



HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION • DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Beneficiary Consultation Meeting

Proposed Water Agreement

August 21, 2025

6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



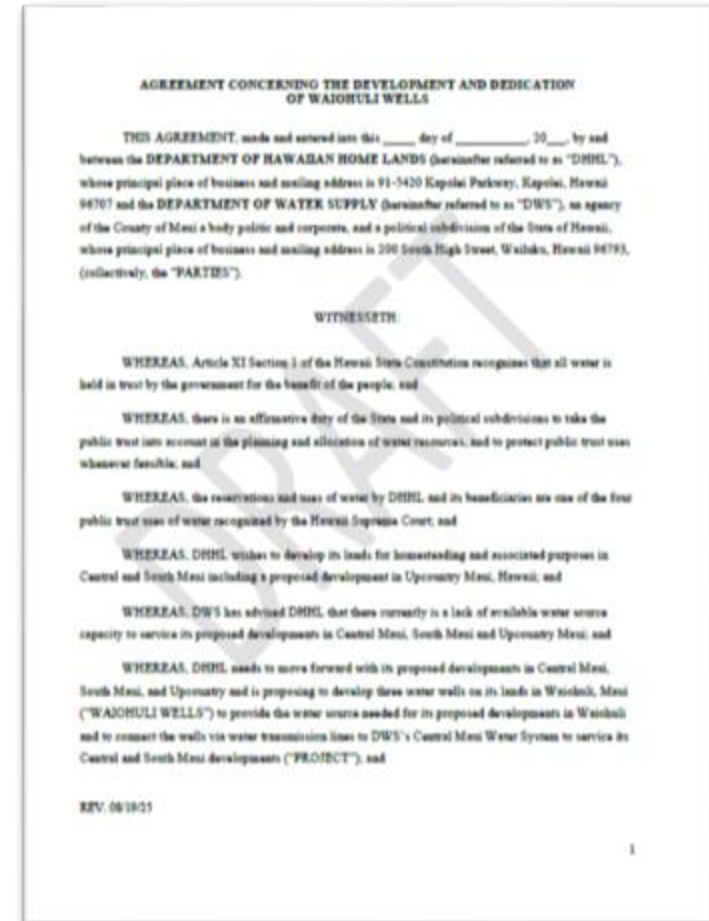
- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview of Agenda
- Policy Trigger for Consultation
- Introduce a Proposed Water Agreement
- Timeline for the Proposed Project
- Q & A on the Proposal
- Next Steps



- Be respectful of the person talking – please do not interrupt the person that is talking, **hold questions until the end of the presentation**
- When addressing other participants: **be respectful, show aloha, treat others kindly;**
- **Agree to disagree** — accept that others may have different perspectives and opinions;
- Have an **open mind** — take home new ideas or new information.



- Share information on a proposed Water Agreement
- Provide an opportunity for community comments and questions
- Identify the timeframe of the proposal and proposed project





PURPOSE:

This **beneficiary consultation** is to gather beneficiary mana‘o regarding the proposed Water Agreement between DHHL and the Maui Department of Water Supply (DWS).

TRIGGER FOR BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION:

Four primary triggers:

- Statewide Policy Issues
- Amendments to Land Use Designations
- Development of DHHL Plans
- Long-term use of DHHL land for a non-homestead use

Bonus fifth trigger:

- **Any major water decision**
 - Refer to the DHHL Water Policy Plan – Priority Policy #4:
“Affirmatively communicate our decisions, our reasoning, and our performance in managing, stewarding, and using water before and after making major water decisions.”

DHHL MAUI WATER NEEDS



Tract	Potable (MGD)	Non-potable (MGD)	Total (MGD)
Kēōkea/Waiohuli	0.8097	0.5780	1.3877
Pu'unēnē / Pūlehunui	1.7340	1.8564	3.5904
Honokōwai/Kā'anapali/Leiali'i	0.7696	2.0808	2.8504
Wākiu	0.11477	0.2550	0.36977
Ke'anae	0.0034	4.5878	4.5912
Wailua		2.2802	2.2802
Kahikinui	0.0765		0.0765
Other Maui Tracts	0.0238		0.0238
Totals	3.53177	11.6382	15.16997

DHHL MAUI WATER RESERVATIONS



Aquifer System Area	Date of Reservation	MGD Reserved
Honokōhau	5/18/21	2
Honokōwai	9/18/18	0.77
Kama'ole	9/18/18	2.547
Ke'anae	9/18/18	0.003
Kawaipapa	9/18/18	0.118
Luala'iula	9/18/18	0.063
Huelo-Region, East Maui	11/15/22	1.3275

DHHL Parcel	Aquifer System Area	Date of Request	MGD Requested
Pūlehunui	East Maui Irrigation System: Nāhiku, Ke'anae, Honomanū	12/16/2020	1.327
Kēōkea & Waiohuli	East Maui Irrigation System: Nāhiku, Ke'anae, Honomanū	11/15/2022	9.85



