Commission on Water Resource Management

Waimea & ʻAnaehoʻomalu Aquifer System Area Updates

Proposed Update to 2019 Water Resource Protection Plan of the Hawaiʻi Water Plan

Public Hearing in Waimea State Office Building Conference Room

October 3, 2019

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- Introduction & Background of WRPP
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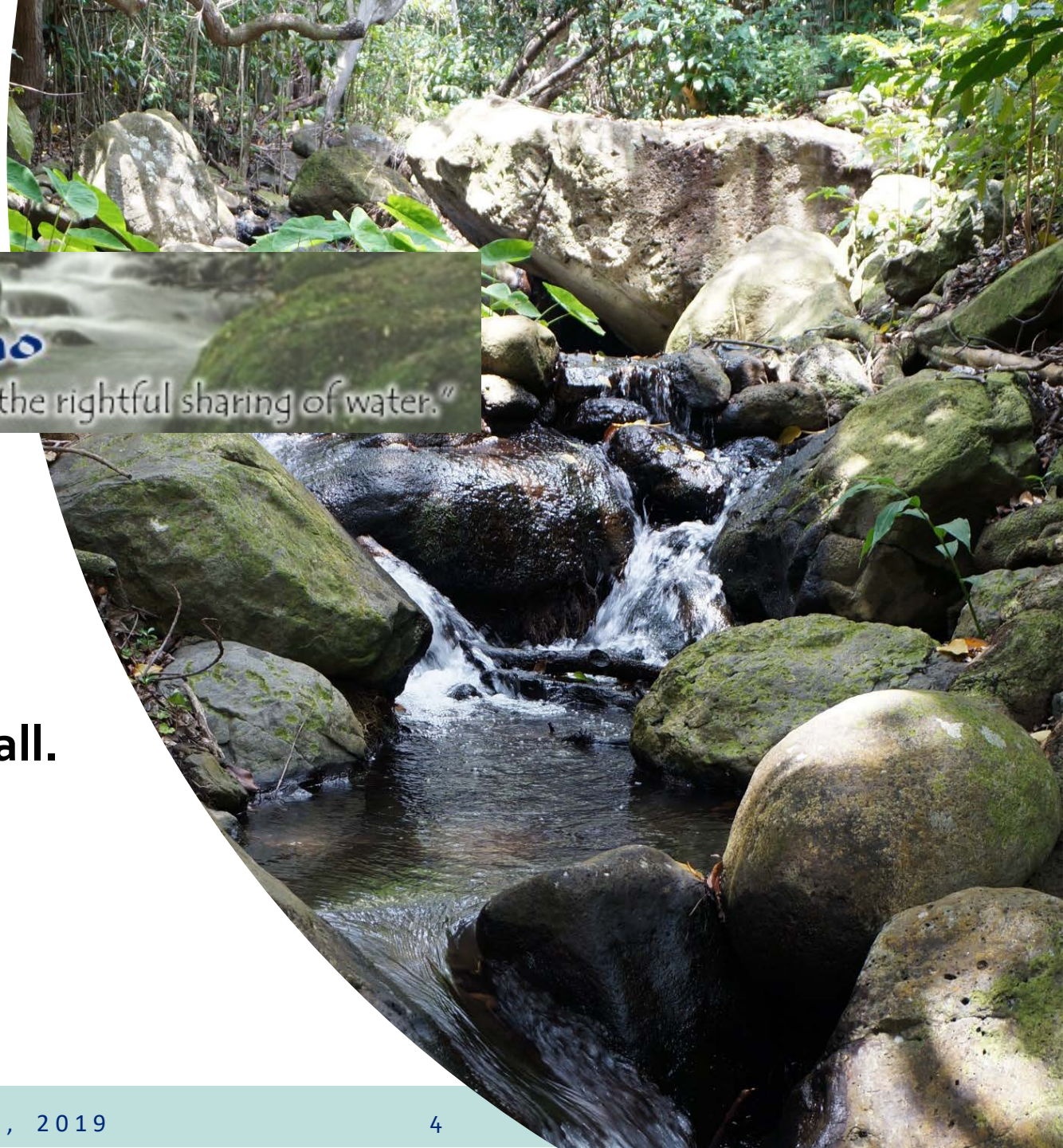
Flowing streams,

sustainable aquifers,

and functioning watersheds

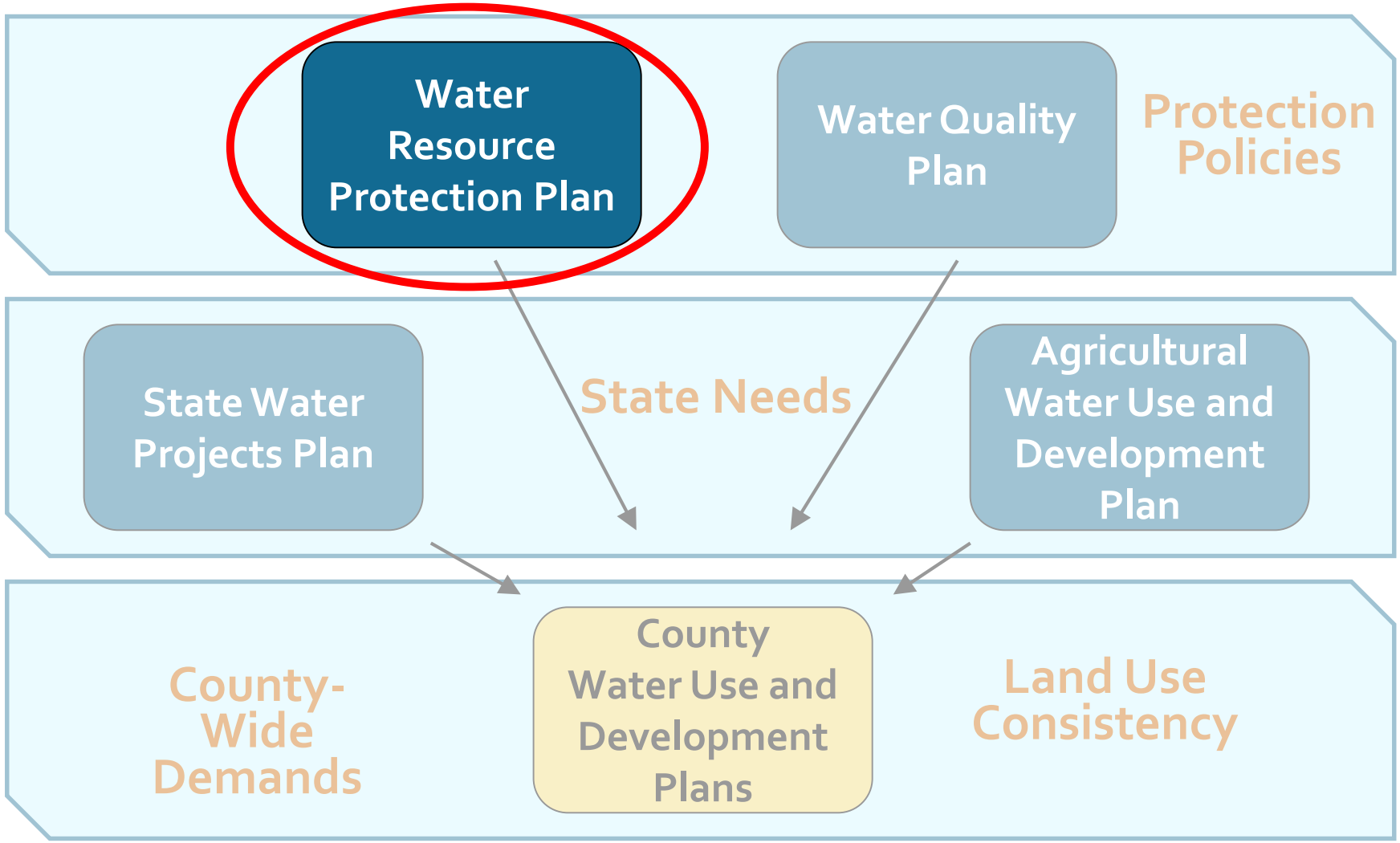
for the use, enjoyment, and benefit of all.



CWRM Mission

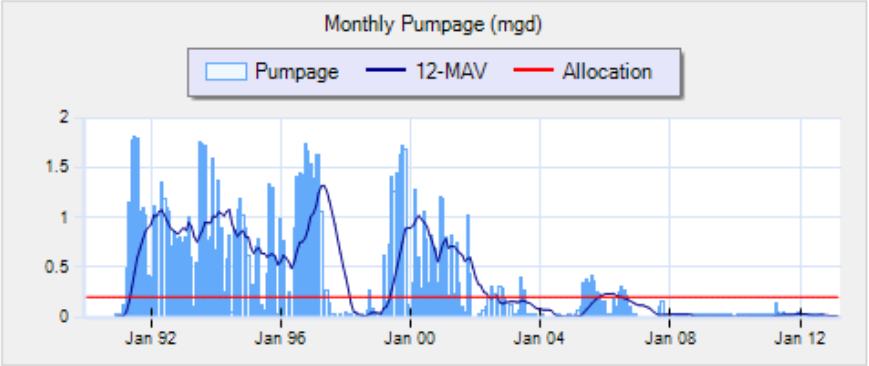
To protect and manage the waters of the State of Hawai‘i for present and future generations.

Hawai‘i Water Plan



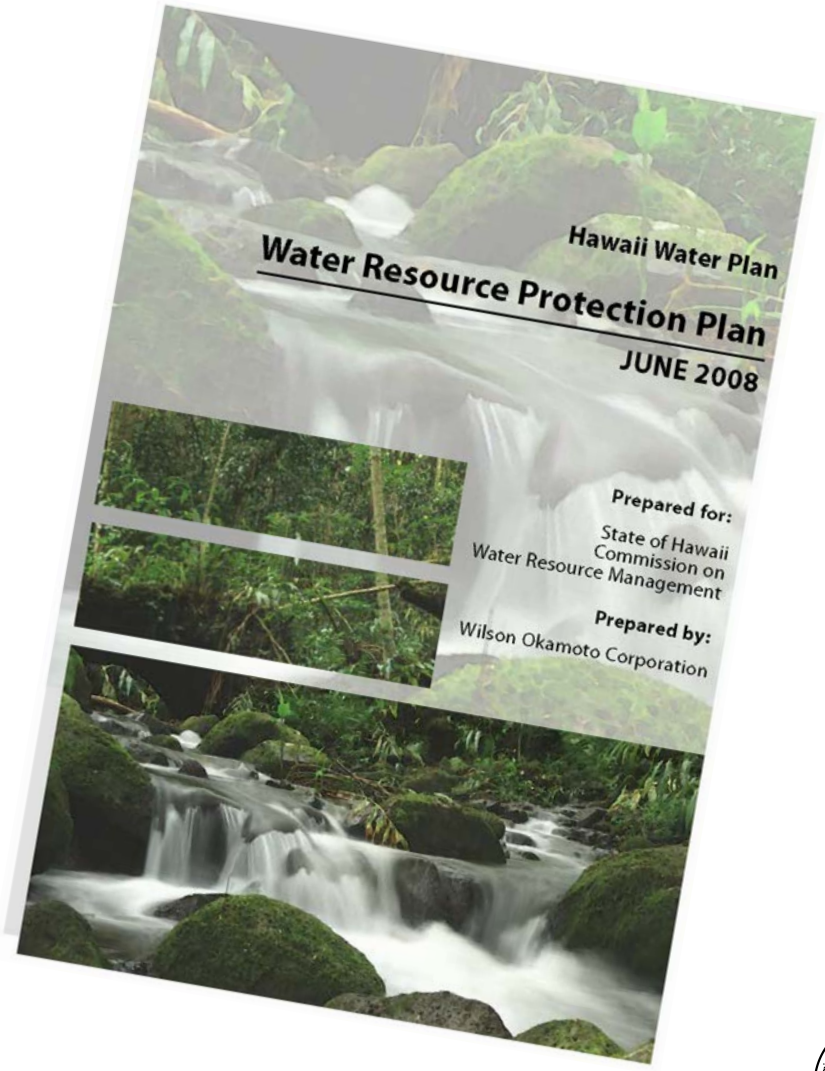
Water Resource Protection Plan

- Nature and occurrence of water
- Hydrologic units and their characteristics
- Existing and contemplated uses of water
- Programs to conserve, augment, regulate and protect the resource



