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Mr. Quirino Antonio, Jr., P.E.
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Dear Mr. Antonio:

Notice of Action
Approval of the Project Description for the
Hawaii County Water Use and Development Plan Update for the
Keauhou and Waimea Aquifer System Areas

This letter serves as your official notice of action by the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) on the Project Description for the Hawaii County Water Use and Development Plan Update for the Keauhou and Waimea Aquifer System Areas.

By a unanimous vote of the Commission at their meeting on February 18, 2015, the Commission granted conditional approval of the County of Hawaii's project description for updating the water use and development plans for the Keauhou and Waimea Aquifer System Areas:

1. The updates shall proceed in two phases:
 - i. The first phase shall refine demand projections and calculate authorized planned use in accordance with the project description and based on the project description clarifications discussed in this submittal. A new project description for the Phase 1 update, which incorporates the project description clarifications discussed in this submittal (attached), shall be submitted to the Commission by March 4, 2015. A draft of the Phase 1 update shall be submitted to the Commission by May 15, 2015. The county shall begin assessing cultural and environmental issues using available published information, such as Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements, and report back to the Commission on preliminary findings by May 30, 2015.
 - ii. The second phase will involve the development of source development strategies and scenarios. The County shall submit additional information on the project description approach and schedule for this second phase by May 30, 2015. This additional information will be considered an addendum to the project description and will be submitted to the Commission for approval.

For your information, the Commission also directed its staff to work with the Office of the Attorney General to review the legal definition of authorized planned use and determine whether additional clarification in the law is warranted.

Pursuant to the Commission's action, we look forward to receiving: 1) your revised project description for the Phase 1 update by March 4, 2015, 2) a draft of the Phase 1 update by May 15, 2015, and 3) your preliminary findings on cultural and environmental issues and your project description for the Phase 2 update by May 30, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Lenore Ohye at 808-587-0220 or toll-free at 974-4000, extension 70220.

Sincerely,


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Acting Deputy Director

Attachment

c: Jon Nishimura, FAINC