

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

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ATTENDEES LEARNED ABOUT WATER-SAVING GARDENING AT THE 28TH ANNUAL HALAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN OPEN HOUSE AND UNTHIRSTY PLANT SALE

HONOLULU – With the warm summer months upon us, the Board of Water Supply (BWS) held its 28th Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale today, to help the public learn how they can conserve water outdoors.

The Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) and more than a dozen local nurseries offered a variety of drought-tolerant, less-thirsty and native plants at reasonable prices. Free educational xeriscape workshops and classes for home gardeners on xeriscaping, aquaponics, and rain barrel catchment systems were also part of the festivities. Additional activities included an Instagram contest, keiki garden planting and games, educational booths, plant crafts, a cactus display from the Cactus and Succulent Society of Hawaii, delicious food, and a free compost giveaway.

Xeriscaping is based on seven fundamental principles that serve as guidelines on how to plan, plant, and maintain a garden that takes advantage of natural climate conditions to make efficient use of irrigation. Some of the principles include growing “unthirsty” plants, using mulch, and installing proper irrigation. To learn more about xeriscaping, the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, or water-saving tips, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Proceeds from the plant sale will support educational programs and classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. The open house is co-sponsored by the FOXHG, a non-profit community group that supports educational programs related to water conservation in the landscape.

About the Board of Water Supply

The BWS, a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu, manages Oahu’s municipal water resources and distribution system. As the largest water utility in the State, the BWS serves approximately one million customers on Oahu. The BWS embraces its mission of “Water for Life – *Ka Wai Ola*”—to provide a safe and dependable water supply, now and into the future. The BWS works to accomplish its mission and strategic objectives while striving to maintain the public trust to protect the quality and sustainability of our precious water resources. *Uwē ka lani, ola ka honua* – “When the heavens weep, the earth lives.” For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

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Attached for your consideration and use are photos from the event, courtesy of the BWS.

