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\$8.75 MILLION IN STATE CIP FUNDS RELEASED FOR 10 MILLION GALLON WATER RESERVOIR PUMP STORAGE IN LĀLĀMILO, HAWAI'I

Project expected to increase use of renewable energy to pump and store potable water

Lālāmilo, Hawai'i – State Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds totaling \$8.75 million were released by Governor David Ige on Thursday, March 10, to finance the construction of a 10 million gallon water reservoir for the Lālāmilo water system. South Kohala currently receives roughly 5.5 million gallons of water per day from the Lālāmilo system. With a larger water reservoir, the Department of Water Supply will be able to utilize more of the renewable electricity generated by the onsite wind turbines to pump and store potable water.

The funds were appropriated by the Legislature during the 2019 Legislative session which budgeted \$8,750,000 in State bonds and requested the County of Hawai'i match these funds to cover a portion of the cost (\$1,750,000).

"With this significant investment of public funds, this project will help the Department of Water Supply, the County of Hawai'i, and the State of Hawai'i achieve their mutual goal of a more sustainable and resilient future," said Representative David Tarnas (House District 7 – North Kona, North Kohala, South Kohala). "I am grateful to be at the legislature to work with Senator Lorraine Inouye to secure these funds."

"The Department of Water Supply wishes to express its appreciation for Senator Lorraine Inouye for her role in obtaining these funds as well as the support of Representative David Tarnas, Governor David Ige, Mayor Mitch Roth and Councilmember Tim Richards for this important project," said Hawai'i County Department of Water Supply Manager and Chief Engineer Keith Okamoto. "This project will assist the Department, the County of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i on our shared vision for a more sustainable future by utilizing more wind generated energy."

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