lala recovery, as well as put a request out there for discussion for possible waiver of charges for a certain area. First, an update, and I may ask for some assistance from our actual boots on the ground, which is Alvin.

Shortly after the event, we were able to restore service through some means: backup generators, hauling, or temporary spigots and whatnot, but the long-term outages have been focused in our Kaʻū area, specifically our Nāʻālehu/Waiʻōhinu system, which services, if you're familiar with the area, there's Nāʻālehu Town if you're coming from Hilo side, passing the police station you come into town and if you continue through town you'll hit those sharp bends in the road that pass through Waiʻōhinu, and then makai of that is Discovery Harbor/Green Sands subdivision, you go a little bit more towards Kona then you'll hit the road that goes down to South Point. So, that's the customer base that we serve there. Our major damage that resulted from Lala was essentially damaging or destroying the pipes that brought our main source of water, which was about five miles mauka; Mountain House Spring was our primary source for that area. Without that pipeline, basically, we cannot bring that source water down to town. Fortunately, we have Nāʻālehu Well as our backup and a couple of booster stations. Our crew was able to relocate a genset from South Kona, so within the first week we were able to get Nāʻālehu Well online. We got the boosters online with another set of backup generators—actually, before we got the gensets activated, I think Hawaii Electric was able to bring power back to the region.

MR. INOUYE: We had it on for maybe a couple of days, then they restored power.

MR. OKAMOTO: So that was able to feed a portion of the system, but we still have to deal with the broken pipe up mauka. We're feeding the South Point area now from Hāʻao Springs, and for a while we were still chasing some smaller leaks within the system. Besides Hāʻao Springs, we were hauling from Pāhala to supplement keeping water in the tanks. For us, it's not only about serving our customers with potable water, but we also try to maintain enough water in our tanks in case there's a fire; so our tanks provide fire protection as well. Even up until recently, we were challenged with keeping water in the tank.

Another thing is, because of the extensive damage up mauka side, we anticipated there was stormwater that got into the system, so we've had that system on boil water since—let's see—the storm hit us August 14th-15th, and the damage was done. By the 16th, we were assessing damages and figuring out we had all this broken infrastructure; we anticipated that there was stormwater intrusion into our system because of the broken mains. So, we had that area on boil water notice from, I would say, August 16th until last Friday, and we did several rounds of water quality testing throughout the area before we lifted that boil water notice. We tested for bacteria; various locations confirmed that there was no longer any presence of bacteria to be found, which allowed us to lift the boil water notice. We've been in contact with the State Department of Health and everything to see if they had any issues or concerns, and we were good to go, which is why, I guess, we are bringing forward to the Board today also a consideration for waiving the consumption charges in that system for the next upcoming billing cycle. We haven't even sent our meter readers out; the last time we sent meter readers was July 6th in that region. Normally we would have read again in the early part of September on a two-month cycle, but we had meters that were gone. All this time they were being replaced, and it just didn't seem—it didn't make sense for our guys to go out and read

meters at this time. That's one thing that we wanted to bring forth to the Board because it would take action by the Board, I think, to waive this next billing cycle; we're talking about the consumption portion.

There's also a part of the bill that's a standby; we're also considering possibly waiving standby for some people who don't even have their meters back yet. There are some portions of the system that still have pipe that hasn't been replaced, so obviously they don't have meters that they can access. A standby charge is typically for that ability; you can access the meter at any time water is going to come out, but if you don't even have that ability, I guess we're kind of thinking it's not fair to assess the standby for those customers. Definitely, even those people who might have had water but were on a boil water notice this whole time, we weren't providing the product that they're typically getting from us, so that's why we're asking for consideration to waive the consumption fee for those customers.

With that, if anyone else has updates to provide, Alvin or Shari or Kawika; Kawika is also online. We're still actively working on repair work out in Kāʻu.

MR. ALAMEDA: Does the electric company think like you and your team on the service provided not as par as it's supposed to be, unfortunately, due to the weather, right? So you guys want to put relief on the customer during that timeframe and even extend it because of the quality of the product not being up to par; maybe they have a meter yet, but the quality is not up to par, so you guys want to extend it. I don't think the electric company does that, or any other companies do that, but as a customer, I would ask myself, I would love, I wonder if I'm going to have to pay for the services that I wasn't getting for that length of time that I wasn't getting it, but you've already answered the question that I was asking myself. I'm going to say yeah, I say yeah.

