

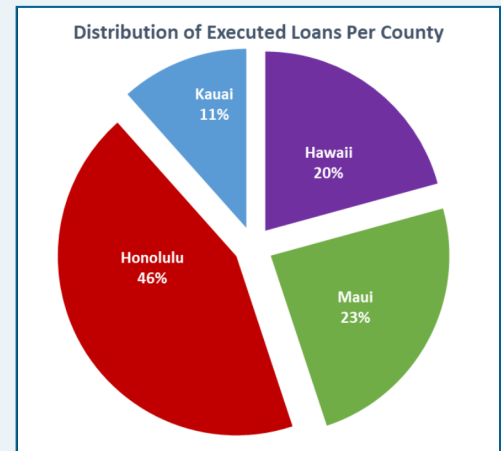
DWSRF 2020 REPORT

The Safe Drinking Water Branch (SDWB) is pleased to provide this annual report on the activities of our Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020). For SFY 2020, the DWSRF executed \$20,970,145.00 in loans and disbursed a total of \$31,102,593.63 of which \$28,348,126.99 was for loans and \$2,754,466.64 was for the set-asides and fees.

The Hawaii Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is a federally-capitalized loan program that provides low interest loans to state-regulated Public Water Systems for drinking water infrastructure projects. Since 1997, the Hawaii DWSRF has financed about \$370 million in drinking water supply projects, such as treatment plants, new drinking water sources, the replacement of aging waterlines, and storage tanks. The resulting public health benefits and water and energy savings for over 1 million rate paying residents Statewide, coupled with the favorable debt service opportunity for the borrower, is a win-win for all parties. In addition, the DWSRF continues to provide additional subsidization (zero percent interest + principal forgiveness), to a portion of these already low interest loans to counties that complete construction projects on schedule.

The DWSRF supported the following activities in SFY 2020:

- ◆ The Hana Water Systems received the program’s first DWSRF loan to a privately-owned public water system for \$1 million.
- ◆ The County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply disbursed over \$1.66 million.
- ◆ The Maui Department of Water Supply disbursed almost \$2.88 million.
- ◆ The Honolulu Board of Water Supply received \$19.97 million in loans and disbursed almost \$23.2 million.



A major initiative for the DWSRF in SFY 2020 was to offer six small private water systems with free professional engineering services through the Engineering Services Contract. It is a great opportunity to connect design consultants with private systems to improve their drinking water infrastructure. The free engineering services are on top of

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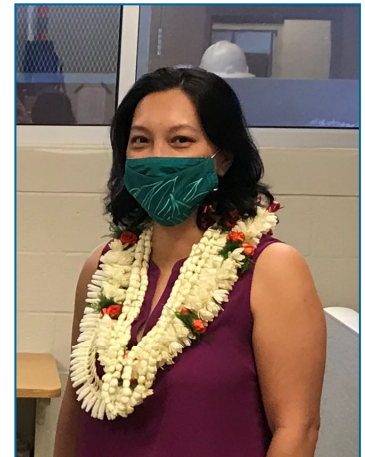
the additional subsidy loan funds available.

We are pleased that the DWSRF program is continuing to thrive in this “new normal”. Going forward, the DWSRF is looking forward to its continuing support of Hawaii’s public water systems in improving their infrastructure and providing safe drinking water to our ohana here in the Islands!

If you are interested in applying for or learning more about the DWSRF program, please contact the SDWB (sdwb@doh.hawaii.gov, (808) 586-4258) or visit our website at <https://health.hawaii.gov/sdwb/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund/>.

ALOHA & MAHALO JENNIFER

On September 11, the SDWB bid farewell to Jennifer Nikaido after relying on her top-notch capabilities for 13 years. Jennifer could take the reins in any situation having mastered every one of the engineering positions throughout her career at the SDWB. She was able to establish great rapport with the public water systems and yet be a firm enforcer of regulations. We will definitely miss her expertise, thoughtful guidance, and efficiency. Mahalo Jennifer for your dedication! We wish you and your family well in all of your future endeavors. The SDWB Ohana will not be the same without you.



HRWA Virtual Training DSO & WTPO Exam Review

DSO Grades 1 & 2

October 6 & 7 🕒 8:00 - 11:00 am

October 8 🕒 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

DSO Grades 3 & 4

October 13 & 14 🕒 8:00 - 11:00 am

October 15 🕒 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

WTPO Grades 1 & 2

October 20 & 21 🕒 8:00 - 11:00 am

October 22 🕒 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

hrwaoffice@hawaiiirwa.org or 808-315-8925

RTCR REMINDER

The first wave of certified RTCR Level 2 assessors will have their certifications expiring on December 31, 2020. The certification renewal process will be handled through the employing water purveyor or contract operator organization. There will be no fee. Personnel responsible for ensuring that your water department has an adequate number of certified Level 2 assessors should be on the lookout for a renewal email shortly.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Zane of the Compliance section at ann.zane@doh.hawaii.gov.

