

## 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 and Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Exemption Notice for Kūhiō Highway (Hardy-Oxford) 18" Waterline Replacement

DATE: 1/3/2024

### 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 2.1**.
- Applicable language from the exemption list: Replacement or reconstruction of pipeline and appurtenances (water mains, service laterals, meters, hydrants, valves, manholes, gauges) of equal size or to meet current demands, Water System Standards, fire flow standards and other operational requirements with no intention of providing additional flow for increased development.

### DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

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

Project Name & Address/Location: Kūhiō Highway (Hardy-Oxford) 18" Waterline Replacement, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

Anticipated Start Date: 8/1/2024

Anticipated End Date: 7/31/2026

Island and District: Kaua'i

Lihu'e

Tax Map Key(s) and other geolocation means: Within the road right-of-ways of Kūhiō Highway between Hardy Street and Oxford Street and Poinciana Street between Kūhiō Highway and Jerves Street

All Necessary Permits and Approvals: County of Kaua'i, Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, Highways Division

#### NARRATIVE

Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: The County of Kaua'i, Department of Water is replacing existing water infrastructure that is nearing the end of its service life in order to provide water mains that meet current fire flow standards, with sizing to match the existing water line diameter at the tie-in point near the intersection of Kūhiō Highway and Hardy Street for operational requirements and constructability purposes.

#### RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The work will be performed in State of Hawai'i right-of-way, on the State highway and County of Kaua'i right-of-way, on a County road. The area consists of commercial and residential spaces.

#### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Beach Access	<input 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"/>

- Riparian/Coastal Resources   
 Other

Comments/summary of impact analysis: The construction work will cause temporary impact to the community including traffic, noise emissions, social, economic, and visual aesthetic. When the project is completed these temporary impacts will not remain. The completed project will provide improved infrastructure and better health and safety since existing water mains that are the end of its service life will be replaced with new water lines that meet fire flow standards.

#### MITIGATION

Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: The construction work will follow federal, state, and local laws in regards to traffic control, noise emissions, waste management, and best management practices.

#### CONSULTATION

The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption (Name, affiliation, consultation date): State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation Highways Division and County of Kaua'i, Department of Public Works Engineering Division.

#### 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.



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Signature of Director or Delegate

Jan 3, 2024

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Date

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