Background/History/Timeline

- Initial adoption: 1990
- First update: 1992
- Second update: 2008
- Most recent update: 2019



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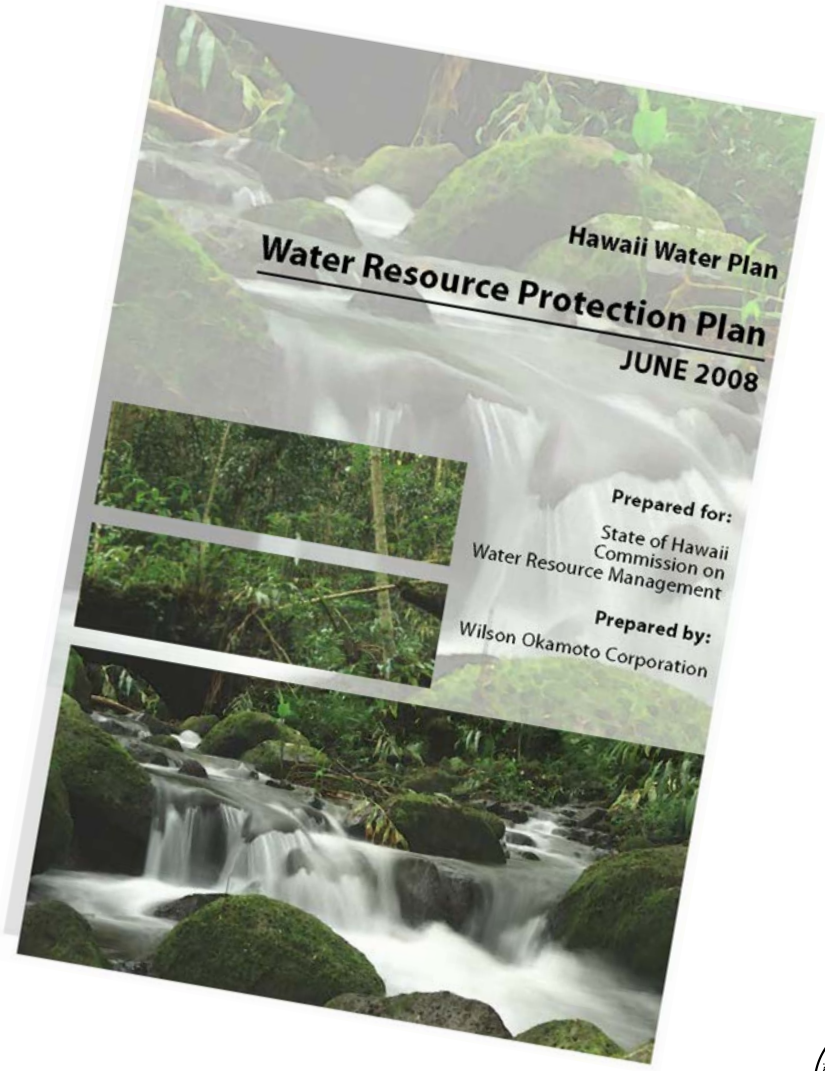
- Most recent update: 2019
  - Includes updated published info from 2008
  - Water Professionals Consultation 2013
  - Interagency Consultations 2013
  - Public Outreach Workshops March 2015 (Hilo/Kona)
  - Public Hearings February 2019 (Hilo/Kona)
  - Ka Huli Ao & DHHL Outreach May 2019 (Waimea)
  - Commission briefing June 2019 (Waimea)
  - Commission adopted July 2019



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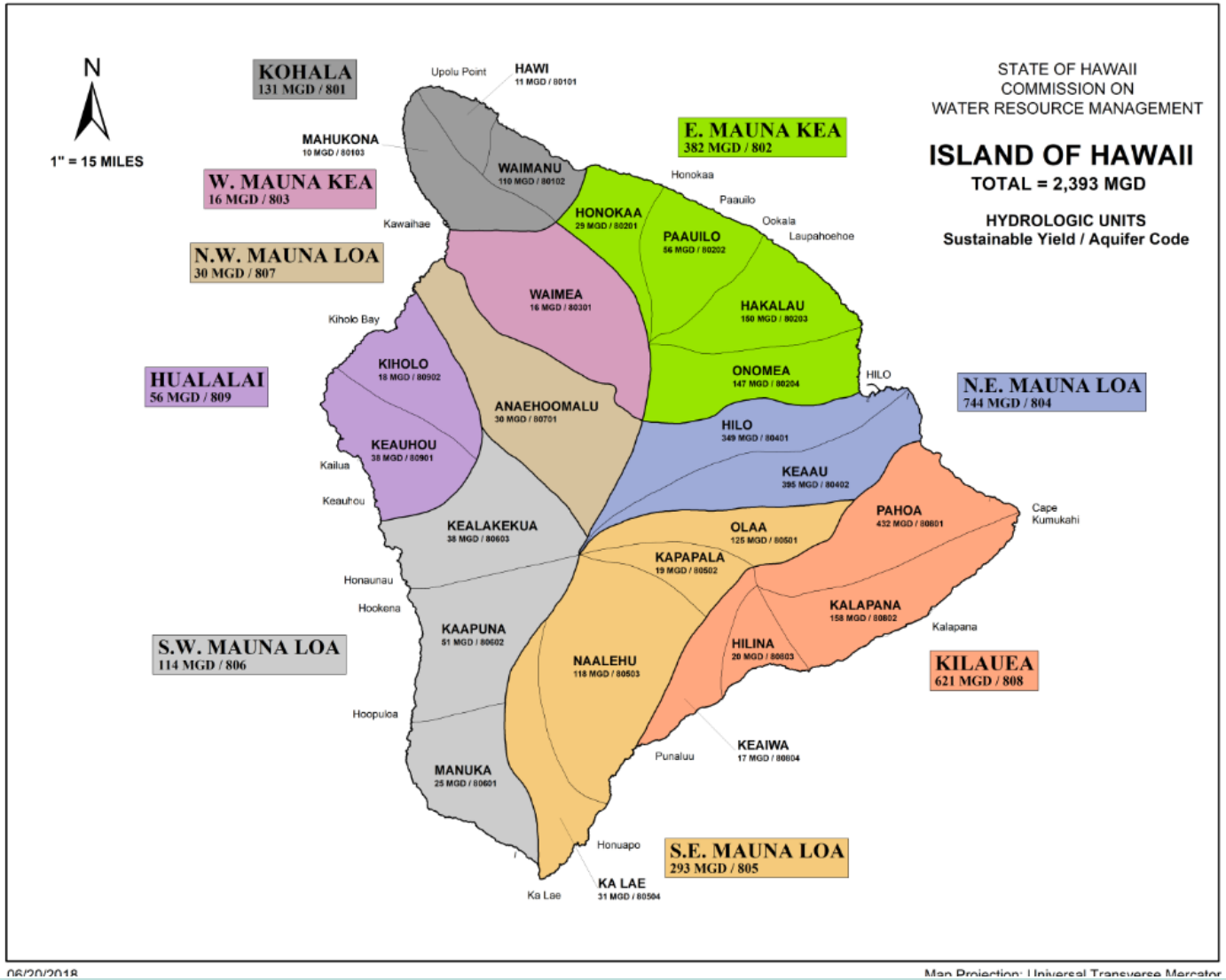

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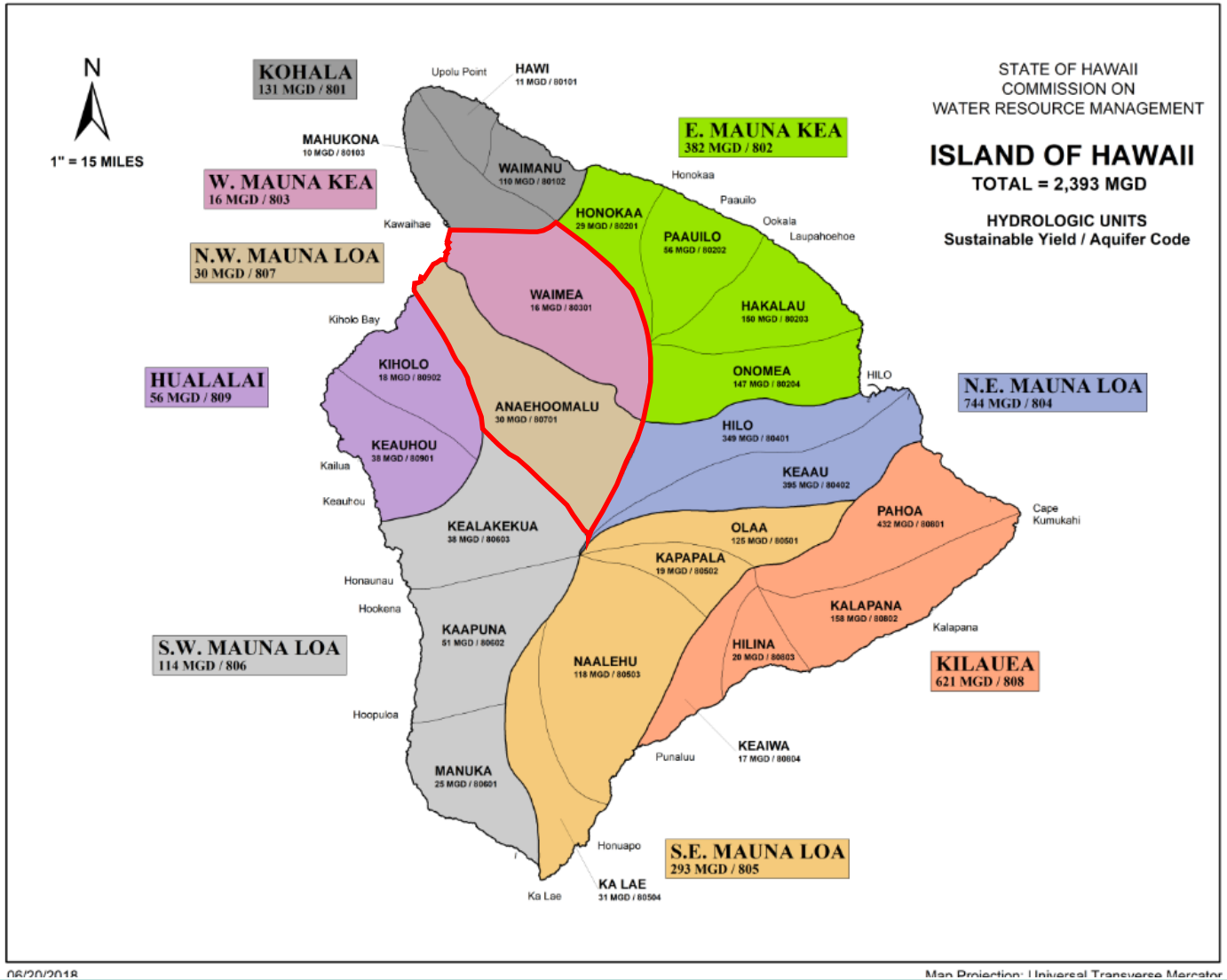


