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TO: All Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users

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SUBJECT: **Update to the November 2025 10% Mandatory Water Conservation Requirement for Non-Homestead Users, Moloka'i Irrigation System**

Effective November 15, 2025, the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (the Department) required that non-Homestead Users of the Moloka'i Irrigation System (MIS) begin mandatory 10% reductions in monthly water consumption. This conservation measure was required to address a low storage supply of water in the reservoir.

Since November 2025, the reservoir level has increased from 19.5 feet and approximately 442.5 million gallons to 28.25 feet and approximately 677.5 million gallons. In response to this change in reservoir level, and in accordance with §4-157-4, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the administrator-chief engineer has deemed that mandatory conservation measures are no longer necessary.

Effective February 23, 2026, the 10% mandatory water conservation requirement for non-homestead users is changed to a 10% voluntary reduction. In the event that future water shortages occur, mandatory restrictions may be reinstated.

Thank you very much for your efforts to save water and support the MIS. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (808) 973-9473.

