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June 24, 2025

**NOTICE**

The Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu, Special Meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Public Service Building, 630 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96843.

Limited seating will be available for in-person testifiers in the Boardroom. The public may also view the livestream of the meeting from the lobby of the Board of Water Supply, Public Service Building, 630 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96843.

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  - Fax to (808) 748-5079
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  - To testify in person at the Board of Water Supply, Public Service Building, 630 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96843, please pre-register by submitting your request by Monday, June 30, 2025:
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Testimony is limited to two (2) minutes and shall be presented by the registered speaker only. Testimony submitted in writing or orally, electronically or in person, for use in the meeting process is public information. All testimony will be included as part of the approved meeting minutes at [boardofwatersupply.com/boardmeetings](http://boardofwatersupply.com/boardmeetings).

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The agenda for June 30, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board of Water Supply is as follows:

The Board anticipates convening into Executive Session Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 92-4 and 92-5 (a)(4) to Consult in a Closed Meeting with the Board's Attorney on Questions and Issues Pertaining to Claims and Other Matters on the Board's Powers, Duties, Privileges, Immunities, and/or Liabilities.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. To Consult with the Board's Attorney on Questions and Issues Pertaining to the Board's Powers, Duties, Privileges, Immunities, and/or Liabilities Pertaining to Matters Concerning the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and to Request Confirmation and Approval of the Manager's Authority to Take Any Action Necessary to Protect Against, Mitigate, and/or Recover Any Damages Related to Actual or Threatened Releases of Contaminants to Water Resources From the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Including the Filing and Prosecution of a Complaint in Federal District Court Against The Navy [HRS §92-5(a)(4)].

## MINUTES

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### THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

June 30, 2025

At 2:01 PM on June 30, 2025, in the Public Service Building Board Room at 630 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i, Chair Nā'ālehu Anthony called to order the Special Meeting.

**Present:** Nā'ālehu Anthony, Chair via Zoom  
Bryan P. Andaya, Board Member via Zoom  
Lance Wilhelm, Board Member  
Edwin H. Sniffen, Ex-Officio  
Gene Albano, Ex-Officio via Zoom

**Also Present:** Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer  
Erwin Kawata, Deputy Manager  
Kathleen Elliott-Pahinui, Information Officer,  
Communication  
Ella Foley Gannon, Esq., Morgan,  
Lewis & Bockius, LLP  
John Gisleson, Esq., Morgan,  
Lewis & Bockius, LLP via Zoom  
David Brown, Esq., Morgan,  
Lewis & Bockius, LLP via Zoom  
Matthew Sepp, Esq., Morgan,  
Lewis & Bockius, LLP via Zoom  
Joseph A. Stewart, Esq.,  
Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, LLP  
Joy Cruz-Achui, Board Secretary  
Kim Kuwaye, Manager's Secretary  
Stella Bernardo, Information Specialist II,  
Communications Office via Zoom  
Michele Harman, Community Relations Specialist I,  
Communications Office via Zoom  
Wayne Maria, Information Specialist II,  
Communications Office

**Others Present:** Jessica Wong, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
via Zoom

**Absent:** Jonathan Kaneshiro, Vice Chair  
Kēhaulani Pu'u, Board Member

Chair Anthony welcomed everyone to the June 30, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board of Water Supply (BWS). He stated that the Board of Water Supply is dedicated to providing safe, dependable, and affordable supply of water now and into the future.

Before continuing the meeting, Chair Anthony stated that a recording would play to share reminders for public participation and virtual meeting regulations required by law.

The recording played: Goals for this meeting under Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Section 92-7.5 are accessible at [www.boardofwatersupply.com/boardmeeting](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/boardmeeting). The public may attend this meeting in person at the Public Service building located at 630 South Beretania Street. The public may also view a live stream of today's meeting on our website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com/live](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/live). We have been accepting written or oral testimony for today's meeting. Instructions and an online submittal form are available at [boardofwatersupply.com/testimony](http://boardofwatersupply.com/testimony). The deadline to submit advance written testimony has passed. Testimony received by noon today has been distributed to the board members. We will continue to accept written testimony today through our online form. Oral testimony in person or remotely will be accepted during today's meeting. To facilitate as much in-person and remote testimony as reasonably possible during the time allotted, preregistration and submittal of a written version of testimony at [boardofwatersupply.com/testimony](http://boardofwatersupply.com/testimony) is strongly encouraged. To testify in person, please register using our online form or come to the public service building at 630 South Beretania Street. We have a representative in the lobby to provide intake and further instructions. To request to testify remotely, please complete the online form at [boardofwatersupply.com/testimony](http://boardofwatersupply.com/testimony). Requestors will receive an email containing links and instructions on how to join the Zoom session. Testifiers will have two minutes to state their position. A timekeeper will alert testifiers when there is one minute remaining. Once the two minutes are up, please summarize to allow time for questions from the Board. Then, make room for the next testifier. Board members attending any board meeting remotely must be visible to the public to be considered, present, and meet quorum guidelines. Board members participating remotely must also disclose their location and anyone present at their location during roll call. Meeting participants who are calling or video conferencing in, please mute your microphone when you're not speaking. If you have a question, comment, or wish to enter or second a motion on an action item, please unmute your microphone and identify yourself before continuing to speak. If you encounter technical issues during today's meeting, please use the Zoom chat to send a direct message to our support team. Their names are listed in the message to all participants. To open the chat window, please click the text Bubble icon on the Zoom Toolbar.

