

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **COUNTY OF KAUAI**

The Board of Water Supply of the County of Kauaʻi (“Board”) will hold a public hearing for the purposes of receiving public testimony and comments from interested persons regarding the following:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII

The Department of Water is recommending the proposed amendments to Part 4, Sections I, III, and V to implement rate adjustments for General Use and Agricultural rates, and Private Fire Service Charges. Below is a summary of the proposed changes.

PART 4 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIXING RATES FOR THE FURNISHING OF WATER SERVICE IN THE COUNTY OF KAUAI

Section I. General Use Rates – Section revised to **increase Service Charge Rates**, amend Use Charge Rates from a Rate Block to a Rate Tier with increased rates, and add automatic annual Consumer Price Index adjustments.

Section III. Agricultural Rates – Section revised to **increase Service Charge Rates**, amend Use Charge Rates from a Rate Block to a Rate Tier with increased rates, and add automatic annual Consumer Price Index adjustments.

Section V. Private Fire Service Charges – Section revised to change wording to correspond with amended Use Charge

The Public Hearing will be held in-person on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.** at the **Department of Water, 2nd Floor, Board Room** located at **4398 Pua Loke Street, Līhuʻe, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi**, and remotely in accordance with Act 220, Session Laws of Hawaiʻi 2021 via interactive conference technology as follows:

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A copy of the proposed rule will be mailed to any interested person who requests a copy and pays the required copy and postage fees, or be sent via email upon request. Requests may be made by calling the Administrative Assistant at (808) 245-5406 or via email at board@kauaiwater.org.

The proposed rule will be available to view on the Kauaʻi Department of Water’s website, www.kauaiwater.org, or may be viewed in person at the Department of Water, Second Floor, at 4398 Pua Loke Street, Līhu’e, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi 96766, Monday-Friday (excluding holidays), from 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Written testimony on the proposed Rule amendments may be submitted via email at board@kauaiwater.org by the close of business the day before the public hearing is scheduled, or mailed to the Board of Water Supply at 4398 Pua Loke Street, Līhu’e, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi 96766 with attention to the Administrative Assistant. Please provide sufficient time if mailing in public testimony. Oral testimony will be taken on the day of the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD: Tom Shigemoto, Chair, Board of Water Supply

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, or an interpreter for non-English speaking persons, please call (808) 245-5406 or email board@kauaiwater.org as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfil your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

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