



Ernest Y. W. Lau, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer

On February 1, 2012, The Board of Water Supply's (BWS) board of directors appointed Ernest Y.W. Lau as the tenth manager and chief engineer of the Board of Water Supply. As manager, Lau is responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of the BWS, with a focus on furthering the department's mission to provide a safe, dependable, and affordable water supply, now and into the future.

Lau previously served as the administrator of the Public Works Division under the State Department of Accounting and General Services, where he oversaw the planning, coordinating, directing, and controlling of a statewide program of engineering, architectural, and construction services. Lau previously worked as Deputy Director of the State Commission on Water Resource Management, Department of Land and Natural Resources where he worked collaboratively with the Commission members to set policies and make decisions in accordance with the State Water Code. Lau also served as the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Kauai Department of Water from 1996 to 2003 and as Deputy Manager from 1995 to 1996. Prior to that position, he worked for the Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu for more than 14 years as an engineer in Long Range Planning and Water Systems Planning.