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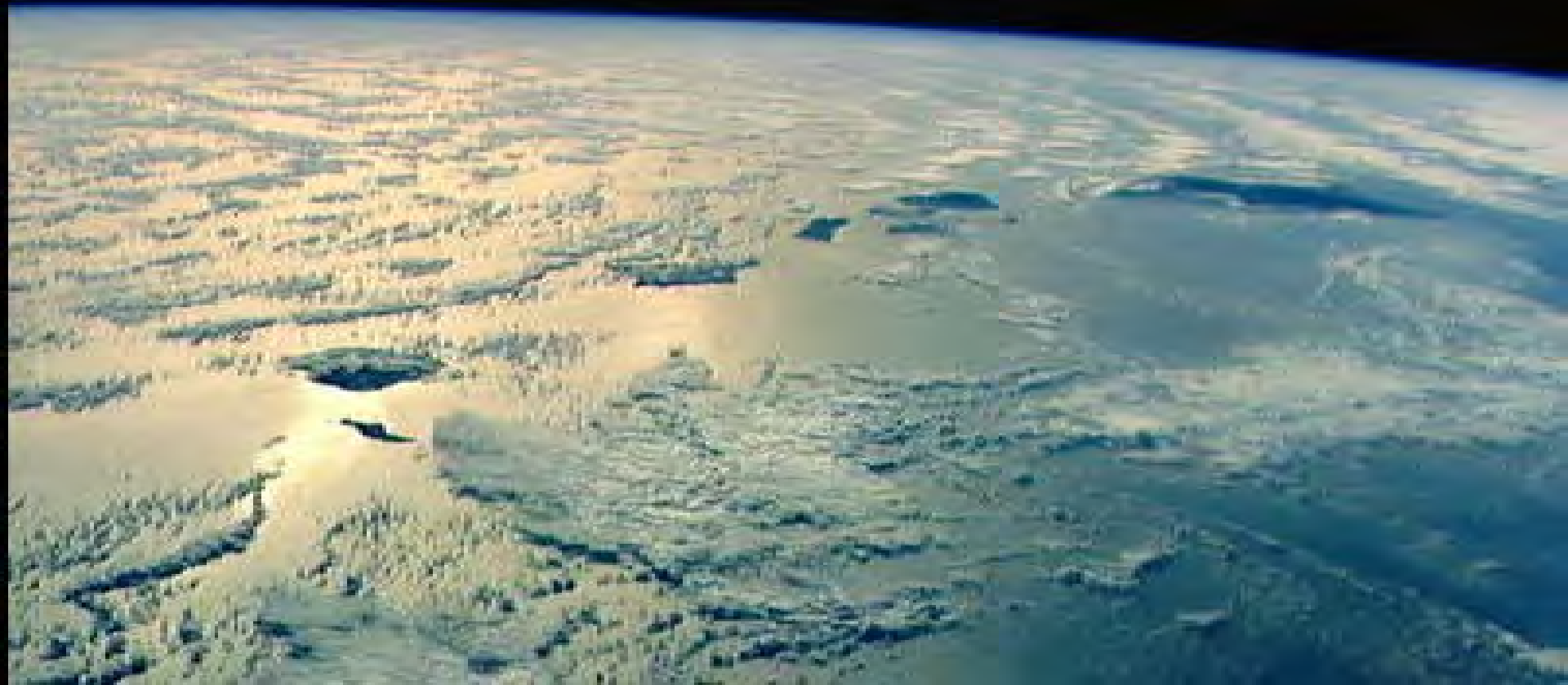
State of Hawaii
Commission on Water Resource Management

Program Briefing
Kaua'i

April 28, 2015



Islands in the Pacific Ocean



Commission on Water Resource Management



- Seven (7) Members of the Commission

- Chairperson of BLNR (Chair of Water Commission)

- Suzanne Case



- Director, State DOH (ex-officio voting member)

- Virginia Pressler, M.D.



- Five members are appointed by the Governor & confirmed by the State Senate



Denise Antolini



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Water Quantity



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Water Quality

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Water Management in Hawai'i



Hawai'i State Constitution, Article XI, Section 1

(emphasis added)

“For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State”

“all public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of its people.”

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Water Management in Hawai'i



Hawai'i State Constitution, Article XI, Section 7

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“The State has an obligation to protect, control and regulate the use of Hawaii’s water resources for the benefit of its people.”

*“The legislature shall provide for a **water resource agency** which... shall set overall water conservation, quality and use policies; define reasonable and beneficial uses; protect ground and surface water resources, watersheds and natural stream environments; establish criteria for water use priorities while assuring appurtenant rights and existing correlative and riparian uses and establish procedures for regulating all uses of Hawaii’s water resources.”*

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The State Water Code (1987)

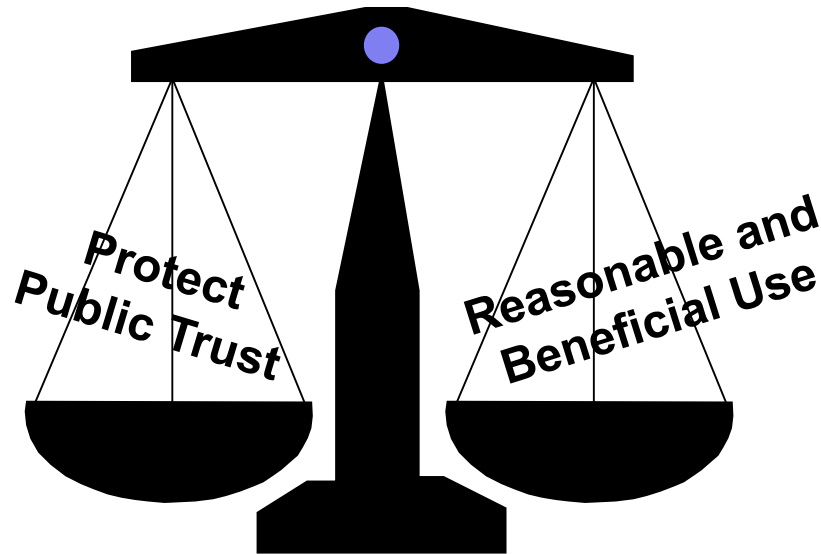


- *The Code shall be liberally interpreted to obtain **maximum beneficial use** of the waters of the State for purposes such as domestic uses, agricultural uses, power development, and commercial and industrial uses. (§174C-2(c) HRS)*
- *Adequate provision shall be made for the **protection** of traditional and customary Hawaiian rights, the protection and procreation of fish and wildlife, the maintenance of proper ecological balance and scenic beauty, and the preservation and enhancement of waters of the State for municipal uses, public recreation, public water supply, agriculture, and navigation. (§174C-2(c) HRS)*





Protect the Public Trust and Ensure uses are Reasonable and Beneficial



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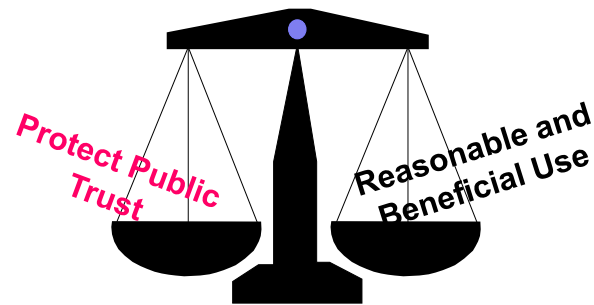
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- **Protection of Public Trust**

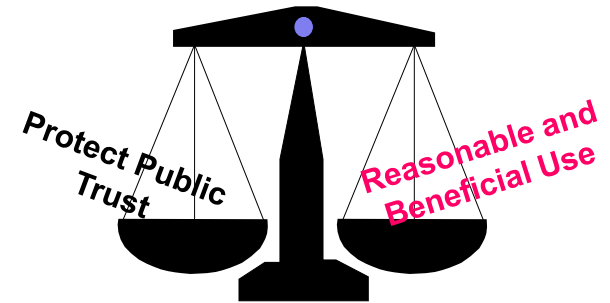
- **4 Public Trust Purposes**

- Maintenance of Water in its Natural State
- Domestic use (individuals)
- Traditional and Customary Rights
- DHHL Reservations



- **Ensure uses are Reasonable and Beneficial**

- Purpose
- Justified Quantity
- Efficient
- Lack of practicable alternatives
- Consistent with the public interest
- Consistent with state and county land use plans





Public Trust Doctrine

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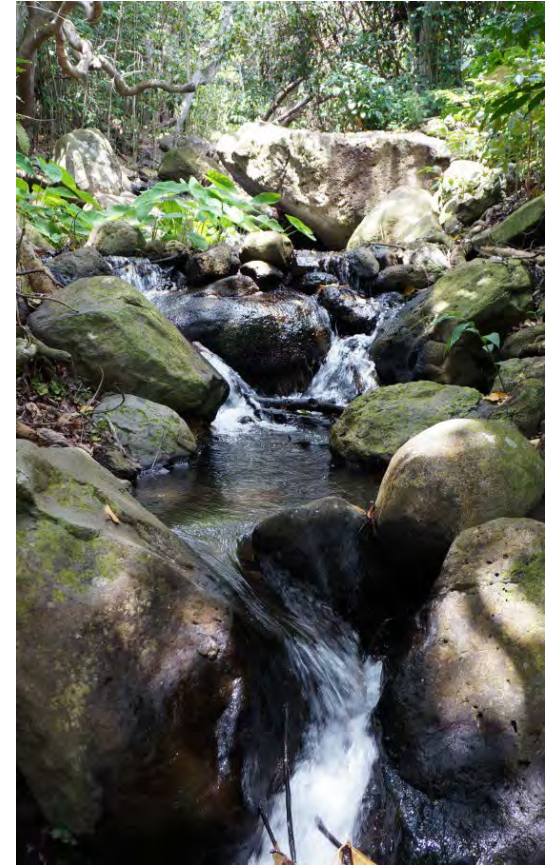
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Precautionary Principle

There is a duty to take anticipatory action to protect public trust resources and uses from harm.



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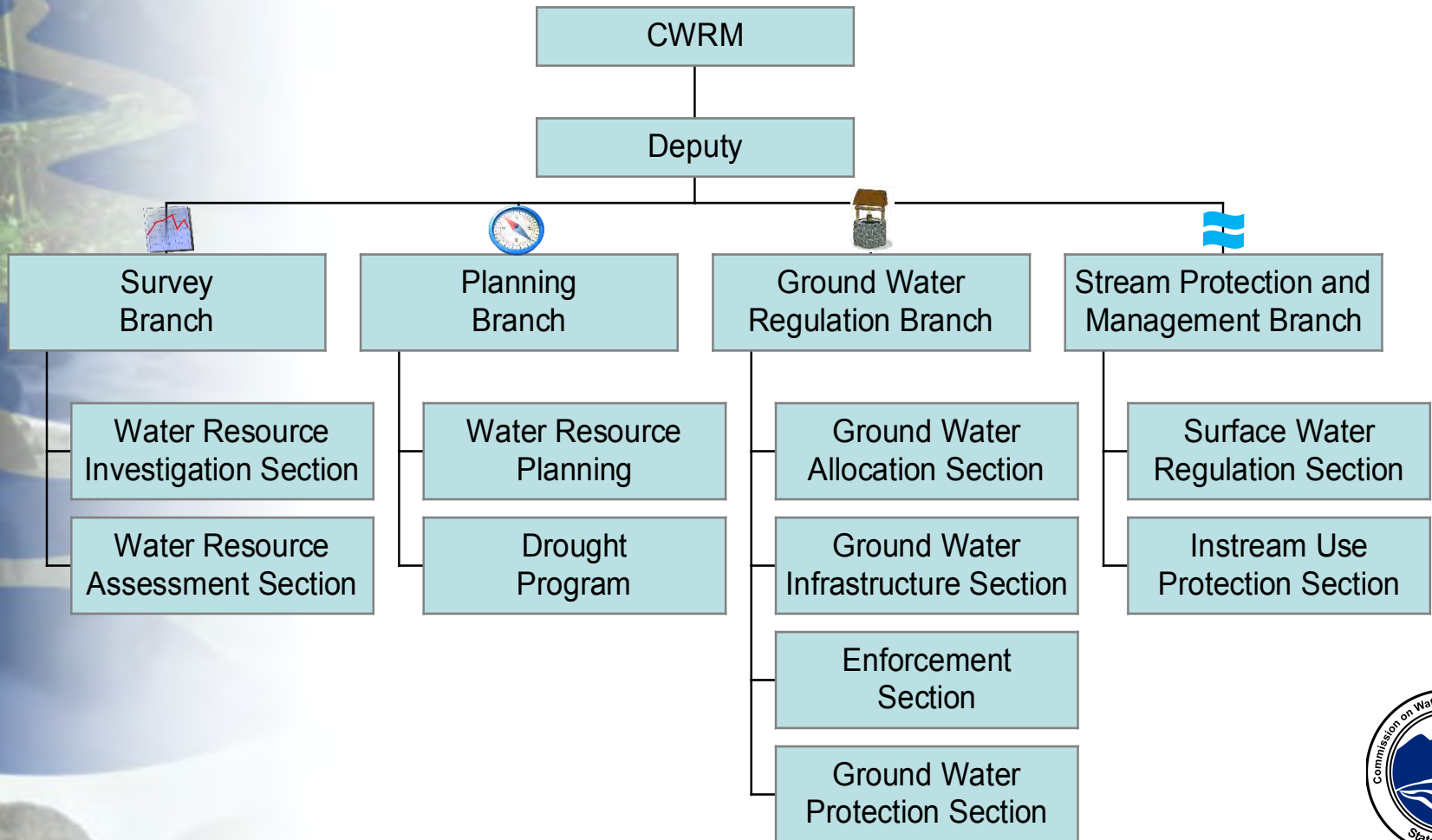
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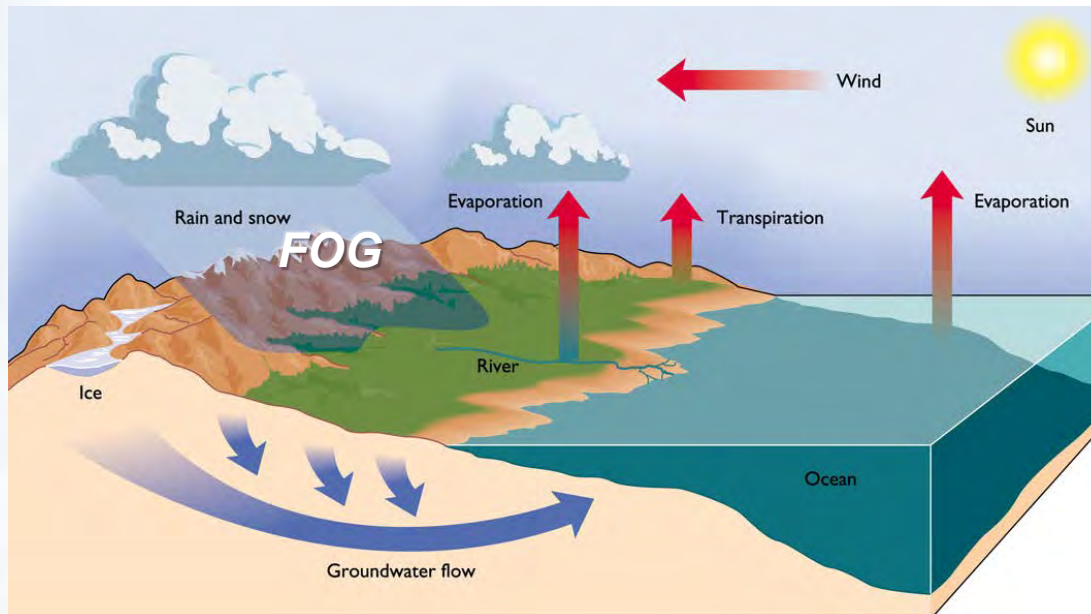
Current Position Count: 23



How much water is available?

Resource Assessments

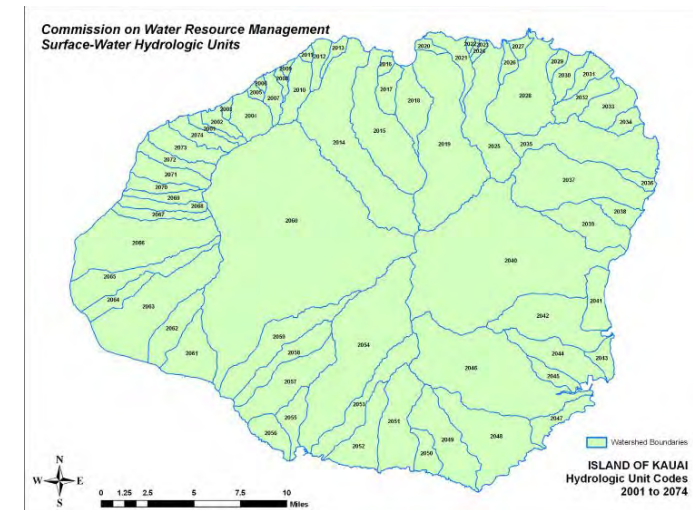
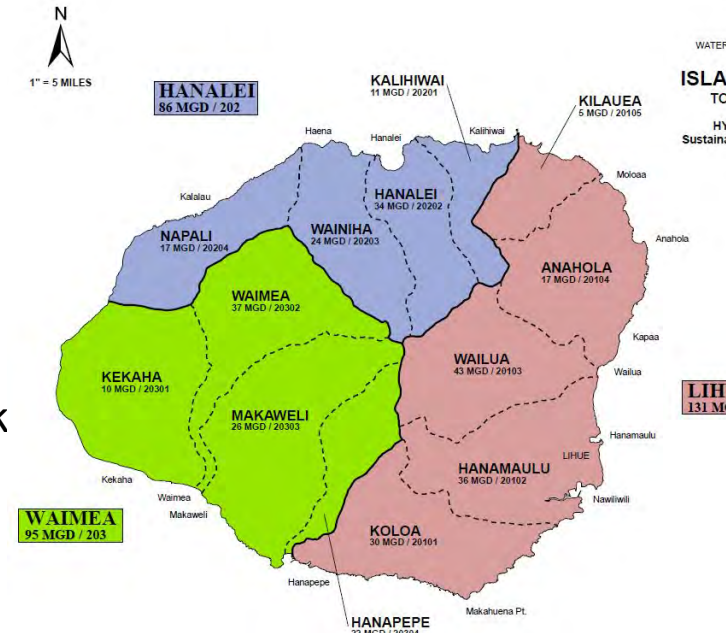
- Hydrologic Unit Delineation
- Ground Water Sustainable Yields
- Surface Water Instream Flow Standards



Resource Assessments – Hydrologic Unit Delineation

- Ground Water Aquifers
 - 3 Aquifer Sector Areas
(broad hydrogeologic similarities)
 - 13 Aquifer System Areas
(hydraulic continuity)
 - Aquifer settings: basal, perched, caprock brackish, deep (below salt water)

- Surface Water Hydrologic Units
 - 74 SWHUs
 - Surface water settings: streams, springs, ditches/canals, reservoirs



Ground Water

Resource Assessments – Groundwater Sustainable Yields

$$R = RF - DRO - ET$$

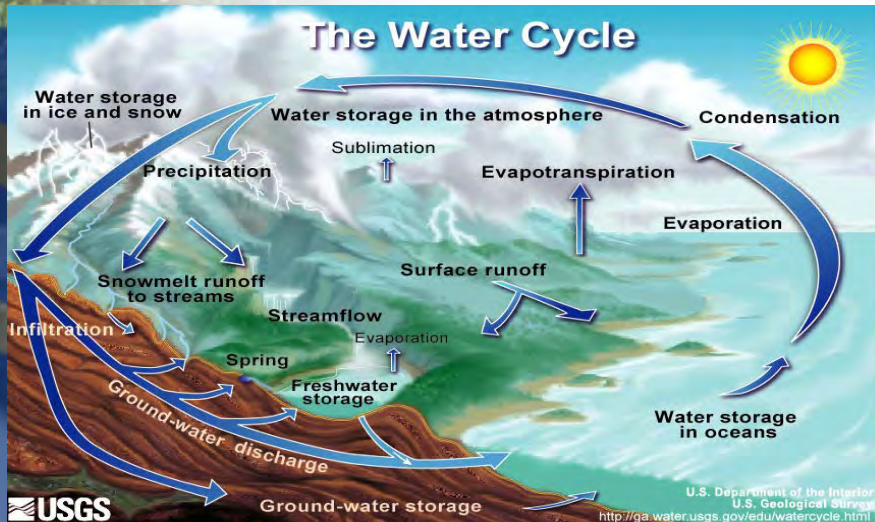
Simplified recharge calculation where:

R = Recharge

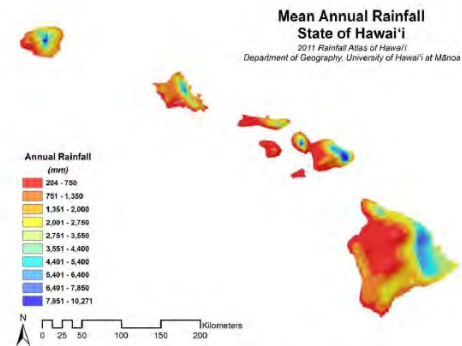
RF = Rainfall & Fog drip

DRO = Direct runoff

ET = Evapotranspiration



- Rainfall Atlas updated in 2012

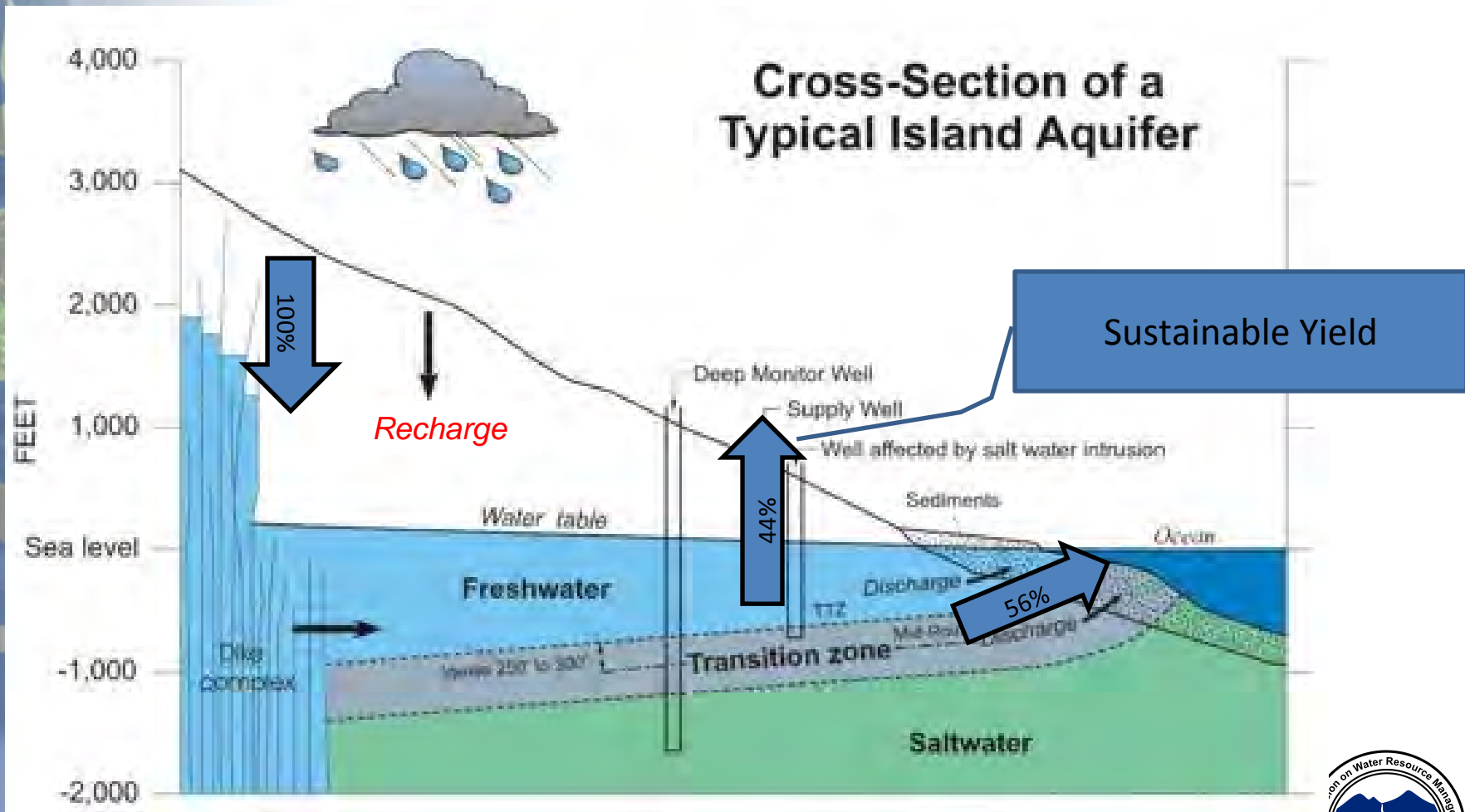


- ET Analysis complete in June 2013



Ground Water

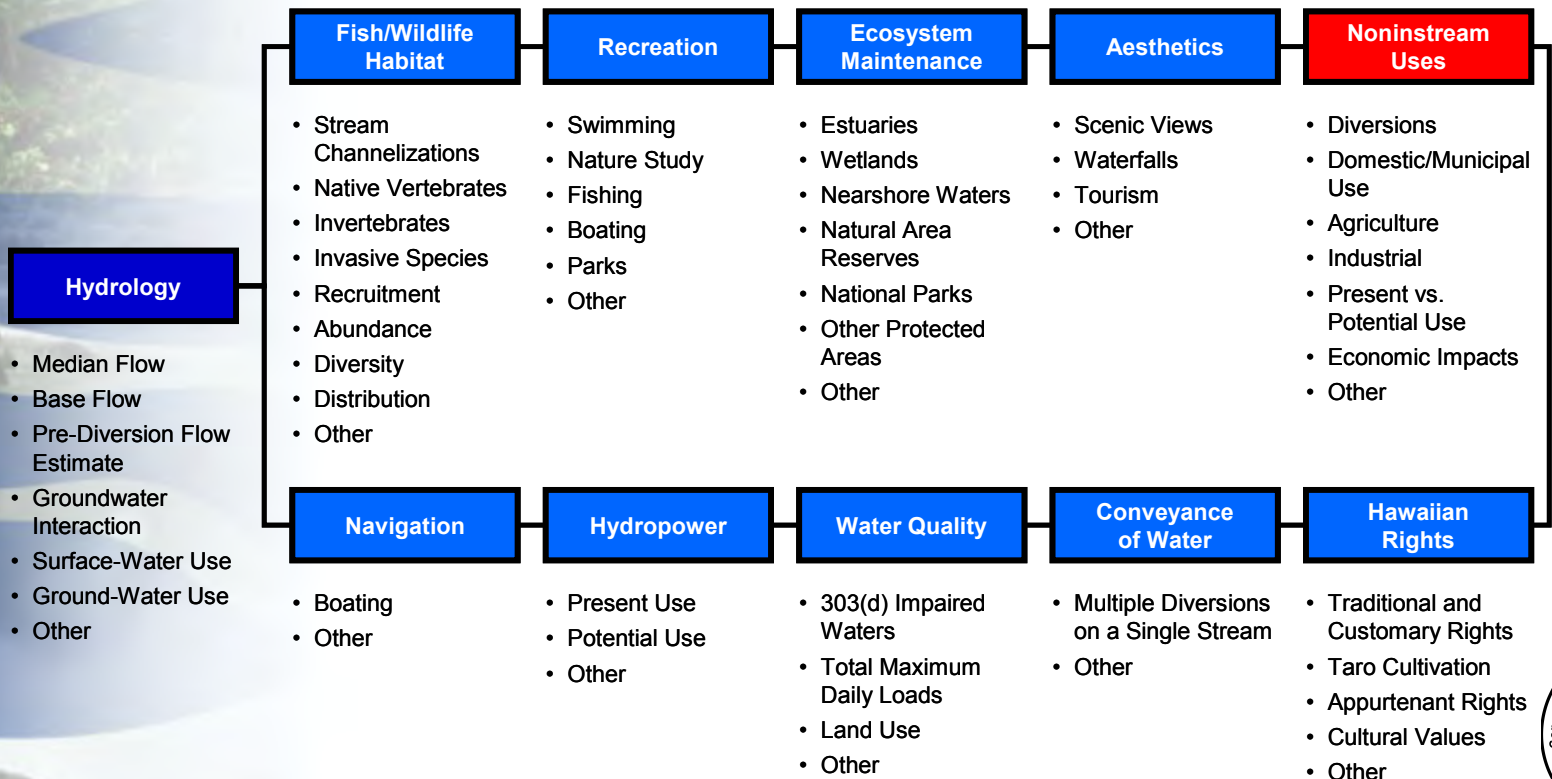
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Surface Water

Resource Assessments – Instream Flow Standards

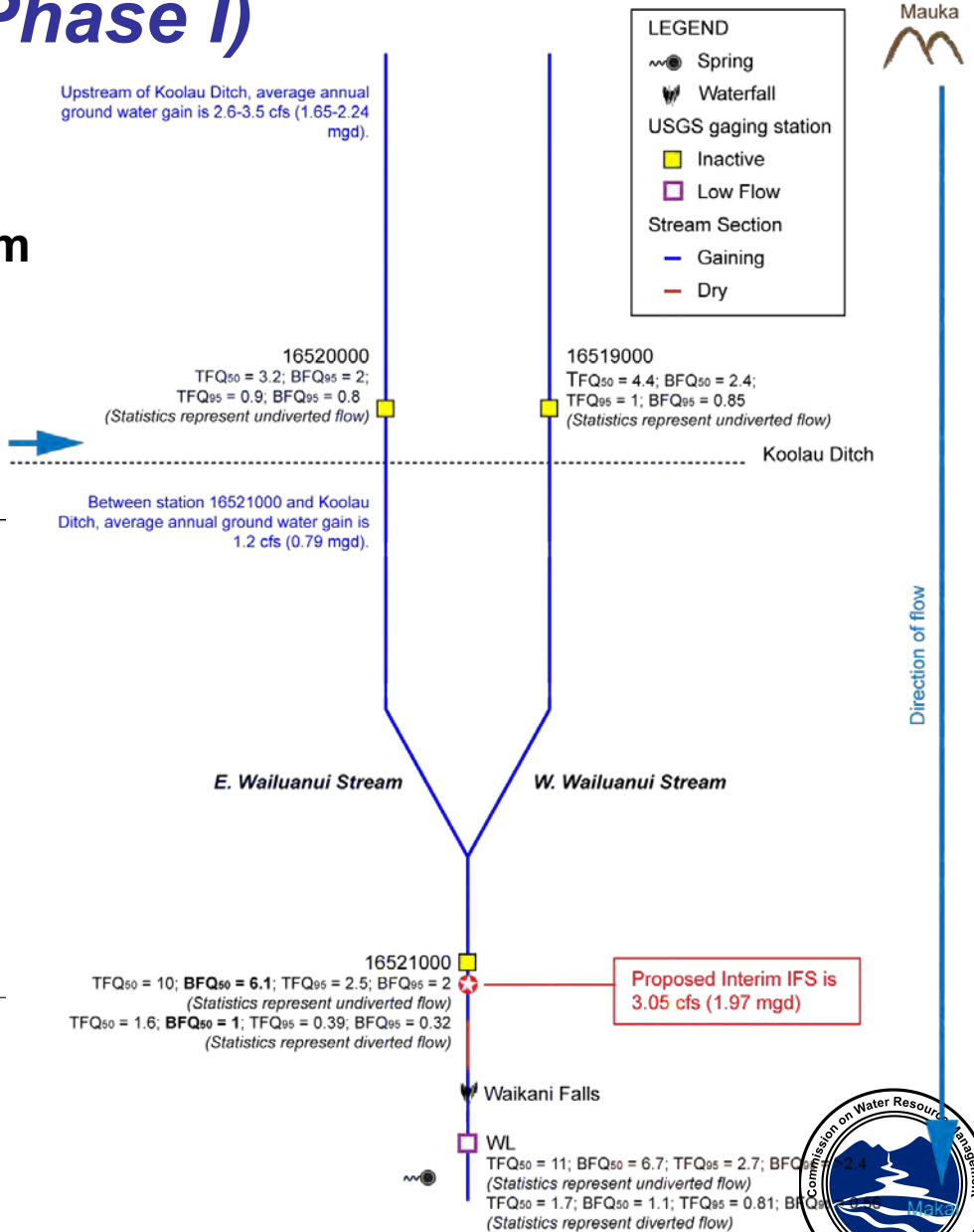
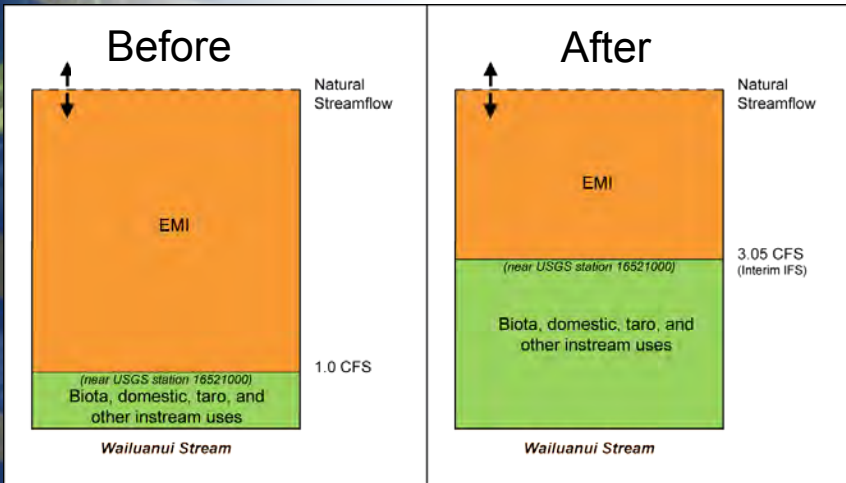
“A quantity or flow of water or depth of water which is required to be present at a specific location in a stream system at certain specified times of the year to protect fishery, wildlife, recreational, aesthetic, scenic, and other beneficial instream uses.”