MR. OKAMOTO: You know why too, our guys who work out there and are still working out there even on weekends and after hours, they're from the area; they didn't have water, they didn't have power. I've been out there half a dozen times too, myself, and you look at what happened out there, and people are still recovering out there, and it just seems like the right thing to do. Again, we didn't provide the product that we typically provide, which is safe drinking water. If we don't provide that, it didn't sit right that—for me—we would charge them full price for a product that wasn't full quality, I guess.

Anyway, that's our proposal. Any other questions or comments, I'd appreciate it.

MR. RIZNYK: Just a question for the new guy: The boil water and the chlorination process—could you just review how that works in a nutshell?

MR. OKAMOTO: Normally our water quality is so good that we chlorinate mostly out of precaution because all we need is one bacteria presence to come out, it may take a little bit longer, we have certain designated sample points and at those sample points we have people trained how to grab a sample because we've had situations where—it's a regular hose bib, we've had situations where maybe a gecko may have crawled in there and then we grab a sample before flushing it properly and it shows up a positive, but that's not representative of our whole system, that was because of a particular incident with that sample point. So we typically flip the hose bib over, we shoot chlorine in there, turn it back over, flush it for a period of time, just so we're getting a representative sample from the system at the sample point. For most of our systems, and this system in particular where we had the boil water, the only disinfectant we use is chlorine, so what that allows us to do is make sure that there is no bacterial contamination in the system. We also do other samples on a more infrequent basis at the source for other things like chemicals or heavy metals, but those are representative of what you're getting from the ground source, which don't change frequently over time. The bacterial one is the one that can cause stomach issues and things like that, more acute-type illnesses; you're going to get a sore stomach or diarrhea or something like that. So that's the one we test on a monthly basis, and we submit that, and it's all based on system size and whatnot. For this last round, we went and sampled more areas beyond our normal sample points. We sampled at the schools, places where

there's higher sensitivity, right? Before DOE opens the schools, we want to help reassure them that it's safe to do so, so we did that. We did different parts of the system, like if we know there's kind of like a part of the system that might have had a main break that could have introduced stormwater into it, we'll go do special samples there. I think we only had a couple show up on initial testing as positive bacterial contamination. After several rounds after that, with the chlorination, those cleared up. But we were going back and forth on whether or not to lift the boil water for a portion of the system while this other portion was still undergoing testing, but we were concerned that it might cause confusion. What we really didn't want to have happen is somebody not boiling water when they needed to boil water, right?. If you boil the water and you didn't need to boil, you're just being extra cautious. No harm, no foul.

Anyway, long story short, the South Point side took some time to reestablish positive pressure to make sure that we were getting that disinfected water all the way through the system, again, confirmed by special water quality testing. That was confirmed last week, and so by Friday, several rounds of testing gave us that comfort level that we could lift that boil water for the whole system and not do a portion of it, and we wouldn't have to worry about that confusion. So that's the sequence of events that took place before we lifted the boil water.

Our top priority for us is our product has to be safe to drink, then second, it has to be available. If it's available and not safe, no sense, right? If it's safe and not available, well, that's another issue too, but safe drinking water is top priority, so we want to make sure that we're very, very sure that the water is safe before we lift the boil water.

MR. MIURA: Just out of curiosity, what areas are you considering waiving the water charges?

MR. OKAMOTO: Just for that one system, what we call our Nāʻālehu/Waiʻōhinu System, because that is the one that it's been like five weeks, and only a portion, received water but they had to boil it to consume it. Technically, it was safe enough to bathe in, to do laundry and whatnot, but it still wasn't up to what we consider safe drinking water standards for our Department; so just that one system.

CHR. KEKELA: You mentioned that some people got their meters damaged. Do you have a count of how many meters were lost, and if there's a timeline to repair those and if there's funding from FEMA to help?

MR. OKAMOTO: We're going to put whatever we can for FEMA reimbursement, including these broken meters.

MR. INOUYE: Probably the last count on the assessment when we were out; at least 100 were missing. We put some back in, but we have hydrants that are broken too, but I think the meters were over 100.

MR. OKAMOTO: Was that islandwide or just in the one—

MR. INOUYE: Just in the one system. All the registers were missing.

CHR. KEKELA: Is that part of the same system?

MR. INOUYE: Yes, Nāʻālehu.

MR. OKAMOTO: Are you guys kind of familiar with that highway? They call it Highway 11; it's a State Highway, but it's not really a highway, going through Waiʻōhinu town. Remember Shirakawa's and had the old Wong-Yuen Store, the old gas station over there—that was a river when this thing was happening, and our meters are all kind of within that road right-of-way, so all the water that was coming down, yeah, the meter boxes were gone. The register is the part of the meter above the brass, the dial that you can read, but some, even the meters were gone, yeah? The laterals were broken off of some pipes.

