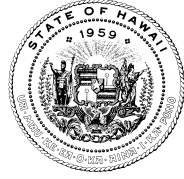


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Dear DHHL Beneficiary,

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) study of groundwater recharge and availability in central Molokai is nearly complete. Among other uses, the study will help inform DHHL and County applications for Water Use Permits in the Kualapu'u Aquifer. Current USGS findings will be presented at a meeting scheduled for **Saturday June 1, 2019** from **10am to 3pm** at the Kulana 'Ōiwi Hālau.

The objectives of the study were to estimate the hydrologic effects of additional groundwater withdrawal scenarios on salinity and water levels near existing wells, and coastal discharge. The model developed by the study will represent the best available tool to effectively manage groundwater withdrawals from central Molokai and develop long-range plans for future development of resources. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community of the preliminary study results prior to publication.

Two of the three principal water distributors on Molokai (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Maui County Department of Water Supply) will share information on how they are pursuing water use permits and the Commission on Water Resource Management will explain the process for consideration of water use requests. The meeting agenda is as follows:

10:00a	U.S. Geological Survey Findings of Groundwater Study, Dr. Delwyn S. Oki
12:00p	Lunch (will be provided)
1:00p	Department of Hawaiian Home Lands WUPA Request, Dr. Jonathan Scheuer
1:30p	Maui County Department of Water Supply WUPA Request, Eva Blumenstein
2:00p	Commission on Water Resource Management, Roy Hardy
2:30p	Questions and Answers

Please plan to attend and provide mana'ō on these important issues. The study and this meeting have been co-sponsored by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, U.S. Geological Survey and Maui County Department of Water Supply.

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Aloha,

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