Sustainable limits for each management unit

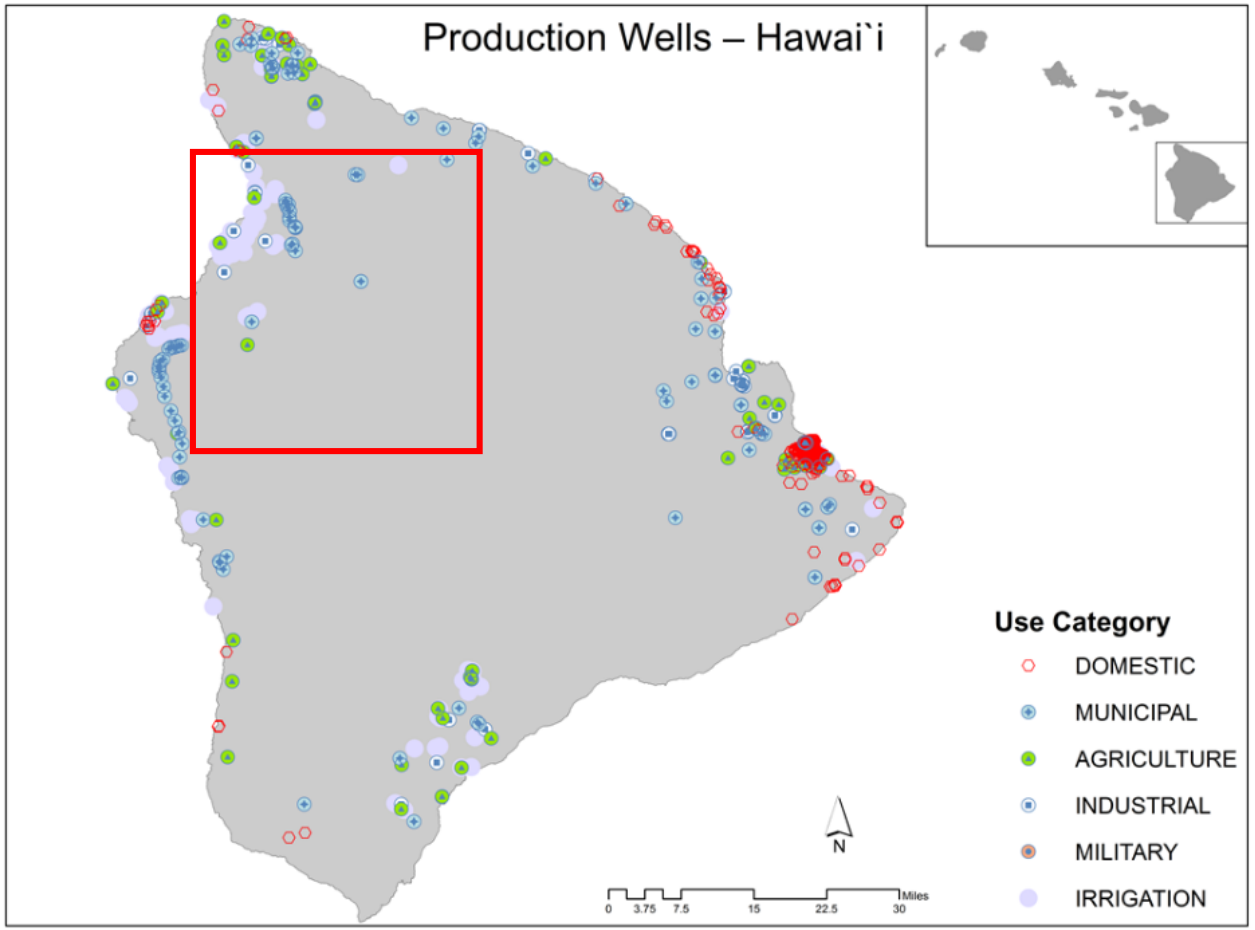
Aquifer System Areas

- Waimea
- ʻAnaehoʻomalu

Groundwater Management

5000 Wells in State

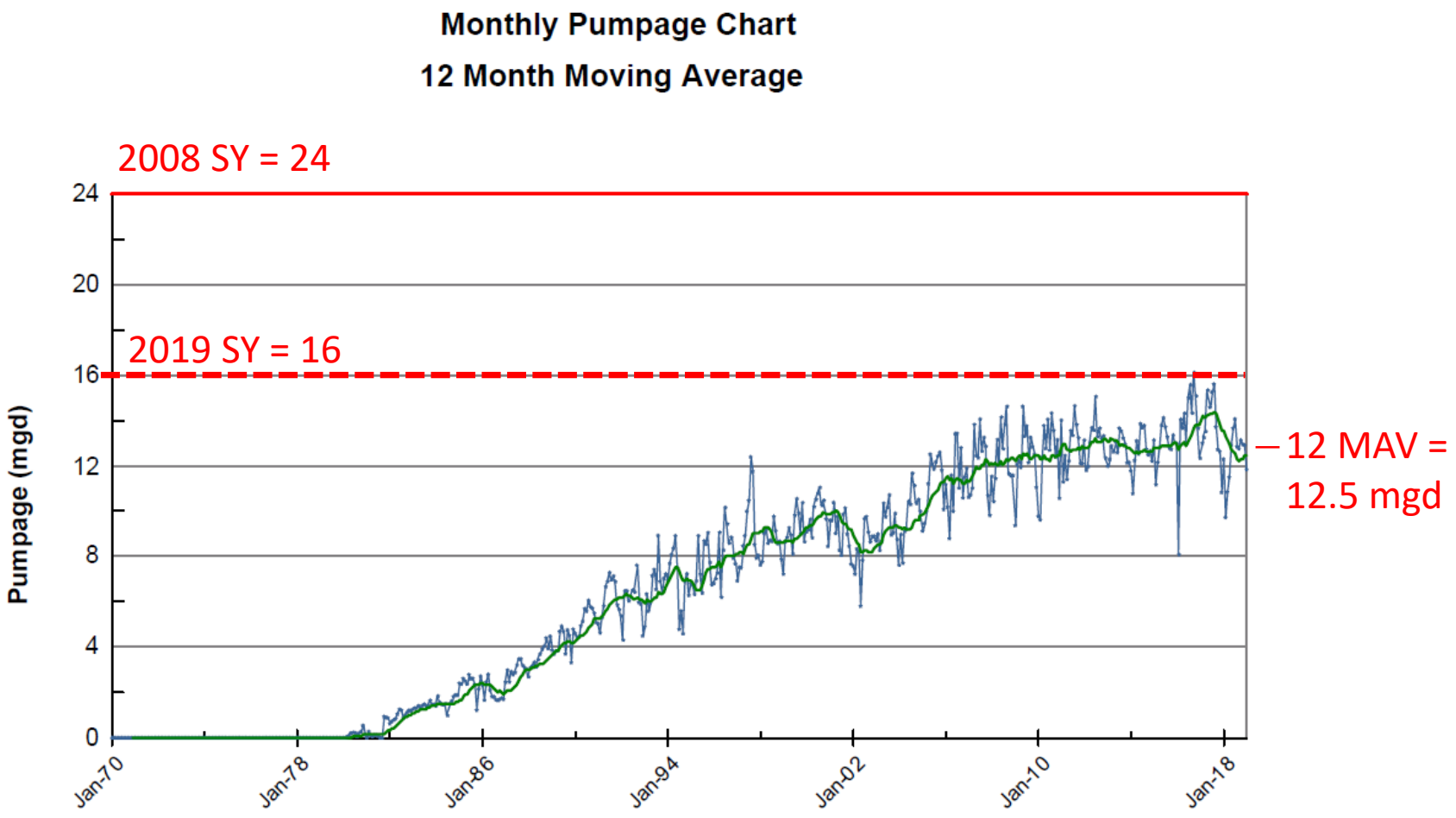
1,342 Wells on Hawai'i



80 Wells in Waimea ‘Anaeho‘omalu ASAs

Groundwater Management

51 Wells in Waimea



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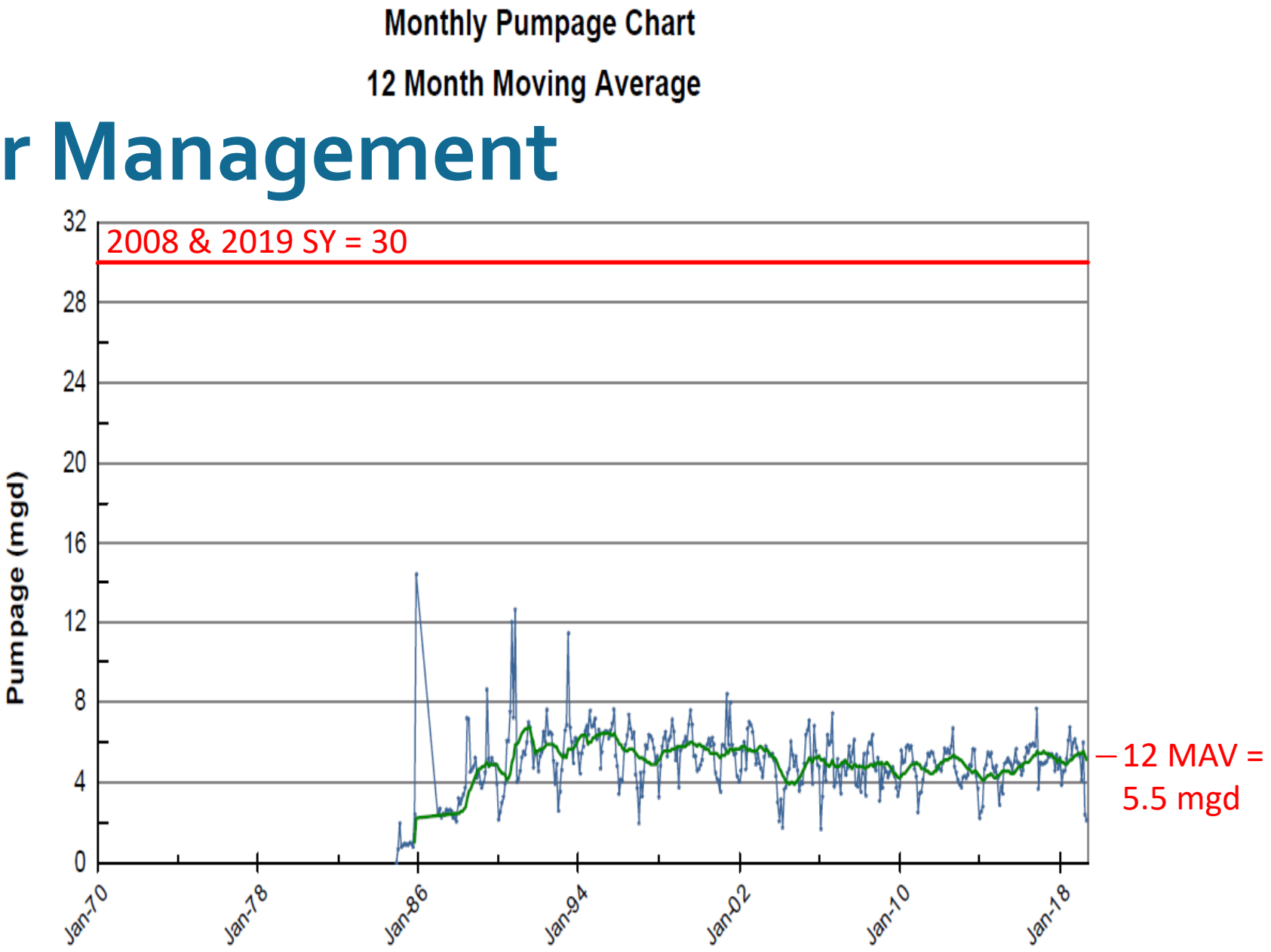
29 Wells in ‘Anaeho‘omalu