MR. INOUYE: Laterals were pulled out.

CHR. KEKELA: I just wanted to be sure that they were part of the same system.

MR. OKAMOTO: Yes. When we replace the meter, we take an initial reading, and then when our guys go out, the follow-up reading will determine the consumption; that's how we normally work.

CHR. KEKELA: My last question is, do we need another meeting to get an approval?

MS. CAMPBELL: It seems like it might be a good idea for staff to be able to provide more concrete details about what this means, numbers, something like that for a next meeting.

MR. OKAMOTO: We do have some numbers.

CHR. KEKELA: Was it possible to get a determination today, or no?

MR. OKAMOTO: Somebody could make a motion, yeah, Jean? Even though we don't have a recommendation to agree with?

MS. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MR. OKAMOTO: She doesn't look comfortable.

MS. CAMPBELL: I think that it would be reasonable for the Board to recommend for the staff to be able to provide a recommendation; yes, if this is what the Board is feeling, we're in support of the concept, and staff brings back at the next meeting something concrete with a recommendation.

MR. OKAMOTO: Okay, we can do that.

MS. CAMPBELL: So kind of a take-the-temperature vote today, and then a concrete recommendation at the next meeting.

MR. OKAMOTO: That sounds good, Jean, thank you.

MS. CAMPBELL: I think if you want to formally vote to say yes, go ahead; you can do that. I don't think it's necessary. It sounds like the message is clear enough that the Board generally supports this.

MR. OKAMOTO: Yeah, I didn't hear anything, so you don't have to stick your necks out saying yay or nay at this point until we give you a more concrete recommendation, but unless I hear otherwise, we'll proceed accordingly with what our Corp Counsel has advised us to do.

CHR. KEKELA: Perfect.

B. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT:

Chair Kekela asked if there was any testimony for this item. There being none, he continued with the agenda 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.

MS. UYENO: First page, we have Lālāmilo 10MG reservoir; DN Tanks is the subcontractor constructing it. They're continuing on the three layers of wrapping for the prestressing of the tank. Hopefully, they'll be finished in October with the three layers of steel strands wrapping the tank. The project is still slated to be finished in the first quarter of 2027.

Moving on to page two, a quick update on Iki Place water systems improvements is an improvement district. We are still waiting on materials; they were ordered, and we are in the process of trying to schedule a community meeting with them and the contractor before we actually start, so that will be coming up shortly.

CHR. KEKELA: That's just to let them know that the system will be offline? Or there will be traffic control?

MS. UYENO: It's a small subdivision; the residents have been eagerly waiting for this to start, so this is just to bring them all together with the contractor with a start date.

MR. OKAMOTO: It's not a requirement, I think, but that's just how our Department tries to do stuff. If we're going to have a project that's going to impact the community, we'll try to hold a public meeting so that they are aware and they're not just driving home one day, and it's like, why is the road blocked kind of thing? So, that's kind of our normal. As Shari said, this is the one where it's an established subdivision already, but they have all these what we call out-of-bounds, so the meters are all up on the top road, Highway 190, and all of their private lines are coming down through other private property, probably before it gets to their property. What happens with those kinds of cases is they break, and now they have to try to find it, and sometimes the distances are quite long. This will allow us to run the main in that road and, just like a normal distribution system where the distribution main will be on the road that they live on, and the meters will be right there in front of their properties.

MS. UYENO: On page three, our lava projects, we have basically right now the waterline for lower and upper Pohoiki is going in. They've done approximately 14,500 feet or 2.75 miles worth of waterline. They are soon to be complete by the end of this year with Public Works, but again, we have the other portion from Pahoa to Pohoiki that's already in place. They are working on the roadway, but the water will not be fed until this waterline comes down to be able to feed the water. That project is also moving ahead.

That's all I have for this month.

C. REVIEW OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Chair Kekela asked if there was any testimony for this item. There being none, he continued with the agenda 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.

MS. GRAY: For this month, we have the financial statements for August 2026. Regarding our balance sheet, which is on page four, one of the new items or new explanations that were added for this month we have an explanation about our accounts payable, which decreased by $2.1 million dollars, or 87%, to $318,326.00. This is part of an accounting adjustment because we've added a new account for our capital accounts payable to separate our accounts payable for our capital projects versus our operating expenses.

Regarding our income statement, which is on page five, continued explanations included that our power and pumping expenses increased $601,409.00, or 25% from the prior year, due to an increase in our light and power charges, electricity.

Also, our other non-operating revenues increased $43,425 or 55% from the prior year, and that's because we had an increase in reimbursement for revenue due to our water hauling to Miloli'i, which is related to the Kona Earthquake, and we also received additional rent payments for our Waiākea Office Plaza.

