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The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
Kapolei Hale
1000 Uluohia Street, Conference Rooms A, B, and C
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96707

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Council Resolution No. 24-215: Adopting a Revision to the Public Infrastructure Map for the Central O'ahu Sustainable Communities Plan Area

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports Council Resolution No. 24-215, proposing a revision to the Central O'ahu Public Infrastructure Map (PIM) for the future BWS Waiawa 228 Reservoir Facility. The addition of the PIM symbol will allow the appropriation of funds for the BWS to construct the Waiawa 228 Reservoir Facility.

The proposed reservoir facility will provide much needed storage in the BWS' Metro Low system, which was previously determined to be deficient in its storage capacity. Adequate reservoir storage minimizes fluctuations in water pressure, provides water for emergencies, and helps to meet peak consumption demands. Water storage facilities also help maintain service continuity when pumps are unavailable, and reduce stresses on the system during peak demand periods.

Pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and associated Title 11, Chapter 200, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), an environmental assessment was prepared, including consultation with agencies, individuals and community groups with jurisdiction or interest in the proposed project. The Final Environmental Assessment was published in August 2023 and a Finding of No Significant Impact was included in the Environmental Notice (September 8, 2023).

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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