

March 31, 2010

## **MEETING MEMORANDUM**

**Date of Meeting:** February 26, 2010

**To:** Julie-Ann Cachola  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Kaleo Manuel  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

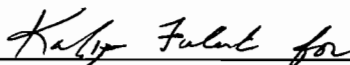
**From:** Justin Tanaka, Planner

**Subject:** Summary of Waiohuli/Keokea Regional Plan Stakeholders Meeting

### **KEY CONCERNS**

1. Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau, spoke on the issue of water in the upcountry area. He explained that they are working to incorporate a dual water line in the upcountry area that would extend to Keokea. He expressed his hopes that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) would take part in the process and offer their support. Mr. Watanabe also expressed his concern about sufficient water storage in the area.
2. A member of the GPAC expressed interest in coordinating with the DHHL to discuss their projects' relationship to the Maui Island Plan.
3. A member of the Kula Community Association expressed their concerns regarding the roadways in the upcountry area. They stated that they would like to see smaller, lower-level roads that would reflect the agricultural and rural atmosphere of their community. They proposed an enactment of rural design standards to apply to future development in the area.
4. A participant commented on the need to provide more parks in the upcountry area.

5. A participant expressed their concerns regarding medical care in the area. They explained that Kula Hospital recently received \$5 million in funds to provide for a new sub-acute center, as well as an expansion of clinic hours and emergency services to accommodate for the increased resident population that the new project would generate.
6. A participant expressed their interests regarding farming in the area. They explained that farm programs could help to provide resources and incentives for individual farmers, as well as non-profit farming organizations. They expressed their desire to coordinate with DHHL in accomplishing these programs.
7. A representative from the Fire Department expressed their concern regarding fire protection infrastructure for the Upcountry area. He explained that planning for public facilities often comes after the fact and that the open lands of the Waiohuli/Keokea area are often prone to brushfire hazards. He suggested that DHHL designate space for a fire station into its regional plans which would allow fire protection infrastructure to be developed at a later date, if necessary. He noted that 1 to 2 acres of land would be sufficient. For rural areas, fire protection is usually measured by a five (5) mile radius, or by a 4 to 8 minute response time. Furthermore, by designing infrastructure with a fire station in mind, it would entail a smoother development process. For example, waterlines and roads would already be in place. He expressed hopes that DHHL would continue to keep the Fire Department involved in its regional plan processes.
8. Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau, expressed his concerns regarding the marketing of agricultural products on Maui. He said a plan is needed to develop a market on Maui for agricultural goods. This would prevent local farmers from competing with each other.
9. A representative from Sandwich Isles Communications stated that they could help to provide bandwidth and video conferencing services for DHHL.

  
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