PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

STATE OF HAWAI'I UPDATE TO THE AGRICULTURAL WATER USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The State Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) will hold public hearings to receive testimony on proposed modifications to the Hawai'i Water Plan, as required under Chapter 174C, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The proposed modifications are to the Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan, which is one of five component plans that constitute the Hawai'i Water Plan.

A public review draft of the Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan is available online at the CWRM website: https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/cwrm/planning/hiwaterplan/awudp/. The public review draft may also be reviewed at the CWRM office at the Kalanimoku Building, Room 227, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813. Please contact the CWRM office at 808-587-0214 or dlnr.cwrm@hawaii.gov to schedule an appointment to view the document.

The public hearings will be held on the following dates and times given below:

November 18, 2020 (Wednesday) at 9:00 am

November 19, 2020 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm

Considering the evolving COVID-19 situation, protecting the health and welfare of the community is of utmost concern. As such, the public hearings will be held remotely, with the Hearing Officer, staff, and testifiers participating via online meeting venue. All public hearings will be broadcast via live stream at https://www.youtube.com/c/BoardOfLandAndNaturalResourcesDLNR.

If you wish to provide live oral/video testimony during the online meeting, email CWRM at dlnr.cwrm@hawaii.gov not later than 48 hours in advance, with your name, phone number, email address, and your computer identification name (check your device settings). CWRM staff will then provide the meeting link information to you. Testifying at one of the two public hearings listed above will be sufficient to have your comments recognized and recorded.

All interested persons are urged to attend the hearing and submit comments, orally or in writing. The CWRM will continue to accept written testimony until December 18, 2020. Testimony should be mailed to the Commission on Water Resource Management, State Department of Land and Natural Resources, PO Box 621, Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96809, or emailed to dlnr.cwrm@hawaii.gov, or faxed to 808-587-0219.

Disabled individuals planning to attend the public hearing are asked to contact the CWRM (at the above address or phone 808-587-0214) at least three days in advance of the public hearing to indicate if they have special needs that require accommodation.

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M. KALEO MANUEL, Deputy Director for SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson

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