

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAHAINA AQUIFER SECTOR AREA **SURFACE AND GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA DESIGNATION** **ISLAND OF MAUI**

STATE OF HAWAII
Commission on Water Resource Management
Department of Land and Natural Resources

On June 14, 2022, the Commission on Water Resource Management rendered a decision to accept the Chairperson's recommendation to designate the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area as both a Surface and Ground Water Management Area that includes the Honokōhau, Honolua, Honokahua, Kahana, Honokōwai, Wahikuli, Kahoma, Kaua'ula, Launiupoko, Olowalu, and Ukumehame Surface Water Hydrologic Units and the Honokōhau, Honolua, Honokōwai, Launiupoko, Olowalu, and Ukumehame Groundwater Hydrologic Units (see map for areas affected). This decision was made in accordance with Part IV (Regulation of Water Use) of the State Water Code, Chapter 174C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Title 13, Chapter 171 (Designation and Regulation of Water Management Areas), Hawaii Administrative Rules.

In its decision, the Commission determined, after conducting scientific investigations and research, that the surface and ground water resources in the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area may be threatened by existing or proposed withdrawals or diversions of water, there is harm to ground water quantity and quality by saltwater intrusion, there is serious historic and ongoing disputes over current and planned uses of water occurring, there is climate uncertainty and potential drought and decline in rainfall and recharge, and there is surface and groundwater interaction and connection that should be managed in an integrated manner. For more information on the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area visit: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/cwrm/groundwater/gwma/lahaina/>

The effective date of this surface and ground-water management area designation for the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area shall be on publication of this notice or August 6, 2022.

In a water management area, no person shall make a withdrawal, diversion, impoundment, or consumptive use of surface or ground water without first obtaining a water use permit from the Commission on Water Resource Management. However, no water use permit shall be required for domestic consumption of water by individual users and for the use of rain catchment systems to gather water. Existing users may continue their present usage pending action on their applications for a water use permit.

Applications for water use permits to continue an existing use of surface or ground water must be made within a period of one year from the effective date of designation, that is between August 6, 2022 (*the date this Public Notice is published*) and no later than August 5, 2023. The Commission shall send notices to existing users who declared their uses, registered stream diversions or wells, and to persons who have obtained

stream diversion works permits or well construction and pump installation permits from the Commission to file for applications for water use permits to continue their existing uses.

Except for appurtenant rights, failure to apply within this period creates a presumption of abandonment of the use, and to revive a prior water use, a user must apply for a permit as a proposed new use and will be subject to the availability of surface or ground water as determined by existing surface or ground water use permits and the sustainable yield and interim instream flow standards.

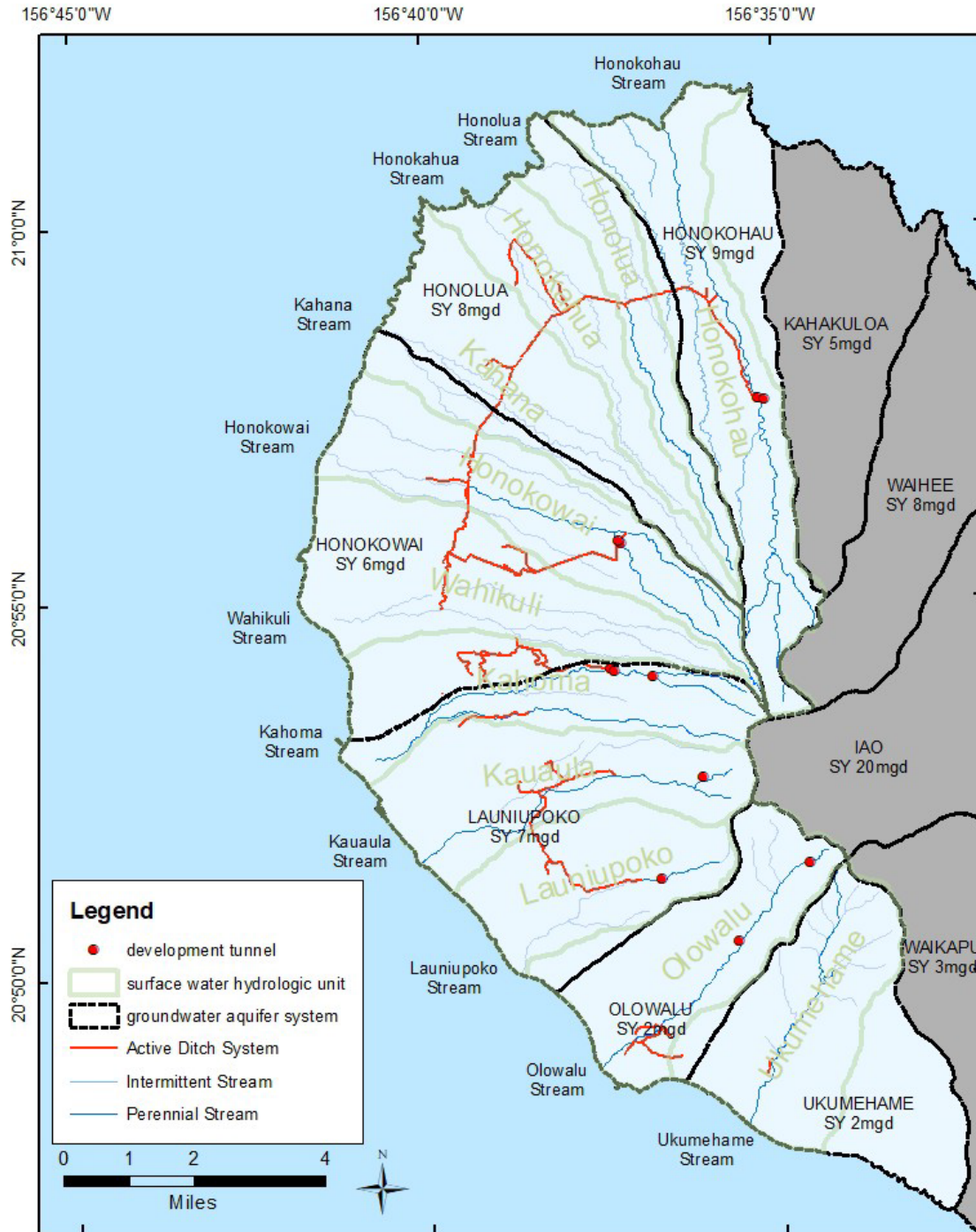
Application forms for a surface and ground water use permits are available at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management, Kalanimoku Building Room 227, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 91813 or may be downloaded from the Commission's website at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/cwrm/info/forms/>. We strongly recommend electronic submission of applications.

If there are any questions regarding surface or ground water use permit applications, please call (808) 587-0214.

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Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area



Ground Water Aquifer Systems Areas and their sustainable yields (SY) for the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area with overlaying surface water hydrologic units and their perennial and intermittent streams with development tunnels and active irrigation ditch systems.