

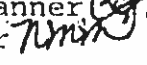


STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

March 20-21, 2017

To: Chairman and Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

Thru: M. Kaleo Manuel, Acting Planning Program Manager 

From: Bob Freitas, HHL Program Planner   
Nancy McPherson, HHL Planner   
Sharde Freitas, HHL Planner

Subject: Acceptance of Beneficiary Consultation Report for  
the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's Pu'u  
'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Project, Kekaha, Kaua'i,  
TMK (4) 1-2-002:023

Recommended Action

That the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) accept this Beneficiary consultation Report as the official public record of beneficiary issues, questions, concerns, and comments relative to the proposed land disposition for the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's (KHHA) Pu'u 'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Project, Kekaha, Kaua'i, Hawaii TMK (4) 1-2-002:023.

Discussion

Purpose - It is the Hawaiian Homes Commission's policy that prior to any disposition for a long term license or lease that a consultation be conducted with Beneficiaries that may be affected by the proposed development.

Planning context - The proposed project meets the Hawaiian Homes Commission's General Plan goal of utilizing Hawaiian Home Lands for uses most appropriate to meet the needs and desires of the beneficiary population. The project is consistent with the 2004 Kaua'i Island Plan which designates the property as a special area, and the 2011 West Kaua'i Regional Plan which identified the project as a priority for the Kekaha community.

Background - On November 11, 2012 KHHA submitted a request for a Right of Entry to prepare a master plan to

implement the West Kaua'i Regional Plan priority project. On January 14, 2013 the HHC approved the issuance of a month to month Right of Entry Permit (ROE 460) that allowed KHHA to conduct research on the Pu'u 'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Project. KHHA completed the Project Master Plan for the Pu'u 'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Project on October 29, 2014 and requested the use of 231 acres under a 10-year renewable conditional license in the May 18, 2015 HHC submittal. An amended Land Use request form was submitted on October 10, 2016 requesting a 25 year term. (Exhibit A)

The KHHA Master Plan states that 231 acres of Pu'u 'Ōpae will be served with a basic irrigation system. Under KHHA's management the lands will begin an era in which the people of Kekaha and their future generations will have ready access to healthy, affordable food along with opportunities for healthier lifestyles and satisfying livelihoods instilled with Hawaiian values and connection to the land.

DHHL's Kaua'i Island Plan identified Pu'u 'Ōpae as Special District area. The land surrounding the reservoir area suggested that it could be used as a Pu'u honua; or a retreat and place of refuge for beneficiaries island-wide. The area can also be a passive recreation area where individuals and community groups can hike to take advantage of the serenity and scenic views. While the island plan presents a high level view of potential uses DHHL's regional plans provide a more detailed analysis of potential projects for the community.

DHHL's West Kaua'i Regional Plan adopted by the HHC in 2011 identified Pu'u 'Ōpae as a priority project and as a special place that required proper planning to benefit the whole community. It recognized that the reservoir should be maintained and the irrigation system rehabilitated for use by agricultural users and possible future agricultural lessees. The Regional Plan recognized that many areas have good soil for agriculture. It also recognized its conservation value points to native ecosystem restoration and support for traditional cultural practices.

#### 2017 Consultation Meeting

On January 3, 2017 DHHL sent an invitation letter to Kekaha Beneficiaries announcing that a Beneficiary Consultation meeting would be held on January 17, 2017 to consider the long term use of 231 acres by KHHA to implement the Pu'u 'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Project. (Exhibit B)

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 DHHL and KHHA staff conducted a formal consultation from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Kekaha Elementary School Cafeteria, 8140 Kekaha Road, Kekaha, HI 96752. Agenda and sign in sheets were recorded for the consultation. (Exhibit C)

DHHL and KHHA presented the consultation information via power point presentations and a follow up open discussion covering questions and answers about the Pu'u 'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Project. (Exhibits D & E)

As stated at the meeting the Beneficiary Consultation report would be presented to the HHC in March 2017 and the request for a long term disposition would be submitted to the HHC for consideration at the April 2017 meeting.

#### 2017 Consultation Findings

Approximately 55 people attended the meeting. Based on the sign in sheets 51 were beneficiaries and 4 were non-beneficiaries. The invitation letter and sign in sheets are attached for the record. (Exhibit C)

A total of 35 written comments were received at the meeting and two comments were delivered via email. All comments received expressed support for the project. There were no opposing comments. The comments are attached and numbered 1 through 37. A matrix of comments is attached along with a list of 13 calls received prior to the meeting inquiring what the meeting was about and to discuss personal DHHL issues. (Exhibit F)

Based on the written comments, emails, phone calls, and meeting notes there is strong support for the community's use of Pu'u 'Ōpae as originally envisioned in the Island and Regional Plans. The questions and comments raised during the meeting focused on how the Pu'u 'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Project will be implemented. It is important that KHHA continue to keep the community informed as it implements the project. The community wants to be involved with the project since it is designed to meet their needs and serve the families in West Kaua'i. The focus of the KHHA program is to provide training and restore the land to a productive level as detailed in the Master Plan. Other questions raised during the meeting focused on future homesteading opportunities and many of these homesteading concerns went beyond the scope of the KHHA project and relate to DHHL's development of future homesteading opportunities in the area. (Exhibit F)

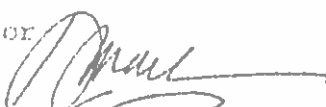

In summary, there is overwhelming support for the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's Pu'u 'Opae Farm and Irrigation Project.

Recommended Action

DHHL staff respectfully requests that the Hawaiian Homes Commission accept this Beneficiary Consultation Report as the official public record of beneficiary issues, questions, concerns, and comments relative to the proposed land disposition for the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's Pu'u 'Opae Farm and Irrigation Project.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

May 18-19, 2015

To: Chairman and Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission  
Thru: Linda Chinn, Administrator  
Land Management Division   
From: Kaipo Duncan, Land Agent  
Land Management Division   
Subject: For Information Only, Request from Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association for a Long Term License for Puu Opae Area, Kekaha, Kauai

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION

None; for information only.

DISCUSSION

On January 14, 2013, the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) approved the issuance of a month to month Right of Entry Permit (ROE 460) to the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KHHA). ROE 460 allowed KHHA to conduct research on the Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project (Project). Due diligence included agricultural studies, water irrigation and transfer as well as water availability on approximately 12,500 acres of Hawaiian home lands situated at Puu Opae in Kekaha, Kauai.

KHHA has completed the majority of their due diligence and is requesting a long term license to effectuate their plans. A long term license will allow KHHA to apply for much needed grant funding to continue with the Environmental Assessment (EA).

Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC), the Kauai electric company, also has a Right of Entry Permit (ROE 455) for the same Puu Opae site. ROE 455 allowed KIUC to conduct its due diligence on their proposed hydroelectric project. ROE 455 was issued for two (2) years and expires on June 30, 2015. Both KHHA and KIUC have coexisted peacefully at the site for the last two (2) years.

The attached Executive Summary from KHHA's Project Master Plan dated October 29, 2014 (See Exhibit A) outlines their vision for Puu Opae.

The Project creates a cultural pu'u honua or a place of refuge where Hawaiians are able to reconnect with the land and water, and acquire

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farming, pastoral and forest management skills that can ensure their self-sufficiency.

The planned project area covers a total of 1,440 acres of the approximately 12,500 acres of DHHL lands above Kekaha. The Project expands in seven (7) stages or sections of Puu Opae. These sections progress sequentially, and ultimately consist of areas designated for agricultural and pastoral uses, crop processing and community training, reforestation areas, and agricultural housing that are built out as lands are remediated, irrigation infrastructure is extended, and resources for hard costs are raised.

The seven (7) phases or sections as stated above include:

- 1) Basic Infrastructure Improvements
- 2) The initial 231 acres used for test crops and pastoral training
- 3) A learning or training site called an ili for experts to teach at
- 4) An Agricultural Training Program (Puu Opae University) for beginners
- 5) A work team protocol directed by work captains to ensure order
- 6) Agricultural homesteads on 1/4 acre lots are planned for the future
- 7) Fully developed will comprise of 1,440 acres (830 acres for ag use)

The master plan provides the geographical, environmental and social context of the project in its entirety, and focuses on the activities planned for the first 231 acres of the plan covered by the Land Use Request for a 10-year renewable conditional license. An additional Land Use Request is being made for an extension of KHHA's existing Right of Entry Permit to the remaining 1,210 acres of the Pu'u Opae project, allowing us to deepen our surveying and research activities with research partners.

As described in the plan, within two (2) years the first 231 acres of Pu'u Opae lands will be served with a basic irrigation system and consistently maintained irrigation ditches. Within that time, lands will begin to produce harvest, beginning an era in which our people and our future generations will have ready access to healthy, affordable food along with opportunities for a healthier lifestyles and satisfying livelihoods instilled with Hawaiian values and connection to the land.

The Project also ensures that laws regarding native Hawaiian priority rights to water are respected, and that water is re-introduced onto our west side DHHL lands in perpetuity. When completed, the water requirement for the total Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation plan is approximately 4 million gallons per day. Water needs increase gradually as new fields are remediated, new fences and irrigation pipe are installed, and new resources are secured.

Staff is doing its own due diligence and still reviewing this request to see if it suits DHHL's future plans for the Puu Opae, Kekaha, Kauai area.

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GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
L.T. GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII

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## REQUEST FORM FOR NON-HOMESTEADING LAND USE PURPOSES

### PART I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: N/A

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

If Corporation/Organization/Company/LLC/Non-Profit:

Name: Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association

Address: PO Box 1292 Kekaha HI 96752

Phone No.: 808-639-2731 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ email: Kawaiwarrenkhha@gmail.com

☐ Requesting Organization is a Non-Profit

Type of Non-Profit:

- ☐ Private Nonprofit – governed by self appointed board  
☐ Member Nonprofit – governed by voting members  
☒ Homestead Organization – governed by HHCA beneficiary members

☐ Requesting Organization is For Profit - Individual or Business

- ☐ Individual ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership  
☐ Corporation ☐ Limited Liability Corporation ☐ Other

Is an Individual HHCA Beneficiary or is Owned by an HHCA Beneficiary ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Requesting Organization is a Government Agency

- ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County

Officers and/or Principal Representatives: See attachment

Mission of Organization: See attachment

Date Incorporated: 2004 State of Incorporation: Hawaii

Federal Tax ID#: 45-3456967 State Tax ID#: W77037836-01

### PART 2: NON-HOMESTEADING LAND USE REQUEST

Describe proposed non-homesteading land use envisioned under this request as submitted See attachment

*\*Please attach additional information if necessary*

Land Request Form No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Land Area requested: Acreage/Sq.Ft. 231Acres

Term: 25 year renewable

Island: Kaua'i Tax Map Key No.: 1-2-02:23

Indicate Character of Use:

☒ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Church ☐ Other  
☒ Pastoral ☐ Industrial ☒ Community Facility

Does applicant have any existing land disposition issued by Hawaiian home lands for non-homesteading use purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, under what type of use and disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how proposed land use request will have direct or significant indirect benefit to the Trust and/or its Beneficiaries (Applicants & Lessees): See attachment

The following authorized representative submits this request for use of Hawaiian home lands under non-homesteading purposes and acknowledges that:

1. This is an application process that will be subject to further review, evaluation and consideration by DHHL and may require additional information to be submitted;
2. This request does not constitute any form of DHHL approval to this non-homesteading land use request as submitted;
3. In the best interest of the trust, DHHL reserves the right to exercise its prudent authority pursuant to and in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (Section III, Section 204(a)(2), Section 220.5, Section 207(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 171, as amended and the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 10;
4. Once the application is deemed complete, the non-homesteading land use request will be posted for a 30 day review period on the DHHL website for beneficiary and public comment;
5. Additional Island or Regional Specific Beneficiary Consultation will be required per the DHHL Beneficiary Consultation Policy;
6. All input/comments received will be provided to the Hawaiian Homes Commission if/when approval for disposition is considered by the HHC;
7. Associated non-refundable processing and documentation fees shall be assessed for each respective disposition request as follows:

Revocable Permit - \$100.00 License - \$200.00 General Lease - Cost Documentation (all)...\$75.00

Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association

Print Individual or Organization Name

Harold Vidinha

Authorized Representative Name & Title

9/28/2016

Date



Signature



## **Part 1: Applicant Information**

### **Officers and/or Principal Representative:**

Harold Vidinha (President/Board), Gilroy Yorkman (Vice President/Board), Romaine Lani Matsuyoshi (Secretary/Board), Lyle Bargamento (Treasurer/Board), Van Kawai Warren (Board/Chair Pu'u Opae Committee), Lorna Poe (Board/Chair Outreach Committee), James Nakaahiki III (Board), Richard Kanahele (Board), Ambrose Kanahele (Board), Kalani Kapuniai (Board)

**Mission of Organization:** KHHA develops community and educational projects that serve native Hawaiian beneficiaries, wait list applicants, and successors living within the West community and west Kauai's residents who are directly impacted by land and water uses of west Kaua'i homelands. We provide our constituencies and the greater community with programs aimed at enhancing life opportunities and quality of life, guided by the Hawaiian principles of pono interaction and malama honua.

