

**ARTICLE XVII  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER**

**Section 17.01. Organization.** There shall be a department of water supply consisting of a board of water supply, manager and chief engineer, and the necessary staff.

**Section 17.02. Board of Water Supply Organization.** The board of water supply shall consist of seven members, four of whom shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The state district engineer of the department of transportation, the county engineer, and the planning director shall be ex-officio voting members of the board. The ex-officio members shall not serve as chair or vice-chair of the board. The board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall adopt rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of its business. (Amended 1980, 1996)

**Section 17.03. Powers and Duties of the Board.** The board shall manage, control, and operate the waterworks of the county and all property thereof for the purpose of supplying water to the public and shall collect, receive, expend, and account for all sums of money derived from the operation thereof and all other moneys and property provided for the use or benefit of such waterworks.

A. The board shall maintain accounts to show its complete financial status and the activities of management and operation including current projects. It shall submit a written report quarterly to the mayor and council on its financial status and operations. (Amended 1980)

B. Review the state and county general plans with the board's general plan for water sources and system. The board shall transmit such review and plans through the mayor to the council. The board's general plan for water sources and system shall implement the county general plan. (Amended 1980)

C. The board may provide for a reserve fund, issue revenue bonds, provide for payment of bonds, expend bond funds and other funds, establish rates and charges, acquire property, sue and be sued, and engage in and undertake all other activities as provided for in Chapter 145-A, Revised Laws of Hawai'i 1955, and as may be hereafter provided for by law.

D. The board may make and, from time to time, alter, amend, and repeal rules and regulations relating to the management, control, operation, preservation, and protection of the waterworks. Such rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law. Penalties for the violation of any rule or regulation shall be set forth in the rules and regulations.

**Section 17.04. Staff.** The manager and chief engineer shall be appointed and may be removed by the board of water. Said person shall be the head of the department. The manager and chief engineer may but is not required to be an engineer duly registered under Hawai'i state laws pertaining to registration of engineers, and shall have had a minimum of five years of training and experience in an engineering related position, at least three years of which shall have been in a responsible administrative capacity. Said person shall have the powers and duties prescribed by the board.  
(Amended 1980, 2020)