

COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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“The trustee who oversees the rightful sharing of water.”



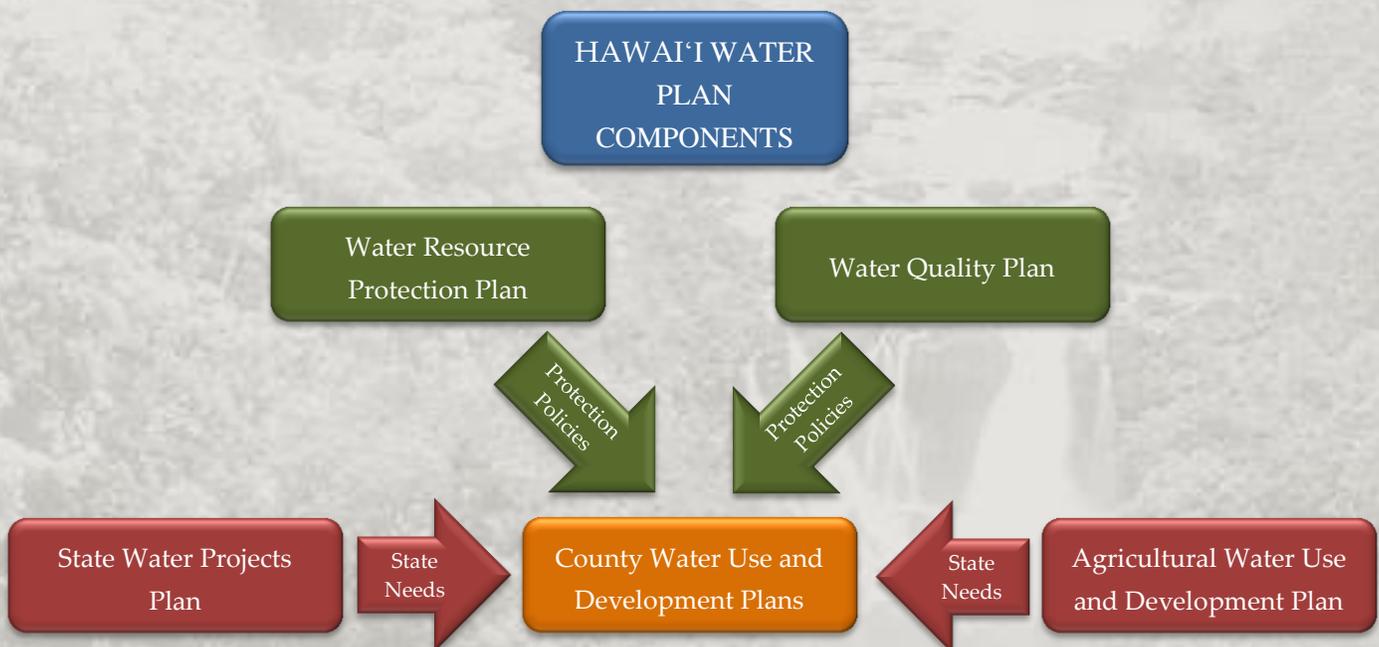
Water Resource Protection Plan Update

Guiding the Protection and Management of Our Fresh Water Resources

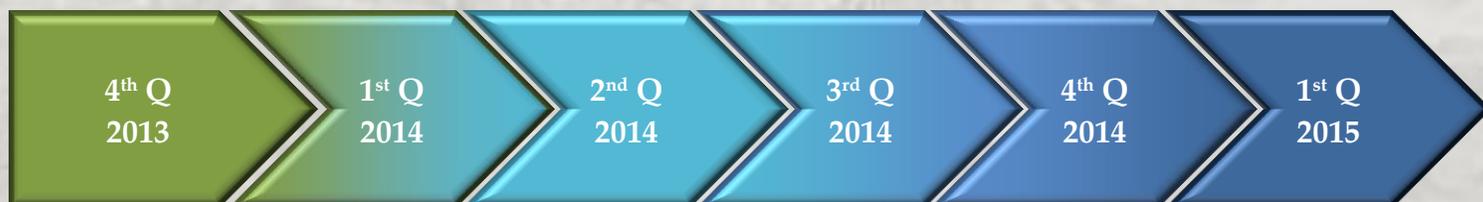
The Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) is currently updating the 2008 Water Resource Protection Plan (WRPP). The WRPP is a key component of the Hawai'i Water Plan. Its objective is to protect statewide public trust water resources and uses, watersheds, and natural stream environments.

At a minimum, the WRPP will:

- Document the types of water resources available, identifying hydrologic units and characterizing them by quantity and quality;
- Identify requirements for beneficial instream use and environmental protection;
- Describe Commission regulatory programs and resource monitoring efforts by the Commission and others;
- Describe existing and potential future water uses and their impacts on the resource, as well as their consistency with the objectives and policies presented in the WRPP; and
- Describe programs to conserve, augment, and protect water resources.



WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE PROCESS AND SCHEDULE



WATER RESOURCE STATUS UPDATES

- Organize the project team
- Update 2008 WRPP chapters with new information
- Analysis of data and status of programs
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- Water Commission Briefings
- Water Professionals Group Meetings
- Meetings with Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, and other stakeholders

DRAFT WRPP UPDATE

- Identify potential sources of funding
- Develop an Implementation Plan and Schedule
- Compile the Draft WRPP Report
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- Water Commission Briefing

PUBLIC REVIEW

- Distribute Public Review Draft WRPP
- Solicit and respond to public comments
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- Water Commission Briefing
- Public Hearings
 - Kona
 - Hilo
 - Maui
 - Lāna‘i
 - Moloka‘i
 - O‘ahu
 - Kaua‘i

FINAL WRPP UPDATE

- Revise Draft WRPP Update Report
- Finalize WRPP Update Report
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- Water Commission Briefing

As a part of this update, the Commission will:

- Incorporate new information obtained since the last update in 2008;
- Integrate the results of recent Commission and other relevant agency program activities with existing protection measures and management strategies;
- Further address emerging issues such as climate change; and
- Develop a succinct, action-oriented plan.

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