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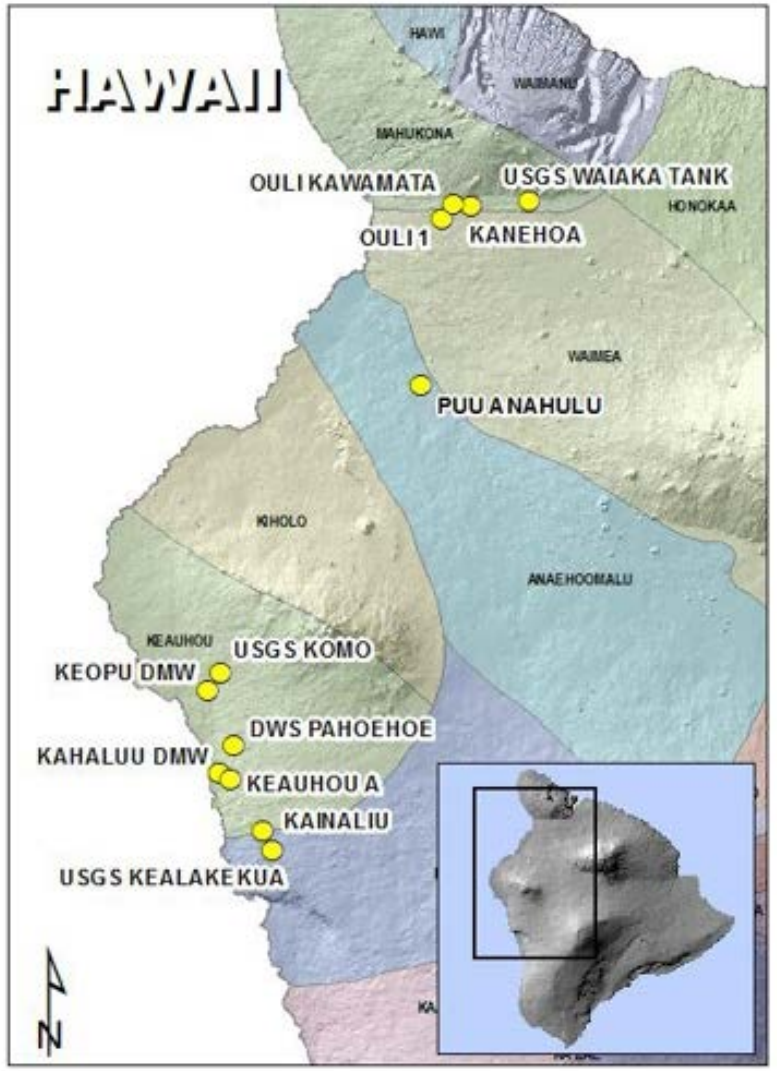
5 Observation Wells in Region

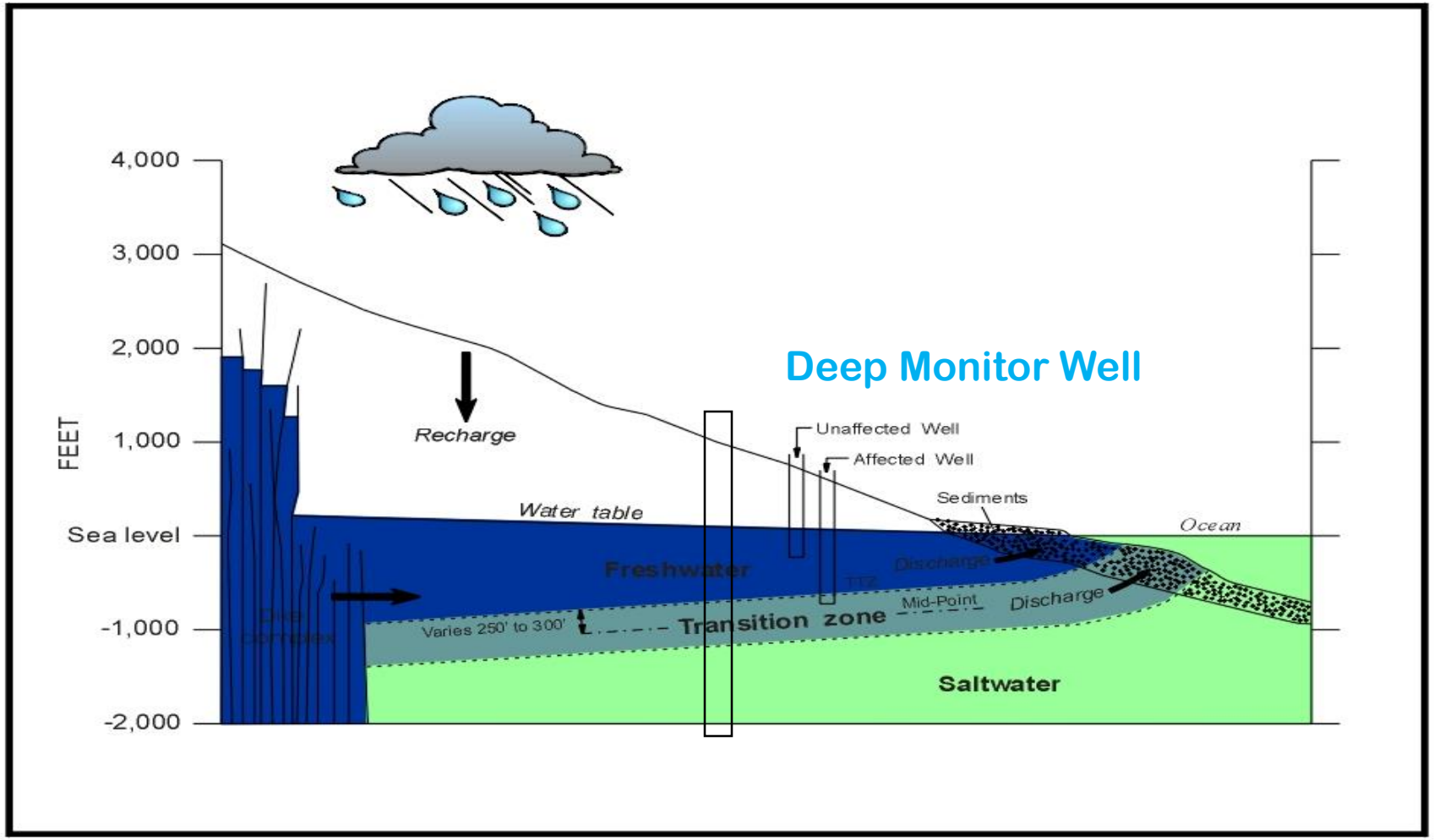


HAWAII WELLS

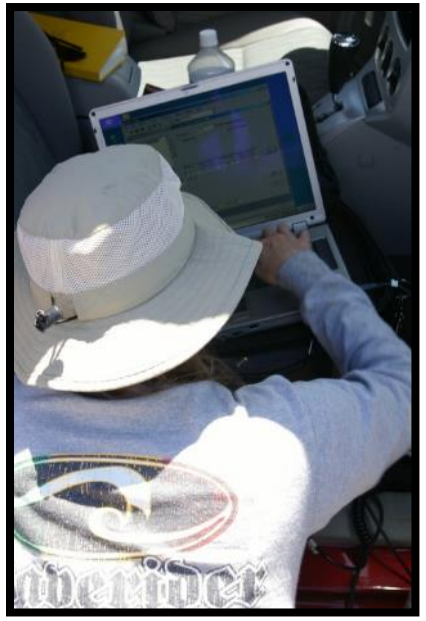
- Ouli 1
- Ouli Kawamata
- Kona Basal
- USGS Waiaka Tank
- Kanehoa

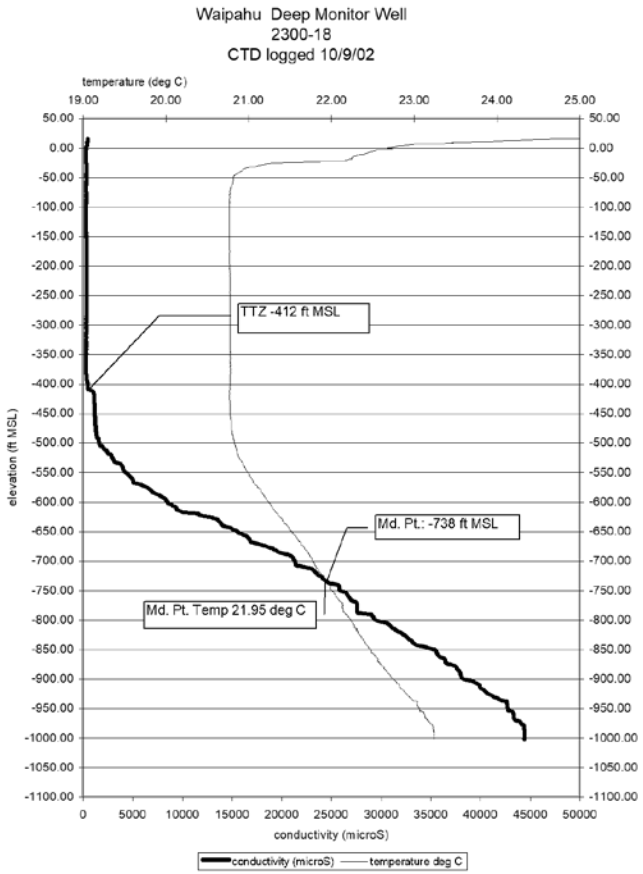
- DWS Pahoehoe
- Kahaluu DMW
- Kainaliu & Keauhou Kam 2
- Keauhou A
- Keopu 1 DMW
- USGS Kealakekua
- USGS Komo
- Total Reported Keauhou Aquifer System Area Pumpage

Groundwater Management



Groundwater Management (Deep Monitor Data)





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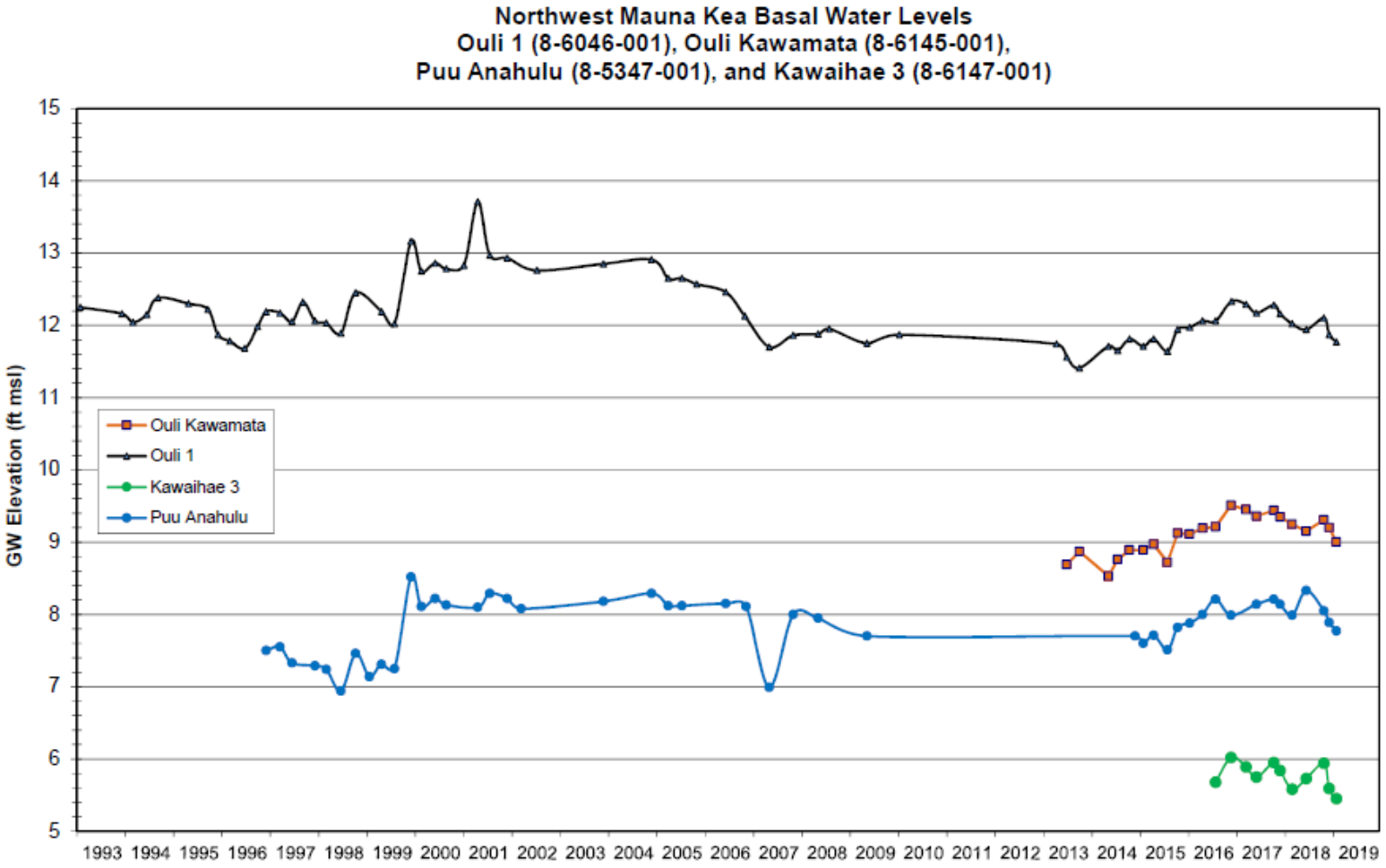

- How does CWRM estimate Sustainable Yields?

