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Customers of the Waimanalo Irrigation System:

On Friday, July 11, 2008, the Waimanalo Irrigation System implemented a Phase III – Mandatory Conservation Measure requiring all water users to reduce consumption by 30%. The Waimanalo Irrigation System remains in a Phase III – Conservation Measure as low rainfall persists.

We take this opportunity to applaud all of you who have made earnest efforts to reduce your plantings and cut back irrigation water use in compliance with our requests and the ongoing drought conditions. We understand the impacts being thrust upon you and we thank you for your continued vigilance.

The Phase III – Conservation Measures provide irrigation water service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. During times of drought or other water shortage, we ask for your assistance in identifying any inefficiencies in our irrigation system, such as leaks...evidenced by a small pool of water or damp ground that doesn't seem to dry up, even after several sunny days with no rain, or witnessing anyone other than our Waimanalo Irrigation System staff or Board of Water Supply personnel working on street valves and manholes. Please report any sightings or concerns to our office at (808) 973-9473. Although no one may be working on weekends or holidays, please call and leave a message with a phone number we may contact you at to confirm conditions. We will periodically check our office for messages left on weekends.

Some of you may already know that the Agricultural Resource Management Division has entered into an agreement with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to utilize an existing well on Waikupanaha Street. The well site has been turned over to the HDOA and our contractors are in the process of mobilizing and ordering equipment and parts to modify the existing well and pump facility. When completed, the well will be used during drought conditions to supplement surface water flows from Maunawili Valley. It is anticipated that the work will begin in September and be completed by the end of the year.

The Department of Agriculture has established a "link" on our website so you may track the progress of the irrigation system's availability of irrigation water. The link will provide a daily reservoir level, National Weather Service information and staff's comments on the condition of the Waimanalo Irrigation system. Our website address is: <http://www.hawaii.gov/hdoa>.

NOTE: Pursuant to §4-157-12, Discontinuance of service. – Water service may be refused or discontinued by the department if the water bill has not been paid within thirty days after the mailing or presentation thereof or if the consumer fails to comply with any of the applicable rules. However, acreage assessments shall continue in spite of the discontinuance of service.

Please contact us at (808) 973-9473 if you have any questions.

