

# **Briefing on Proposed Processes for the Allocation of Water Credits and Water Meters on Potable Water Systems**

**Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) Meeting (virtual & in person)**

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# **Water Meter and Credit Management**

- I. Background**
- II. Need for Priorities and Procedures**
- III. Relevant Authorities**
- IV. Proposed Prioritization**
- V. Proposed Workflow**



# I. Background

Water Reservations are commitments from CWRM to withhold water sources from other users in DHHL's favor.

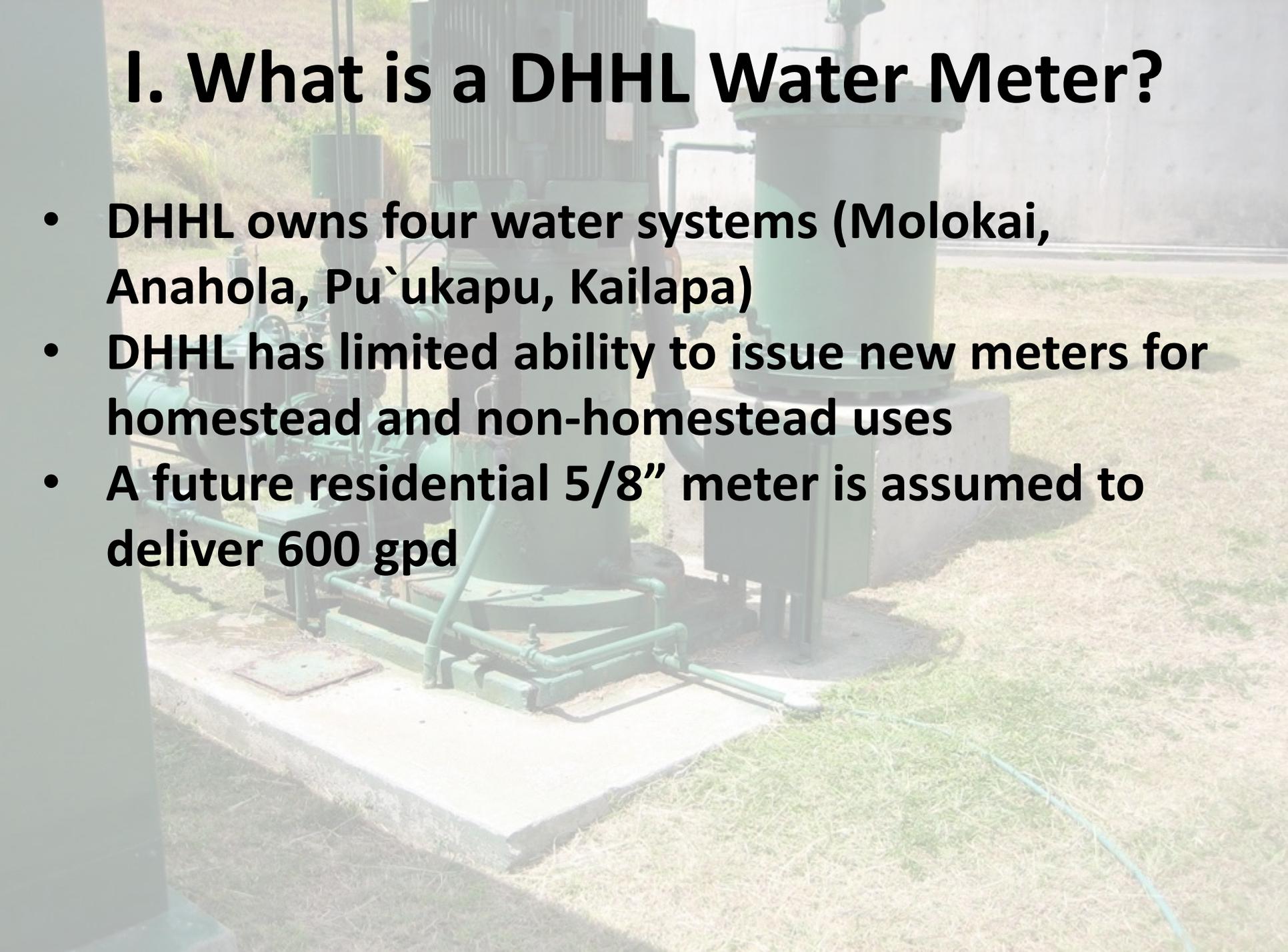
Water Credits (on non-DHHL water systems) and the ability to issue Water Meters (on DHHL water systems) are critical trust assets that allow DHHL to develop homesteading opportunities for beneficiaries

# I. What is a Water Credit?

- Issued by the Counties or private entity to DHHL or others
- Issued in exchange for source, storage, transmission, or other consideration
- One credit – a future residential 5/8” meter, assumed to deliver 600 gpd
- Currently held credits
  - Maui (upcountry)
  - Kaua’i (Anahola farm lots)

# I. What is a DHHL Water Meter?

- DHHL owns four water systems (Molokai, Anahola, Pu`ukapu, Kailapa)
- DHHL has limited ability to issue new meters for homestead and non-homestead uses
- A future residential 5/8" meter is assumed to deliver 600 gpd



# **II. Need for Priorities and Procedures**

- **Future Meters & Credits are a Critical Trust Asset**
- **How are they accounted for?**
- **Who awards them?**
- **Should there be charges?**
- **How is issuance prioritized?**
- **Example 1: Kaua'i homestead subdivision**
- **Example 2: Molokai emergency need**

# III. Relevant Authorities

**HHCA § 101(b): (b) The principal purposes of this Act include but are not limited to:**

**(4) Providing adequate amounts of water and supporting infrastructure, so that homestead lands will always be usable and accessible;**

# III. Relevant Authorities

## HARs

## WPP Priority Goals

1. Affirmatively communicate with beneficiaries regarding water decisions, performance, and water rights on a regional and annual basis.
3. Develop and manage a Water Assets Inventory (WAI).

## WPP Additional Goals

13. Methodically and consistently manage and allocate water credits.

# IV. Draft Procedures

- **Prioritizations & Workflow**
- **Priorities – when resources are scarce**
- **Workflow – reliable and consistent management**



# **IV. Prioritization Policy**

- a. Residential use on awarded residential homestead lots**
- b. Residential use on awarded residential agricultural or pastoral lots**
- c. Areas where the Department has invested in infrastructure development for residential use on homestead lots but development is incomplete**

# **IV. Prioritization Policy**

- d. Lots eligible for subdivision for residential use, regardless of being agricultural, pastoral, or residential lots**
- e. Agricultural or pastoral use on agricultural or pastoral lots**
- f. Uses by a Homesteader Organization on a property interest issued by the Department**

# **IV. Prioritization Policy**

**g. Ancillary community uses that are identified in Island or Regional Plans or other HHC land use designation actions**

**h. Commercial and other non-homestead, non-community uses in the area on Department lands**

# IV. Prioritization Exceptions

- **State of Emergency**
- **Lower uses when higher uses will not occur in the next four years, with recommendation by Chair and approval by HHC**



# IV. Workflow

**Planning Office, District Offices, HSD, LDD,  
Chairman's Office, HHC all have roles**

Maintain  
Data

Request

Review  
and  
Analysis

Rec. to  
Chairman

Approval  
by HHC if  
necessary

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