East Maui IIFS (Phase I)

Recommendation

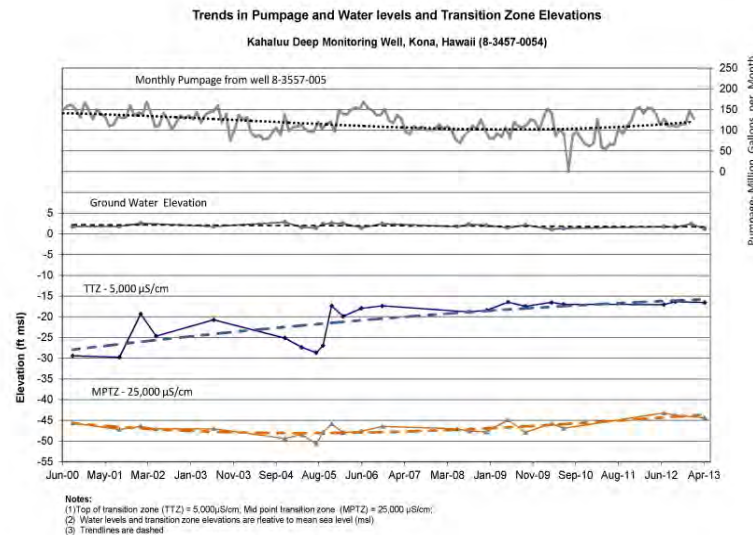
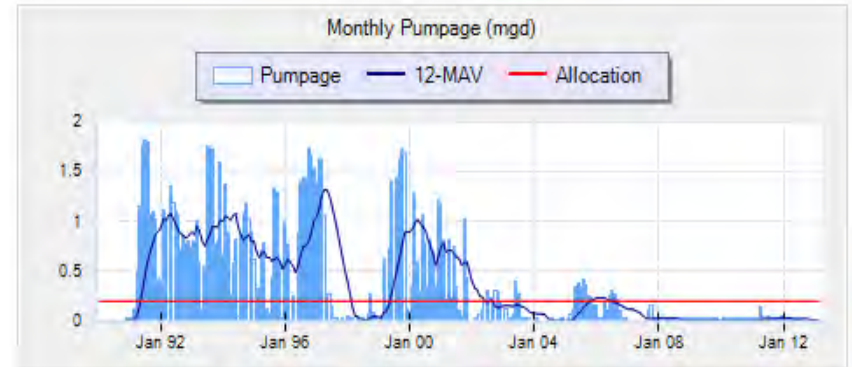
EXAMPLE: Wailuanui Stream



How much water do we use?

Resource Monitoring

- Water Use Reporting
- Deep Monitor Wells
- Water-Level Observation Well
- Climate
- Chlorides
- Streamflow



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How we regulate the use of our water?

Permitting & Enforcement

- Well Construction and Pump Installation Permit
- Stream Diversion Works Permit
- Stream Channel Alteration Permit
- Water Use Permit



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR SURFACE WATER USE PERMIT FOR
PROPOSED NEW USE IN A DESIGNATED SURFACE WATER
MANAGEMENT AREA

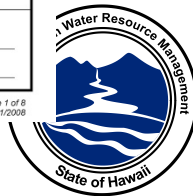
FORM SWUPA-N Application for New use
 Application to Modify SWUP No. _____

For Official Use Only.

For detailed instructions on filling out this application form completely, refer to the attached instructions sheet. Incomplete applications will not be accepted for processing.

- The following must be attached before this application is accepted as complete:
- Portion of 7.5-Minute Series USGS topographic map (scale 1:24,000) labeled with stream and diversion location and the quad map name.
 - Property tax map showing the stream or diversion location and location of water use referenced to established property boundaries.
 - Photograph(s) of the surface water source, diversion and end use, if applicable.

APPLICANT INFORMATION: NOTE: In accordance with HRS §174C-51(1)(B), in the event a lessee, licensee, developer, or any other person with a terminable interest or estate in the land which is the water source of the permitted water, applies for a water permit, the landowner shall be stated as a joint applicant for the water permit.					
1. APPLICANT'S NAME		2. SOURCE LANDOWNER'S NAME		3. SOURCE LANDOWNER'S CONTACT	
Applicant's Contact		Source Landowner's Contact			
Applicant's Mailing Address, or Principal Place of Business			Source Landowner's Mailing Address, or Principal Place of Business		
Applicant's Phone	Applicant's Fax	Applicant's E-mail	Source Landowner's Phone	Source Landowner's Fax	Source Landowner's E-mail
SOURCE INFORMATION					
3. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGIC UNIT: Island: _____ Hydrologic Unit: _____ Hydrologic Unit Code: _____					
4. INSTREAM FLOW STANDARDS (IFS) FOR HYDROLOGIC UNIT IF APPLICABLE:					
5. CAN YOUR PROPOSED USE(S) BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN THE ABOVE AMOUNTS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain how your proposed use(s) can be accommodated within the existing IFS for the above hydrologic unit:					
6a. TMK OF PROPOSED STREAM DIVERSION LOCATION: _____					
6b. TMK OF PROPOSED DITCH DIVERSION LOCATION: _____					
7a. PROPOSED STREAM DIVERSION: How will water be diverted from the stream to your property? Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch/auwai <input type="checkbox"/> Other Describe: _____					
7b. WILL THE DIVERTED WATER BE RETURNED TO THE STREAM OR DITCH? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. How much water will be returned? <input type="checkbox"/> No					
8. PROPOSED FLOW MEASUREMENT INFORMATION: Will the stream diversion have a flow meter with totalizer or other device to measure diverted amounts? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. List the manufacturer and describe the device. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Explain how stream diversion will be measured or estimated to justify amounts requested in the space below.					
PROPOSED USE INFORMATION HRS §174C-51(4), (5), (6)					
9. TOTAL QUANTITY OF WATER REQUESTED: _____ gallons per day. See Table 1, Item 14.					
10. PROPOSED USE: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial See Table 1, Item 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal					
11. LOCATION OF PROPOSED WATER USE: Show the location of the proposed use on the same USGS and TMK maps as the proposed source location. Otherwise, attach similar maps. See Table 1, Item 2.					
PROPOSED USER INFORMATION					
12. APPURTENANT RIGHT: Do you claim an appurtenant right for your proposed water use? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, has the appurtenant right been established by the courts or the Commission? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
13. PROPOSED END USER INFORMATION: Will you be an end user on an existing water system? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. List the name of the system operator. <input type="checkbox"/> No					
14. REGISTRATION AND DECLARATION OF WATER USE: Do you have a Registration and Declaration of Water Use from the Commission? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. List the file reference name(s). <input type="checkbox"/> No					
15. STREAM DIVERSION WORKS PERMIT (SDWP): Do you have a SDWP from the Commission? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. List the permit number(s). <input type="checkbox"/> No					
NOTE: Signing below indicates that the signatories understand and affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. Furthermore, the signatories understand that: 1) if necessary, additional information may be required before the application is considered complete; 2) if a water use permit is granted by the Commission, this permit will be subject, but not limited to, any existing legal uses, changes in sustainable yields and instream flow standards, Hawaiian Home Lands uses, and any other conditions imposed by the Commission; and 3) the applicant is responsible for paying the required public notice fees associated with this application.					
16. APPLICANT			17. SOURCE LANDOWNER		
Signature _____			Signature _____		
Print _____ Date _____			Print _____ Date _____		

