# County of Hawaii Water Use & Development Plan Update Keauhou Aquifer System



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for the
State of Hawaii
Commission on Water Resource Management

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### Background

#### Hawaii County Water Use & Development Plan

- Updated original WUDP prepared in 1990
- Initiated in 2004
- Final Draft Plan 2010
- Adopted by County Ordinance February 2011
- Accepted by CWRM November 2011

### Background

#### Findings and Recommendations

- Conducted island-wide assessment
- Identification of "sensitive" and "less-sensitive" areas
- Priority focus on most "sensitive" areas
  - Hualalai Aquifer Sector Keauhou Aquifer System
  - West Mauna Kea Aquifer Sector Waimea Aquifer System

### **Guiding Principles**

- Water is a most precious resource and shall be used wisely – conserve; don't waste it.
- Highest quality water shall be used for the community's highest beneficial uses.
- Lower quality water (reuse water, surface water, brackish water) should be used whenever possible.

#### Hawaii Water Plan

**SCWRM** 

Water Resource Protection Plan DOH

Water Quality Plan

Resource Protection Policies

Quantity

Quality

**DLNR** 

**State Water Projects Plan** 

State Needs

**Counties** 

Water Use & Development Plans

Integrate Water Use & Land Development Policies

DOA

Agriculture
Water Use &
Development
Plan

Agricultural Needs

## County Water Use & Development Plans Objective -

"to set forth the allocation of water to land use through the development of policies & strategies to guide the County in its planning, management and development of water resources to meet projected demands"

The Commission recognizes that there is a need for flexibility to accommodate each county's individual needs, priorities, and specific water issues. Plan versatility is also necessary to encourage innovation as well as to accommodate unique and county-specific concerns that may be addressed within the WUDP.

#### **Assessment of Land Use Plans & Policies**

- Initial Assessment (Island-wide comparison)
  - Preliminary evaluation of sustainability of land use policies
  - Identification of "sensitive" and "less-sensitive" areas
  - Concept of "Full Build-out" scenarios
  - Application of standard water planning methods to existing land use plans and policies
  - Focus on domestic demands and groundwater sources

Full Build-out Scenario – ALL land area to be developed to its theoretical maximum extent

#### **Land Use Plans & Policies**

- State Land Use Classifications
  - Generalized Land Use Policies
- County General Plan LUPAG
  - Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide
  - Ultimate Development "County Vision"
  - Community Development Plans "Local Area Vision"
- County Zoning
  - Allowable Development "authorized" by Ordinance
  - Development still needs agency permits and regulatory approvals

#### SUSTAINABILITY OF LAND USE POLICIES

SUSTAINABLE YIELD (WRPP)
GENERAL PLAN FULL BUILD-OUT SCENARIO
EXISTING ZONING BUILD-OUT SCENARIO
AUTHORIZED PLANNED USE

## Proposed Refinements Hawaii County WUDP Update 2014

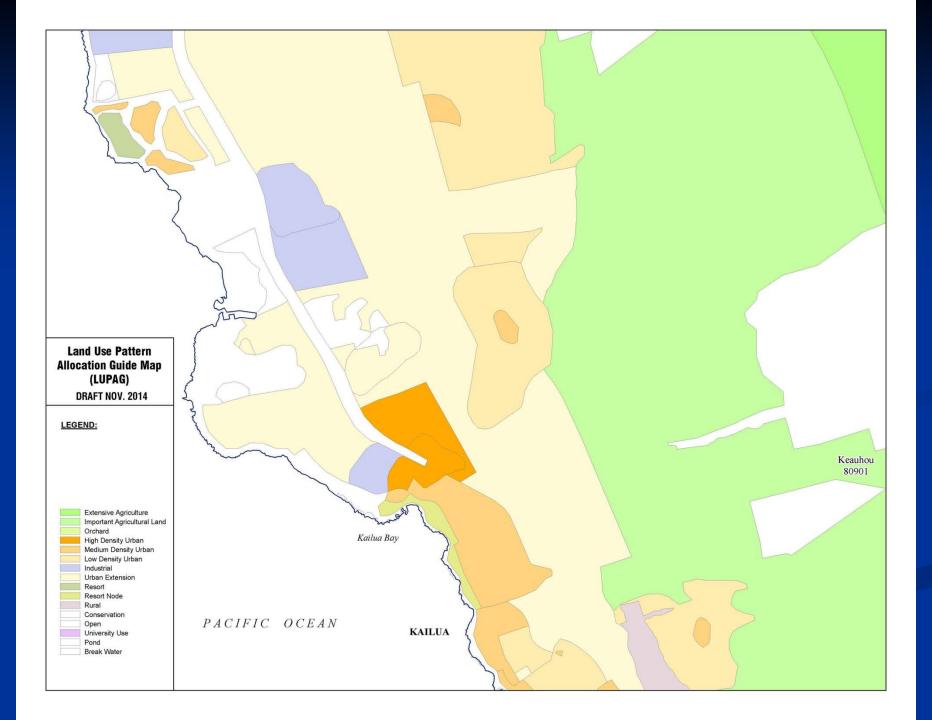
## Refinements Incorporation of New Planning Information

