



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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February 24, 2011

Aloha West Kaua'i Beneficiaries:

I am pleased to inform you that the Hawaiian Homes Commission recently approved the West Kaua'i Regional Plan. This new regional plan, brings our total to 19 regional plans statewide. Mahalo to all of you who participated in the planning process and congratulations for your excellent work in identifying issues and priority projects for the region.

One of the Priority Projects involves opening a portion of our Waimea lands for agricultural use by our native Hawaiian beneficiaries. This will require major repairs and improvements to the Koke'e Ditch system, Pu'u 'Ōpae Reservoir, and the mauka-makai dirt road that runs parallel to the ditch.

While the regional plan was being developed, the Department was exploring the possibility of opening a large portion of our Waimea lands for renewable energy development. In November, 2009, Pacific West Energy, LLC, a renewable energy production company, was selected to general lease portions of our Waimea lands for biomass production. The biomass (plant matter) will be incinerated in order to produce electricity, which would be sold to the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC). This provides an opportunity for the development of agricultural homestead lots on our Waimea lands.

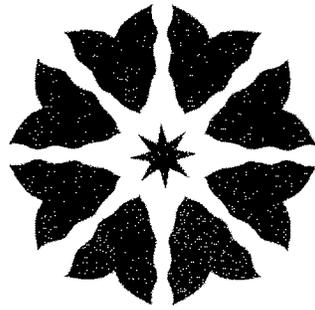
We are excited about the opportunity to generate revenue from our Waimea lands while also providing opportunities for our native Hawaiian beneficiaries to receive agricultural homestead awards. We would like to discuss these opportunities and have scheduled a series of two (2) beneficiary consultation meetings. The first meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 2011** and the second meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 30, 2011**. Please see the attached flyer for meeting details. Comments may be submitted at the meetings, or by mail, or by email to dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov. There will be a 30-day period for you to provide your comments and suggestions—please make sure we receive them no later than Monday, April 11, 2011. The record of comments received will be transmitted to the Hawaiian Homes Commission with staff recommendations at the Commission's regular meeting on April 19, 2011. If you have any questions, call our Planning Office at 620-9480 or send an email to the address above.

Me ke aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert 'Alapaki' Nahale-a".

Albert "Alapaki" Nahale-a, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Attachment



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BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

Renewable Energy Development on DHHL Waimea Lands

Community Consultation Meetings

1st Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2011
Kekaha Elementary School
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- ◆ Background Information by DHHL
- ◆ Development Proposal by Pacific West Energy, LLC
- ◆ Questions, Answers, Comments

2nd Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Kekaha Elementary School
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- ◆ Revisions to Proposal
- ◆ Proposed Lease Agreement