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## MEETING MEMORANDUM

Date of Meeting: May 27, 2010

Meeting Place: Kula Elementary School

To: Julie-Ann Cachola, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

Kaleo Manuel, DHHL

From: Justin Tanaka, Planner

Subject: Waiohuli/Keokea Beneficiaries Meeting

Participants: Richard Sellona Oliver Sanchez

Loretta Kepa Mike Gross

Sherman Baisa Alleri N. Purdy, Sr. Walmer Holokai George Pelekane

Kekoa Enomoto Guy Kiaha

Robin J. Newhouse
Steven P. Newhouse
Viheart Keawe

Julie-Ann Cachola (DHHL)
Kaleo Manuel (DHHL)

Mona Kapaku (DHHL)

Stephen Park Karlynn Fukuda (*Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.*)
Karen Park Justin Tanaka (*Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.*)

Lynnette Sanchez

The meeting began at approximately 6:30 p.m. and began with a brief presentation by Julie Ann Cachola of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) regarding the regional plan process. Karlynn Fukuda of Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc., then presented the draft Keokea/Waiohuli regional plan, including the new priority projects that were voted on at a previous meeting. Karlynn and Julie facilitated discussion about the projects, their writeups, their associated maps, and other related issues. The comments of the meeting participants are as follows:

 A participant commented on the ATV and horse riding park component listed under the community section of the Homestead Priorities. The participant stated that spaces for ATVs and horses should be separated from each other. Another participant noted that space for an ATV riding park would need to be placed far from homes as it would generate a lot of noise. Other participants explained that safety would be an issue and that liabilities would need to be discussed. Another participant proposed that riders should be required to complete a training/safety course in order to ride ATVs in the area.

- A participant testified that snares remain a problem for homesteaders as they are left in places that threaten the safety of residents, children, and pets. Another participant noted that there are loose pitbulls in the area that present a danger to the community. Julie explained that these are issues that can be addressed through the letter writing/awareness campaign priority project. She suggested that homesteaders contact their community leaders to help mitigate these issues. Other participants recommended that a neighborhood watch and security program be implemented to support policing of their areas.
- In regards to the water infrastructure map of the regional plan, a participant suggested that the County Department of Water Supply's Fire Protection Plan be referenced to provide an overview of Maui's water systems.
- Participants discussed the water source and waterline extension priority project. Julie explained that currently an agricultural waterline is being proposed for the upcountry area, to extend into the Keokea homesteads. Although Federal and County funding is in place, the State Department of Agriculture has asked DHHL to help fund the project. Because an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the waterline has already been completed, it would be in the beneficiaries' best interests to lobby for the project sooner rather than later. There may be more complications if the project is delayed for too long. Additionally, it was noted that the beneficiaries could provide support for other water projects by testifying at county budget meetings for projects that are proposed by the Department of Water Supply. A participant noted that a water source would still need to be investigated in order for the waterline to provide water to the homesteads.
- Participants discussed the Kihei to Kula bypass road priority project. A participant
  noted that previous bypass alternatives connecting Kula directly with Kihei were
  dismissed as they weren't cost-effective. A participant noted that an existing
  government road currently connects from Sun Yat Sen Park to Makena.
  Participants agreed that the proposed Hali'imaile Bypass road should be shown on
  the priority project roadway map as well.
- Regarding the cultural preserve priority project, participants suggested that the
  archaeology survey for the existing 40 acre cultural preserve area in Keokea be
  utilized. Participants noted that there are also individual burial sites located within
  the Waiohuli homesteads. Participants also discussed that the training and
  management components of the project should be emphasized in the priority project
  description.
- A participant explained that there are drainage ditches that run through their property. These drainage ditches could pose a safety hazard to young children who could be swept away in the event of a flood. The participant recommended that

fences be put up around these drainage ditches to prevent this. Another participant noted that there are large drainage culvert openings on their property that aren't fenced off. These could also pose a safety hazard to young children. Participants agreed that these concerns should be added to the components of the letter writing/awareness campaign priority project.

- Participants discussed the need for improvements to Kula Highway, such as rumble strips or traffic lights, which would provide safer driving conditions.
- A participant asked about the Issue/Concern item regarding allowing Ohana units to be built on residential lots.

Following discussion of the regional plan, participants discussed the upcoming Hawaiian Homelands Commission meetings. It was also noted that Elvin Kamoku currently serves as president of the Waiohuli Homesteads Association.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) Community Meeting at the Paukukalo Community Center on June 21, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. Following this meeting, a HHC Approval meeting will be held the next day on June 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Please contact me at (808) 244-2015, should you have any questions.

Justin Tanaka, Planner

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## DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

## Kēōkea-Waiohuli Regional Plan Update Beneficiaries Meeting

Thursday, May 27 2010 Kula Elementary School 6:30pm - 8:30pm

## **AGENDA**

- I. Pule and Introductions
- II. Purpose of Meeting
- III. Regional Plan Mechanism
  - What are regional plans?
  - How are they used?
  - How are they developed (process)?
- IV. Review of Priority Project Write-ups
- V. Next Steps: HHC Community Meeting

June 21, 2010

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

HHC Approval, June 22, 2010 9:00 a.m.

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