  - Use best public information available
  - ✓ RAM
  - RAM2
  - Numerical Models and other public studies

What is RAM?

Robust Analytical Model (RAM)

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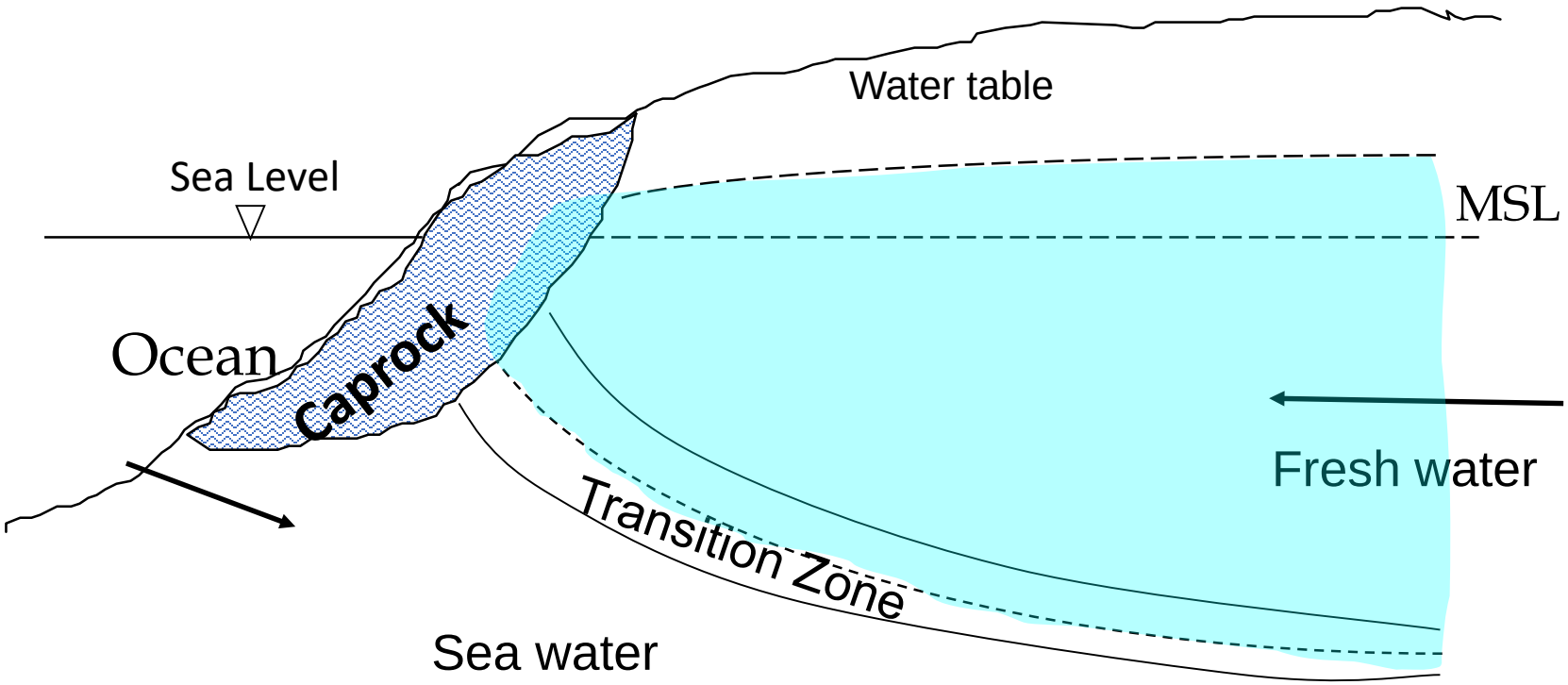

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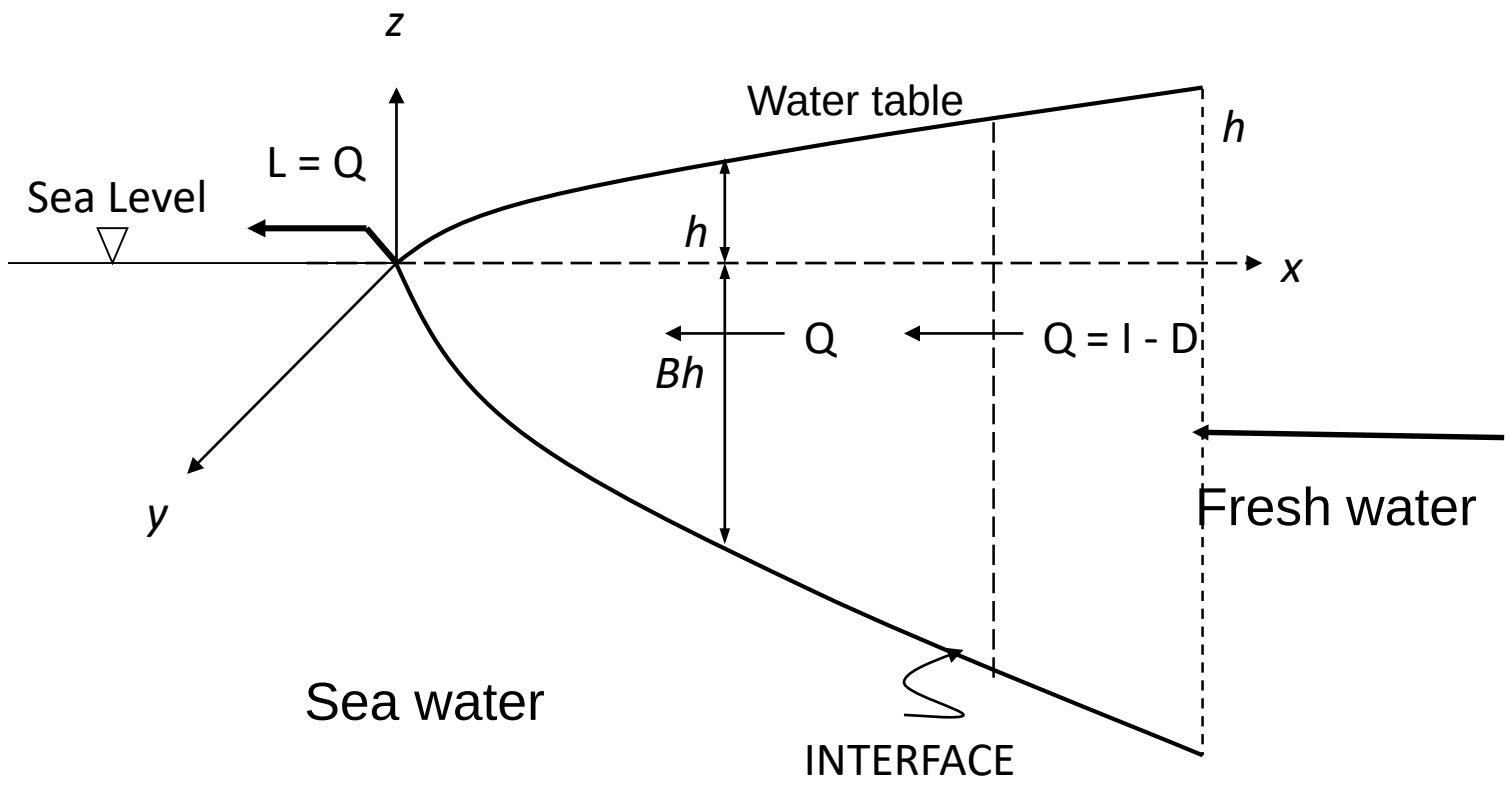

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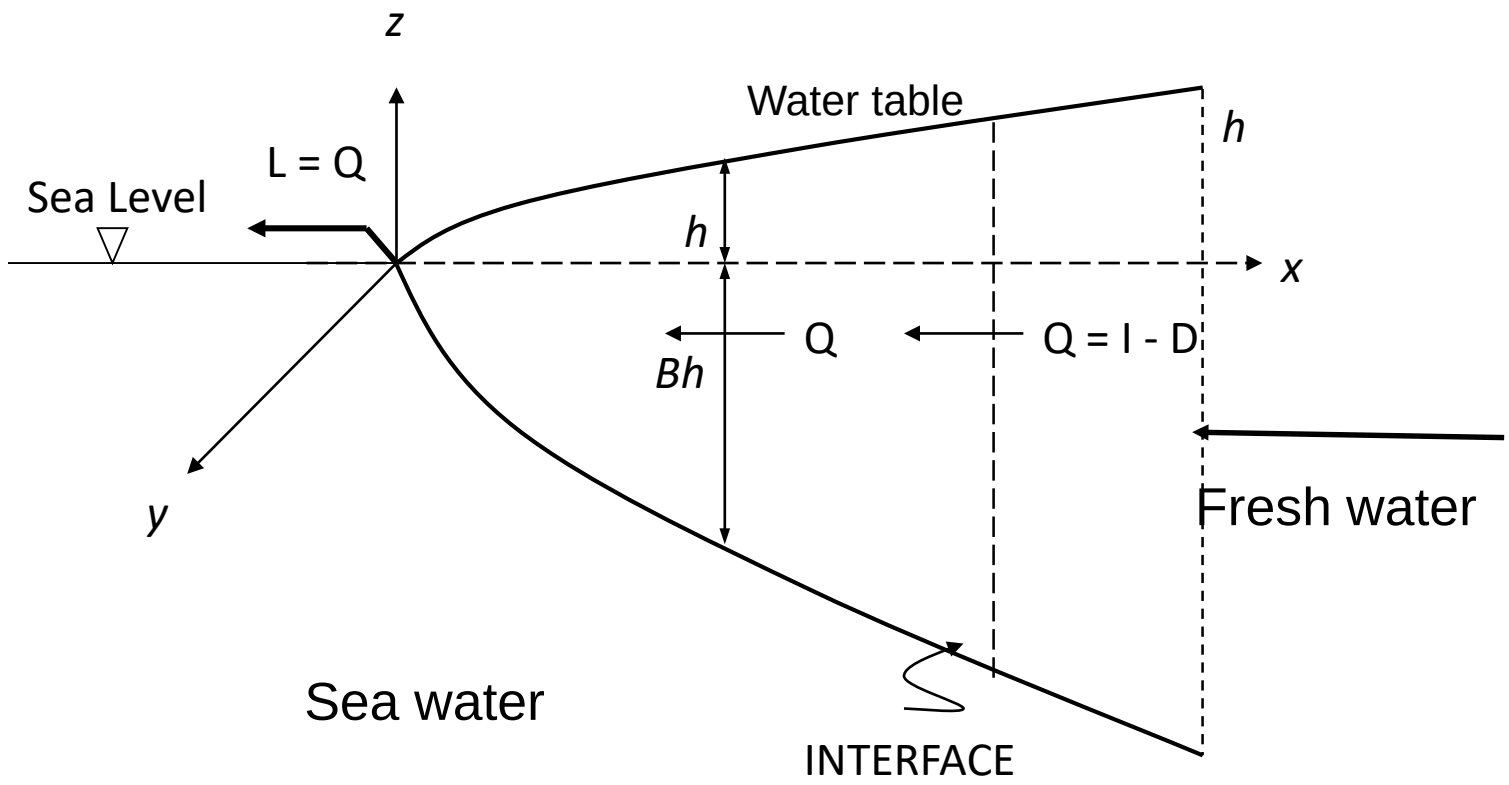

