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**BWS UNTHIRSTY PLANT SALE CELEBRATES THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HALAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN**

HONOLULU – The Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) invite everyone to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden at the Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“For 25 years the Halawa Xeriscape Garden has served as a gathering place for the community to learn how to achieve a more sustainable future through water conservation,” said Mayor Kirk Caldwell. “This year’s event celebrates a special occasion that will be enjoyed by all in attendance.”

“The 25th anniversary of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden is a significant milestone; I hope the community will join us in celebrating this achievement,” said BWS Chairman Duane Miyashiro. “It is estimated that xeriscaping can reduce outdoor water use anywhere from 30 to 80 percent. Event activities will show it is possible to have beautiful green gardens, while remaining water efficient.”

“The BWS would like to acknowledge the many individuals that were instrumental in the founding of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, including former BWS Manager Kazu Hayashida, Mahealani Cypher, Betty Crocker, Wayne Sasaki, Alice Kadowaki, Fusae Kiyokawa, Elsie Nakasone and many more” said BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Lau. “We are grateful for the lasting contributions that they made and are thankful for the many community groups and volunteers that continue to make the garden a wonderful place to educate the public about water conservation.”

As part of the festivities, there will be a special rededication ceremony of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden recognizing those who were instrumental in creating the garden and those who volunteer to continue the garden’s mission. The celebration also will include live music by the Royal Hawaiian Band and multi-talented Jerry Santos of Olomana. As part of the extremely popular plant sale, more than a dozen local nurseries will offer a variety of drought-tolerant, less-thirsty plants at reasonable prices. Guests are encouraged to take part in the free educational workshops and classes on water saving home gardening techniques including “Xeriscape 101,” “Economical Aquaponics,” and “Rain Barrel Catchment.” The family friendly event includes keiki games, keiki garden planting, educational booths, delicious food, and a free mulch giveaway.

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

Xeriscaping is based on 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. To learn more about xeriscaping, the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, or water-saving tips, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

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