## **Part 2: Non-Homesteading Land Use Request.**

### **Describe proposed non-homesteading land use envisioned under this request as submitted:**

KHHA requests a Right of Entry to roll over to a 25 year renewable license for 231 acres of mauka home lands in the Moku of Mana. The license will allow KHHA to move forward with further assessment and development of those lands as a next step in the realization of the "Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan"). These 231 acres will serve as the pu'uwai (heart) and initial area for implementing sustainable and integrated agricultural, pastoral, and forestry practices. The requested land will eventually be the site for a training and meeting center with structures to house propagation, processing, and other equipment, and will allow KHHA to begin environmental assessment of the overall project area with consultants. There are seven developmental sections that are built-out in phases. Each phase provides educational and hands-on training to beneficiaries and the community at large. In the early stages of the Farm and Irrigation Plan a simple platform structure to protect against weather and a toolshed for equipment will be built. As discussed with DHHL staff and KHHA leadership in 2013, Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) and other highly skilled consultants are willing to assist in the planning and implementation of the Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan. KHHA must obtain proof of control of land from DHHL in order for NRCS and others to provide expertise and services to KHHA. KHHA current Right of Entry does not meet NRCS and other support providers "control of land" requirements. Therefore, KHHA's land-use request is for a 25-year renewable license. During this period, all work such as, cultural surveys, conservation plans, environmental assessments, refurbished irrigation system, soil remediation plan, development of Pu'u Opae educational center, DHHL awarding of ¼ acre homesteading lots, and implementation of a Co-operative Agriculture park for beneficiaries will be addressed.

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Attachment 1  
Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association  
Request form for Non-Homesteading land Use

Awarding of this license would provide assurance to KHHA beneficiaries, its supporters and expert consultants that their valuable expertise, time and resources invested now, and often pro bono, will likely lead to a permanent Land Use Right with their assistance. (See attached summary of expert consultation)

**Describe how proposed land use request will have a direct or significant indirect to the trust and/or its Beneficiaries (applicants & Lessees)**

KHHA's Ho'omaukau and surveying activities over the past two years under its Right of Entry have enable KHHA to conduct a comprehensive study of our mauka home lands and the laws applicable to Hawaiian claims to water, particularly under the Public Trust doctrine. KHHA has made considerable progress in understanding the environmental and structural condition of the westkaua'i home lands. From our past two years of work (and the resulting production and submission of a KHHA Farm and Irrigation Master Planning document) we have provided the a model project that brings DHHL step closer to rehabilitating the 'aina and fulfilling its mission as described in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended. This Land Use Request for a 25-year renewable license will demonstrate to our west side community that the Trust is pro-actively taking steps with beneficiaries, successors and wait list to improve the mauka home lands for sustainable uses of land and water, to feed our people and encourage healthier lifestyles. The Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan brings life back to our mauka lands and health to our people. This will be accomplished through combining Malama Kou Kino practices (Taking care of your health) and Malama Honua practices (Taking care of water and land.) A focal point of this plan is the creation of a Community Educational Center where training of future Native Hawaiian farmers and agriculture leaders will take place.

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**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96805

**January 3, 2017**

Dear Kaua'i Island Beneficiary,

The Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KHHA) has requested long term use of approximately 230 acres to implement their farm and irrigation project on lands mauka of Kekaha adjacent to the Pu'u 'Ōpae Reservoir (see attached map). This proposed use is a priority project identified by beneficiaries in the West Kaua'i Regional Plan (2011). Before the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) takes action on the proposed long term land use request, DHHL would like to hear beneficiary input on the proposed project.

We invite you to participate in a Beneficiary Consultation meeting on the following date, time, and location:

**January 17, 2017 (Tuesday)  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Kekaha Elementary School Cafeteria  
8140 Kekaha Road, Kekaha, HI 96752**

At this meeting DHHL and KHHA will:

- Present information on DHHL lands in West Kaua'i
- Share KHHA's Pu'u 'Ōpae Farm and Irrigation Plan that they have worked on since 2012
- Answer questions and get your input on the proposed project

The input and mana'o you share will be presented to the HHC in their decision making process. As a beneficiary on the Island of Kaua'i, your participation is important and I encourage you to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Freitas in our Planning Office at (808) 620-9484 or by email at [robert.c.freitasjr@hawaii.gov](mailto:robert.c.freitasjr@hawaii.gov).