By combining Darcy's Law, conservation of mass, and GH principle - RAM Model:

Solution:

$$h_{i+1} = h_0\sqrt{\frac{I-D}{D}}\left[\frac{[\sqrt{I-D}+\frac{h_i}{h_0}\sqrt{I}]\cdot\exp\left\{\frac{2\sqrt{(I-D)I}\,(t_{i+1}-t_i)}{V_0}\right\}-\sqrt{I-D}+\frac{h_i}{h_0}\sqrt{I}}{[\sqrt{I-D}+\frac{h_i}{h_0}\sqrt{I}]\cdot\exp\left\{\frac{2\sqrt{(I-D)I}\,(t_{i+1}-t_i)}{V_0}\right\}+\sqrt{I-D}-\frac{h_i}{h_0}\sqrt{I}}\right]$$

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$$D = I\{1 - (h/H)^2\}$$

D = allowable draft (i.e. sustainable yield)
I = Recharge
H = original head before pumping (important calibration point)
h = equilibrium head

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Limitations

- Assumes uniform distribution (optimized) pumpage
- Difficult, if not impossible, to define original & equilibrium head
- Does not directly assess changes in chlorides or water levels at a specific well
- Does not consider GDE impacts directly

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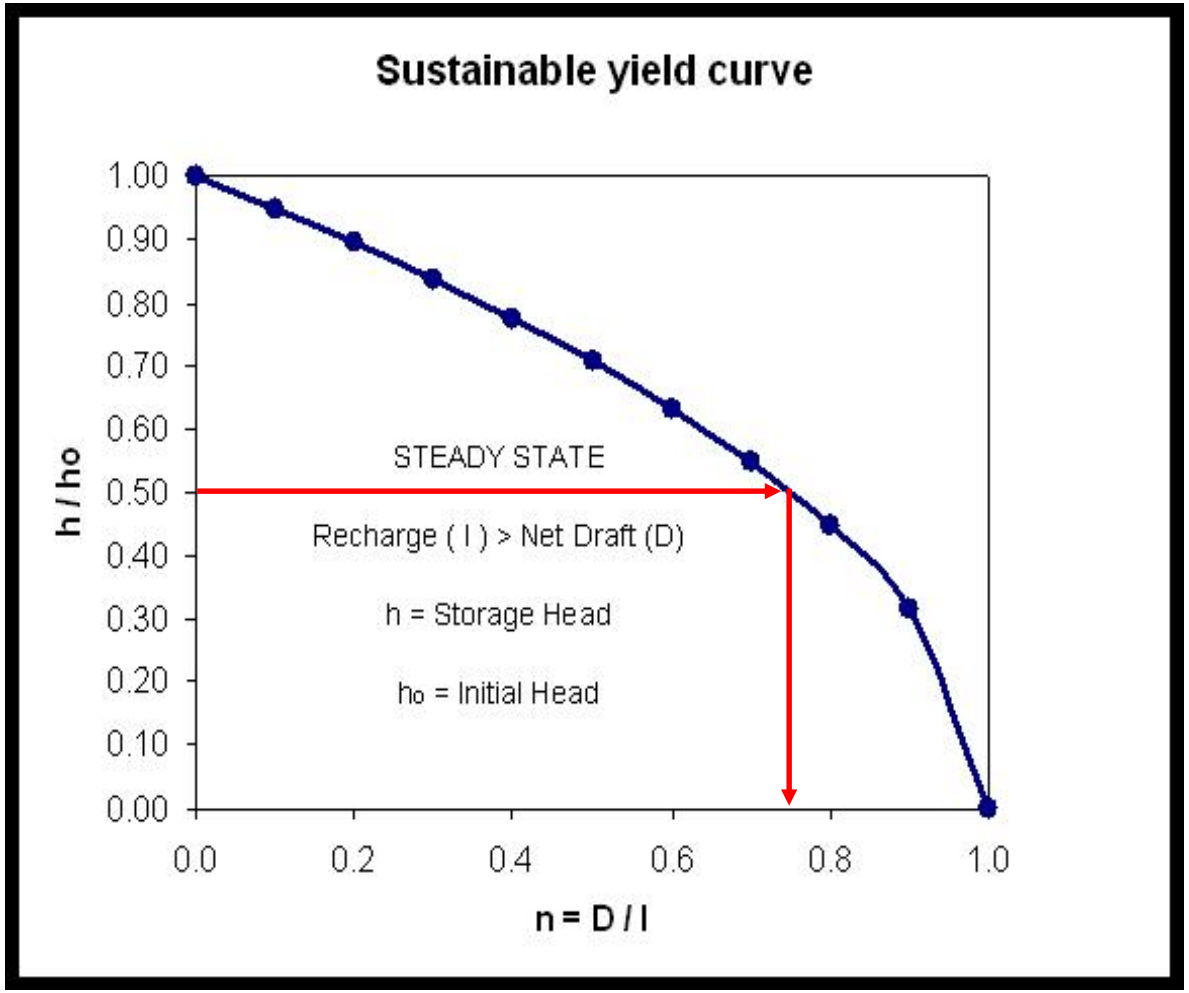

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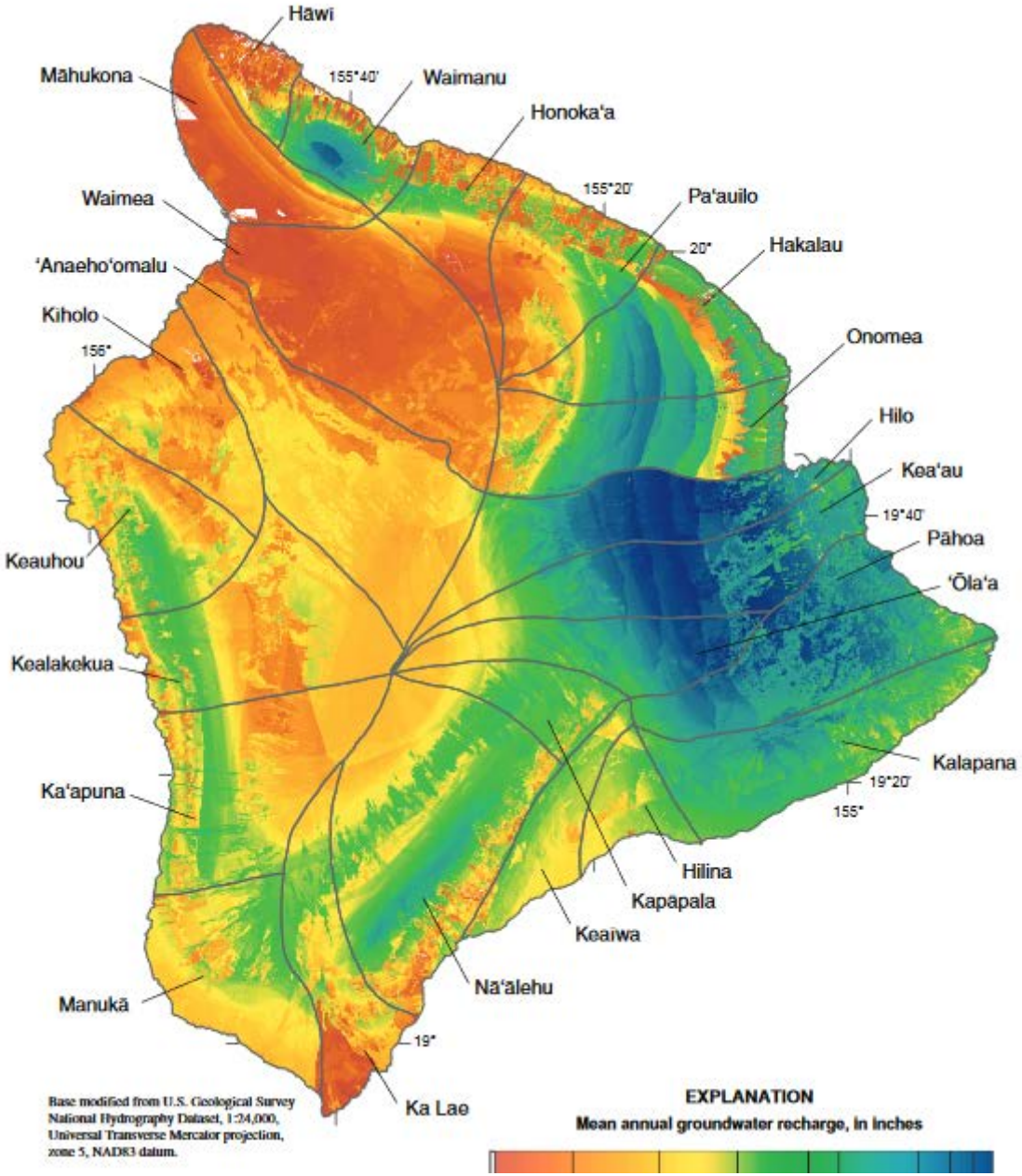
Table 2. Relationships Between Initial Head and Minimum Equilibrium Head of Hawaii Basal Aquifers, Established by CWRM (1990)

Range of Initial Head, h_0 (ft)	Ratio of Minimum Equilibrium Head and Initial Head, h_e/h_0	
4–10	0.75	44
11–15	0.70	51
16–20	0.65	58
21–25	0.60	64
> 26	0.50	75

SY=%Recharge

2011 USGS Hawai'i Recharge Updates



2019 WRPP Big Island SY

Units in Million Gallons per Day (mgd) unless otherwise noted

Aquifer Sector	Aquifer System	RAM SY (1990)	D/I 2019 CWRM Check	1990 Recharge	2008 SY Range	SY 2008	2019 R Range	2019 SY Range	SY 2019
Hawaii									
Kohala	Hawi	27	0.44	62	13-29	**13**	25 - 65	11 - 29	**11**
Kohala	Waimanu	110	0.75	147	110	**110**	147 - 171	110 - 128	110
Kohala	Mahukona	17	0.44	38	17	**17**	23 - 38	10 - 17	**10**
E. Mauna Kea	Honokaa	31	0.44	71	31	**31**	66 - 71	29 - 31	**29**
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E. Mauna Kea	Onomea	147	0.44	335	147	**147**	335 - 430	147 - 189	147
W. Mauna Kea	Waimea	24	0.44	54	24	**24**	36 - 54	16 - 24	**16**
NE. Mauna Loa	Hilo	347	0.44	793	349	**349**	793 - 860	349 - 379	349
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2019 WRPP Big Island SY

