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**HAWAIIAN HOMES BREAKS GROUND FOR SECOND PHASE  
OF HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION IN WAIMEA, HAWAI‘I**

*Lālāmilo Subdivision, Phase 2A, Increment 1, Future Home to 83 Hawaiian ‘Ohana*

WAIMEA, HAWAI‘I – Governor Neil Abercrombie, Hawai‘i County Mayor Billy Kenoi, community leaders, government officials, and future homesteaders joined Chair-designate Jobie Masagatani, Hawaiian Homes Commissioners and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in a groundbreaking ceremony today to begin construction on what will become the future home for 83 Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries and their families in the second phase of the Lālāmilo subdivision in Waimea, Hawai‘i.

Phase 2A, Increment 1 of Lālāmilo is located on 34.7 acres of land along the South Kohala Distribution Road, approximately two miles makai of the Waimea town center. These residential lots will be offered to Hawaiian homes beneficiaries with applications dating as far back as 1965.

“This project is the result of years of hard work and decades of commitment to the vision set forth by Prince Kūhiō,” said Governor Abercrombie, “Returning native Hawaiians to the ‘āina creates opportunities not just for our beneficiaries, but for all Hawaiians and all Hawai‘i.”

“Today we celebrate with the ‘ohana who will plant roots here at the foot of the majestic Kohala Mountains,” said Chair-Designate Masagatani. “These ‘ohana will lay the foundation for a growing and thriving Native Hawaiian community here in Waimea now and into the future.”

“This ceremony reminds us of what can be accomplished when we all work together,” said Mayor Kenoi, “This collaboration of federal, state, county government, and the private sector, will not only build homes, but create jobs here for the people of Moku O Keawe.”

“This is a long-awaited groundbreaking and a dream come true for many native Hawaiian families who have been patiently waiting all these years for a home. They will finally have a home to call their own,” said Senator Malama Solomon, who represents District 1 (Waimea, Hamakua, North Hilo, Rural South Hilo, and Hilo).





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Infrastructure work includes mass grading, roadways, and installing drainage, wastewater and water systems, and other utilities. The project also includes a park, an archeological preservation lot, and an HELCO (Hawai'i Electric & Light Company) Substation easement lot.

Total infrastructure cost for this second phase of the Lālāmilo subdivision is \$11.27 million, a bulk of which is funded with Hawaiian Home Lands trust funds and Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) funds under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Telecommunications infrastructure is being financed by Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. (SIC).

Construction will begin November 2012, and is expected to be complete by November 2013, with home construction to follow. Goodfellow Bros., Inc., is the contractor with SSFM International, Inc. providing construction management service, and Community Planning & Engineering, Inc., providing design consultant services.

Phase I of the Lālāmilo subdivision was completed in June 2011, and is currently home to 28 native Hawaiian 'ohana.

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**NOTE:** For event photos, please see [www.hawaiianhomelands.org](http://www.hawaiianhomelands.org) following conclusion of ceremonies.

