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Overview of the Hydrogeology of He'eia Watershed, O'ahu



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He'eia Watershed





Geology



Dikes in the Wai'anae Range



Dike-Impounded Groundwater





Inflow = Outflow





Withdrawals will be compensated by equal reduction in natural groundwater discharge





Groundwater Discharge in Stream-Gage Data





































Withdrawal Affects other Streams





Limitations of the 1992 Study

The 1992 study focused on contaminant transport, analysis of impacts of tunnel and well withdrawals on streams was limited

Nearly all data and analyses in the study were for areas upstream from the USGS gage—Impacts to other areas are possible, but have not been studied

The study was done nearly 30 years ago



Summary

Groundwater in the He'eia watershed exists as dike-impounded groundwater

Substantial groundwater discharges to streams and springs

USGS studies indicate that withdrawals from wells and tunnels have affected streams and springs in the upper He'eia Watershed

USGS studies also indicate that impacts of withdrawal spread beyond the watershed

Withdrawal of groundwater may also cause reductions in natural groundwater discharge in areas that have not yet been studied

