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## **AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

DATE: March 24, 2026  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 132  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
Online via Zoom, Meeting ID: 899 2008 5879  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89920085879>

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1. When you sign in on Zoom, please include your first and last name and the number of the agenda item you wish to testify on; and
2. When the Chair calls for testimony on your agenda item, please use the “RAISE HAND” feature in Zoom and wait for your name to be called. If you need to step away from the meeting, please lower your hand and raise it again when you return so that you may be called upon.

*We kindly ask that all oral/video testimony be limited to not more than two (2) minutes.  
We also ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking,  
but you can choose not to do so.*

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. October 28, 2025
2. November 18, 2025

**B. ACTION ITEM**

1. Stream Protection & Management Branch – Request for Delegation of Authority to the Chairperson to Appoint a Hearing Officer for CCH-MA 15-01, Surface Water Use Permit Applications, Integration of Appurtenant Rights and Amendments to the Interim Instream Flow Standards, Nā Wai 'Ehā Surface Water Management Areas of Waihe'e River, Waiehu Stream, Wailuku River (previously known as 'Īao Stream) and Waikapū Stream, Maui

**C. NON-ACTION ITEMS / INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS**

1. March 2026 Update by the Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill
2. Briefing by Deputy Director – Ongoing CWRM Projects and Near-Term Organizational Priorities
3. Briefing by Deputy Director – Tracked State Legislation Related to the Commission on Water Resource Management for the 2026 Legislative Session
  - i. **HB0306 HD2 SD1 — RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.**

Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code and authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the CWRM must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines every five years from 2030 to 2045. Effective 7/1/2040. (SD1)
  - ii. **HB0510 HD1 SD2 — RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY.**

Amends the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies. Limits the duration of a water shortage declaration to ninety days. Limits water

usage restrictions imposed on a permittee or owner and operator to twenty per cent of the permittee's or owner and operator's last reported monthly use. Requires CWRM to maintain a list of names and postal or email addresses of persons who request notification of a water shortage declaration and send them a copy of a notice of a water shortage declaration whenever a water shortage is declared. Effective 7/1/2040. (SD2)

iii. **HB1728 — RELATING TO RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS.**

Requires the counties to allow for the installation and operation of rainwater catchment systems for potable and non-potable uses on all properties. Authorizes the counties to regulate and enforce standards for the use of rainwater catchment systems.

iv. **HB2103 — RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION.**

Amends the composition of the Land Use Commission to require at least one member who has substantial experience and expertise in water resource management. Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to submit a list of nominees to the Governor for the appointment of a commission member having substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land practices.

v. **HB2325 — RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPT POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.**

Exempts certain positions within the State Historic Preservation Division and Commission on Water Resource Management within the Department of Land and Natural Resources from the state civil service law.

vi. **SB2002 — RELATING TO WATER.**

Allows the Commission on Water Resource Management to retain independent counsel. Repeals the First Deputy to the Chairperson of CWRM. Establishes the Executive Director of the CWRM. Administratively attaches the CWRM to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Authorizes members of CWRM to be eligible to serve as chairperson. Requires the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Director of Health to

serve as ex officio voting members ineligible to serve as chairperson. Adds one member to the nominating committee for CWRM, to be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Authorizes entities to whom an emergency order is directed to challenge the order under certain conditions. Clarifies the notification requirements and contents of declarations of water shortages. Establishes fines. Makes conforming amendments.

- vii. **SB2022 — RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.**  
Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code and authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the CWRM must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines every five years from 2031 to 2046.
- viii. **SB2240 — RELATING TO LAND USE.**  
Requires any petitioner for a district boundary amendment to obtain certification from the Commission on Water Resource Management that enough water is available for the project needs without causing harm to the relevant aquifers and provide that certification to the Land Use Commission.
- ix. **SB2800 — RELATING TO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.**  
Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire, repair, and maintain irrigation systems in the State.
- x. **SB2921 — RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**  
Transfers to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds and programs.

#### **D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Deputy Director – Status Update on the Processing of Water Use Permit Applications for the Lahaina Surface and Ground Water Management Area

**E. COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE (*Tentative*)**

1. April 21, 2026 (Tuesday)
2. May 19, 2026 (Tuesday)

***NOTE: Items may be taken out of order and will be announced at the start of the meeting***

The Commission may go into Executive Session pursuant to 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

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Materials related to items on this agenda are available for review at our office at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 227, and will also be available at the meeting. The agenda and the listed submittals will be provided in the board packet if one is made.

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In some of the matters before the Commission, a person may wish to request a contested case hearing. If such a request is made before the Commission's decision, then the Commission will consider the request first before considering the merits of the item before it. A person who wants a contested case may also wait until the Commission decides the issue, then request the contested case after the decision, but before the close of the Commission meeting. Any request must also be made in writing within ten calendar days. If no request for contested case is made, the Commission will make a decision. The Commission will treat the decision as final and proceed accordingly.

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