

**Permit Brief – DLNR-CWRM-5
Surface Water Use Permit
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM)**

Reason for Approval/Permit: To use or withdraw surface water in designated surface water management areas

References: Chapter 174C Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); Chapters 13-171 Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)

Fees: \$25 & associated public notice costs (~\$400 for 2x in paper & ~\$400 for public hearing if required)

Permit Prerequisite(s): HRS 343 compliance, Special Management Area, Conservation District Use, & State Historic Preservation compliance, if applicable

Website: http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/cwrn/info_permits.htm

Checklist	Estimated Time
1. Applicant submits Surface Water Use Permit Application with: a) Name and address of applicant and landowner; b) Date of application; c) Water source of the water supply; d) Quantity and quality of water requested; e) Use of the water and any limitations thereon; f) Location of the use of water; g) Location of the well or point of diversion; and h) Other required information to CWRM.	
2. CWRM staff reviews application for completeness and accepts application if complete.	Immediately following Application Submission
3. CWRM publishes a notice of application in monthly bulletin and in a newspaper having general circulation within the affected area; will be published at least once per week for two consecutive weeks. In addition, the commission shall mail a copy of notice to interested parties, the mayor and water board of affected county.	Immediately following Application Submission
4. CWRM staff sends application to the following departments and divisions for review and comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii Department of Health • Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands • Office of Hawaiian Affairs • DLNR, Aquatic Resources; Forestry and Wildlife; Historic Preservation; State Parks; Land Division; Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (if in Conservation District) • Land Use Commission • City Planning Department 	
5. County shall inform the Commission if the proposed use is inconsistent with County land use plans and policies.	60 days after Receipt of Public Notice
6. CWRM staff collects and reviews comments received.	
7. CWRM staff reviews and evaluates application.	
8. CWRM staff prepares submittal to CWRM with recommendation for approval or denial of application.	90 days no objections or 180 days with objections and public hearing following Application Submission
Total Estimated Time from Completed Application Acceptance	90 or 180 days