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DOW awards 2022 Employees of the Year

LIHUE – The Department of Water (DOW) recognized Michael Mack and Jason Kagimoto as the recipients of the 2022 "Employee of the Year" awards during the Kaua`i Board of Water Supply's (KBWS) monthly Board meeting on March 16, 2023.

"Congratulations to Michael Mack and Jason Kagimoto for their tremendous contributions to the department. Their exemplary performances within their divisions and on behalf of the department is a testament to their personal hard work and dedication to water customers." said Joe Tait, DOW's Manager and Chief Engineer.

KBWS resolution no. 23-07 states "Michael is a forward thinker who looks to find creative and efficient solutions for every situation encountered. He is a self-motivated, quality producer who openly accepts the challenge and responsibility to go above and beyond expectations to keep the water flowing." Mack joined DOW in 2015 earning two promotions through his efforts and currently serves in a supervisor position as a Lead Pipefitter.

Jason is a Civil Engineer VI and is the Acting Engineering Division Head at DOW. He is described by his peers in KBWS resolution no. 23-08 as a "driven, dedicated and hardworking team member who is extremely organized and focused on continuously learning and developing best practices to manage complex activities effectively and efficiently, and has developed processes and procedures to ensure consistency with engineering requests and permitting, resulting in improved turnaround time and a greater overall customer experience."

"Our employees work hard every day to ensure the reliability of our services and we are grateful for all of their efforts." said Tait.

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Left to right: DOW's Michael Mack and Jason Kagimoto named 2022 Employees of the Year



Members of the Kaua`i Board of Water Supply (KBWS) and Department of Water (DOW) awards the 2022 Employees of the Year at the KBWS Board meeting on March 16, 2023. LtoR: KBWS Ka'aina Hull, Board Chair Kurt Akamine, KBWS Larry Dill, DOW's Michael Mack and Jason Kagimoto, DOW Manager Joe Tait, Board Vice Chair Julie Simonton and Board Secretary Tom Shigemoto.

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