

Molokai Regional Plan Update
Beneficiary Meeting
October 1, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Carrie Marie Poaha, Scott Furtado, Margaret Furtado, Ochie Bush, Pili aloha Kalaiwaa, Henry Tancayo, Lorraine Aki, Viola Munorick Whichman, Bob Kaikaka, Melody Alcon, Bobo Alcon, Wanda Hudela, Kapua 12 xxx, Pearl Sanchez, Kammy Purdy, Irene Ka‘ahanui, Sybil Lopez

Staff: Julie-Ann Cachola, Kaleo Manuel, Stuart Matsunaga

Consultants: PBR Hawaii – Scott Abrigo, Malia Cox

Welcoming:

Julie-Ann Cachola welcomed the participants and requested the meeting be opened in prayer.

Opening Pule:

The opening prayer was given by Ms. Melody Alcon

Introduction of Regional Planning Process:

Julie-Ann Cachola introduced the DHHL staff and consulting team and described the planning process and the benefits of community participation to get the appropriate projects identified based on the needs of the community.

Review of Current Regional Plan:

Scott Abrigo, PBR Hawaii, reviewed the contents of the current regional plan and described the method for developing a project list for Moloka‘i. He described the five topics that projects are divided into, Water, Resource Management, Infrastructure, Agriculture and Community.

Review of 2007 Project List and Status Report:

Mr. Abrigo went through the projects that made the list during the previous regional plan update and provided an update on the status of the project.

2007 Project List

2007 Project List- Water:

1. Priority Project- Implement Recommendations Outlined in Akinaka & Associates Study- This project is underway.
2. Upgrade Existing DHHL Kualapu`u Water System

2007 Project List- Resource Management:

1. Priority Project-USGS Model- coordination with Army Corp of Engineers- This project is underway.

2007 Project List- Infrastructure:

1. Explore alternative energy for Moloka`i
2. Various Infrastructure Improvements at Nā`iwa

2007 Project List- Agricultural:

1. Priority Project-Shared Equipment Access for Farmers- This project is complete.

2. Provide Assistance for Restarting Career and Technical Education Programs focused on Agriculture at Moloka'i High School
3. Analyze the MIS and its relationship with DHHL Agriculture users, and upgrading the system to provide increased water service.

2007 Project List- Community

1. Priority Project- Upgrades to Lanikeha Community Center
 - a. there has been no movement on this project
2. Kūpuna Housing in Kalama`ula
3. Native Hawaiian and Healing and Wellness Center in Kalaupapa
4. Cultural and Education Center in Pālā`au
5. Affordable Housing Program
6. Expansion of Facilities at Kiowea Park (Coconut Grove)

Project Status Update: Numerous infrastructure projects have been completed, are underway, or are currently out to bid. Mr. Stuart Matsunaga of the Land Development Division of DHHL, and Scott Abrigo provided an update of the Molokai Projects.

1. East Momomi Road- Currently in the bidding phase. Construction should commence next year. Estimated cost- \$500 K
2. Drainage (clearing drains/installation of poly-lining)- Bidding phase will open Thursday October 8, 2009. Estimated cost- \$700 K
3. SCADA- Currently in the bidding phase. Estimated cost- \$200 K
4. Diesel Generator- This continues to be on the project list, but was placed at a lower priority due to the current connection to MECO.
5. Kapa`akea Drainage- Has gone out to bid. Construction should commence next year.

Open Discussion:

The floor was opened up to discuss and brainstorm ideas, issues, concerns, and potential projects as they related to Water, Agriculture, Community, Resource Management and Infrastructure. Individuals and organizations were also identified where possible opportunities for collaboration exist.

Water/Agriculture Issues: Water continues to top this list of concerns for beneficiaries. The lack of an inexpensive, reliable water source limits the success of farmers.

1. System Reliability
2. MIS
 - a. Water meter- Both the cost and the availability of a meter is a concern. Community would like to see if OHA can be involved.
 - b. Audit- The state auditor conducted an audit of the system. The community would like to see the recommendations of the audit addressed
 - c. Pumping Cost- Identify opportunities to reduce pumping costs
 - d. Maintain Water Levels in reservoir
3. Develop Equivalent Pricing of domestic water for homesteaders regardless of the water purveyor.

Community Issues

1. Lanikeha building/facilities need maintenance (paint, repair, etc)
2. Kiowea Park septic system needs to be improved

3. Development of community halau(s) to provide lodging opportunities for visiting groups that are centrally located and inexpensive. The facilities could be designed utilizing the Maori marae concept, but making it culturally appropriate for Hawaiians.
 - a. Kiowea Park
 - b. Pala'au
 - c. Kalaniana'ole Hall
 - d. Kūlana 'Ōiwi
 - e. Kalamaula

Resource Management

1. Resurfacing of Farrington Avenue. Installation of fiber optics by Sandwich Isle Communications (SIC) has left the road bumpy. The community would like the road to be repaired to previous conditions at SIC expense.

Infrastructure

1. Develop opportunities to preserve and sustain natural resources
2. Energy- Incorporation of energy policy into the priority project list
3. Community members were interested in understanding why a low use portion of Momomi Road was being paved if only a few homesteaders used it. They indicated that they did not want new funds allocated for this project. Mr. Stuart Matsunaga indicated that this was a completion of a previous project.

Schedule

1. The planning schedule was discussed. The next meeting is currently set for Thursday, November 5, 2009. This meeting will be focused on issues/projects related to water and agriculture.
2. Community members indicated that several other events that may impact attendance at this meeting. DHHL staff indicated that if a schedule change was required, notification letters would be sent out by mail.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned around 7:45 pm.