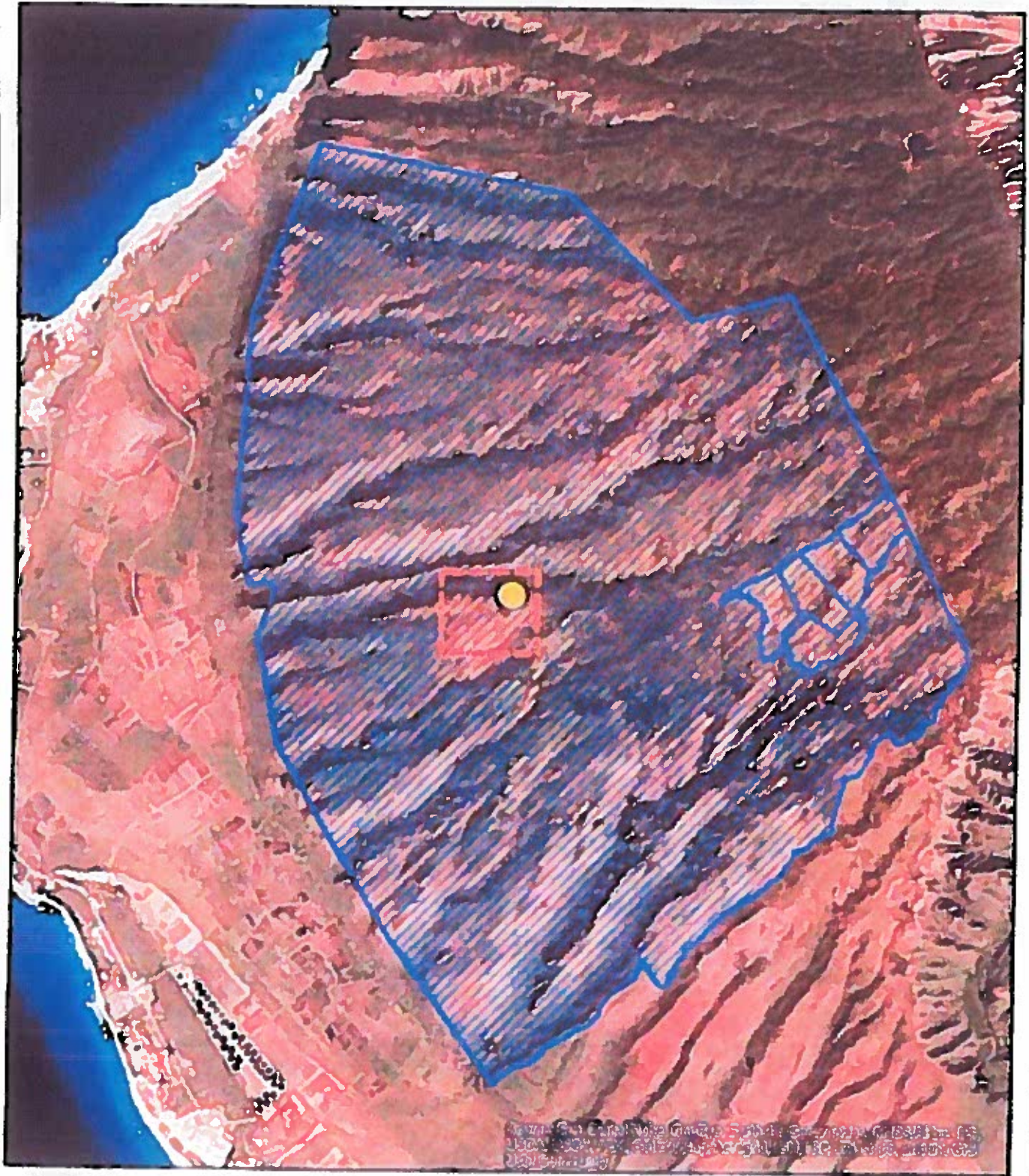
Aloha and Mahalo,

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**Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission**

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## Legend



DHHL LAND



PU'U 'OPAE RESERVOIR



APPROXIMATE PROJECT AREA (230 acres)  
(\*Not Drawn to Scale)



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# **Agenda**

## **Beneficiary Consultation Meeting**

### **Puu Opae Project**

**January 17, 2017**

**6:00 pm Pule**

**WELCOME – Deputy, William Aila**  
**Introductions**  
**Meeting Format**  
**Consultation Rules**

**6:15 pm Slide Presentations**

**DHHL lands in West Kaua’I – Bob Freitas**  
**Pu’u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan – Kawai Warren**

**6:45 pm Break**

**7:00 pm Facilitated Discussion Q&A - Deputy, William Aila**

**7:45 pm Next Steps – Bob Freitas**

**8:00 pm Close Meeting**

**Mail Comments to:**  
**Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**  
**Attn: Planning Office**  
**P.O. Box 1879**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96805**

**Email comments to:**  
**DHHL Planning Office**  
**[DHHL.Planning@hawaii.gov](mailto:DHHL.Planning@hawaii.gov)**



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EVENT Puu Opae Farm and Irrigation Project  
DATE January 17, 2017  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Kekaha Elementary Cafeteria, Kekaha Kauai

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EVENT Puu Opae Farm and Irrigation Project

January 17, 2017

DATE 8:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Kekaha Elementary Cafeteria, Kekaha Kauai

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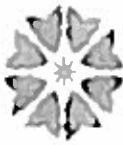


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EVENT Puu Opae Farm and Irrigation Project

January 17, 2017

DATE 6:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm

Kekaha Elementary Cafeteria, Kekaha Kauai

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**Beneficiary Consultation**  
**Puu Opae**  
**Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association**  
**January 17, 2017**  
**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

**I. WELCOME**

Introductions  
Meeting Format  
Consultation Rules

**II. WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY**

Present information on DHHL lands in West Kaua'i  
Present the Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project  
Answer questions and get your input on the proposed project

**III. BREAK**

**IV. FACILITATED DISCUSSION**

**V. NEXT STEPS**

## Consultation Rules

- One speaker at a time may speak for 3 minutes
- Listen to understand
- Please turn off or silence cell phones
- Keep side conversations to a minimum
- Everyone who wants to be heard will be heard
- It's okay to disagree as long as we are respectful of each other
- Maintain an open and positive attitude
- Identify yourself as a Beneficiary or Non-Beneficiary

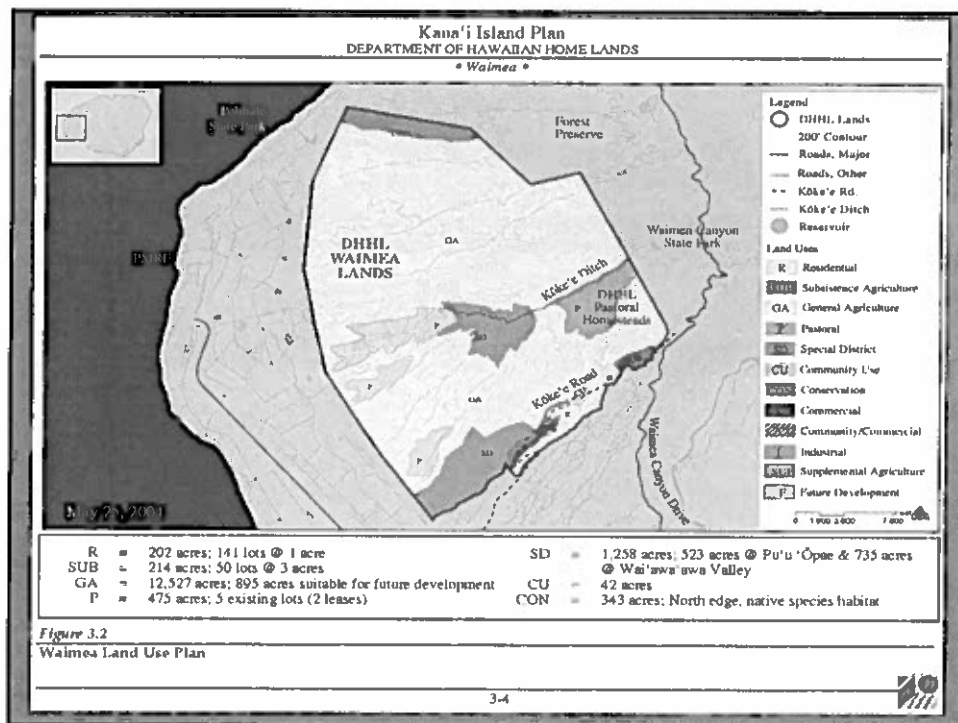
## Meeting Objectives

At the end of today, we will have:

- ☐ An indication of support for long term license
- ☐ Shared understanding of the Puu Opae Project
- ☐ List of the Project's social, cultural & economic benefits to the HHCA beneficiary community
- ☐ Indication of the level of Beneficiary support for programs and services provided by Puu Opae