Aquifer System	2019 R Range	2019 SY Range	SY 2019 (7/16/19)
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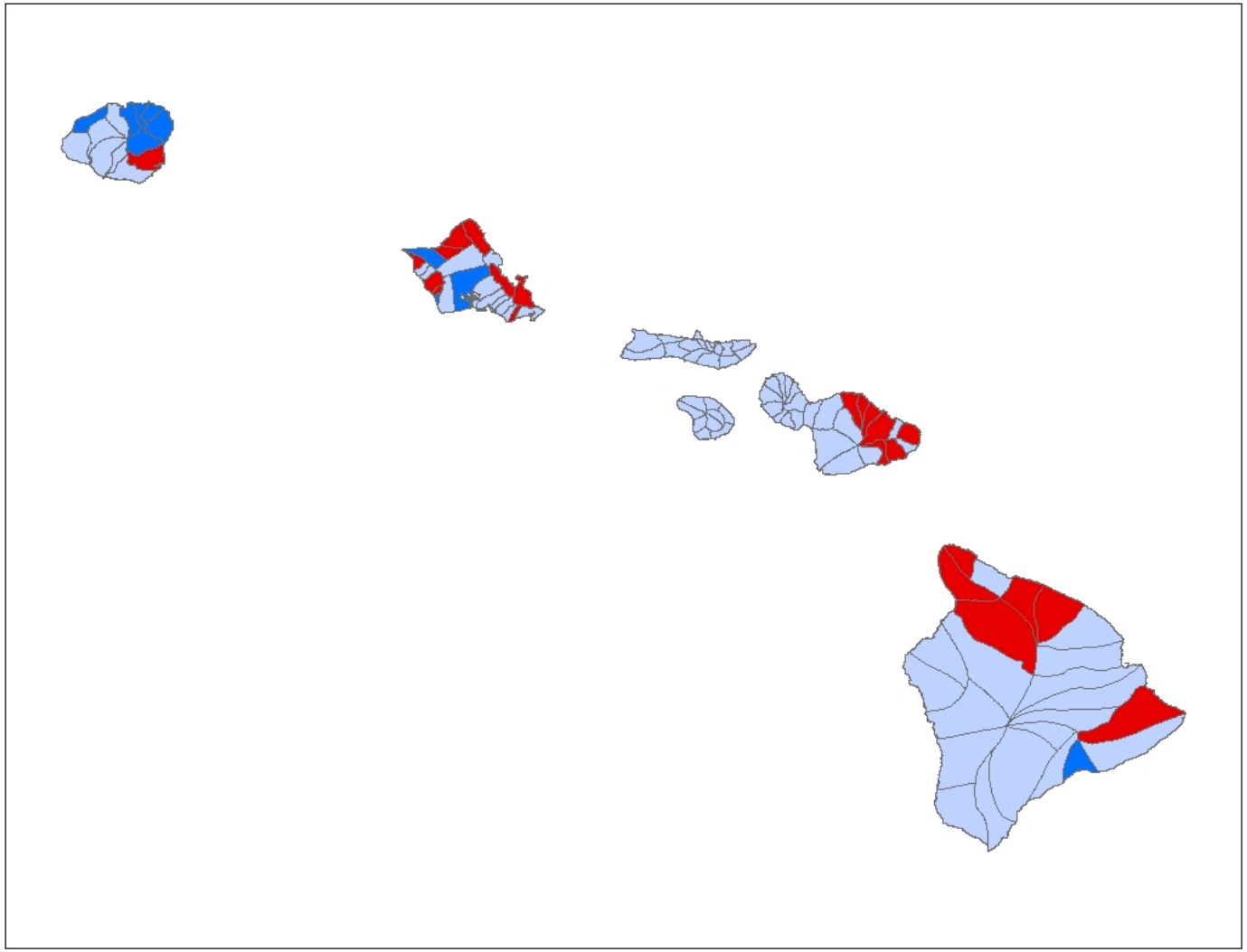
Sustainable Yield Updates



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2019 WRPP Sustainable Yields

	mgd
Waimea	16 (reduced from 24)
‘Anaeho‘omalu	30 (unchanged from 1990)

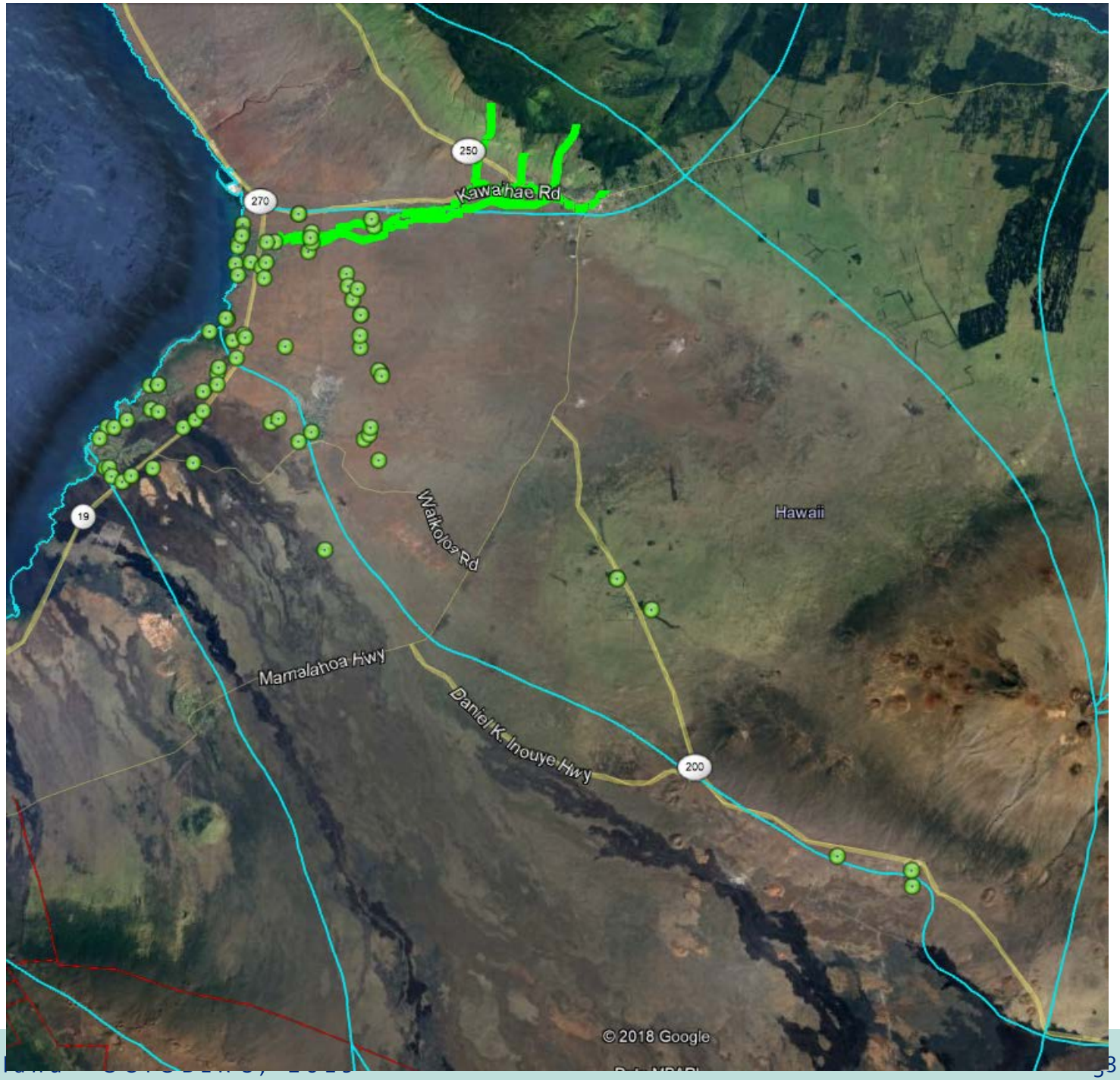
2019 WRPP Sustainable Yields

	Recharge % of all inputs
Waimea	11.4
‘Anaeho‘omalu	53.7

2019 WRPP Sustainable Yields

	Recharge % of all inputs
• Waimea, Hāwī, Mahukona	11
• Honoka‘a, Pa‘auilo, Hakalau	22-28
• Remainder Big Isle	44-70

