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**HAWAII STATE DOH CLEAN WATER BRANCH PARTNERS  
WITH HANAIEI WATERSHED HUI**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health Clean Water Branch (CWB) and the Hanalei Watershed Hui (HWH) have recently joined in the protection of Kauai Beaches. This is the first partnership between a community based organization and the Hawaii State Department of Health's Clean Water Branch.

Hanalei Watershed Hui's involvement allows the Department of Health's Clean Water Branch to increase the number of beaches that it monitors on Kauai, and the frequency at which they are sampled. Under this partnership, Hanalei Watershed Hui will monitor waters of Hanalei Bay at the Hanalei Pier, Hanalei Bay Pavilion, and Waioli Pavilion; Hanalei River at the end of Weke Road; Haena Beach Park and Ke'e Beach Park.

"The Hanalei Watershed Hui has demonstrated from their past activities that they possess the skills and expertise in conducting water monitoring activities that satisfy the Department of Health and EPA requirements," said Watson Okubo, head of the Clean Water Monitoring Section. "We are pleased that the Clean Water Branch was able to provide funds under the BEACH Act that will allow Hanalei Watershed Hui to continue with its monitoring program."

Hanalei Watershed Hui is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental organization that strives to protect the Ahupua'a of Hanalei, Wai'oli, Waipa, and Waikoko.

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