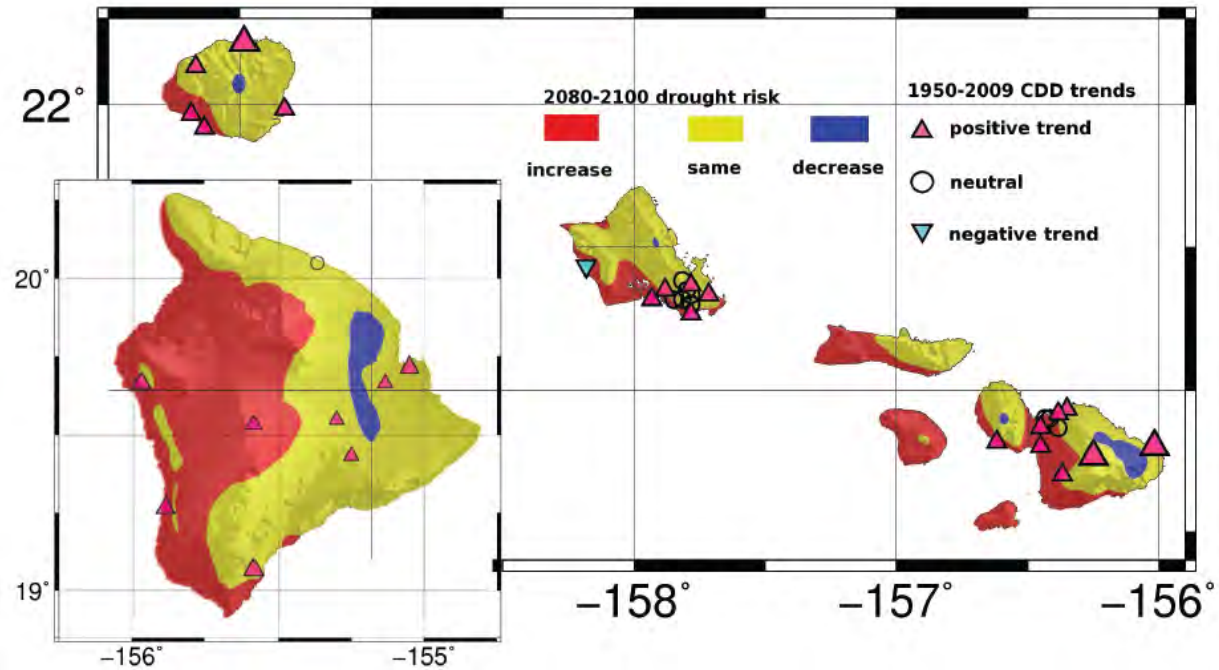




Threats, Trends, and Resource Priorities



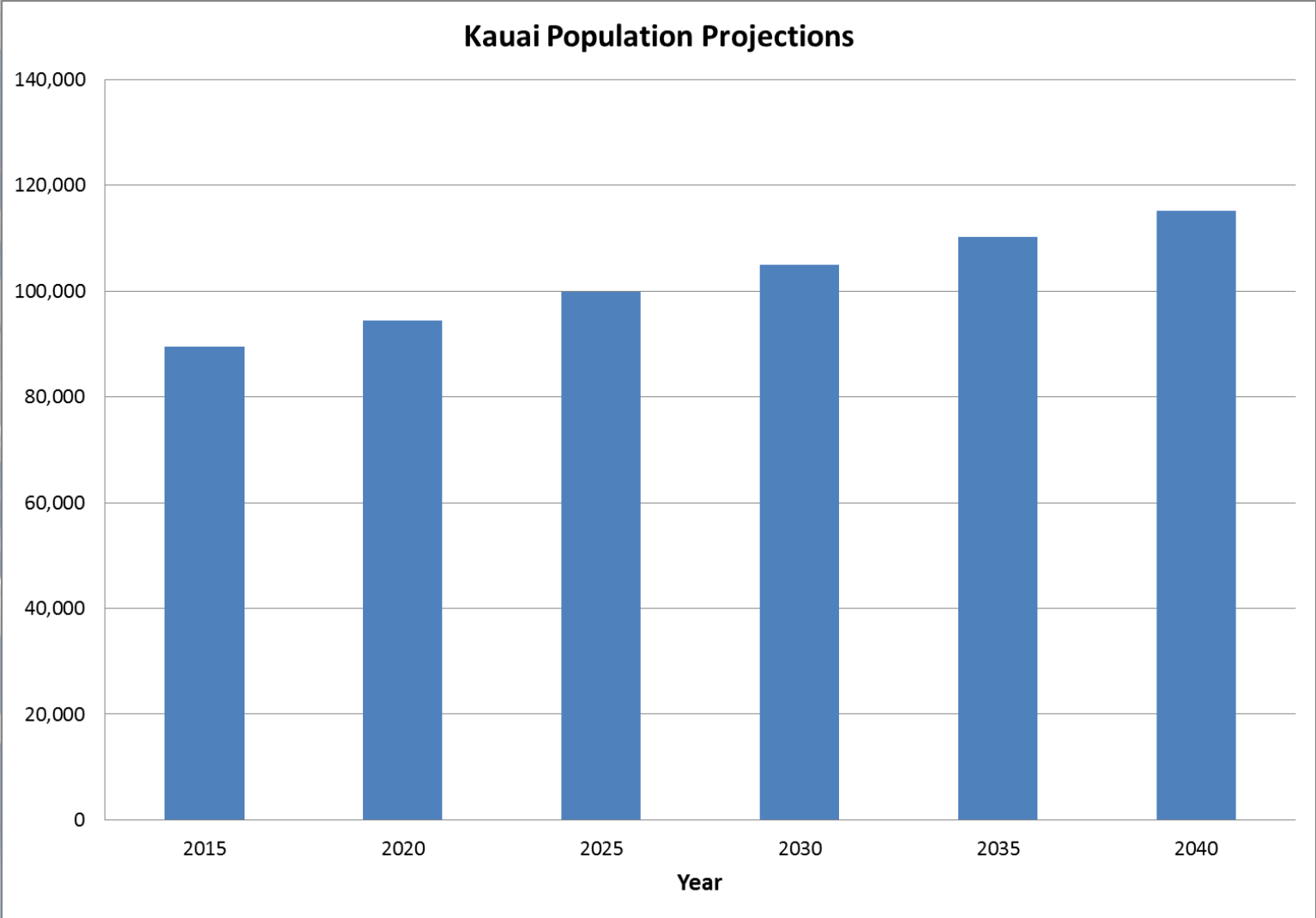
Climate Change



- Air temperatures are rising
- Precipitation and drought patterns are changing
- Streamflow is declining



Increasing Water Demands

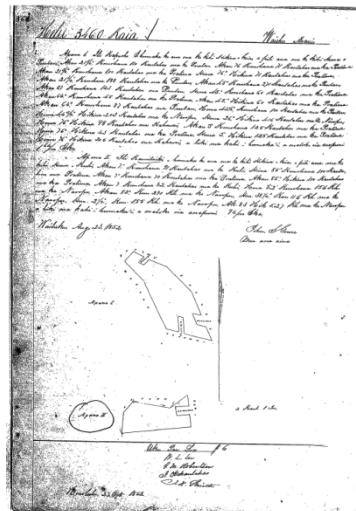


Native Hawaiian Water Rights



HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

- **DHHL**
- **Traditional & Customary**
- **Appurtenant**

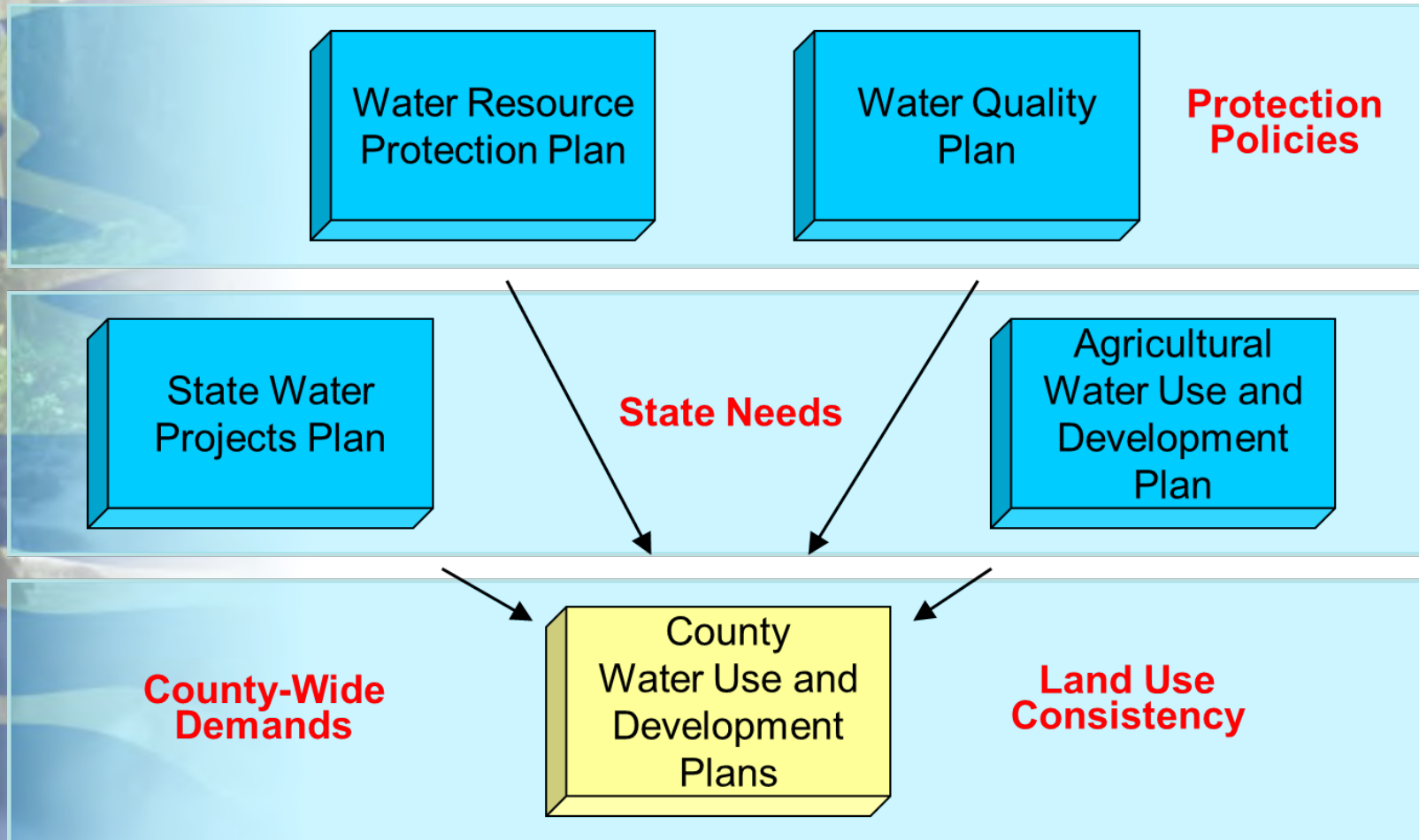


How will we meet all of our water needs?

