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**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Land and
Natural Resources to Conduct Field Investigations Along Mānoa,
Makiki and Pālolo Streams January 16 Through January 22**

(HONOLULU NR 01-09) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently investigating the Ala Wai Watershed Project in cooperation with the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Engineering Division and the City & County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services.

This multi-purpose project is being conducted under Section 209 of the Flood Control Act of 1962 (Public Law 87-874), for the purpose of flood mitigation and ecosystem restoration in the Ala Wai watershed. The watershed includes the Makiki, Mānoa and Pālolo drainage basins as well as the Waikīkī, Mō‘ili‘ili, and Kapahulu areas.

The overall scope of the project is to prepare a Feasibility Study (and associated Environmental Impact Statement [EIS]) that presents a plan to improve the overall quality of the watershed, from the crest of the Ko‘olau Mountains to the nearshore waters, while minimizing risk of flood damages to the public.

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Specifically, the purpose of the Feasibility Study is to identify and formulate potential alternative plans that address the project objectives, including flood mitigation and ecosystem restoration. The alternative plans will be evaluated for engineering adequacy, economic viability and environmental acceptability, resulting in a recommended plan for implementation. The Feasibility Study will be used to support the request for authorization for construction funds to implement the recommended plan.

As part of the development of the Feasibility Study, representatives from the project team will be performing field investigations within the watershed from January 16 through Jan. 22, 2009, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Specific areas of investigation include the stream channels and adjacent floodplain areas within Mānoa, Makiki and Pālolo valleys. The purpose of the investigation will be to observe in-stream conditions and to identify potential opportunities for ecosystem restoration and flood risk management measures; no ground-disturbing activities will be performed.

For more information on the Ala Wai Watershed Study, please visit the project website at www.alawaiwatershed.com.

Questions or comments concerning the project should be addressed to Ms. Cindy S. Barger, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, Civil and Public Works Branch, telephone: (808) 438-6940, e-mail: Ala_Wai@usace.army.mil.

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