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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WATER COMMISSION MEMBER

HONOLULU -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources is seeking nominations for a member of the State Commission on Water Resource Management to serve a new four-year term beginning July 1, 2008.

"We are looking for nominees with substantial experience in the area of water resource management," said Ken Kawahara, Deputy to the Water Commission. "The ideal candidate should have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques as well as traditional Hawaiian riparian usage. This expertise is extremely valuable to the Commission in its management decisions," Kawahara added.

The Commission on Water Resource Management is composed of seven members who have jurisdiction and final authority on matters relating to implementation and administration of the State Water Code.

Five members are appointed by the Governor, who selects nominees from a list submitted by a nominating committee. Nominees are subject to confirmation by the State Senate. Other members by law are the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, who serves as chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management, and the director of the Department of Health. Members serve without pay except for reimbursement for expenses, including travel, necessary to do the job.

Nominations, along with resumes, must be submitted no later than December 14, 2007 to the Nominating Committee, Commission on Water Resource Management, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809. All names submitted to the Nominating Committee will be kept confidential by the Nominating Committee.

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