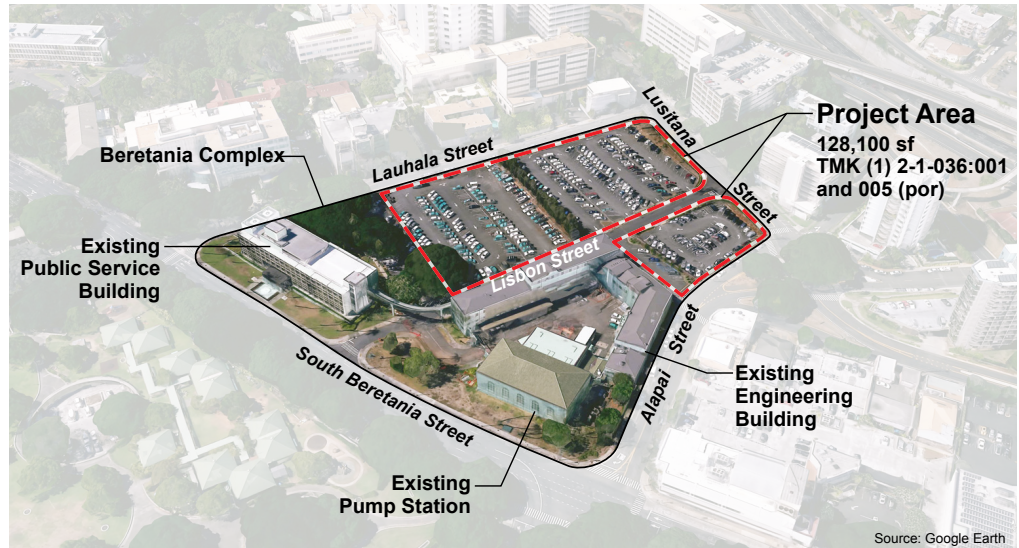


## BWS Evaluating Beretania Complex Redevelopment

The BWS is evaluating three proposed concepts to redevelop about three acres of its Beretania headquarters that is currently occupied by its fleet and employee parking lots. The BWS plans to use a portion of its property to generate income, which will help offset a portion of its operating expenses and capital improvement costs.

Regardless of which proposed concept is selected, the project area will be leased to a third party who will implement the redevelopment. The proposed concepts will be evaluated via the environmental review process as required by the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which will involve the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The BWS has already issued an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice, with its 30-day public review period, and is working on the draft EIS, which is scheduled for release in mid-2019.



Red dotted lines indicate areas of the BWS property under development consideration.

Comments received on the draft EIS will be used to prepare the Final EIS, which will evaluate the environmental impacts the three proposed concepts will have on the natural and human

environments and recommend ways to minimize and mitigate any environmental impacts. Visit the BWS website for more information at: [boardofwatersupply.com](http://boardofwatersupply.com).

## Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Update

On November 1, 2018, the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee held its annual meeting to study issues related to field-constructed underground fuel storage tanks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Ernie Lau, BWS Manager and Chief Engineer, is a member of the committee including representatives from Hawaii's congressional delegation, state legislature, federal and state government agencies, and community organizations.

At the meeting the Navy presented an update on the work being performed under the Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). The Navy discussed the presence of rust on the backside of the steel liner from Tank 14. The Navy also announced its decision to continue the status quo operation of the existing tanks as its preferred tank upgrade choice under the AOC. The BWS does not support this approach and continues to urge upgrading the Red Hill tanks with secondary containment better known as "tank within



BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernie Lau appears in this frame from online video from the Nov. 1, 2018, committee meeting. View the meeting at: <https://www.vimeo.com/302114576>

a tank" as the best way to protect our drinking water supplies. The committee then took public testimony. Many people also expressed concerns about the tanks

and reservations with the Navy's ability to prevent leaks and protect Oahu's drinking water. For more on this issue, see: [boardofwatersupply.com/redhill](http://boardofwatersupply.com/redhill)





# Hālawā Xeriscape Garden Unthirsty Plant Sale



Photos, L-R: Two tots plant cuttings in a paper pot to take home. Special guests help dedicate a living xeriscape garden wall repurposed from a pallet. A visitor browses for an unthirsty plant.

The BWS and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (HXG) celebrated the 30th Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Aug. 4. This annual event offered free activities, a xeriscape backdrop selfie

booth, and promoted water-efficient landscaping as a way to reduce water use. It encourages the public to incorporate xeriscape principles, especially the use of less-thirsty plants, in their home gardens. The event featured a display of future

HXG redesigns as well as a special mid-day program with a Hawaiian storyteller, the dedication of a living xeriscape wall to honor HXG volunteers and supporters through the years, and a performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band Glee Club.



## 2019 BWS Calendars

The 2019 Water Conservation calendar, featuring winning entries of the 2018 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests is available to the public. The free calendar can now be picked up at the BWS's Beretania building lobby. Quantities are limited, so first-come, first-served.

## Calling all young artists and poets...



The BWS is accepting entries for its 2019 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests. Deadline is Thursday, February 28, 2019. Winners can receive up to \$150 and see their poster or poem in the 2020 Water Conservation calendar that will be given to all Oahu schools and elected officials. Contests details, including rules and an entry form, is in the 2019 calendar and at [boardofwatersupply.com](http://boardofwatersupply.com).

## Meter-reading equipment replacement

The BWS is replacing meter-reading equipment to increase pick up of drive-by readings and reduce the need for meter readers to manually collect them.

BWS meter technicians drive BWS trucks, wear BWS uniforms, and are properly credentialed. Depending on the tasks required, their work may take from 5 minutes to about a half-hour per meter as they determine whether equipment needs

to be replaced, troubleshoot any problems, replace if needed, and test newly installed equipment.

BWS staff working on this effort may need to open an outdoor hose bib for a few minutes to test the meter. They will NOT ask to go in your home or request payment for these services – if you encounter someone who does, please call 9-1-1 immediately to report this.

## Reminder: New water rates taking effect July 1, 2019

The BWS reminds everyone that new water rates will go into effect on July 1, 2019. Changes will include:

- Monthly charge based on meter size. Replaces previous monthly billing charge.
- A new lower rate "Essential Needs" tier.
- Revised rate tiers to encourage and reward conservation.
- Monthly standby charge for fire protection meters.

More information about these and other rate changes is on our website at [boardofwatersupply.com/waterrates](http://boardofwatersupply.com/waterrates).



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