Thursday, August 21, 2025 - Waiohuli Community Center

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WAIOHULI WELLS
Proposed Water Agreement



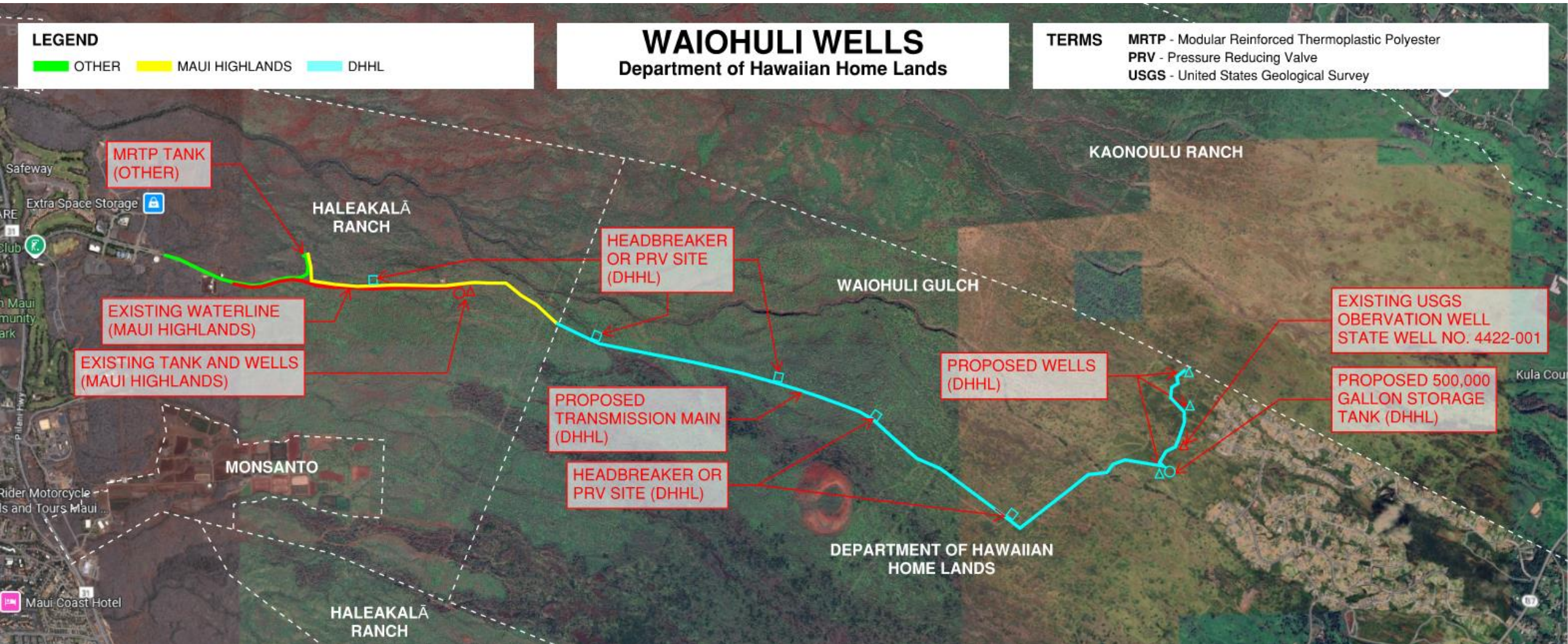
Proposed Water Agreement between DHHL and Maui DWS for the development of new wells and a water transmission system in Upcountry Maui in exchange for advanced water credits to support on-going homestead development.

This critical water infrastructure will directly **support the development of over a thousand homestead lots for native Hawaiian families now**, instead of waiting for additional water to become available. The water system is expected to **generate advanced water credits**, which will unlock the ability to provide:

- Support to the Waiohuli Economic Development Opportunity area
- **950** single-family residential lots in Waiehu Mauka, Wailuku, and Kamalani
- **55** agricultural lots to support 'ohana farming and self-sufficiency
- Additional future lots in all of Pūlehunui and surrounding areas

In total, this system could serve an estimated **2,880** residential units for Hawaiian Home Land beneficiaries on Maui.

PROJECT OVERVIEW



PROJECT PURPOSE



Faster Housing Development:

These advance water credits enable DHHL to begin home construction sooner by removing one of the biggest development hurdles, water availability.



Supports Economic Opportunities:

The wells will also enable various uses in the Waiohuli Economic Development Opportunity area, creating new avenues for local business, farming, and community investment.



Increase Water Capacity:

Developing our own water sources and dedicating the system to the County allows DHHL to access advance water credits to allow more homesteads to be developed. It makes the County pay for the cost of operating and maintaining the system.