# HHC Consultation Process


- **HHC Policy of Consulting with Beneficiaries for:**
  - Land Use Projects, Long-Term Leases/Licenses
- **Consultation Meeting**
  - What's Being Proposed?
  - Do the Beneficiaries Support the Project?
  - Will the Project Provide Benefits for Beneficiaries?
  - Record Beneficiary Input
- **One-Month Consultation Period**
  - Receive Written Comments (email or mail)
- **Consultation Report to HHC**
  - Who Came to the Meeting
  - Summarize Main Points and Attach Full Record of Comments



## Kauai Island Plan


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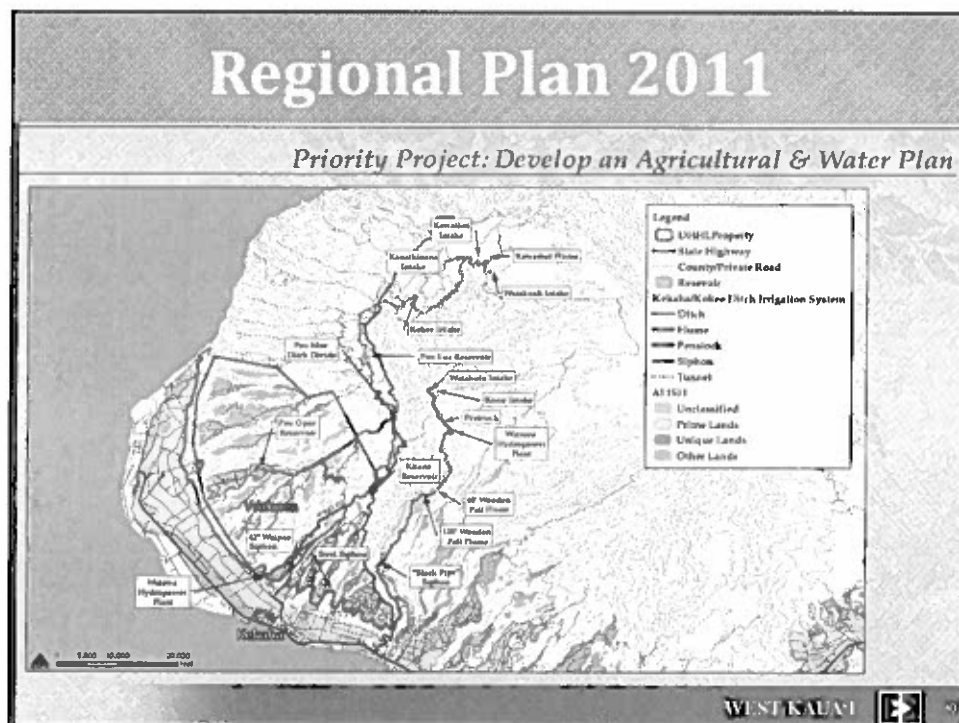
Kaua'i Island Plan-designates the Puu Opae site as "Special District"  
Special district means areas requiring special attention because of unusual opportunities and or constraints. E.g. natural hazard areas, open spaces, raw lands far from infrastructure, mixed use, and green ways.



The area could be used as a passive recreation area or it could be replanted with native vegetation.

The Waimea lands comprise 15,061 acres and are part of the original Hawaiian Homes Commission Act lands the Kauai Island Plan was approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission in 2004





## Regional Plan 2011

Puu Opae is a special place and should be planned to benefit the whole community. The irrigation system could be rehabilitated for use by agricultural users and future Homesteaders. A master plan should be developed to create a rational framework for decision making.



KHHA prepared a Project Master Plan for the Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project in 2012. The Plan describes the geographical, environmental and social context for the project. KHHA submitted a Land Use Request for a 25-year license covering approximately 231 acres.

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?
- 2) On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support this Puu Opae project?



## Next Steps

**30-day comment period comments due by February 17, 2017**

**Beneficiary Consultation report March 2017**

**Hawaiian Homes Commission disposition April 2017**

**Mail Comments to:**  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Attn: Planning Office  
P.O. Box 1879  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805

**Email comments to:**  
DHHL Planning Office  
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## Plan summary

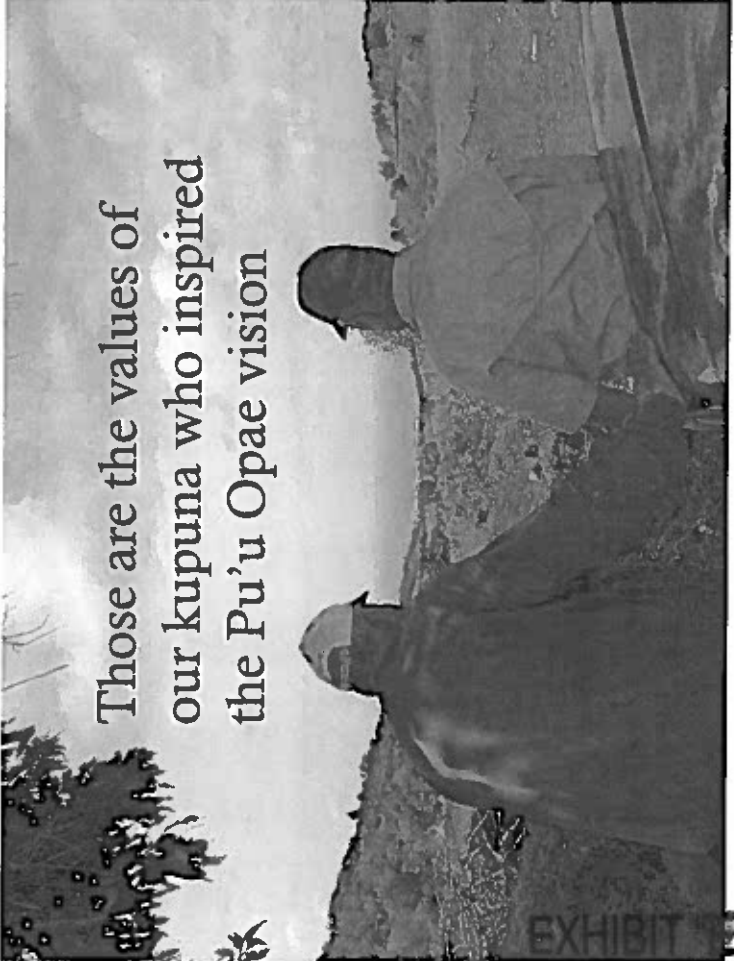
A modern cultural pu'uhonua.

