



*Honokōhau Dam Intake, Honokōhau, Maui*

## Item B2:

The Commission's  
Approach to  
Addressing Water for  
Temporary Housing  
Needs for Areas of  
Maui Affected by  
Wildfires

February 20, 2024



# Background

- The Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) designated entire Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area as a ground and surface water management area (effective date August 6, 2021), which requires water use permits pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 174C-48.
- HRS § 174C-48 (b) delegates to the county water boards the authority to allocate their water use of municipal purposes.
- While CWRM is processing water use permit applications existing water uses can continue, but any new water use without a permit would constitute a violation of the Water Code.

# Water for Temporary Housing Projects provided by MDWS

- If Maui Department of Water Supply (MDWS) provides water to the temporary housing site, this water use would be covered under their existing use because the MDWS system end uses from Lahaina only shifted to a new location.





# Water for Temporary Housing Projects provided by Private Purveyors

- If the water to the temporary housing was provided by a purveyor other than MDWS, a water use permit application for a new use would be required.