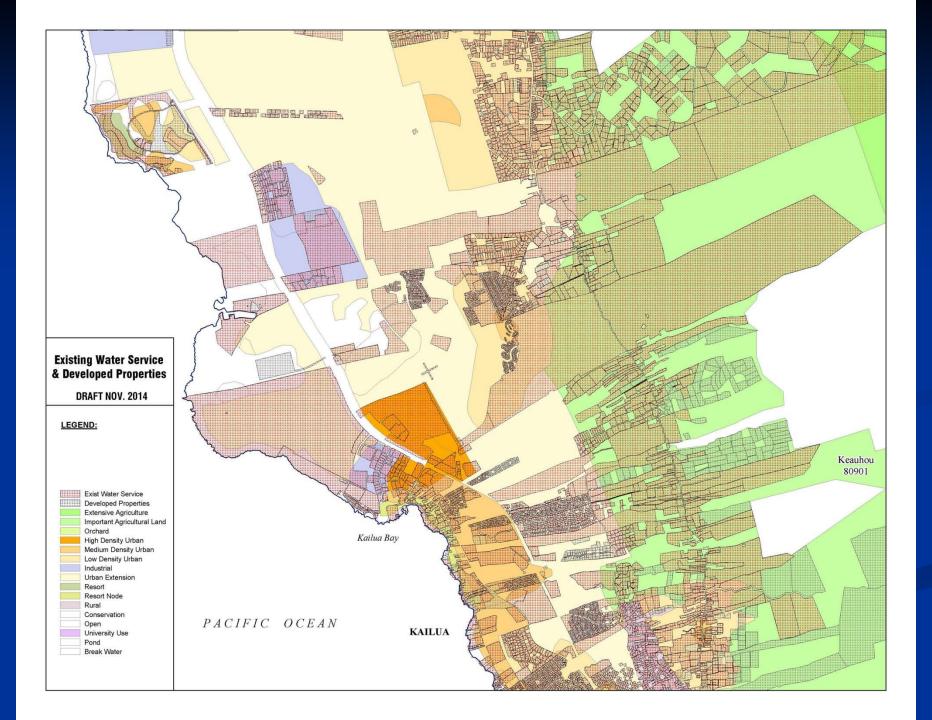
- Kona Community Development Plan
- LUPAG Updates County Planning Department
- Proposed and Recent Masterplan Developments

