Update on Kaua`i Water Projects and Issues

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Pu`u `Ōpae, Kaua`i

Water Projects and Issues

- 1. Wailua Well No. 1
- 2. Wailua River Issues
- 3. Anahola Water System Improvements
- 4. Moloa'a Opportunities
- 5. Waimea River Settlement Implementation Updates

1. Wailua Well No. 1



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- Wailua in the Kaua`i Island & Regional Plan
 - 526 acres
 - Minimum of 200 homestead residences
 - Resort / Timeshare
 - Commercial

Wailua River, Kaua`i

1. Wailua Well No. 1

- 2009: Water Plan (engineering) prepared
 - 141,000 gpd potable demand up to 288 residences
- 2009: Wailua Well No. 1 drilled & tested
 - Capacity of 290,000 gpd
- 2014-16: Ream and Case well
- 2017: FEA / FONSI issued
- 2019: well capped, ready when needed
- Other sources needed for non-potable demands

Wailua River, Kaua`i

2. Wailua River Issues

- KIUC continues to seek a new lease for water for their Waiahi Power Plant
- HHC / DHHL / Beneficiaries have impacted rights
 - Water reservations for DHHL use
 - 30% of license revenue (+OHA 20%)
 - Water needs for T&C uses
- October 16, 2018: DHHL awarded .513 mgd reservation
 - Means to deliver water undetermined
- CCH on IIFS is still pending (petition granted March 19, 2019)

3. Anahola Water System Improvements

•August 2016, DHHL received notice of \$3 million (USDA) RD funds (\$3.8 million DHHL match)

- System serves 77 users
- Improvements will
 - Replace components near end of life
 - Improve pressure
 - Address safety and security
 - Increase operational efficiencies
- See Item E-1

4. Moloa'a Opportunities

Moloa`a

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- 316 acres undeveloped
- 47 three acre homestead
- 86 acres general ag
- Potable & nonpotable needs

NO. 64 FLANS

- State well nearby
 - **Currently on an RP**
 - Being converted to a GL
 - HRS 171-58(g) reservations are needed

Legend DHBHL Property Major Land Owners Conservance Hawaii Federal State of Hawaii DHBHL County of Kanai

Diversion Ditch, Wailua River, Kaua`i

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- January 2013: HHC authorization to seek reservation
- July 2013: Po`ai Wai Ola Petition & Complaint
- November 2015: 1st DHHL Reservation Petition
- April 17, 2017: DHHL agrees to mediation
- April 18, 2017: CWRM agrees to mediation
- April 25 (DHHL files) June 20, 2017 (CWRM approves) modified Reservation

5. Waimea River Settlement Update

- 2017 2021: Continued efforts to implement settlement
 - Progress slower than all anticipated
- Progress made on KIUC design of proposed
 "West Kaua'i Energy Project"
- August 10, 2020: FEA for Pu`u `Opae Settlement Plan Approved
- Continued work with beneficiaries and stakeholders
- Work begun to discuss operational agreement

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Blue Hole Diversion, Kaua`i