A place where Hawaiians can  
reconnect with the land and water  
and acquire  
farming, pastoral and forestry skills (Mau Loa)



## Ke Malama 'Ia Ka 'Aina, Malama 'Ia Ka Po'e Pu'u Opa'e Farm and Irrigation Plan

DHHL Beneficiaries Consultation  
Presented by Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association  
January 17, 2017



Those are the values of  
our kupuna who inspired  
the Pu'u Opa'e vision



## Building Our Legacy On Core Values

- Akua First
- No Greed,
- No Hoarding
- Malama Honua
- Hana Lima

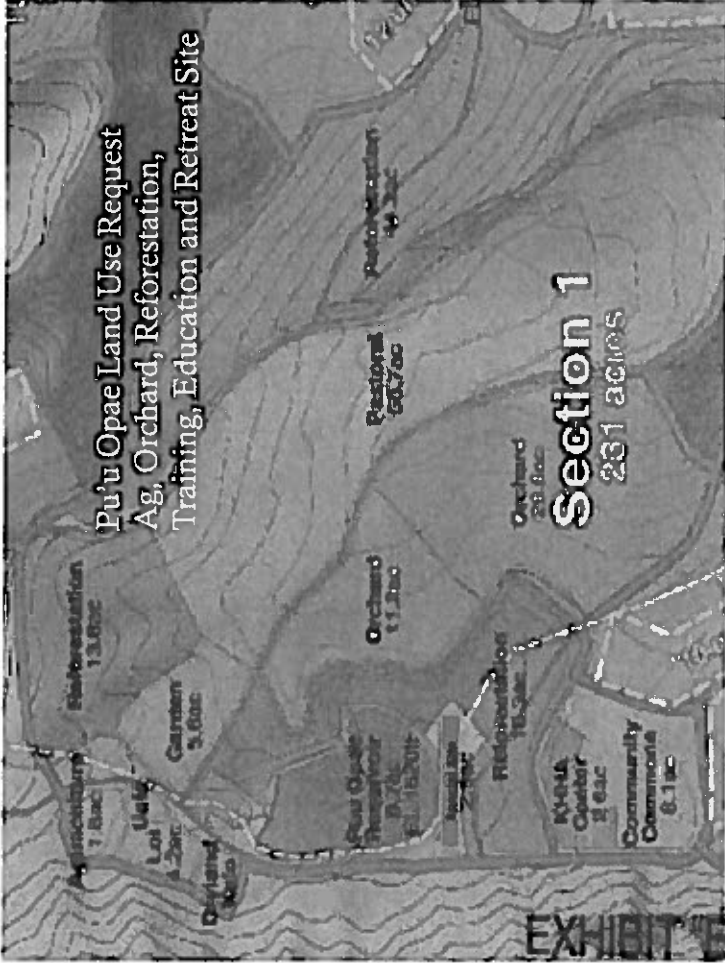
## Key Goals

### of Pu'u Opae Farm & Irrigation Program

- Return water and life to the home lands
- Provide our people with the ag education and training to ensure success on the land
- Grow healthy, affordable food and encourage healthy living especially for our next generations
- Provide opportunities to beneficiaries to try a farming lifestyle
- Restore infrastructure to the home lands for future uses for beneficiaries
- This Farm Plan is only the first step of a longer journey to restore the home lands

*This is also for  
Our Next Generations  
We Will Start Here.*

Pu'u Opae Land Use Request  
Ag, Orchard, Reforestation,  
Training, Education and Retreat Site



*Key Approach:  
Bring Water and Life  
to the Home Lands Through  
Education & Training*

*with  
Onsite Education Center  
For Workshops, Cultural Practice,  
Ag and Health Retreats*

EXHIBIT E



**Join Our Hana Wai Days:  
Families Learn, Enjoy  
and Get Healthier Together**



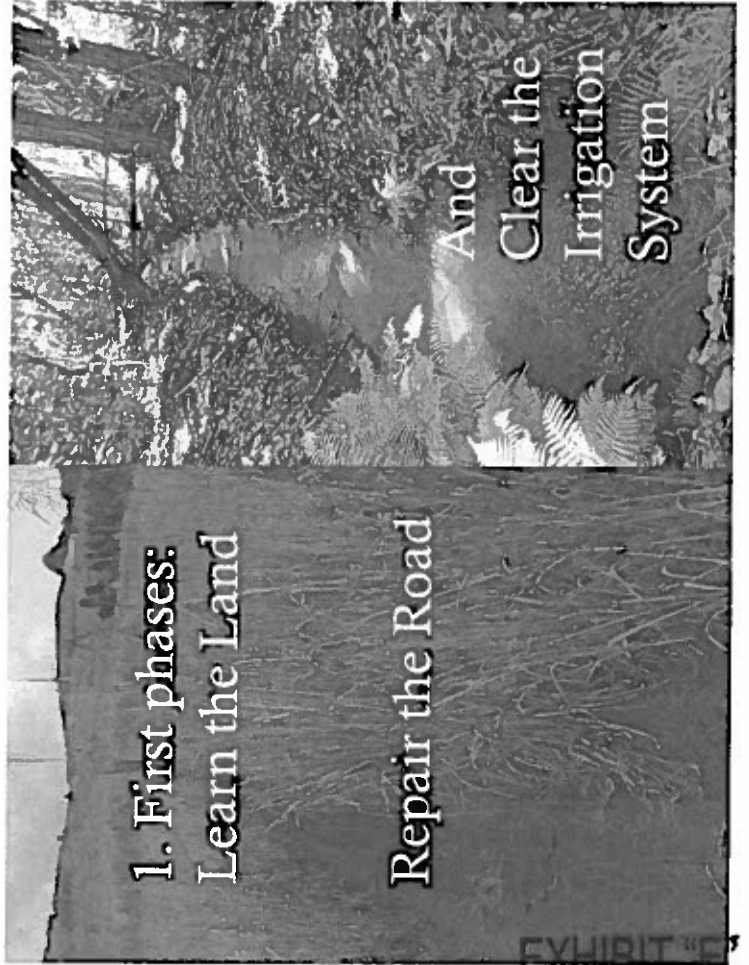
**How Can Beneficiaries  
Participate?**



**1. First phases:  
Learn the Land**

**Repair the Road**

**And  
Clear the  
Irrigation  
System**



**Ho'omaūkaukau Together**  
*Sharing Collective Skills & Knowledge*



## Pu'u Opae Training and Education Tracks

1. Pu'u Opae U.:  
Creating Amazing Farmers
2. Learning Marketable Skills :  
Job, Vocation and Enterprise Training

2. Sign ups for Pu'u Opae ag learning,  
reconnecting with land and spirit,  
and expanding life options



Book learning will be important,  
So we'll learn from books, BUT...



Some trainings will be onsite sessions like this  
(with nutritious food like this, too).