Chair Anthony requested a roll call for the Special Meeting. He asked those participating remotely to give the appropriate disclosures upon responding.

Board Member Bryan Andaya joined via Zoom, responded aye, and disclosed that he was alone at his location; Board Member Edwin Sniffen joined via Zoom, responded aye, and disclosed that he was alone at his location; Board Member Gene Albano joined via Zoom, responded aye, and disclosed that he was alone at his location; Board Member Lance Wilhelm responded e'o and was present in the Board room; and Chair Anthony stated that he was joining via Zoom, and disclosed that he was alone at his location. Board Members Kēhaulani Pu'u and Edwin Sniffen were absent.

Chair Anthony introduced those in the Boardroom: Manager Ernest Lau, Deputy Manager Erwin Kawata, Board Secretary Joy L. Cruz-Achiu, Manager Secretary Kimberly Kuwaye, and

Information Specialist II Wayne Maria. Deputy Jessica Wong from the City and County Corporation Counsel joined via Zoom.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Chair Anthony stated that the special meeting was called to discuss the Manager’s authority related to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and the filing of a complaint in Federal District Court, as noted on the June 30, 2025, Notice and Agenda in the Executive Session. Before moving into Executive Session, he opened the floor for testimony.

There was in-person testimony:

<b>Susan Pcola-Davis</b>	<i>In strong support the Manager’s Authority to Take Any Action Necessary to Protect Against, Mitigate, and/or Recover Any Damages Related to Actual or Threatened Releases of Contaminants to Water Resources From the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Including the Filing and Prosecution of a Complaint in Federal District Court Against The Navy. Also, provided four pages of reference materials.</i>
<b>Susan Gorman Chang</b>	<i>In strong support of the BWS to take any legal action is allowed to mitigate, remediate, and protect the island’s aquifer, wells, and water system, especially from the damages caused by the Red Hill fuel leaks.</i>

There was testimony via Zoom:

<b>Jamie Simic</b>	<i>In strong support of the Manager’s Authority and the BWS to Take Any Legal Action and Necessary steps to protect Oahu’s aquifer, especially regarding Red Hill and PFAS.</i>
<b>Meredith Wilson</b>	<i>Thanked the BWS for everything that it has done to protect the public, even before the Red Hill Crisis began in 2021. In support of the BWS taking action and using the Federal Tort Claim Act to have the Navy take responsibility.</i>
<b>Sherry Pollack</b>	<i>Thanked the BWS for its ongoing efforts to protect precious wai. Stands on written testimony.</i>

There was Written testimony submitted:

**Patrice Choy**

*In strong support the Manager's Authority to Take Any Action Necessary to Protect Against, Mitigate, and/or Recover Any Damages Related to Actual or Threatened Releases of Contaminants to Water Resources From the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Including the Filing and Prosecution of a Complaint in Federal District Court Against The Navy.*

**Joy Cruz-Achiu**

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**TESTIMONY DETAILS**

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Board of Water Supply  
June 30, 2025  
Special Meeting  
Testimony Susan Pcola-Davis

EXECUTIVE SESSION 1.

Pertaining to Matters Concerning the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and to Request Confirmation and Approval of the Manager's Authority to Take Any Action Necessary to Protect Against, Mitigate, and/or Recover Any Damages Related to Actual or Threatened Releases of Contaminants to Water Resources From the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Including the Filing and Prosecution of a Complaint in Federal District Court Against The Navy [HRS §92-5(a)(4)].

**My testimony:**

**BLUF: I am in STRONG SUPPORT of the Confirmation and Approval of the Manager's Authority to Take Any Action Necessary to pursue Filing and Prosecution of a Complaint in Federal District Court Against The Navy.**

In order for me to testify today I had to go back and find all the measures introduced from 2022-2025 Legislature sessions.

Easy impression from the bills, their status and testimonies: CRICKETS!

In the 2022 session the DOH took the limelight. BWS was swept aside. Bills were introduced but did not go anywhere. Bottom line: The legislature was focused on the DOH appropriations.

The wells, the aquifer and other elements pertaining to the BWS were dismissed.

This NO ACTION continued through 2024.

