

Honolulu Board of Water Supply
News Release



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**HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY WELCOMES
KAPUA‘ALA SPROAT TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HONOLULU – Kapua‘ala Sproat was recently appointed to the Board of Water Supply’s (BWS’s) Board of Directors.

An Associate Professor and Environmental Law Clinic Director at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, Sproat designs and teaches courses for Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law and the Environmental Law Program. She also manages the Law School’s only live-client clinic that address both Native Hawaiian and environmental issues while also providing direct legal services to rural, neighbor island communities.

Sproat is also Counsel for Earthjustice, where she has developed and litigated state and federal cases under the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, State Water Code, and other laws.

She received her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law. She has published law reviews and book chapters on a range of issues and is one of the editors for the forthcoming book *Native Hawaiian Law: A Treatise* (the second revised edition of *the Native Hawaiian Rights Handbook*). She has also presented at conferences focused on law and policies regarding water and the environment.

Sproat joins current Board members in overseeing and determining the policies and direction of the BWS. Those Board members are:

Duane R. Miyashiro – Chair since July 2012, Miyashiro joined the Board in August 2011. He is a partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP and chairs the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group.

Adam C. Wong – Vice Chair since July 2014, Wong joined the Board in February 2010. He is the founder of ACW Ventures, a diversified investment firm that focuses on local private equity and real estate opportunities.

Theresia C. McMurdo – Member since February 2010, McMurdo is a vice president at Avalon Development Company LLC.

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David C. Hulihee – Member since September 2013, Hulihee is president and chairman of Royal Contracting Company Limited.

Ross S. Sasamura – Ex-Officio Member and currently director and chief engineer, City and County of Honolulu Department of Facility Maintenance.

Ford N. Fuchigami – Ex-Officio Member and currently, director, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

About the Board of Water Supply

The Board of Water Supply (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, dependable, and affordable water supply, now and into the future. *Uwē ka lani, ola ka honua* – “When the heavens weep, the earth lives.” For more information about the BWS, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com, follow [@BWSHonolulu](https://twitter.com/BWSHonolulu) or like the BWS’s Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>.

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