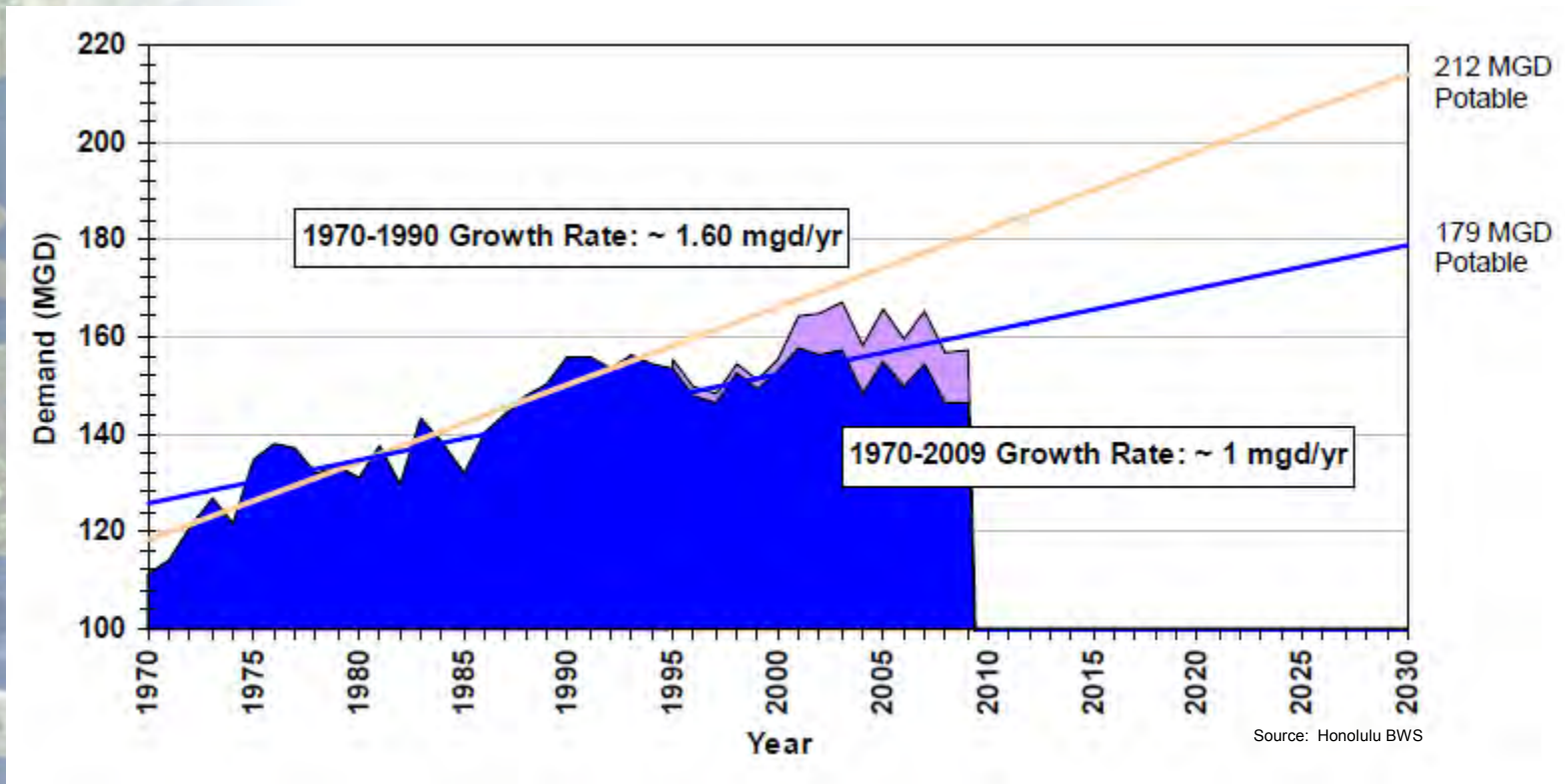
Will we run out of water?



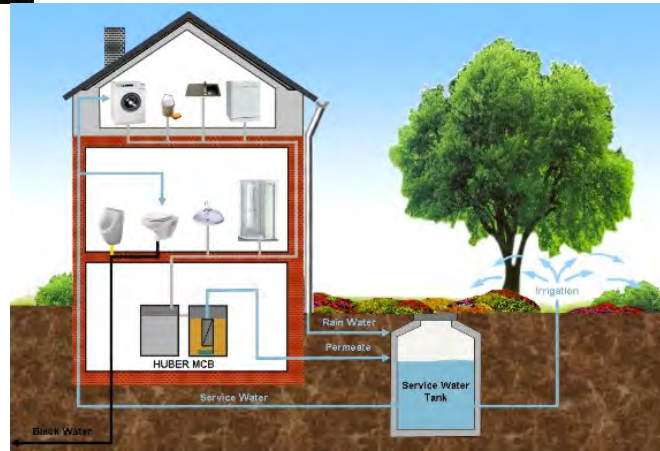
Hawaii Water Plan



Water Conservation (Oahu)



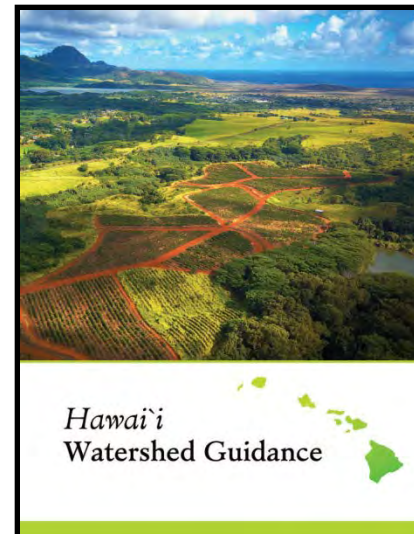
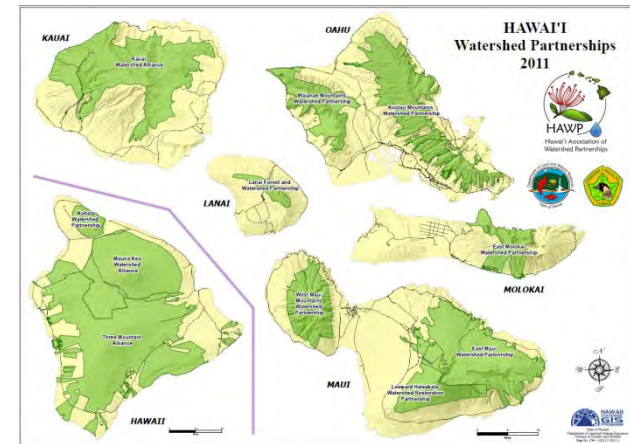
Alternative Water Sources



Watershed Management

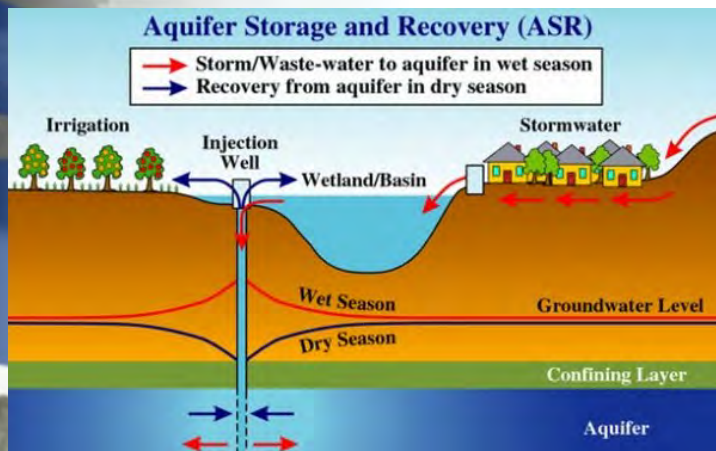
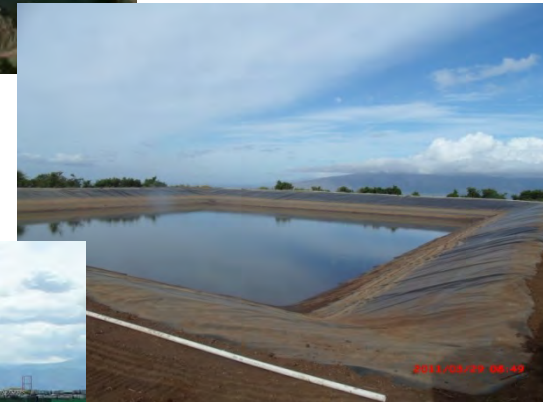
CWRM Support of Watershed Management

- Climate Studies
 - Rainfall Trends
 - Evapotranspiration Analysis
- Hydrologic Studies
 - Recharge Updates
 - Numerical Ground-Water Model Development
- Baseline Data Collection
 - Rainfall
 - Streamflow
 - Ground Water Levels
 - Aquifer Trends

