

# Neighbor to Neighbor

COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

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MAKIKI/PUNCHBOWL, PAPA KOLEA, DOWNTOWN, CHINATOWN, KAKA'AKO, NU'UANU, LILIHA, ALEWA, KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS, KALIHI VALLEY, AIEA, AND MOANALUA

Dear Neighbors,

*I would like to extend a warm mahalo to you for taking the time to read this month's Neighborhood Board report, highlighting some of the unique challenges, tough concerns, and positive accomplishments that my staff and I undertake on a daily basis. I am heartened that with continued outreach and communication, we can work towards positive change in this unique, diverse community. Please contact me if you have an area of concern you'd like to address, or a person or organization that you'd like to acknowledge. I look forward to continuing to assist you in building a better community for all of us!*

Mahalo nui loa,

*Carol Fukunaga*  
City Councilmember, District 6

## Mayor and City Council approve Honolulu Board of Water Supply's ARPA Fund Requests for Critical Water Infrastructure Upgrades

On May 4, 2022, the City Council adopted **Resolution 22-71**, which urged Honolulu BWS to pursue the use of ARPA funds to plan, design, and construct critical water infrastructure projects to address Honolulu's limited and threatened water resources.

On May 6, 2022, BWS submitted its request for a \$25 million+ package of infrastructure improvement projects to the City administration's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Committee to respond to the Red Hill crisis. The projects include:

- \$6 million Haleiwa Wells renovation
- \$8.5 million Wilhelmina Rise 811' Reservoir replacement
- \$4.8 million Monsarrat Avenue Water System improvements
- \$1.4 million Kaahumanu Wells & Manana Wells control valve renovations
- \$4.6 million Security improvements at various locations

The request for improvements were approved by the SLFRF Committee this week, and the projects are included in the Proposed CD2 amendment to **Bill 15 (22), CD1 - FY23 Capital Improvement Project Budget**. The link to the proposed amendment worksheet can be found at <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/document-download?id=14061>.



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## Board of Water Supply seeks Comments on Exploratory Well Projects

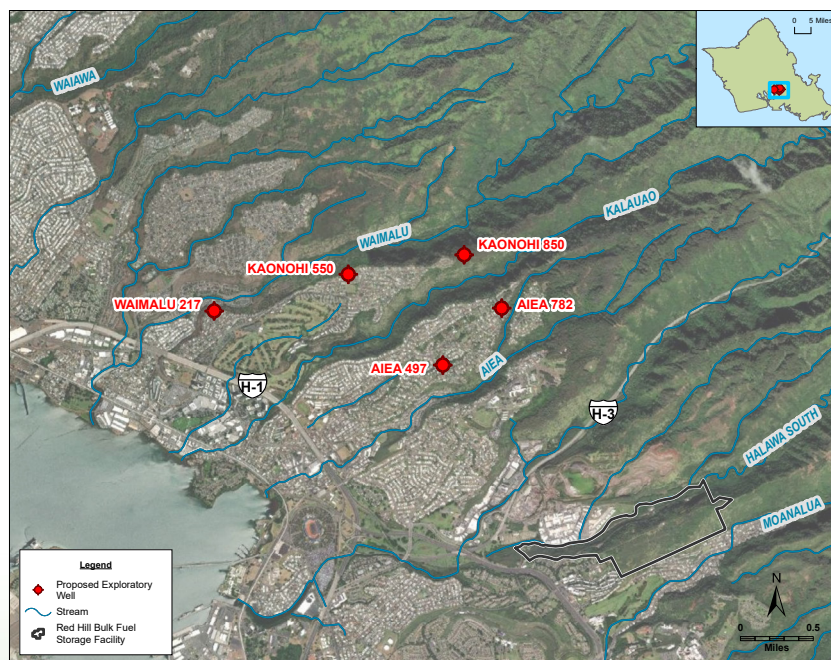
To address its reduced capacity resulting from the shutdown of the BWS Halawa Shaft, Aiea Wells and Halawa Wells, BWS will be seeking public comment/feedback on proposals to install six exploratory wells on O‘ahu.

Five of the proposed wells are located at existing BWS facilities. However, the sixth exploratory well proposed at Moanalua Valley Neighborhood Park property was found to be unfeasible because of significant impacts on park operations. BWS is currently reviewing a location adjacent to the park and will notify Moanalua Valley community stakeholders when the alternate site’s feasibility is confirmed.

The five wells proposed for exploratory drilling are located at the following locations:

- ‘Aiea 497 Reservoir & Booster 2 (99-925 Kalawina Place)
- ‘Aiea 782 Reservoir & Booster 3 (99-1340 ‘Aiea Heights Drive)
- Ka‘ōnohi 850 Reservoir (98-1511 Onikiniki Place)
- Ka‘ōnohi 550 Reservoir & Booster 2 (98-1002 Kahapili Street)
- Waimalu 217 Reservoir (98-183 Puaali‘i Street)

Construction of the exploratory wells is anticipated to begin as early as October 2022, with an expected duration of 2 months at each location. Please contact Mr. Ian Arakaki at [ian@tlcghawaii.com](mailto:ian@tlcghawaii.com) to submit comments or concerns by May 29, 2022.



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