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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON LAWAI ROAD PIPELINE REPLACEMENT KUKUIULA BAY TO SPOUTING HORN KOLOA WATER SYSTEM

The County of Kauai, Department of Water is pleased to announce that construction has begun on the project to replace the existing waterline along Lawai Road from Kukuiula Bay to Spouting Horn Park in Poipu. This project was identified as a priority pipeline replacement project in the Department's "Water Plan 2020". The Contractor for this project is Koga Engineering and Construction, Inc. The bid price of the project is \$574,000 and completion is expected in November 2001.

The proposed improvements are a part of the Koloa water system, and will benefit the residents of the area and users of the Spouting Horn Park by providing them with improved water service, and adequate fire protection.

Currently, water pressure is inadequate along the existing water line due to undersized pipes, and there are no fire hydrants in the area. This project will replace approximately 2,880 lineal feet of the existing waterline, which ranges from 1.5 inches to 4 inches in diameter with an 8 inch ductile iron waterline, including valves, fire hydrants, service laterals, connections and other pipeline accessories.

There will be some disruption of traffic during construction, and a water outage that will be scheduled when the new pipeline is connected. Traffic control measures will be implemented along Lawai Road. Other construction related impacts are expected to be minimal.