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WATER COMMISSION HOLDS PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR COUNTY OF 'HAWAI'I

HILO -- The State Commission on Water Resource Management will hold two public hearings in August to receive public testimony on the update to the County of Hawaii's Water Use and Development Plan.

The first hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, at the Konawaena High School Cafeteria, 31-1043 Konawaena School Road in Kealahou. The second hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, at the Waiakea High School Cafeteria, 155 W. Kawili Street in Hilo.

The Water Use and Development Plan update was prepared by the Hawaii Department of Water Supply to guide the long-range development and conservation of water resources on the island of Hawaii.

"These plans will provide valuable guidance to the Commission as it strives to balance the water needs of humans and the environment, while seeking to ensure the sustainability of natural resources," said Deputy Director William Tam.

The objective of the plan, which is one of five components of the Hawai'i Water Plan, is to set forth the allocation of water to land use in the County and inform future land and water use decisions.

Copies of the Water Use and Development Plan update are available on the Water Commission's website at http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/cwrm/planning_countyplans.htm. The plan may also be reviewed at the Hawaii Department of Water Supply Office, 345 Kekuanooa Street, Ste. 20 in Hilo.

Persons unable to attend or wishing to present additional comments may mail written testimony no later than August 18 to: Commission on Water Resource Management, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 227, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, or send comments via e-mail at dlnr.cwrm@hawaii.gov.

Anyone with special needs requiring accommodations to participate in this hearing should call (808) 587-0214 for assistance at least four days prior to the hearing.

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