CERTIFICATION RENEWALS COMING UP

**2020
DSO & WTPO
RENEWALS
DUE
11/16/20**

Final renewal notices were mailed out in September for those whose DSO and/or WTPO certifications expire November 30, 2020.

If your CEUs need to be reviewed, please submit your requests by October 24, 2020 in time for Board review.

Don't delay in renewing. After December 31, 2020, the renewal fee increases. After November 30, 2021, you will lose your certification and will need to re-take and pass the exam to become certified again.

COMPUTER-BASED EXAMS ADMINISTERED

After the delay of the April exams due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the first computer-based exams were administered on Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island within the testing window of July 26 to September 12. Limited seating capacity at the PSI Test Centers extended the testing window. Thirty-seven examinees were able to schedule and sit for the exam. Overall, the feedback from the examinees was positive and many seemed to prefer the computer-based set up as opposed to the paper-based option. There were some technical issues with many of the sessions, but exams were able to proceed after the proctor was able to rectify the issues. Thank you to all of those examinees for your patience. Both the DSO and WTPO overall pass rates were on the high side at 42% for DSO and 31% for WTPO. That was a great start for computer-based exams!

DSO Exam				WTPO Exam			
Grade	Passed	Examinees	Passing Rate	Grade	Passed	Examinees	Passing Rate
1	6	8	75%	1	1	5	20%
2	3	6	50%	2	1	3	33%
3	1	2	50%	3	--	--	--
4	0	8	0%	4	2	5	40%
Total	10	24	42%	Total	4	13	31%

Paper-based exams were originally scheduled for Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai, however, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, testing sessions were postponed until conditions are safer for travel.

If you are re-taking the exam, HRWA will be providing free virtual training for DSO Grades 1-4 and WTPO Grades 1-2 exam reviews. See page 2 for dates and times. For registration information, please contact hrwaoffice@hawaiiirwa.org.

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

- ◆ **10/6-8 DSO 1-2 Exam Review**
- ◆ **10/9 CT Report Due**
Surface Water Systems
- ◆ **10/9 MRDL Report Due**
Disinfection Systems who complete their own tests
- ◆ **10/9 RTCR Report Due**
Systems whose samples are analyzed outside of the State lab
- ◆ **10/9 Chemical Quarterly Monitoring Report Due**
Systems with quarterly monitoring requirements
- ◆ **10/13-15 DSO 3-4 Exam Review**
- ◆ **10/20-22 WTPO 1-2 Exam Review**
- ◆ **10/26 DSO & WTPO Applications Due**
January Examinees
- ◆ **10/26 DSO & WTPO Exam Registrations Due**
January Examinees
- ◆ **10/31 DSO & WTPO Exam Testing Window Closes**
- ◆ **11/10 CT Report Due**
Surface Water Systems
- ◆ **11/10 RTCR Report Due**
Systems whose samples are analyzed outside of the State lab
- ◆ **11/16 DSO & WTPO Renewals Due**
Select Operators
- ◆ **11/24 Board of Certification Meeting**
10:00 am
- ◆ **12/10 CT Report Due**
Surface Water Systems
- ◆ **12/10 RTCR Report Due**
Systems whose samples are analyzed outside of the State lab

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 DSO 1-2 Exam Review	7 DSO 1-2 Exam Review	8 DSO 1-2 Exam Review	9 CT Report Due MRDL Report Due RTCR Report Due Chemical Quarterly Monitoring Report Due	10
11	12	13 DSO 3-4 Exam Review	14 DSO 3-4 Exam Review	15 DSO 3-4 Exam Review	16	17
18	19	20 WTPO 1-2 Exam Review	21 WTPO 1-2 Exam Review	22 WTPO 1-2 Exam Review	23	24
25	26 DSO & WTPO Appli- cations Due DSO & WTPO Exam Registrations Due	27	28	29	30	31 DSO & WTPO Exam Testing Window Closes

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 HOLIDAY	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 CT Report Due RTCR Report Due	11 HOLIDAY	12	13	14
15	16 DSO & WTPO Renewals Due	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Board of Certification Meeting	25	26 HOLIDAY	27	28
29	30					

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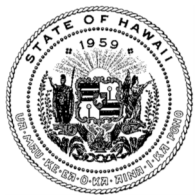
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27	28	29	30	31		



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The mission of the Safe Drinking Water Branch of the Department of Health is to safeguard public health by protecting Hawaii's drinking water sources (surface water and groundwater) from contamination and assure that owners and operators of public water systems provide safe drinking water to the community. This mission is accomplished through the administration of the Safe Drinking Water Program, Underground Injection Control Program (UIC), Groundwater Protection Program (GWPP), and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

We're on the Web!

<http://health.hawaii.gov/sdwb/>

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KEEPING THE SDWB OFFICE WATER SAFE

Keeping the tap running is an essential service, and the work never ends even during a pandemic. Larry, operator from Pural Water Specialty Co. provides the SDWB office with safe drinking water and tests our water with a smile (under his mask). Thank you, Larry for keeping our water safe!