As of today, I personally do not know where **HB1367 HD1** stands. This bill is requesting funds to;

This measure authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to install **6 monitoring wells**, which will provide critical data to assess contamination risks and guide efforts to protect Oahu's drinking water.

## Reference material for today's testimony

### 2022 Legislature

**HB1954 HD2 SB1** Not Passed (Influenced by DOH)  
**SB2658 SD1**

Measure Title: MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO FUND A GRANT TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, FUTURE PLANNING, AND GROUND WATER REMEDIATION.

Report Title: Emergency Appropriation; Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Ground Water Remediation; Red Hill Bulk Storage Fuel Facility; Report (\$)

Description: Makes an emergency appropriation from the general revenues of the State of Hawai'i to fund a grant-in-aid to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply for emergency operations; future planning, including outreach, education, and water conservation activities; and remediation resulting from the contamination of the southern Oahu basal aquifer. **Requires the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to make reports to the Legislature on all expenditures, remediation efforts, and testing quality prior to the regular sessions of 2023, 2024, and 2025. Effective 7/1/2060. (SD1)**

#### **BWS Testimony**

Now the BWS has been forced to shut off its Halawa Shaft and its Halawa Wells and Aiea wells, **reducing its capacity to provide water service to its customers and ratepayers.** The BWS' ability to manage its resources has already been significantly impacted by the numerous episodic fuel releases from the Red Hill facility and bolstering resources for emergency operations, future planning, and remediation is of critical importance to the BWS and its customers. **Ensuring funding is available to the BWS to offset some of the costs already incurred and to support future water resource protection measures is an important first step.**

### 2023 Legislature

**HB1511 HD1 SD2** **Carried over 2024**

Measure Title: RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES.

Report Title: Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Drinking Water; Construction; Wells; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds as a **grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply** to plan, design, and construct, after consultation with the Department of Health and the

Commission on Water Resource Management, **7 monitoring wells and an exploratory well**. Requires the City and County of Honolulu to provide matching funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD2)

**Purpose**

- (1) Site and install monitoring wells, after consultation with the department of health and the commission on water resource management, to collect and share important data needed to understand the condition of the groundwater aquifer underneath and surrounding the Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility and its implications to Oahu's drinking water supply; and
- (2) Design and construct an exploratory well to meet future potable water requirements for the metropolitan area on Oahu.

**2024 Legislature**

**HB1511 HD1 SD2**

**Carried over from 2023**

Measure Title:

RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES.

Report Title:

Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Drinking Water; Construction; Wells; Appropriation (\$)

Description:

Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply to plan, design, and construct, after consultation with the Department of Health and the Commission on Water Resource Management, **7 monitoring wells and an exploratory well**. Requires the City and County of Honolulu to provide matching funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD2)

**BWS TESTIMONY April 4, 2024**

This measure proposes to appropriate funds as a grant-in-aid to the BWS to plan, design, and construct **seven monitoring wells and an exploratory well** in response to the Red Hill fuel contamination crisis. The monitoring wells will provide important information that will help characterize the nature and extent of the fuel contamination in the underground aquifer and impact on our existing well stations.

The purpose of the **exploratory well is to find new water supplies to replace the capacity loss from the shutdown of three BWS well stations due to the fuel contamination crisis.**

The BWS agrees to consult with the Department of Health and the Commission on Water Resource Management prior to siting and installing the proposed monitoring wells.

**2025 Legislature**

**HB1367 HD1**

Measure	RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES.
Title:	
Report Title:	Water Resources; Monitoring Wells; BWS; GO Bonds; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Authorizes the issuance of <b>general obligation bonds and appropriates funds</b> to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply for the <b>planning, design, and construction of up to six monitoring wells.</b> Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

This measure authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to install monitoring wells, which will provide critical data to assess contamination risks and guide efforts to protect Oahu's drinking water.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the maximum number of monitoring wells to be funded from two to six;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion;

and

- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$20,000,000.

## Joy Cruz-Achiu

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**From:** Patti Choy <halamango@gmail.com>  
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Honolulu Board of Water Supply

I would like to support the Request for Confirmation and Approval of the Manager's Authority to Take Any Action Necessary to Protect Against, Mitigate, and/or Recover Any Damages Related to Actual or Threatened Releases of Contaminants to Water Resources From the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Including the Filing and Prosecution of a Complaint in Federal District Court Against The Navy [HRS §92-5(a)(4)].

Ernie Lau and the Board of Water Supply are the only trusted water advocates we have to protect our water from the ongoing threats we face from the disaster at Red Hill.

Thank you for your work and commitment to clean water.

Patrice Choy

- 🔴 Shut Down Red Hill
- 🔴 Not Pau Yet!

