

Molokai Regional Plan Update
Subject Matter Meeting #2
Community, Energy, Economic Development
December 10, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Stacy Crivello, K. Helm, Kammy Purdy, Sybil K. Lopez, Doreen Pinky Gasper, Suliana Aki, Corene Helm, Adolph Helm, Walter Mendes, Davianna McGregor, Fred Aki III

Staff: Kaleo Manuel

Commissioner: Henry Tancayo

Consultants: PBR Hawaii – Scott Abrigo, Malia Cox

Welcoming: Kaleo Manuel introduced the DHHL staff and consulting team and requested the meeting be opened in prayer.

Opening Pule: The opening prayer was given by Stacy Crivello

Meeting Introduction: Mr. Manuel welcomed the group, provided a brief introduction to the purpose of the meeting, and described the regional planning process utilized to provide direction for DHHL:

Review of Planning Mechanism and Regional Plan Update

Review of DHHL Planning System, a three tiered system:

1. Tier 1, General Plan- 20 year planning document: provide overarching directive for the department as a whole.
2. Tier 2, Island Plan- 10 year planning document for island wide land uses setting the goals for homesteading (both agriculture and residential) and commercial uses.
Tier 2, Strategic Plan- 3-5 year planning document setting goals pertaining to a particular subject matter.
3. Tier 3, Regional Plan- 1-3 year planning document designed to be utilized as a tool to designate community priorities and implement projects.

Review of DHHL Land Use Designation Process:

DHHL is not subject to county zoning. Being exempt from county zoning provides the department with the opportunity as well as the responsibility to ensure that the land designations are appropriate based on the needs of the department **as well as** protecting key environmental and cultural resources of the land. DHHL lands are categorized into ten different land use designations, or zones. Four of the designations, Residential, Subsistence Agriculture, Supplemental Agriculture, and Pastoral, are for homesteading. The remaining six designations are General Agriculture, Special District, Community Use, Conservation, Commercial and Industrial.

2009 Regional Planning Process

The regional plan is typically updated in three steps, a key leadership meeting, community meeting and a final meeting to vote on priority project list. Due to the complex nature of the issues on Molokai, and the fact that so many priority projects have been completed, the process will take longer. Mr. Abrigo described the process that DHHL is following to update the Molokai Regional Plan. Based on the numerous and varied issues brought to DHHL's attention during the leadership meeting, a schedule was developed to include several subject specific meetings. The focus of the December 10, 2009 meeting was Community and Energy Issues. It was the second subject matter meeting.

Mr. Abrigo briefly discussed the focus of the first subject matter meeting. He explained that the previous subject matter meeting was to include discussion of both water and agriculture issues and projects. However, the entire open discussion period focused on agriculture. Discussion of water was tabled for a later date.

Priority Project Selection

Mr. Abrigo and Mr. Manuel explained that at the end of each subject matter meeting, attendees will be (or have been) provided an opportunity to show his or her support for several projects. Once all subject matter meetings have been held, a master project list will be developed and the community will have an opportunity to decide by consensus on the top five projects. These five projects will be elevated to priority project status. The project details (cost, phasing, potential partnerships, etc.) will be flushed out by DHHL, their consulting team, and key stakeholders. The community will then have an opportunity to review and comment on the priority projects before they regional plan is submitted to the Commission for approval.

Discussion:

Questions regarding regional planning process

Several community members had questions regarding the regional plan process. Their questions and DHHL/PBR response are listed below:

Community Questions:

As you look at the regional plan meeting in this meeting there are only 10 people. Is there a way that the broader community can be involved? How did we get this subject matter list?

Response: Mr. Manuel and Mr. Abrigo responded by explaining the DHHL protocol utilized during a regional plan update. This included a description of the meeting notification process and the meeting schedule utilized during this regional plan update. Mr. Manuel explained that all Molokai beneficiaries were invited to attend.

Community & Energy Issues

A handout was provided to attendees that summarized Community and Energy issues, projects, and concerns raised during previous meetings. Following is a summary of the community and energy issues discussion that occurred during the meeting.