We tested curricula over many years to help us design programs to best fit our home lands and people.



Pu'u Opae U is more hands-on. More on site learning.

More hana lima. More family learning.



## Pu'u Opae Waiwai

### Cultural Benefits

Reconnects Us to Land, Water  
A Site for Cultural Practitioners and Healing  
Promotes Hawaiian Culture Ag Education

### Social Benefits

Intergenerational Learning Together  
Builds Confidence and Self Sufficiency  
Farming Gives Us Hope for the Future

### Economic Benefits

Waiwai = Creates Abundance, Food, Opportunities  
Helps Restore Ahupua'a  
Increased Life Options for Next Generations

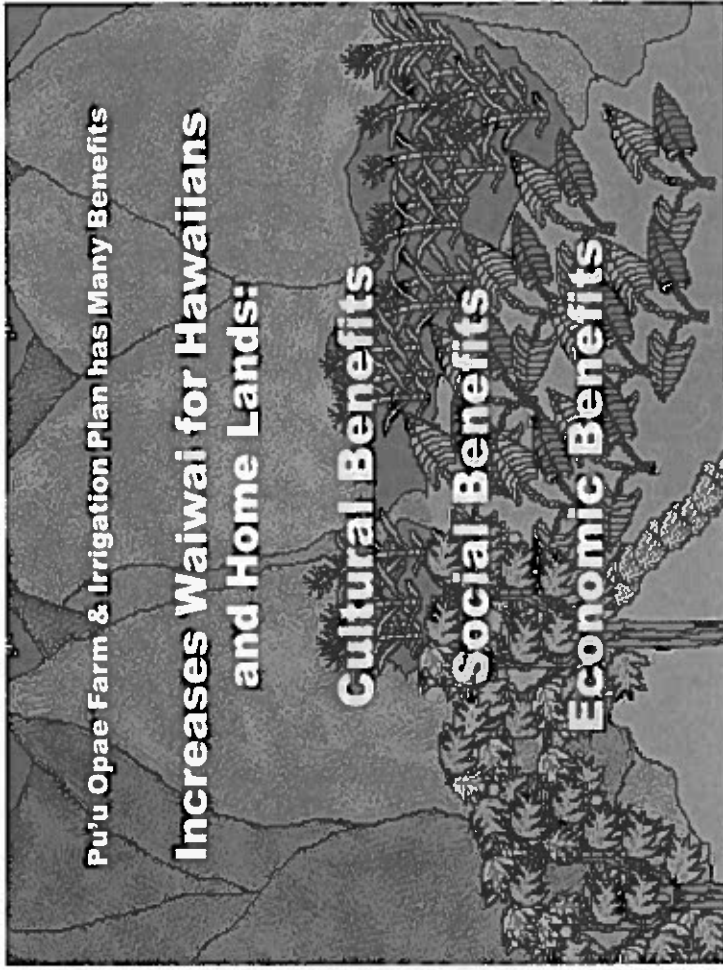
Pu'u Opae Farm & Irrigation Plan has Many Benefits

## Increases Waiwai for Hawaiians and Home Lands:

### Cultural Benefits

### Social Benefits

### Economic Benefits



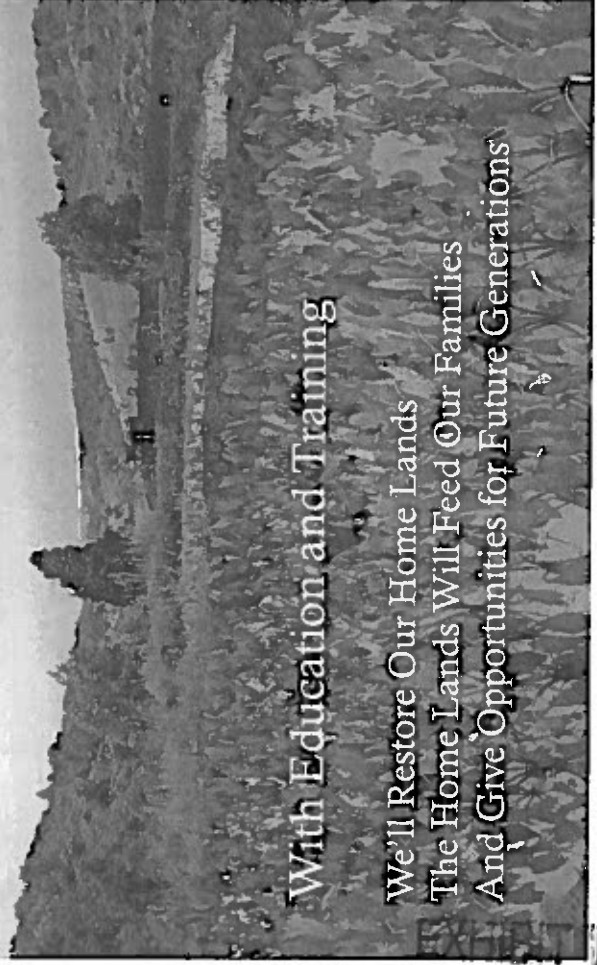
## The Story of Our Test Lo'i



Pu'u Opae test lo'i

We met with experts. We spoke with successful farmers.  
We studied the water. And learned about Hawaiian water rights.  
We remembered the land, we listened for the ancestors.  
We learned the winds and weather. We applied new learning.

## With Real Work and True Commitment Big Things Can Happen



## With Education and Training

We'll Restore Our Home Lands  
The Home Lands Will Feed Our Families  
And Give Opportunities for Future Generations

The kalo grew.  
The water returned.  
Birds returned. Life returned.

