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## COMMUNITY MEETING FOR OAHU WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN Central Oahu residents invited to plan for the future

HONOLULU – How to best preserve, protect and enhance the island's precious watersheds to ensure a sustainable drinking water supply now and into the future is the goal of the Oahu Water Management Plan.

Residents are invited to attend the first community meeting for the Central Oahu Watershed Management Plan on **Thursday, December 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai Street.** Parking is available in the school parking lot and on the street.

Attendees are welcome to share their thoughts and input on the watershed management planning process for the Central Oahu region. This important process will formulate an environmentally holistic, community-based, and economically viable watershed management plan that will provide short-, mid, and long-range guidance for the sustainable management and use of Oahu's valuable and finite surface and ground water resources in meeting current and future demands consistent with City land use plans.

The Central Oahu Watershed Management Plan is one of eight district water management plans that comprise the Oahu Water Management Plan being developed by City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply and Department of Planning and Permitting.

Additional information on the Central Oahu Watershed Management Plan may be found at:

http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/cssweb/display.cfm?sid=125063.

Information on the other regional watershed management plans may be found at: <u>http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/cssweb/display.cfm?sid=1406</u>

## 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. 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.