Also, our interest on long-term debt increased $43,425.00 from prior year due to an increase in interest rates for the SRF loans.

Turning to page six, our budget status report, our target percent for August, our second month in the fiscal year, is 17%; our total receipts reported are at 18%, and our expenditures are below our target at 12%.

D. MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

1. North Kona Wells

MR. UYEHARA: For this month, of the 14 sources, 11 are online or available to use, and three are offline; the three are Hōlualoa, Honokōhau, and Keōpū Wells.

For Hōlualoa, we mentioned in a previous meeting, we're reviewing the specifications for the motor in order to put that one out to bid again.

Honokōhau, there's been some work done on that, and we got delayed by Hurricane Lala. We still need to get a motor technician on-site to finish up that repair, and the planned anticipated return to service is mid-October.

The third that recently went offline is Keōpū Well. For that one, we have a contractor ready, but we're still waiting for a motor to be received for that repair.

Going back to Honokōhau Well, once we do get Honokōhau Well back online, that is one of the more major water sources for the North Kona water system because of its geographic location and the capacity of the well, so that one is what we are focusing on now because it's a mid-October estimated return to service.

That's this month's update; if you have any questions, you can let me know.

2. Retiree: Gwen Kimura – Human Resources Specialist I

MR. UYEHARA: If I can ask Gwen to go and sit next to Keith. It's bittersweet for me; I just want to recognize Gwen Kimura on her upcoming retirement at the end of this month, at the end of September. Gwen has been with the Department since December of 1996. She started off as a Clerk-Stenographer and worked her way up through the Department as a Personnel Clerk, Personnel Assistant, which is also the Human Resources Technician, and most recently she's been our Human Resources Specialist, so basically taking care of all of our HR needs: recruitment, training, safety, union/labor related issues. Yes, it truly is bittersweet; we're definitely going to be sad to see Gwen retire and not be here in the office with us, but we are happy for her accomplishment as she moves on to this next journey in her life. Again, congratulations, Gwen, and there are probably others who want to share some thoughts.

MR. INOUYE: Gwen's always been keeping me in line all of these years; she supports us well with everything we come up with. She's the best. We're going to miss her. I give her the most headaches; we're going to miss Gwen.

MR. OKAMOTO: I've known Gwen for almost 30 years too, from December '96. How come somebody looks like it's been 30 years and somebody does not? That's what you guys are all thinking. Nah, she started when she was like 12 or something. She's awesome; we're definitely going to miss her. She's just a good person too, on top of being a great worker. We even became friends beyond work, and I know her family, her brother, her older sister, and her parents. Might be good timing for her that she will be retiring at the end of this month for her personal side, but for our professional side, it's going to be a huge hole;

she will be sorely missed. As we all know, HR touches everything in the Department because if it needs to be done, it needs a body to get it done. People have talked about HR holding up stuff; well, it's not Gwen, it's maybe another part of the system. Anyway, we're going to miss you. If the Chair will allow a brief recess so we can take quick pictures and we can provide her some leis. Do you want to say anything?

MS. KIMURA: I'm very thankful, very grateful, very blessed to have been able to work for the Department of Water Supply. I truly believe it's the best place to work, it's just the team work, everybody working together to get things done and the commitment, you know, just the talent that we have is just truly amazing to be able to work with these amazing people and I'm going to miss everybody; my work family.

(Chair Kekela called a recess at 10:42 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.)

MR. OKAMOTO: There is one other thing on my report that is not listed on the agenda, but I do want to inform the Board that I am going to join Gwen in retirement mode at the end of November. We can work with the Chair and Vice-Chair on the process to recruit a Manager-Chief Engineer, but my last day will be November 30, 2026. It has been a pleasure. I'll still be at the next two board meetings, so it's not like I'm gone yet, but I wanted to make that announcement and have the separation notice signed. After that notice is signed, we can start the process to recruit to fill this position. It's kind of bittersweet, too. It's been an honor and privilege to serve our customers and community, but I think the Department is in a good place. If I didn't feel comfortable with that, I would probably feel the need to stick around, but because I think I'm no longer needed, I can comfortably go.

That's all we have for the Manager-Chief Engineer's report.

E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

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

CHR. KEKELA: This month I don't have a report.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

9) ADJOURNMENT:

CHR. KEKELA: Can I get a motion to adjourn?

ACTION: Mr. Alameda moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lee and carried unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: 6 – Board Members Miura, Lee, Alameda, Riznyk, Aiona, and Chairperson Kekela).

(Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.)

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Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY WATER BOARD
(October 27, 2026)