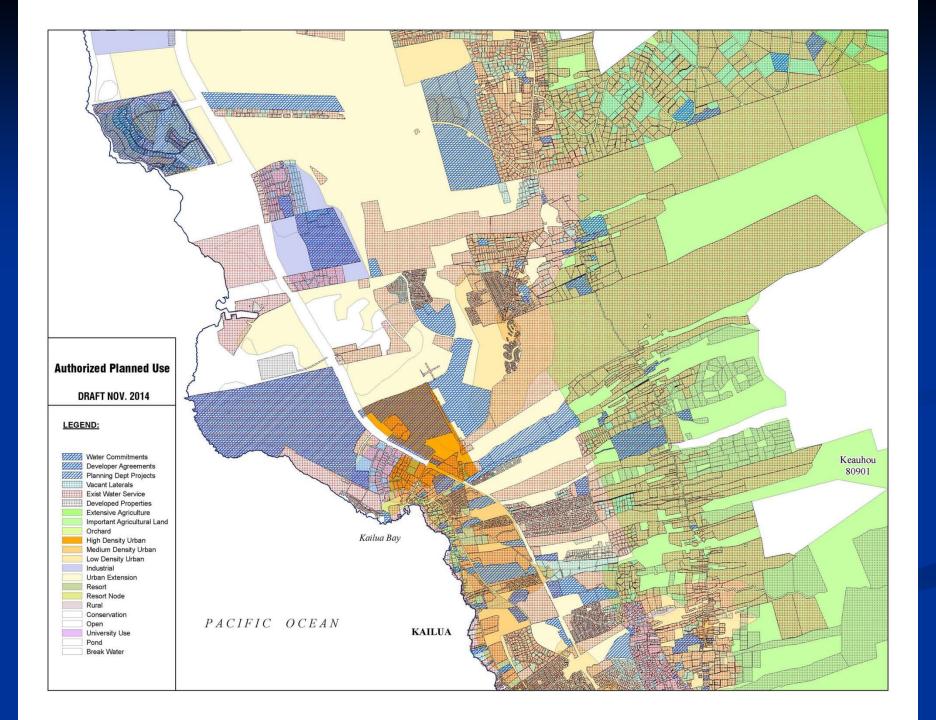
## Refinements Assessment of Recent Developments

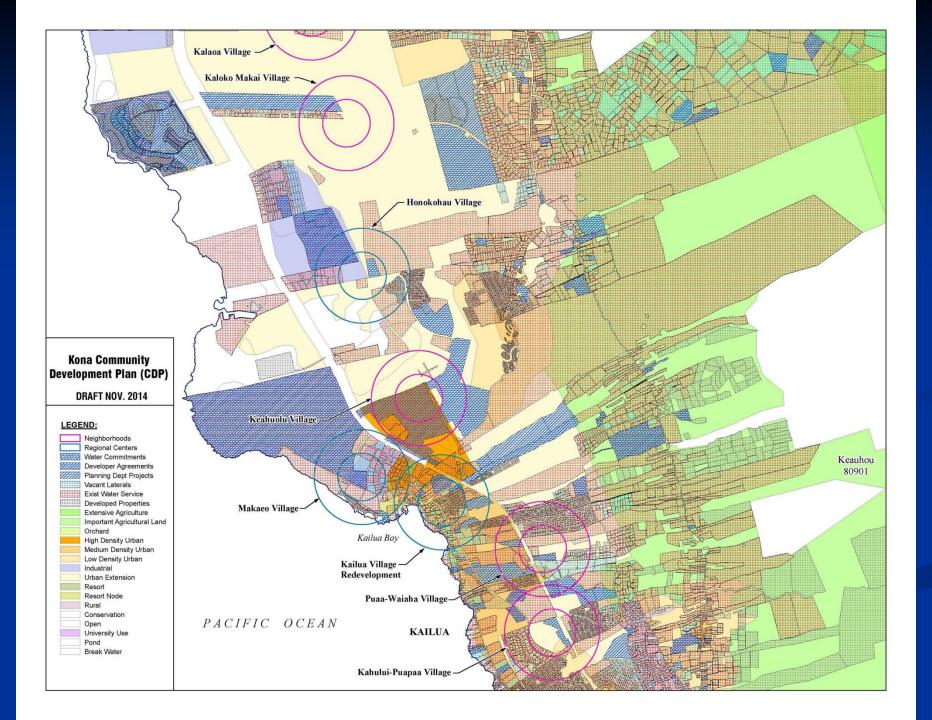
- Identification of existing users / developed parcels
- Focus on "infill development" of undeveloped lands
- Identify lands with "Authorized Planned Use"
  - DWS Water commitments/credits
  - Developer agreements
  - Vacant parcels with water laterals
  - Planning Department agreements
- Evaluation of water use trends "unit rates"
- Reality check of original water use projections