## Joy Cruz-Achiu

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Aloha,  
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Mahalo,  
-Meredith Wilson

**Joy Cruz-Achiu**

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**TESTIMONY DETAILS**

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**Your Position on Matter** I wish to comment

**Representing** Self

**I wish to provide**

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**Agenda Item** (select from list)

**Your Position on Matter** Support

**Representing** Self

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Written testimony + request to give remote oral testimony by Zoom videoconference

**Written Testimony (if entered on the online form; otherwise see attached)**

Aloha Board Members, I want to thank the Board of Water Supply (BWS) for their on-going outstanding efforts to protect our precious wai. It has been made very clear to the community that BWS is the only entity that is acting responsibly in the protection of people and the environment when it comes to our water sources. It cannot be overstated the deep gratitude we all feel towards the BWS managers, Ernie and Erwin, and all the staff at BWS who continually act in our best interests, protecting us and our water sources. Investigations of Red Hill have revealed that from the beginning Navy officials covered up and misled the public about the active jet fuel leak and skirted legal requirements. Their lack of transparency with the BWS and the public throughout this crisis has harmed thousands, and put all of us at risk. All along the way of this nightmare journey, the only government entity the community has been able to trust and rely on to look out for our health and our precious drinking water is the BWS. We have seen the BWS work tirelessly for years to both try to prevent and now address this water crisis, including having to file a contested case with the DOH to challenge the Navy's permit application to operate the Red Hill tanks when the Navy failed to prove they would not leak, to taking many proactive measures aimed to protect our people and precious wai from toxic contaminants that may be migrating in our island's primary drinking water source in the aftermath of the catastrophic spill that since occurred. As such, I stand in full support of the BWS and their efforts to take actions necessary to protect against, mitigate, and/or recover any damages related to actual or threatened releases of contaminants to water resources from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, including the filing and prosecution of a complaint in Federal District Court against the Navy. We know that we can trust the BWS as they have repeatedly demonstrated courage throughout the Red Hill crisis, standing up to the Navy and institutional indifference, doing everything they can to ensure our drinking water is safe. Mahalo nui for all you do to protect our precious wai for present and future generations. Ola i ka wai Sherry Pollack Water Drinker

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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**MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business, Chair Anthony, at 2:17 PM, called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session. Lance Wilhelm so moved; seconded by Bryan Andaya and unanimously carried.

Upon unanimous approved motion, the Board recessed into Executive Session Pursuant to [HRS § 92-5 (a)(4)] at 2:18 PM to Consider Issues Pertaining to Matters Posted for Discussion at an Executive Session.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:49 PM.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Lance Wilhelm and Edwin Sniffen motioned and seconded, respectively, the Board Confirmed and Approved the Manager’s Authority to Take Any Action Necessary to Protect Against, Mitigate, and/or Recover Any Damages Related to Actual or Threatened Release of Contaminants to Water Resources from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, and The Board Specifically Directs the Manager to File and Prosecute A Complaint in Federal District Court Against the Navy.

Ms. Cruz-Achiu conducted a roll call vote: Board Member Bryan Andaya, aye; Board Member Lance Wilhelm, aye; Board Member Edwin Sniffen, aye; Board Member Gene Albano, aye; and Chair Nā’ālehu Anthony, aye. Vice Chair Jonathan Kaneshiro and Board Member Kēhaulani Pu’u were absent.

Ms. Cruz-Achiu announced that the motion passed with five ayes.

THE BOARD CONFIRMED AND APPROVED THE MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO PROTECT AGAINST, MITIGATE, AND/OR RECOVER ANY DAMAGES RELATED TO ACTUAL OR THREATENED RELEASES OF CONTAMINANTS TO WATER RESOURCES FROM THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY AND THE BOARD SPECIFICALLY DIRECT THE MANAGER TO FILE AND PROSECUTE A COMPLAINT IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT AGAINST THE NAVY WAS APPROVED ON JUNE 30, 2025			
	AYE	NO	COMMENT
NĀ'ĀLEHU ANTHONY	X		
JONATHAN KANESHIRO			ABSENT
BRYAN P. ANDAYA	X		
LANCE WILHELM	X		
KĒHAULANI PU'U			ABSENT
EDWIN H. SNIFFEN	X		
GENE C. ALBANO	X		

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Anthony, at 2:57 PM, called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Session. Lance Wilhelm so moved, seconded by Gene Albano, and unanimously carried.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 30, 2025, are respectfully submitted,

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2025, WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 28, 2025, BOARD MEETING			
	AYE	NO	COMMENT
NĀ'ĀLEHU ANTHONY	X		
JONATHAN KANESHIRO			ABSTAIN
BRYAN P. ANDAYA	X		
LANCE WILHELM	X		
KĒHAULANI PU'U			ABSENT
EDWIN H. SNIFFEN			ABSENT
GENE C. ALBANO	X		

  
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APPROVED:

  
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 NĀ'ĀLEHU ANTHONY  
 Chair of the Board  
 JUL 28 2025  
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