January 2, 2004

Dear Food Service Establishments:

We ask your kokua. Please join the Department of Water in supporting conservation efforts by serving water only upon request.

The proper stewardship of Kaua'i's potable water resources is critical in order to both sustain this finite resource and preserve it for present and future generations of those on Kauai. Conservation of fresh water plays an important part in the careful management of this precious resource.

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2003, through House Resolution No. 174 and House Concurrent Resolution 222 (collectively the "House Resolutions"), requested that the water boards of the counties of Hawai'i, Maui and Kaua'i to adopt administrative rules in their respective counties promoting water conservation by requiring restaurants to serve water only upon request.

The Board of Water Supply fully supports the intent of these House Resolutions to promote water conservation efforts by restaurants, and believes that "Water on Request Only" is an appropriate practice for food service establishments, and also raises the public's awareness about the need for and merits of water conservation.

At the November 12, 2003 Monthly Board Meeting, The Board of Water Supply voted to pass a resolution encouraging all food service establishments on Kaua'i to serve water to their customers only upon request. The resolution was adopted by the Board of Water Supply during its meeting on December 10, 2003. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your review.

If you wish to obtain a supply of restaurant table tent cards (Water is served upon request), please contact the Department of Water, Public Relations office at 245-5455.

Mahalo for your cooperation.

Edward Tschüpp
Manager and Chief Engineer
RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING KAUAʻI'S RESTAURANTS TO SERVE WATER TO THEIR CUSTOMERS ONLY UPON REQUEST

WHEREAS, the proper stewardship of Kaʻuʻai’s potable water resources is critical in order to both sustain this finite resource and preserve it for present and future generations of those on Kaʻuʻai; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of fresh water plays an important part in the careful management of this precious resource; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2003, through House Resolution No. 174 and House Concurrent Resolution 222 (collectively the “House Resolutions”), requested the water boards of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kaʻuʻai to adopt administrative rules in their respective counties promoting water conservation by requiring restaurants to serve water only upon request; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water Supply of the County of Kaʻuʻai fully supports the intent of these House Resolutions to promote water conservation efforts by restaurants, and believes that “Water on Request Only” is an appropriate practice for food service establishments; and

WHEREAS, not only does this practice conserve water, it also raises the public’s awareness about the need for and merits of water conservation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY of the County of Kaʻuʻai, State of Hawaii that, as a water conservation measure, all restaurants, hotels, cafés, cafeterias, and other places where food is sold, served or offered for sale are encouraged and urged to serve water to their customers only upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be provided to all food service establishments on the island of Kaʻuʻai.

We do certify that the foregoing was duly adopted by the Board of Water Supply during its meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2003.

Chairperson

Secretary
January 27, 2004

Rep. Calvin Say, House Speaker
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State Office Tower
415 South Beretania Street, Room 431
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear House Speaker Say:

Subject: House Resolution No. 174 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 222

In response to the request for Counties to Promote Water Conservation, as stated in the House Resolution No. 174 and Concurrent Resolution No. 222 which were adopted during the 2003 legislative session, the County of Kauai Board of Water Supply and the Department of Water have adopted Resolution No. 3, encouraging Kauai’s restaurants to serve water to their customers only upon request.

The members of the Kauai Board of Water Supply and the Department of Water believe that the proper stewardship of Kauai’s potable water resources is critical in order to both sustain this finite resource and preserve it for present and future generations of those on Kauai. Conservation of fresh water plays an important part in the careful management of this precious resource.

The Department of Water has implemented a table tent program promoting “Water on Request Only”, and is distributing these table tents to all food service establishments on Kauai. The Department believes that this is an appropriate practice for restaurants, and it also raises awareness with the public about the merits of water conservation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808) 245-5408.

Sincerely,

Edward Tschupp
Manager and Chief Engineer

cc: Rep. Ezra Kanoho, Water, Land Use and Hawaiian Affairs Committee Chair, Room 432
    Rep. Bertha Kawakami, Room 434
    Rep. Mina Morita, Room 314
    Senator Gary Hooser, Room 208
    Mayor Bryan Baptiste
    Council Chair Kaipo Asing

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