



55th Annual **1st Annual**
HWWA AND HRWA
Conference & Exposition



November 2 - 4,
 2016 Wailea Beach
 Marriott Resort,
 Maui, HI

HWWA and HRWA Conference & Expo Recap

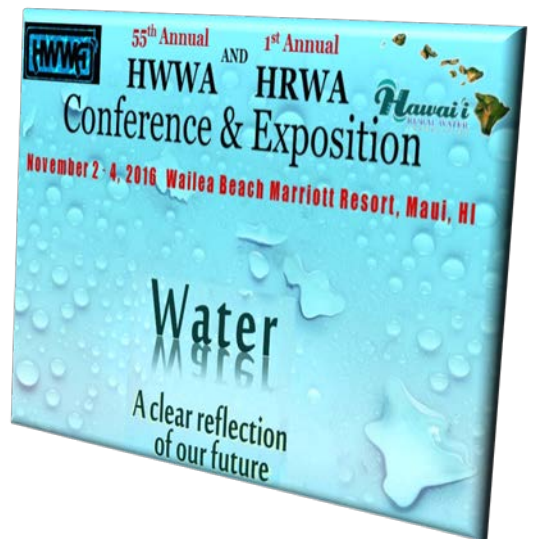
A Big Mahalo to all who came out to participate in the 2016 Conference and Exposition held jointly by Hawaii Water Works Association and Hawaii Rural Water Association!



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Mark your calendars for the 2017 HWWA and HRWA Conference and Exposition being held on the Big Island of Hawaii. Visit the HRWA Website to stay up to date with announcements.



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NOVEMBER 1-3 ON THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII



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Best Tasting Water in Hawaii Winners



Safe, clean, affordable water is a major issue anywhere in the world. In fact, nothing is more precious or raises bigger debate than water quality, whether it is bottled or straight from the tap. Often the public is not aware that tap water is subject to strict environmental inspections and is tested more frequently than any bottled water on the market today.

To recognize the efforts for all the hard work and determination it takes to produce and distribute this water throughout the Hawaiian Islands, the Hawai'i Rural Water Association in partnership with Hawaii Water Works Association held its First Annual Water Taste Test, to determine who has the best tasting water in Hawai'i. The contest took place on November 2, 2016, during the HWWA and HRWA Conference and Expo on the island of Maui, at the luxurious Wailea Beach Marriott Resort.



There were four entries this year, one from Kawela Plantation on the Island of Molokai, and three from the island of Maui; Maunaolu Plantation, Maui Business Park and Consolidated Base Yard. To be eligible for the contest the utilities had to be a recognized Public Water System in the state of Hawai'i and own and operate its own wells or surface water plant. The samples had to be drawn by a certified water operator and could be taken from any point within their system. The sample had to be certified that it had not been altered in any manner or placed through any additional filtering processes. The samples were collected from the participants prior to the testing and were kept in a refrigerated secure location until the contest began.

1st Place – Consolidated Base Yard

2nd Place – Kawela Plantation

3rd Place – Maunaolu Plantation



Hawai'i Rural Water was honored to have five illustrious judges that participated in the contest to give their opinion on each sample based on Clarity, Odor, and Taste. Judges included Claudette Atwood, Chief Financial Officer for National Rural Water Association; Robin Pulkkinen, Program Director for the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development; Aaron Placourakis, President and CEO of Tri Star Restaurant Group; Veronique Griener, Quality Assurance Brew Master for Maui Brewing Company; and John Leslie, Head Executive Chef for Wailea Marriott Beach Resort.

The contest was set up as a blind taste test so the judges had no idea whose water they were tasting at any point during the competition. Samples were simply labeled A, B, C or D. The judges rated each sample on a range from 1 to 10 with 10 being the best. After each round, the score sheets were collected and secured until all the entries were judged. Following the contest the score sheets were tallied to determine the winner which was announced at our awards ceremony on Friday November 4th.

Be sure to register for next year's Annual Best Tasting Water in Hawaii contest, November 1-3 at the HWWA & HRWA 201 Conference and Expo on the Big Island of Hawaii! Watch for Announcements

The Best Tasting Water in Hawai'i for 2016 was awarded to Consolidated Base Yard a utility located in Maui. The winner of the contest will receive free airfare and hotel accommodations courtesy of CoBank to Washington, DC to compete in the National Rural Water Associations 17th Annual Great American Water Taste Test to be held on February 10, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. This is a televised event drawing nationwide coverage and attention.

Hawai'i Rural Water is very excited for our winner Consolidated Base Yard from Maui and we wait with eager anticipation for Hawai'i to compete for the very first time in this national competition.

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Thank You
 CoBank for
 sponsoring
 this year's
 contest!



HWWA William Y. Thompson Award Recipient

This year, the William Y. Thompson Award was given to Calvin Uemura of the County of Hawaii, Department of Water Supply. HWWA grants this award for dedication and professionalism.

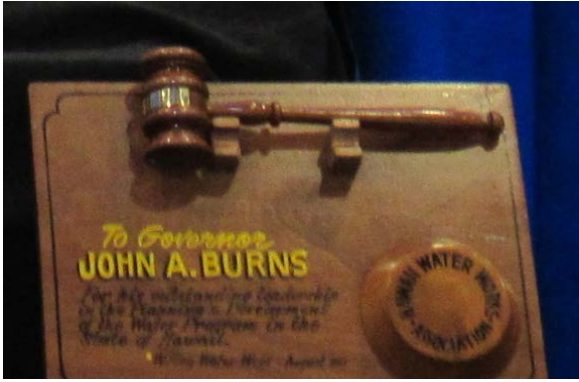
“Mr. Uemura has risen through the ranks at the Department to become the leader of the Customer Service section due to his intelligence, judgment, leadership, work ethic, and dedication. He is one of the most valuable employees in the Department because of his excellent guidance over critical components to the Department's success, which includes customer service, meter reading, billing and cashing.”



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Passing of the Gavel – New HWWA President



Dave Taylor passed the John A. Burns gavel to Keith Okamoto, a ceremonial HWWA tradition of naming the new President of HWWA.

Next year's HWWA & HRWA conference will be held on Mr. Okamoto's Big Island of Hawaii.

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Photos of the 2016 Conference

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Special Thanks!

Thank you to everyone at the Wailea Marriott Resort and Spa, our volunteers, vendors, presenters, and donators. We couldn't have had this success without you!!

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The banner features a light blue background with a water droplet pattern. It includes the HWWA logo (a blue square with white letters), the year 2017 in large white font, and the HRWA logo (a green map of Hawaii with the text 'Hawai'i RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION'). The text is arranged in a central, bold, sans-serif font.

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