Streams flowing into Waimea ASA

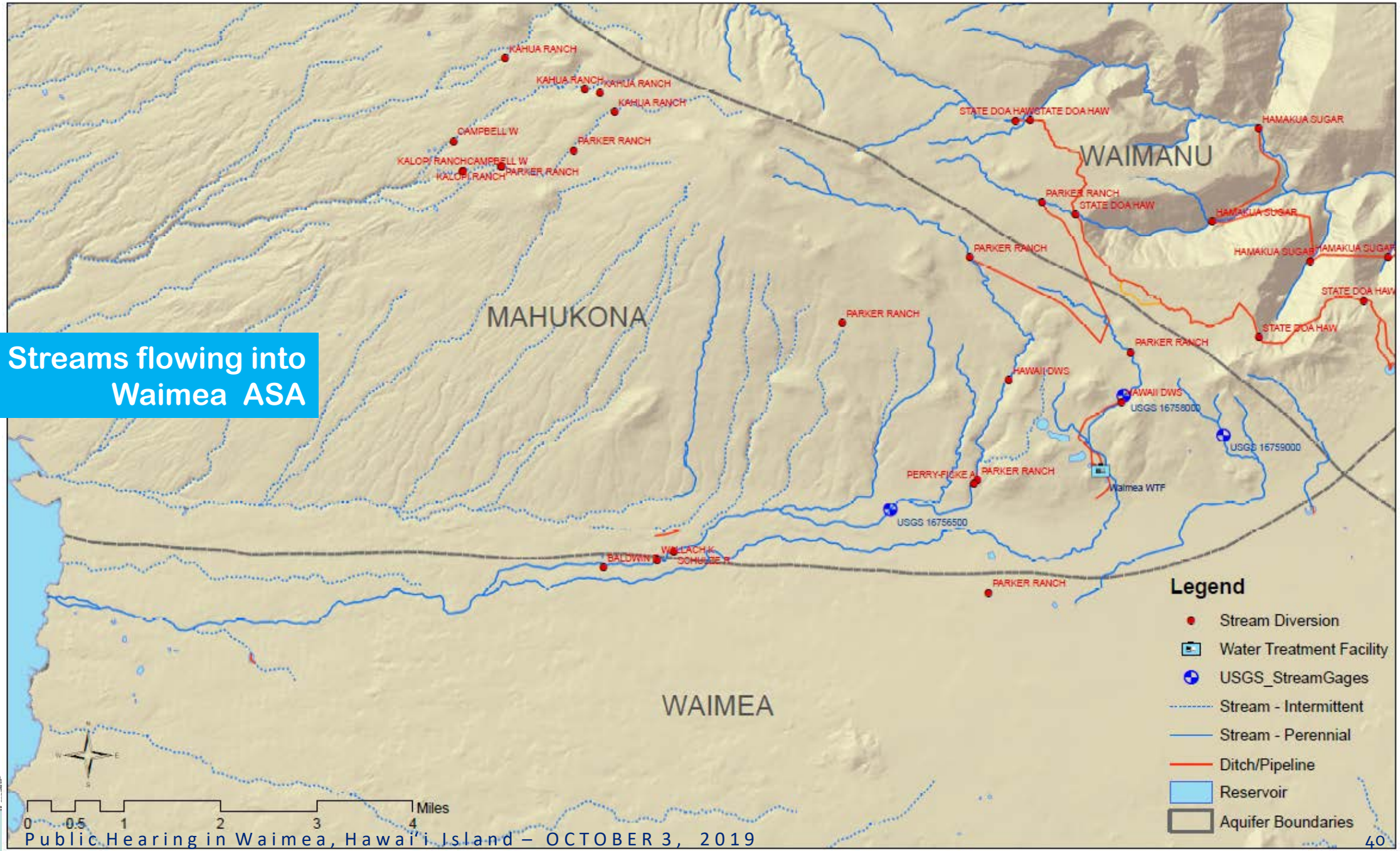


2019 WRPP Sustainable Yields

Missing inputs

Losing Streams into Waimea ASA	mgd
• Waikoloa	5
• Keanuimano	4
• Hauani	1

North Kohala Stream Gages, Diversions, and Ditch/Pipelines



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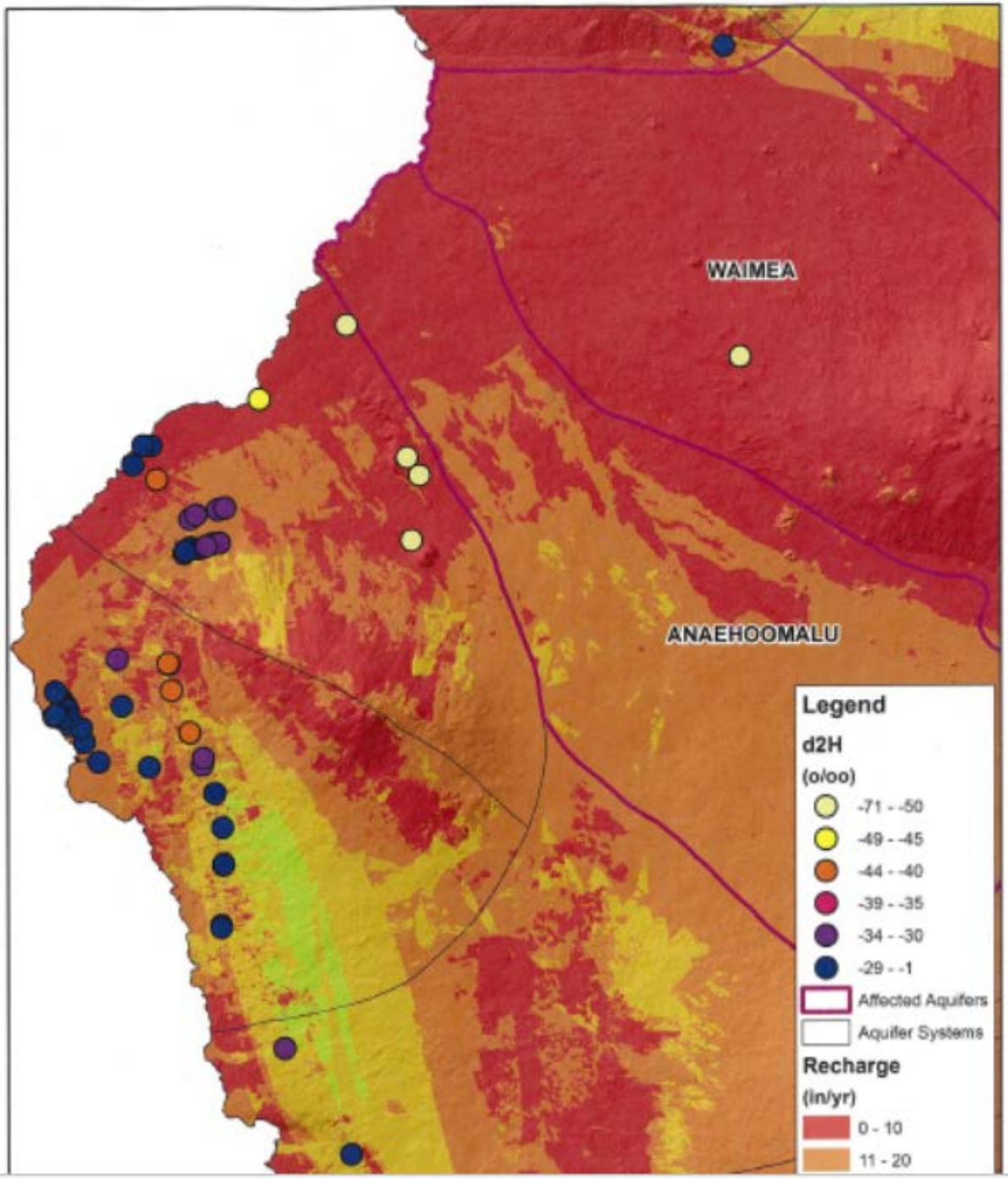
2019 GW Isotope Analysis

(rainfall elevation origin)



GW Boundary Geophysical Analysis

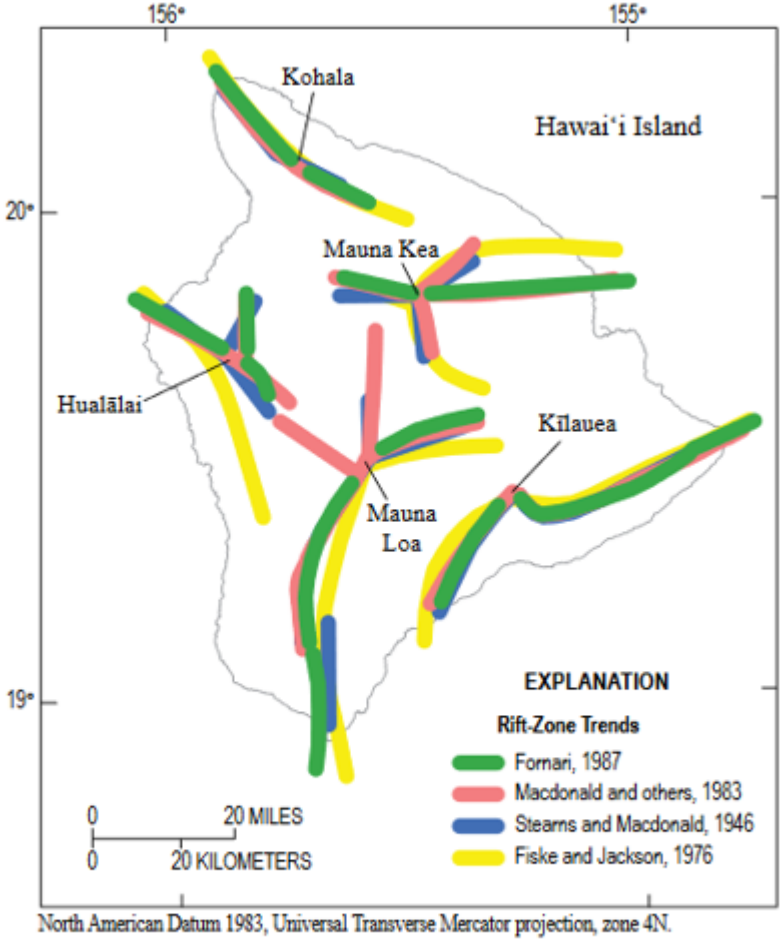


Figure 45. Interpretations of rift-zone trends on Hawai'i Island.

Figure 3 USGS Rift Zone Map (from 1946 to 1987 Studies)

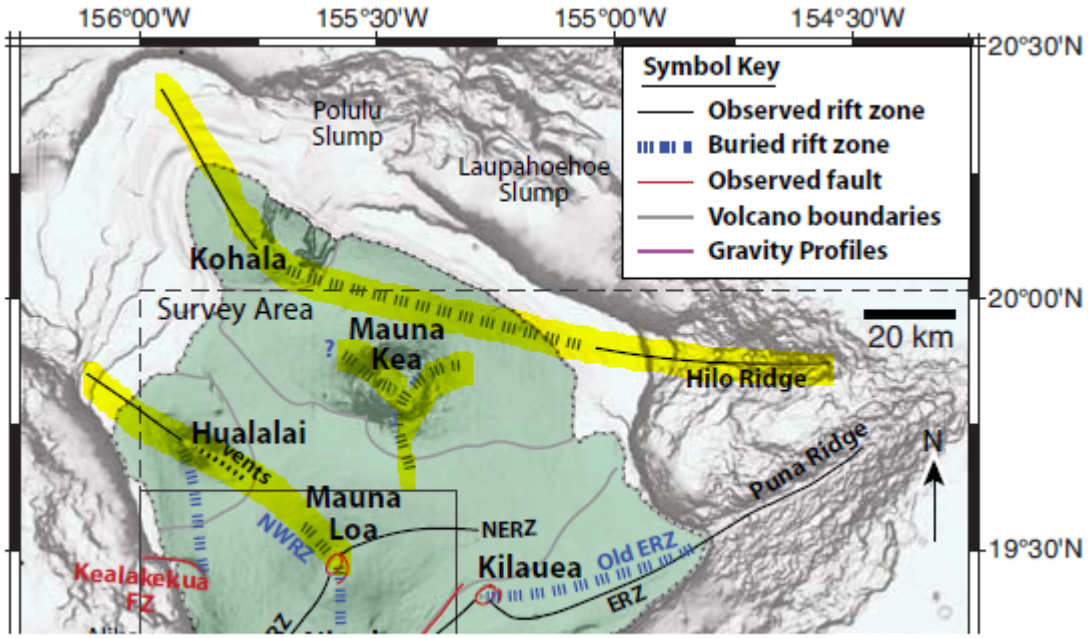
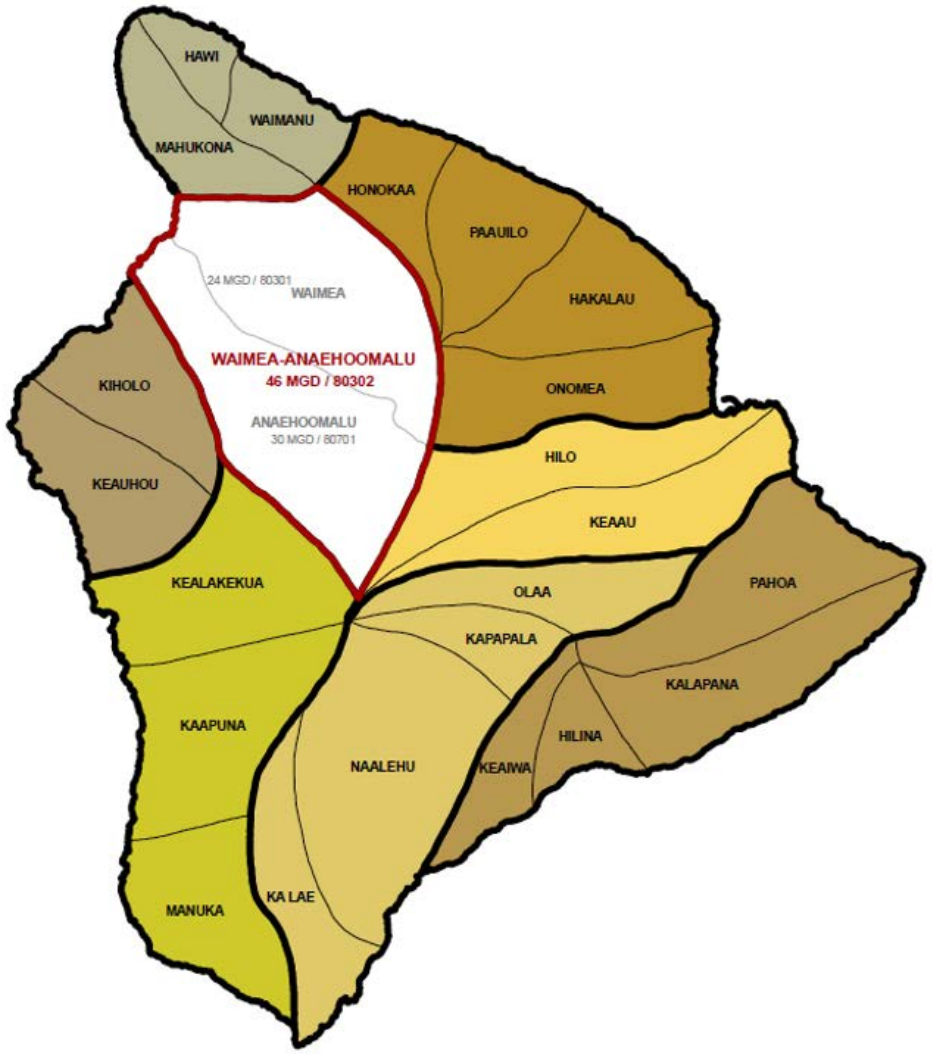


Figure 4 Section from 2010 Morgan Rift Zone Map

Proposed amendment to 2019 WRPP

- Maintains minimum range of latest recharge/sustainable yields
- Appears more consistent with observed hydrogeologic data
- Simple management change to address perceived threat to Waimea from drastic lowering of SY without changing USGS recharge analysis



Proposed amendment to 2019 WRPP

Schedule

- June 18 - brief CWRM on Waimea/‘Anaeho‘omalu boundary change
- July 2 - Public Hearing Notice of WRPP amendment for W/A change
- July 16 - Commission decision on entire final draft of 2019 WRPP
- October 3 - Public Hearing in Waimea TODAY
- November 3 - deadline for written comments on W/A boundary change
- December 17 - Commission action on W/A boundary change (subject to change)

For more information:

WRPP Update Website

http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/cwrm/planning/hiwaterplan/wrpp/

Public Testimony