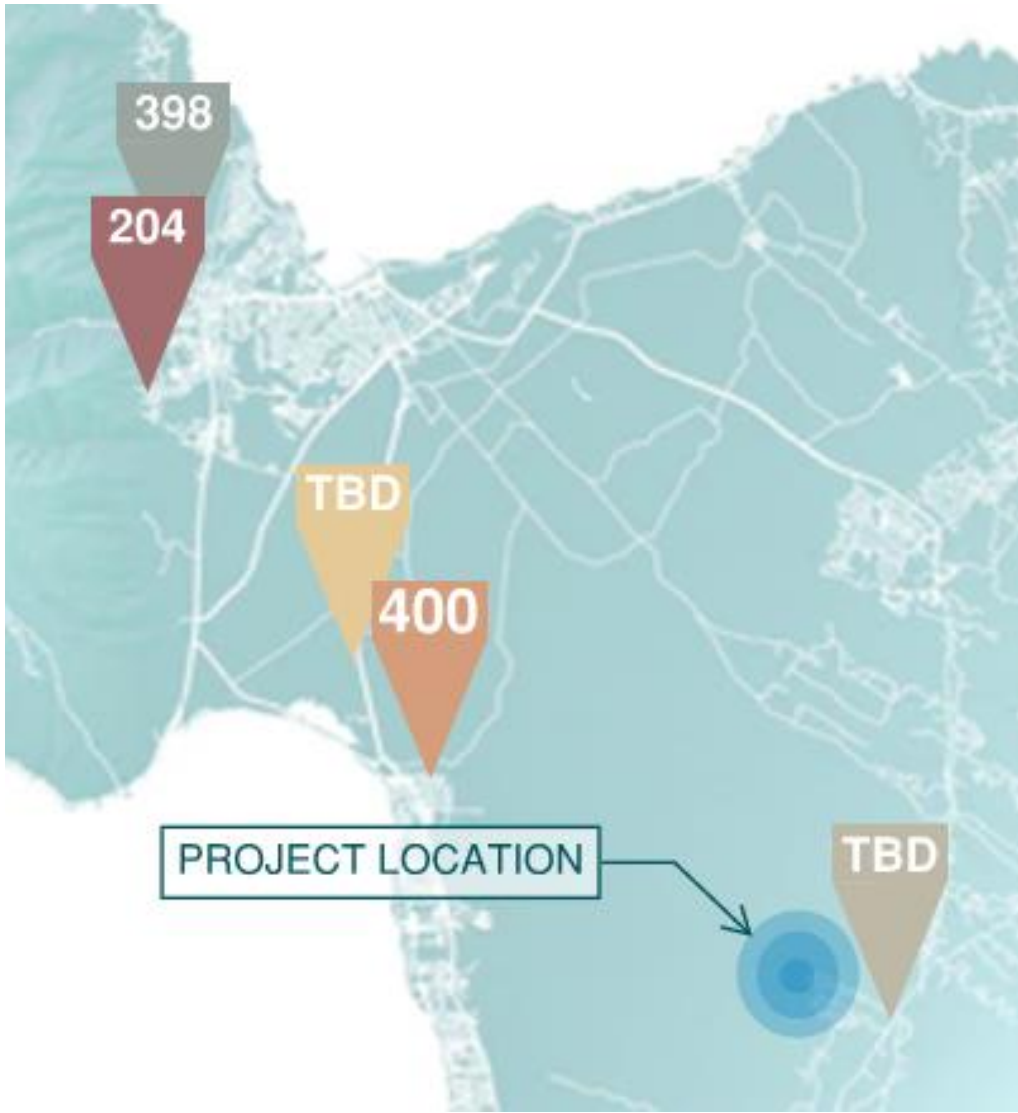
Future Generations:

This system lays the foundation for long-term homestead expansion and sustainability.

PROJECT BENEFIT (NOW)



RES:	AG:	FUTURE PROJECTS:
TBD		WAIOHULI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
400		KAMALANI
TBD		PULEHUNUI
204		WAILUKU SINGLE FAMILY
343	55	WAIEHU MAUKA





Water Limitations:

The current water supply has limited capacity and is tied to existing water systems.

Future DHHL Projects:

Future DHHL housing on Maui cannot proceed without securing additional water source and systems.

Current DHHL Development:

Without the proposed Water Agreement, projects may face extended delays or remain unbuilt.



REQUIRED COMPLIANCE



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

The Proposed Water Agreement accounts for DHHL's requirement to comply with HRS Chapter 343.



HISTORIC SITES COMPLIANCE

The Proposed Water Agreement accounts for DHHL's requirement to comply with HRS Chapter 6E.



KA PA'AKAI FRAMEWORK

The Proposed Water Agreement accounts for DHHL's requirement to comply with Article XII, Section 7.



- 30-Day Beneficiary Consultation Comment Period:

OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Email comments to: dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov

Call in comments to **Cherie at (808) 730-0355**

- The Beneficiary Consultation Report will be presented to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for acceptance, **targeting OCTOBER 20-21, 2025 in Wailuku, Maui (9:30am)**
- DHHL staff will seek Commission Approval on the Proposed Water Agreement
- Visit the project website for more info:

<https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/maui/waiohuli-water-agreement-beneficiary-consultation/>

