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**PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON CHANGES TO STATE WATER COMMISSION RULES
ON FINES FOR VIOLATIONS AND FEES FOR WELL CONSTRUCTION AND PUMP
INSTALLATION**

HONOLULU -- The State Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) will hold public hearings on proposed amendments to its administrative rules pertaining to water use, wells and stream diversion works. These proposed amendments will: increase the maximum fine amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for violations, consistent with the State Water Code; and increase the filing fee for well construction and pump installation from \$25 to \$300.

Hearings will begin at 6 p.m. as follows:

Wailuku, Maui Oct. 30, 2017, at Velma McWayne Santos Community Center, 395 Waena Place

Honolulu, O'ahu Nov. 6, 2017, at Kalanimoku Building, Board Room 132, 1151 Punchbowl St.

Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i Nov. 8, 2017, at West Hawai'i Civic Center, Bldg. A, Conf. Room A, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy.

Hilo, Hawai'i Nov. 9, 2017, at Aupuni Center, 101 Pauahi St. Suite 1

Lihu'e, Kaua'i Nov. 17, 2017, at Lihu'e Civic Center, Rooms 2A & 2B, 4444 Rice St.

All interested parties are invited to attend and present their views, either orally or in writing. Written statements may be submitted at the public hearings or to the Commission on Water Resource Management at 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 227, Honolulu, HI 96813 up to one week following the hearing date.

The proposed rule amendments can be reviewed online at <http://ltgov.hawaii.gov/the-office/administrative-rules/> or can be reviewed in person at the CWRM office at 1151

Punchbowl Street Rm. 227, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holidays.

If unable to review online or in person, a copy can be mailed after payment of the required fees for postage, upon verbal or written request to the Commission on Water Resource Management at the above address, or by phone: 587-0214.

The hearing locations are disability accessible. If special needs are required, i.e. large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, etc. please call 587-0214 at least one week prior to the designated date and time of the public hearings.

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