1. Upgrades to Lanikeha- This project was designated as a priority project in the 2007 Regional Plan. However, no movement was made on the project.
 - o Mr. Abrigo suggested that there may be a need for an assessment to determine the necessary improvements and potential partners. It is possible that the community may not be ready to move on the cultural elements only the recreational aspects. Recreational projects/issues were brought up during the leadership, and beneficiary meetings on August 18, 2009, and October 1, 2009, respectively.
 - o Projects generated are listed below in the “Community Priority Table.”
2. Culture and Education center in Pala‘au- This project was designated as a priority project in the 2007 Regional Plan. However, no movement was made on the project.
 - o This development of a cultural and education center project in Pala‘au did not generate discussion during this meeting.
 - o Several attendees wanted to know when DHHL would begin to take an interest in Pala‘au and the non-profit groups. Attendees were also concerned that DHHL was not working on a plan to keep the park open once the DLNR lease ends
 - o Projects generated are listed below in the “Community Priority Table.”
3. Kalaupapa-
 - o 31 years are left on the lease. NPS has begun transition planning. Attendees identified several issues relating to Kalaupapa. How is the homestead represented? What is DHHLs stance regarding NPD? Should the lease be renewed? Questions were also raised regarding disposition of houses when a patient passes on. Should the house go to DOH workers? Should new management plan be developed?
 - o Projects generated are listed below in the “Community Priority Table.”
4. Solar project-
 - o An attendee asked how to get access priority project funding for a solar project? Mr. Abrigo indicated that much depends on how you frame the project, but there are several mechanisms including funding from DHHL.
 - o Projects generated are listed below in the “Community Priority Table.”

Community and Energy Projects

After a discussion of issues, the meeting attendees were able to focus the issues to generate a list of projects. Attendees were provided an opportunity to show his/her support for up to four energy, and four community projects. Each attendee was also given an opportunity to identify his/her highest priority project. Below are a community project list and an energy project list.

Community Project List

	High	
Support	Priority	Project/Issue Description
		Designate "No Build Zone" for industrial scale wind turbines and electrical/utility cables. TMK 252005019 TMK 252005006 1849 acres
8	5	Revoke right of entry permit to First Wind

		Community based sustainable fishing program from Nihoa to 'Ilio
		Endorse permanent rules generated during pilot project
		Partner with northwest landowners, Molokai land trust, Hui Malamo'o Mo'omomi, Nature Conservancy
8	3	Lanikeha
		Provide playground equipment
		Lease land above middle school to DOE
		Pave dirt road above middle school for use as bus turn around
		The middle school students currently utilize the same breezeway/bus pickup as the high school. The younger kids are being bullied. Recommend separating the children to ensure their safety
		Identify location of DOE lease
8	2	
		Keep Pala'au Park open.
		Address funding and management issue relative to the DLNR lease expiration
8	0	
		Kalaupapa
		DHHL engage with NPS in planning
		Develop a management plan for Kalaupapa that is separate from the Molokai Regional Plan
		Drive Kalaupapa discussions, impacting the direction the plan will take
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0	0	Improve Relationship between DHHL and DOE

Energy Project List

Support	High Priority	Project/Issue Description
		Support Ho'olehua agriculture project, Kukui Helepo, biomass energy production
		site acquisition for processing plant
		site acquisition/assist farmers on 40 acre parcels to grow kukui to reach goal of 800 acres in cultivation
8	2	Kukui-multi purpose, energy production, lā'au, oil production

- Provide opportunity to train traditional skilled trades people in green-trades
 - Live off-grid sustainably
 - Use/Buy/Support local food, energy production, resources
- 7 1 first
- Create Solar Farm on DHHL land
- 7 1 Lower utility cost of beneficiaries
- Install solar panels on middle and high schools.
 - Cost savings to be utilized at the discretion of the school, not DOE
- 6 2
- Create Energy Division within DHHL
 - Division would provide energy expertise, funding and technology advise/resources for beneficiaries, HOA, and new project
- 4 1
- Solar on homes
- 0 0 Retrofit existing homes

Schedule

The next subject matter meeting on water will be on January 14, 2010.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned around 8 pm.