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Aloha Hawaiian Home Lands Beneficiaries,

The Hawai'i Electric Light Company (HELCO) is seeking a new sixty-five year lease of water from the Wailuku River in Hilo from the state Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). HELCO wishes to continue to use the water to operate two hydroelectric plants at lower Pi'ihonua (see attached map). Under state law (HRS § 171-58(g)), the DLNR and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) are required to jointly develop a "reservation" of water as part of the leasing process. A water reservation is a state set-aside of water for current and foreseeable development and use, in this case by the DHHL.

At the request of HELCO and DLNR and to assist in developing this reservation, DHHL will be sharing information and accepting comments regarding this proposed water lease and reservation at a Beneficiary Consultation Meeting on:

**August 15, 2017 (Tuesday)  
Hilo High School Cafeteria  
(556 Waianuenue Ave, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720)  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The Beneficiary Consultation Meeting will also provide time for you to share your input and mana'o regarding the proposed project. Your comments will be presented to the Hawaiian Homes Commission to assist in their decision-making process, and will also be shared with the DLNR and HELCO. As a beneficiary on the Island of Hawai'i, your participation is important and I encourage you to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Kaleo Manuel, in our Planning Office at (808) 620-9481 or via email at [dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov](mailto:dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov).

Mahalo,

Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairman  
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Attachment

# Wailuku River Hydroelectric Facilities