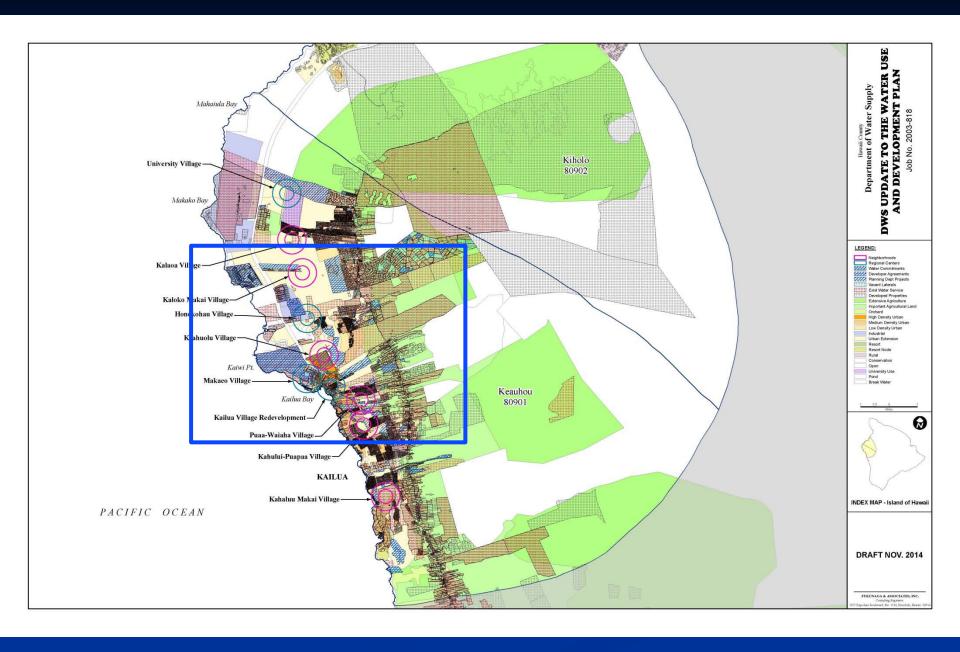




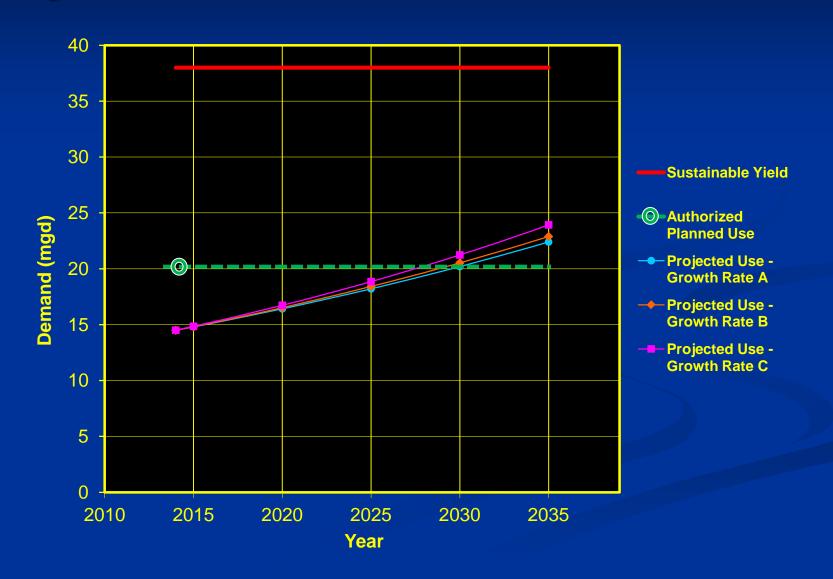








### **Keauhou Aquifer System Area Projected Demands**



#### Summary – 2014 Preliminary Inspection

- 2010 WUDP has served its initial purpose of identifying sensitive & less sensitive areas of the Island
- Much of the area is already served by DWS System
- Existing use and authorized planned use added together is currently about 20 MGD
- Initial data suggests that unit rates (residential & agricultural) are typically within normal planning ranges

### Questions?

