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#### DROUGHT WATCH DECLARED FOR UPCOUNTRY MAUI

The Department of Water Supply (DWS), in consultation with the Board of Water Supply, declared a drought watch for Upcountry Maui today. Based on the declaration of drought, the DWS issued a watch, which asks customers to reduce water consumption by 5%. Customers with agricultural rates are exempt from the request from the request. The areas included are Haiku, Makawao, Olinda, Haliimaile, Pukalani, Kula, Omaopio/Pulehu, Keokea, Ulupalakua, and Kanaio.

Reservoir level decreases indicate that demand is exceeding supply. Current data is available at [www.mauiwater.org](http://www.mauiwater.org). As of today, the Kahakapao Reservoirs, which serve the Upper Kula area, are at 33.4 MG. The Kahakapao Reservoirs can hold 100 MG. The 30 MG Waikamoi Reservoirs are empty.

The reservoir level at Piiholo is 48.1 MG. Most of the inflow is from pumping up from the Kamole WTF in Haliimaile. The maximum capacity for the Piiholo Reservoir is 50 MG.

Wailoa Ditch flow as at 150.6 today. This is down from an average of 94.7 MGD for the past seven days.

The DWS will continue to monitor the weather forecast and source water flows. Should the situation continue to worsen, a drought warning may be issued. A drought warning involves a mandatory reduction of 10% in water consumption.

The DWS would also like to remind consumers that the Central water system is also in a drought. Customers in Kahului, Wailuku, Paia, and Kihei were asked to cut back water usage by 10% on August 23, 2007.

To help conserve water, consumers should check in and around homes for leaks, and install water saving devices where possible. Flow fixtures are available at no charge from the DWS. The free fixtures can be picked up at the department's planning division office located at the Hokama Building at 59 Kanoa Street in Wailuku. The division's office phone number is 244-8550.

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