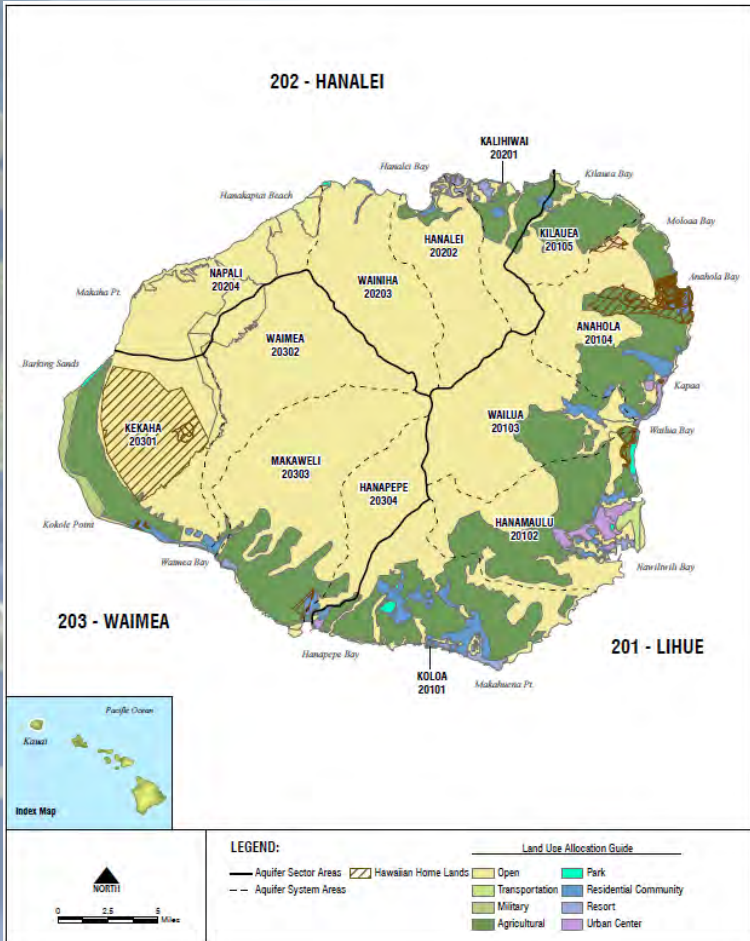


Storage

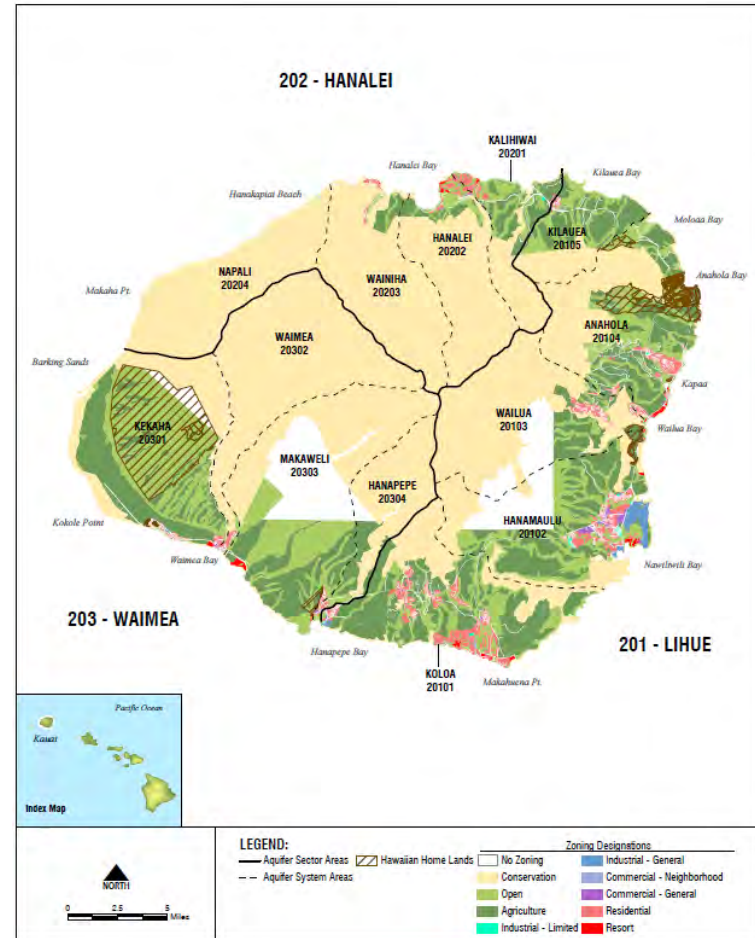
With decreasing rainfall and more extreme events, natural supplies will decrease, making storage increasingly important to meet our water needs...



County Land Use Controls



General Plan



Zoning





Commission's Surface Water Program



A background image of a waterfall cascading down rocks, with water splashing and creating mist. The waterfall is the central focus, with the surrounding environment being lush and green.

Stream Protection and Management Branch

Permitting and Enforcement:

Statewide

- Stream channel alteration permits
- Stream diversion works permit
- Respond to surface water-related complaints
- Water use reporting

Water Management Areas (Maui Only)

- Identify and quantify appurtenant rights and issue water use permits for surface water management area

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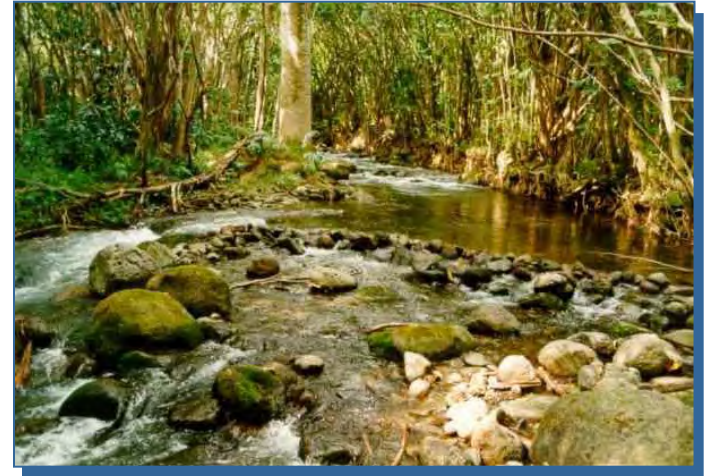
Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS):

- Monitor IIFS for East Maui and Na Wai Eha streams
- Waimea petition to amend the IIFS and waste complaint



Establishment of Instream Flow Standards

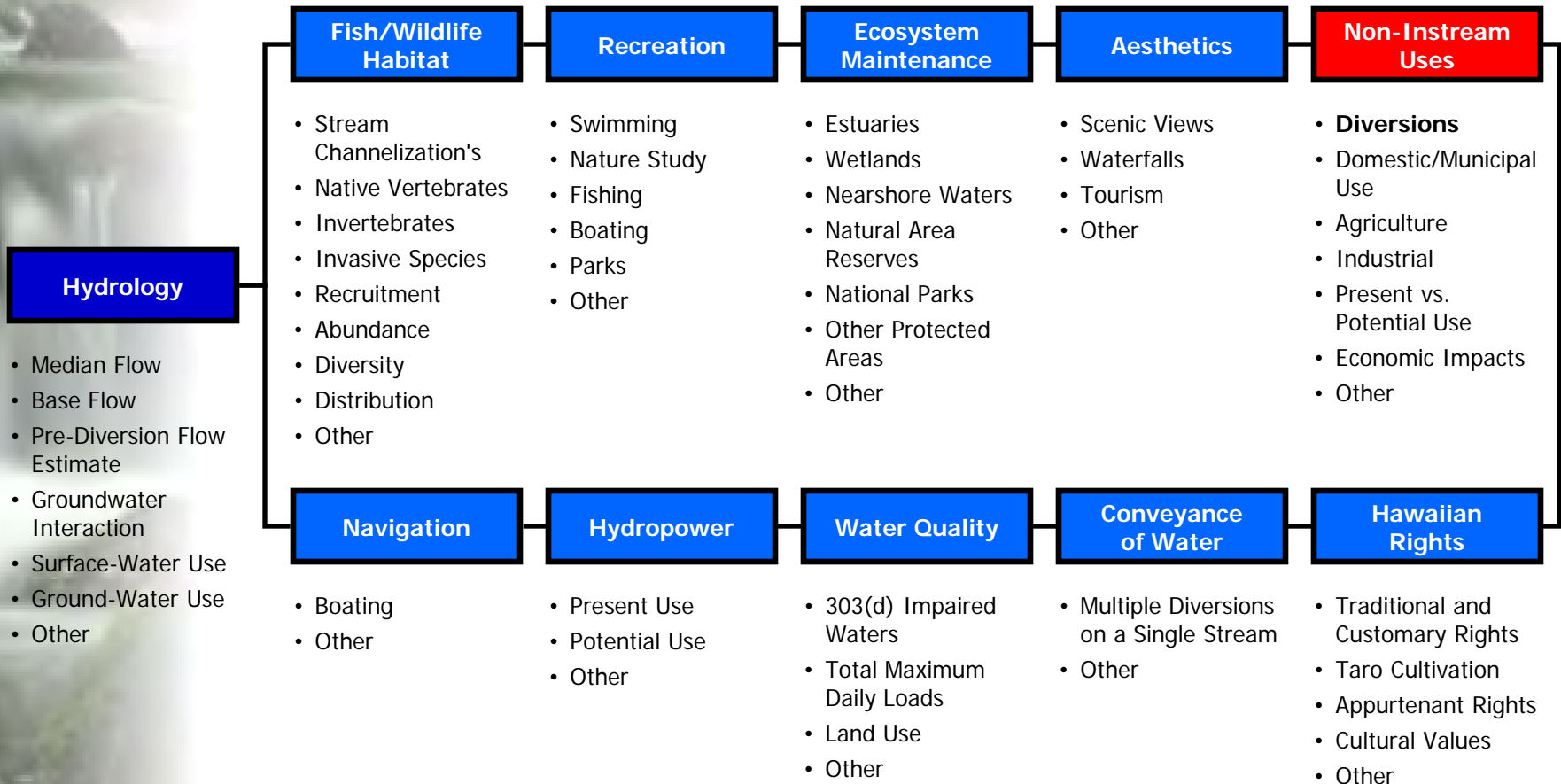
An IFS means a quantity, flow, or depth of water needed to protect beneficial instream uses which include:



- Maintenance of aquatic habitat;
- Recreation;
- Estuaries and wetlands;
- Navigation;
- Hydropower;
- Water quality;
- Conveyance of irrigation and domestic water to downstream points of diversion; and
- Protection of traditional and customary rights.

Assessment of Instream and Non-Instream Uses

- Inventory and evaluate best available information.
- Information will be organized and assessed by surface-water hydrologic units.
- Employ a public input process to incorporate additional information.



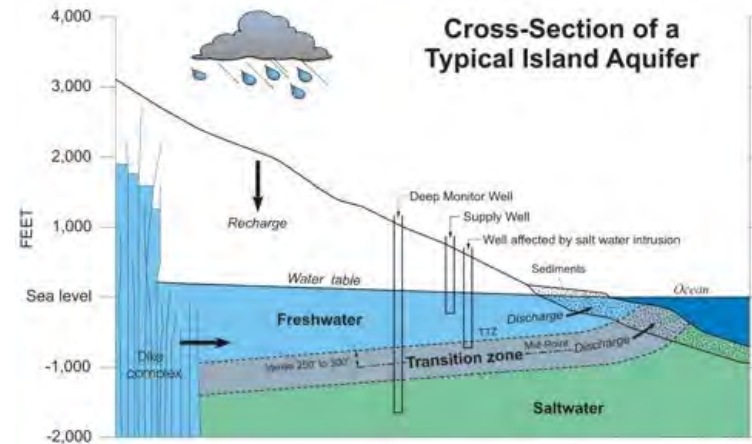
Commission's Ground Water Program



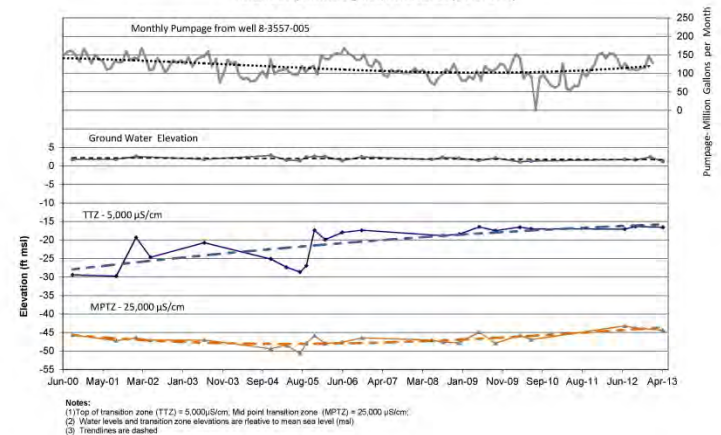
How is ground water monitored?

