Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Media Advisory

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## BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY OFFERS ADVANCED AQUAPONICS WORKSHOP

- **WHAT:** The Board of Water Supply (BWS) and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) are pleased to offer an "<u>Advanced Aquaponics</u>" workshop.
- WHEN: Saturday, June 14, 2014 10:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- WHERE: Halawa Xeriscape Garden 99-1268 Iwaena Street Halawa Valley's Central Park Industrial Area
- **DETAILS:** Do you have an Aquaponic system that is not operating efficiently? Or has a previous failure discouraged you from starting a new system? Then the Advanced Aquaponics workshop is for you the informative presentation will offer tips and tricks on making these water-saving systems flourish!

Led by staff members of the *HappyPonics Farm*, workshop participants will discover how to identify problems early on and acquire techniques to correct them. They will also learn about the role of healthy bacteria in your Aquaponics system, how to maintain water quality and clarity, and the importance of pH, ammonia, and nutrient levels. Methods for determining the appropriate amount and types of fish for your system and how to maintain an optimal marine environment will also be discussed.

This workshop is geared towards individuals who have an aquaponic system or have owned one in the past. Participants are invited to share their personal experiences and solutions in maintaining a healthy aquaponic system.

- **COST:** This activity is \$5 for the general public and free to FOHXG members.
- **REGISTER:** <u>Advanced Registration is Required.</u> Registration begins on Tuesday, May 27, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014, or when all spaces are filled. Call 748-5317 or email <u>workshops@hbws.org</u> to register. For more information about xeriscaping or classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, log on to <u>www.boardofwatersupply.com</u>. BWS security requires full name and address of all participants.

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