

EXEMPTION NOTICE FORM

County of Kaua'i, Department of Water
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TO: 1. Agency-Maintained Public Files for Chapter 343 HRS Exemption Determinations
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FROM: Joseph E. Tait, Manager & Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Exemption Notice for Job No. 24-10 Piwai Well No. 3 Repair

DATE: 9/6/2023

AGENCY OR APPLICANT ACTION

Check applicable box

- This exempted action is an agency action as defined by Section 343-5(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and Section 11-200.1-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR),
- This exempted action is an applicant action as defined by Section 343-5(e), HRS, and Section 11-200.1-9, HAR

EXEMPTION TYPE:

The Exemption Notice for the action described below is based on the general types enumerated in Section 11-200.1-15(c), Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Exemption Type 2.

As applicable, the exemption for the action described below is also supported by the Exemption List for the County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, reviewed and concurred to by the Environmental Council on 9/6/2022.

- Exemption List Class 2.
- Item Number B, Part 2, 2.
- Applicable language from the exemption list: Replacement or reconstruction of deep well pump and controls of equal size or to meet current demands, fire flow standards and other operational requirements with no intention of providing additional supply for increased development.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

Proposing Agency or Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Water

Project Name & Address/Location: Job No. 24-10, Piwai Well No. 3 Repair, Upper Omao, Kaua'i, HI

Anticipated Start Date: 12/18/2023

Anticipated End Date: 9/16/2024

Island and District: Kaua'i

Koloa

Tax Map Key(s) and other geolocation means: (4) 2-5-001:017

All Necessary Permits and Approvals: State of Hawai'i, Commission on Water Resource Management, Application for a Well Construction/Pump Installation Permit

NARRATIVE

Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: The existing deep well pump at Piwai Well No. 3 has failed and requires replacement. Piwai Well No. 3 provides potable water to the communities of Omao, Kōloa, and Po'ipū. The County of Kaua'i, Department of Water will replace the existing deep well pump with a new deep well pump of equal size.

RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The site is located in Upper Omao in a remote forested area surrounded by the property of a private land owner, Rita's Equip Rental/Trash Disposal, Inc. The Department of Water also has two other sites in the vicinity, Piwai Well No. 2 and Piwai Water Tank. There should be no impact to the environment from the deep well pump replacement, the removed deep well pump will be disposed of properly by the contractor. The contractor will be required to follow federal, state, and local laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

I have considered the potential effects of the proposed project and all related activities against the criteria checked below:

	Not Applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Zoning Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic (Vehicles, Bicycles, Pedestrian)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings, Utilities)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality Pollutant Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid, Hazardous, and Liquid Waste Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Beach Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources and Practices	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual/Aesthetic	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened, and/or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface and Ground Water Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian/Coastal Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments/summary of impact analysis: The work does not have any impact on traffic, infrastructure, or surface and ground water resources. All work will be within the Department of Water's pump site and the deep well pump will be replaced with a pump of equal capacity.

MITIGATION

Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: A number of best management practices are utilized as part of standard operating procedures for existing activities at the site. The construction work will follow noise, dust, and debris requirements. The contractor will be required to dispose of all debris and rubbish in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.

CONSULTATION

The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption (Name, affiliation, consultation date): County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, Deputy Manager Engineer Michael Hinazumi, mhinazumi@kauaiwater.org; County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, Civil Engineer VII Manager Jason Kagimoto, jkagimoto@kauaiwater.org; County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, Chief of Water Operations Ryan Smith, rsmith@kauaiwater.org

EXEMPT DECLARATION

The direct, cumulative, and potential impacts of the action described above have been considered pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules. I declare that the action described above will have minimal or no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.



Signature of Director or Delegate

Sep 6, 2023

Date

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