Hydrologic Monitoring – Deep Monitor Well Program

- DMWs penetrate the entire column of fresh water into the salt water
- CWRM currently logs **11** DMWs (6 on Oahu, 4 on Maui, 1 on Big Isle)
- Ideally, there should be 3 DMWs in each aquifer system area (over **300** DMWs)
- 2012 Legislature provided \$1.5M CIP to repair or construct new DMWs



Trends in Pumpage and Water levels and Transition Zone Elevations
Kahaluu Deep Monitoring Well, Kona, Hawaii (8-3457-0054)



Notes:
(1) Top of transition zone (TTZ) = 5,000 µS/cm, Mid point transition zone (MPTZ) = 25,000 µS/cm;
(2) Water levels and transition zone elevations are relative to mean sea level (masl)
(3) Trendlines are dashed

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Water Use Reporting System



CWRM is pleased to announce the development of its new online Water Use Reporting System. You can login to our system, type in your monthly water data, and with a click of a button, the data is automatically entered in our database.

The Water Use Reporting System is quick and easy, saving you time and money. Allowing you to see your history of reported water use and generate graphs to visually track your water use over time.

Join CWRM in bringing water management and data collection into the 21st century. Choose to use our online Hawaii State Water Use Reporting system.



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Water meter with totalizer. (HAWAII Well Construction & Pump Installation Standards)

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Water Use Reporting System



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4,059 wells statewide need to report monthly pumpage, water-levels, chlorides, and temperature. 432 of those wells are on Kaua'i.

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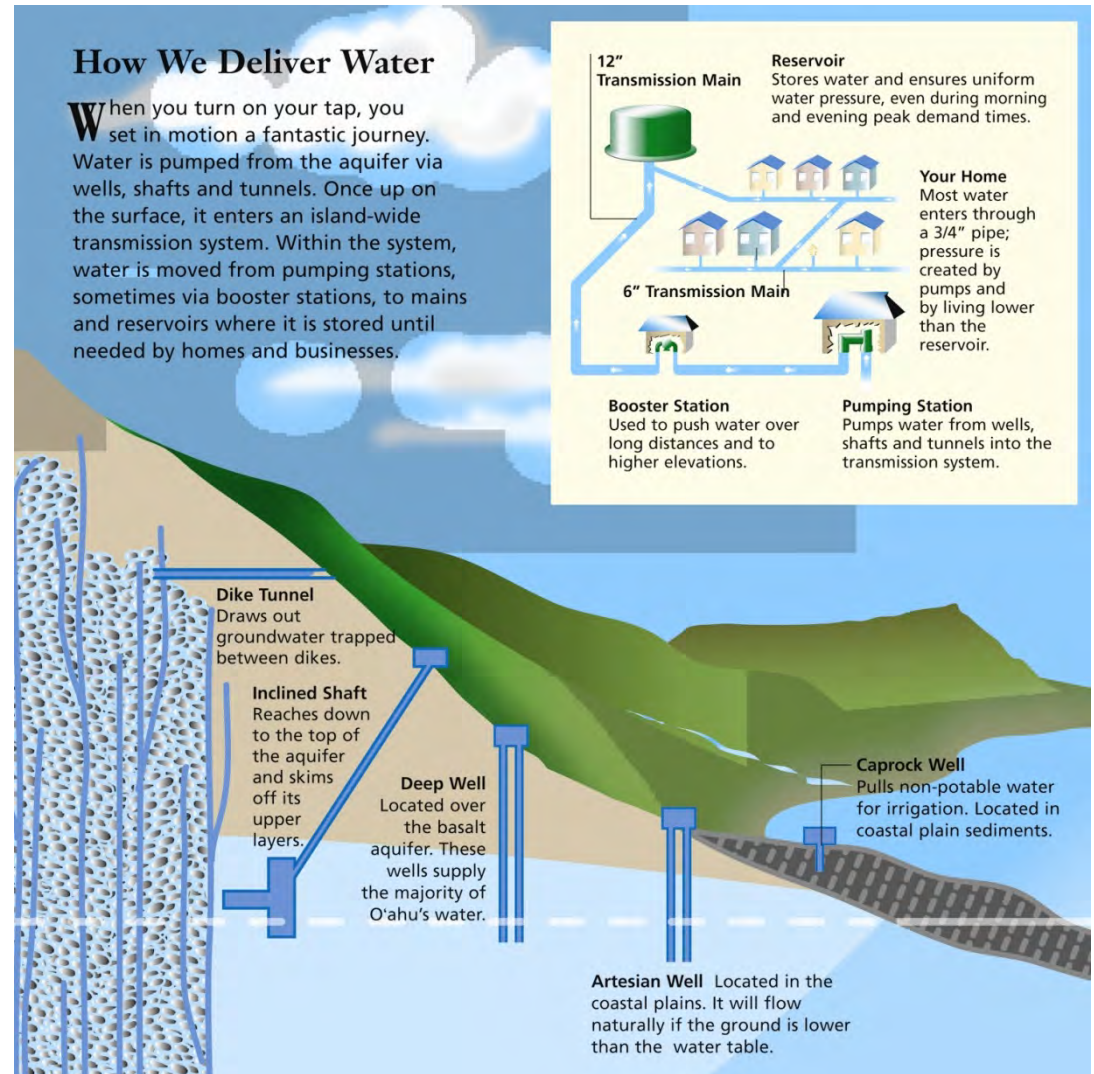
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How is ground water developed?

Ground Water

- Wells
- Shafts
- Tunnels



Source: Honolulu Board of Water Supply

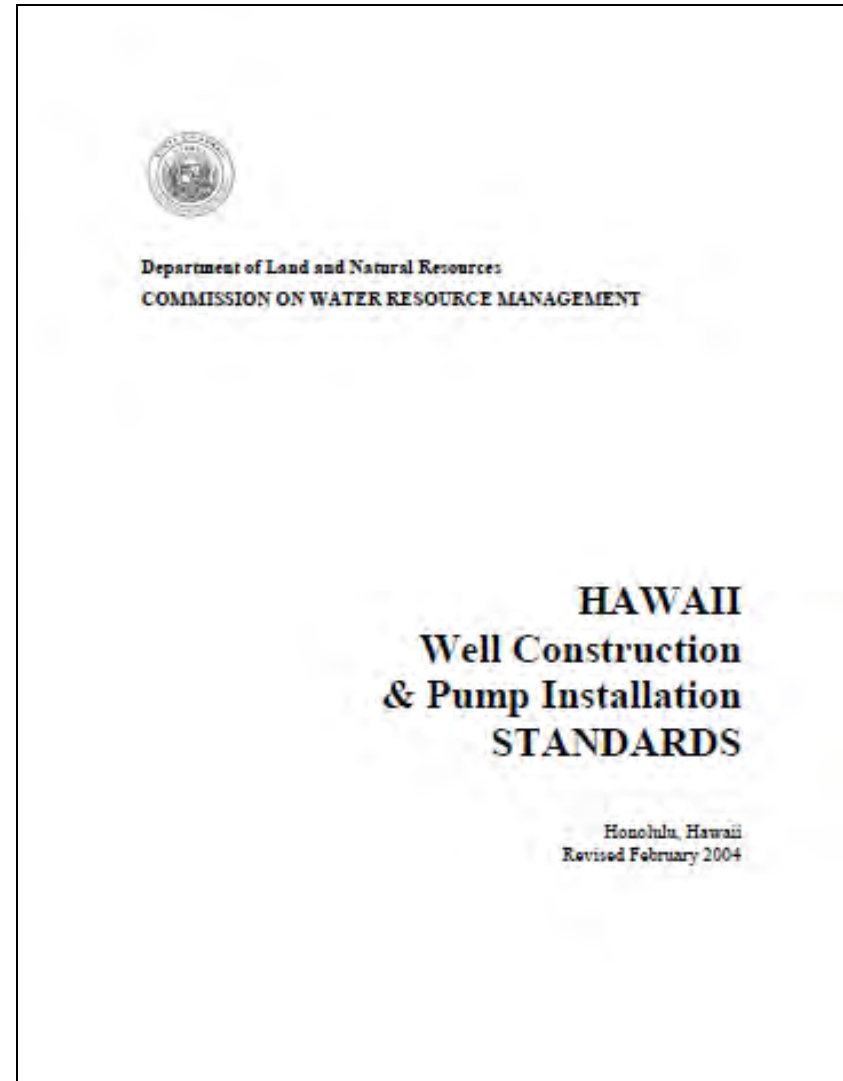
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Kanoa I Production Well (5731-02) 1999



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Hawaii Well Construction & Pump Installation Standards (HWCPIS)

Optimization and Construction Issues:

Limiting well depths

Pumping test procedures

Elevation benchmarks

Appropriate materials

Grouting

Monitor tubes

Flow meters



Ground Water Regulation Branch

Permitting and Enforcement:

Statewide

- Well Construction permits (HWCPIS)
- Pump Installation permits (HWCPIS)
- Respond to ground water-related complaints
- Water use reporting

Water Management Areas (Oahu, Maui, Molokai Only)

- Ground water use permit allocations subject to sustainable yields



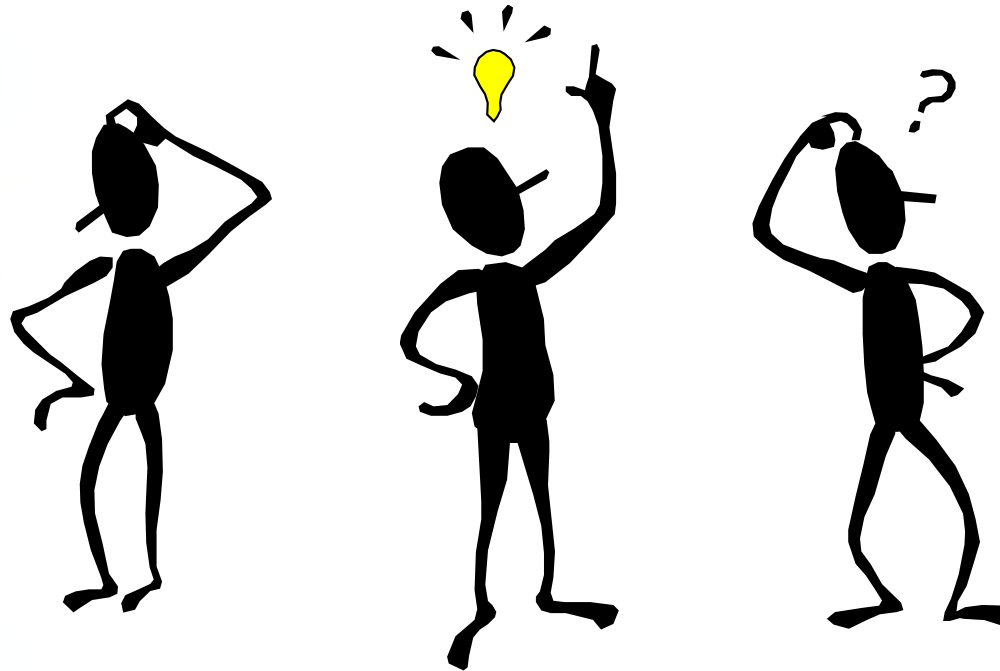


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