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Aloha:

We are writing to share with you the start of an effort by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) to seek increased protection and management of the groundwater resources of the Wai`anae region to the same level as the rest of O`ahu. To do this, the BWS is preparing a petition to be submitted to the State Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), to seek "designation" of the Wai`anae Aquifer Sector as a Ground Water Management Area (GWMA). All the other groundwater sectors of O`ahu have been designated as GWMAs for decades.

We are beginning this effort to be responsive to the Wai`anae communities concerns, as climate change decreases rainfall and increases demand for our limited ground water. Beginning fall, 2021, the BWS and Kahālāwai Consulting will seek to meet with elected officials (including Neighborhood Boards), DHHL, beneficiaries, farmers, landowners, homeowner associations, and any community groups interested in talking about this important subject.

Please find an enclosed handout with additional information. If you have questions, suggestions, or recommendations, we look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure