

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTES**

**PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**

**KALAELOA, OAHU**

**CONDUCTED BY:**

**KAULANA H.R. PARK, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**

**PURSUANT TO ACT 19, SPLH 2009**

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**NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2009**

**PUBLIC HEARING #1 NOTES  
PROPOSED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, HALE PONO‘Ī**

This public hearing is required for compliance with Act 19 (2009).

This public hearing was called to order at 1:14 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Kaulana Park, Chairman, Perry O. Artates, Donald S.M. Chang, Stuart k. Hanchett, Malia Kamaka, Francis L. Lum, Trish Morikawa, Albert Nahale-a, Henry Tancayo

**PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED PROJECTS:**

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- Collects and stores heat, generates steam, and supplies 4 MW to HECO grid
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**RECURRENT ENERGY – 5 MW PV SOLAR PROJECT**

- 25,000 photovoltaic panels
- Provides power to the HECO grid from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Project site will be unmanned
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**TESTIFIERS:**

1. Shirley Swinney, Malu‘ōhai Residents Association

- Supports lease of lands in Kalaeloa for renewable energy generation
- Proposed projects are in line with the Hawai‘i Clean Energy Initiative

- Commends both companies for willingness to work with communities and donate proceeds toward renewable energy education

2. Senator Mike Gabbard, Hawai'i State Senate

- Lives in Kalaeloa
- Supports DHHL in taking a leadership role in bringing renewable energy to Kalaeloa
- Every solar panel or wind turbine means a reduction in dependence on foreign oil
- Strongly supports both proposed projects

QUESTIONS:           None

The public hearing ended at 1:48 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING #2 NOTES  
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, HALE PONO'Ī**

This public hearing is required for compliance with Act 19 (2009).

This public hearing was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

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1. Iwalani McBreyer, Kaupe‘a Homestead Board Member

- This is an opportunity to be akamai and energy efficient
- Supports projects, but doesn't know much about PV

Questions:

- What is the direct impact to DHHL?
- Will projects provide job opportunities?
- Will proceeds from projects be reinvested in Kapolei?
- How will projects benefit DHHL and beneficiaries?

Responses:

- Portion of proceeds will be used for education and outreach in schools and communities, and also to bring solar technology to residents
- New jobs: collector assembly, maintenance, security

Question:

- Will jobs be union or non-union?

Response:

- The general contractor determines whether laborers need to be union members

Question:

- Can information on projects be made available online?

Response:

- Yes, information will be made available as projects progress.

2. Tesha Malama, Director of Planning and Development at Kalaeloa, Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDC)

- Projects are consistent with direction and technology that HCDC is pursuing
- Initiative is in synch with preservation of sites in Kalaeloa
- Five HCDC board members focus on Kalaeloa

Question:

- What is the surrounding impact? Is a buffer needed? Is fire a risk?

Response:

- Sopyg project uses synthetic biodegradable oil, so there is no environmental threat. Collector system generate temperatures of 500 degrees, but systems allow for manual overrides and shutdowns to avoid over heating.

3. Alfred Willie, Malu‘ōhai Lessee

Questions:

- Are there other plans for future investment for renewable energy other than solar?
- What about bird sanctuary sites? Will there be an environmental assessment for these projects? What if you find something?

Responses:

- All projects on state lands require an environmental assessment
- DHHL conducted a preliminary survey of the Kalaeloa lands and found a half dozen archaeological sites, but on the opposite side of the parcel, away from the proposed project sites.
- Projects are not planned near known archaeological and burial sites.

Question:

- Do renewable energy projects have difficulty leasing land at market rates?

Response:

- Yes.

The public hearing ended at 6:20 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS Kalaeloa, Oahu

The public is invited to comment on proposed renewable energy projects pursuant to Act 19, enacted by the State of Hawaii Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Special Session 2009. Public notice is hereby given that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) intends to issue licenses or leases to Sopogy Inc. and Recurrent Energy for parcels of land located in Kalaeloa on the island of Oahu. The public is invited to comment on these proposed solar energy projects at one of the meetings listed below to be held before the Hawaiian Homes Commission at Hale Pono'i located adjacent to DHHL's office at 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii. An outline of the proposals will be distributed at the meeting.

**Monday, November 16, 2009 - 12:00 noon**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009 - 5:30 pm**

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands reserves the right to cancel or modify this disposition of its lands at its sole discretion.

**For additional information you may contact Noel Akamu, Property Development Manager, at (808) 620-9453 on Oahu.**

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Department Of Hawaiian Home Lands

Date: November 5, 2009

By SIGNED  
Kaulana H.R.Park, Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Approved:

SIGNED  
Deputy Attorney General  
State of Hawaii