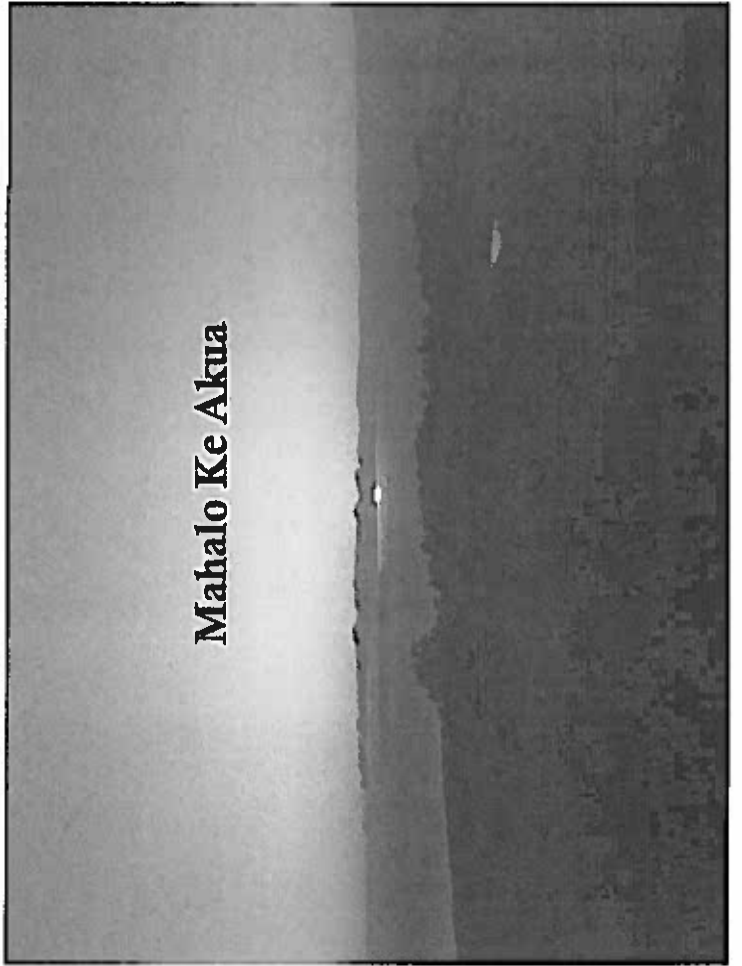


Let's Give our Children  
a Unique Chance

to Plant the Future



Ke Malama 'Ia Ka 'Aina, Malama 'Ia Ka Po'e



Mahalo Ke Akua



## Summary of Comments

No.	Support Yes / no	Comment/Concern	Source of Comment	Response Recommendations
1	yes	Support for project and its sustainable use of the land	Letter	Filed
2	yes	Support for project - community can connect with the land	Letter	Filed
3	yes	Support to grow kalo, food, livestock and culture	Written	Filed
4	yes	Support teach children to protect land necessity for life	Written	Filed
5	yes	Support contributes to food, jobs and culture benefits	Written	Filed
6	yes	Support must also serve applicants and be sustainable	Written	Filed
7	yes	Support for project, multiple benefits for the community	Written	Filed
8	yes	Support project cultural and economic benefits for community	Written	Filed
9	yes	Support allows community to work together food sustainability	Written	Filed
10	yes	Support allows community to work together food sustainability	Written	Filed
11	yes	Support for project	Written	Filed
12	yes	Support for place to farm and teach community	Written	Filed
13	yes	Support for place to farm and teach community	Written	Filed
14	yes	Support for self sustaining project that gives back to community through generations	Written	Filed
15	yes	Support for project that will be sustainable	Written	Filed
16	yes	Support for project good for younger generation	Written	Filed
17	yes	Support - project will help sustain culture, economy and future	Written	Filed
18	yes	Support it will bring community and people together	Written	Filed
19	yes	Support project will rehabilitate and enable self sufficiency	Written	Filed
20	yes	Support brings community together for the future knowledge of children	Written	Filed
21	yes	Support for farming	Written	Filed
22	yes	Strong Support great cultural and health benefits	Written	Filed
23	yes	Support for project move forward as a community	Written	Filed

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24	yes	Support for project benefits for children and preservation of culture	Written	Filed
25	yes	Support for project and family values old style traditional	Written	Filed
26	yes	Support will benefit future generations culturally and economically	Written	Filed
27	yes	Support for project and family values	Written	Filed
28	yes	Support for project and family values living off the land	Written	Filed
29	yes	Support project will teach younger generations to farm	Written	Filed
30	yes	Support for project	Written	Filed
31	yes	Strong support	Written	Filed
32	yes	Support for project	Written	Filed
33	yes	Support for project	Written	Filed
34	yes	Support for project use of land by Hawaiians	Written	Filed
35	yes	Support for project to get on the land	Written	Filed
36	yes	Support for project to learn and grow	Written	Filed
37	yes	Support for project to learn to live off the land	Written	Filed
38	yes	Support for project return to farming grassroots effort	Letter email	Filed
39	yes	Support for project experience with the lands and need for future farmers	Letter email	Filed
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41		<b>See meeting notes for verbal comments on next 4 pages</b>	<b>Verbal</b>	<b>Filed</b>
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(B) Beneficiary

Q: Question from attendee

A: Answer from DHHL – Deputy (WA), Applicant (KW), Bob Freitas (BF)

(B) Q: Plan is ok, but will waitlist people get awarded ag land they are asking for if they participate?

(WA) A: DHHL doesn't have resources now, but could in future, 20 years down the line. Interim uses – not ready for homesteading right now. Subsistence Ag awards – ongoing project within DHHL. No requirement for farm plan. Rural standards, off grid, catchment – ways to move people off the waitlist more quickly. Looking at it statewide.

(B) Q: Who are the community members involved that are proposing the project?

A: It's a mix of beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries.

Q: Who are the subsistence ag awards for – people already on the ag wait list? A: Yes.

(B) Q: Is this for all Kekaha, or all native Hawaiian Beneficiary community? Just the people on the wait list? Who benefits?

(KW) A: Will need wait listers, beneficiaries – first preference. Beneficiaries will have preference if there are limits on class size; need for lots of volunteers so need the help of non-Hawaiians too. People from any island could come up and enjoy place, cultural practice to benefit use of place. Canoe guys – have an open horizon visible from up there. Wayfinders – cultural benefits.

(B) Q: What are criteria for people who will go up there? How much land will they be getting?

(KW) A: Not sub-leasing. It's about training people so they know what grows, know how to farm in the area, training for a future award. Rehabilitating ag water system.

(DA) A: Not awarding lots with this project -- it's educational and provides training

(BF) A: Ag Task Force Recommendations -- Allow people who are waiting for ag lease to learn how to manage ag so that when they are called from waitlist that they are ready. HHC said we should give opportunities to wait listers to get on the land and learn how to grow things – they want people to be ready.

(B) Q: Your vision is beautiful, but are you ready to execute? Where the land?

(KW) A: have people ready to help, close to \$1 million in in-kind services already received, just waiting for license to be approved. Ready to start with technical expertise. Need license in order to move project further.

(DA) A: Similarities to Ka'ala Farms, in Waianae

(B) Q: What's a license? What kind of license is needed?

(DA) A: Similar to a land disposition

(B) I support this project. I give it a 5 (out of 5). Watched it come forward with a better framework. It's not about me - about education of mo'opuna, understanding the concept of hana (work). I learned by coming to tonight's meeting. Should mālama the land and each other.

(B) We're more worried about where we're going to live and how we're going to feed our families. Knows what it takes to bring something tangible to the table. See a lot of potential for ag & STEM for our kids. STEM programs are where monies are at nowadays, also see opportunities to bring STEM into this program because that's where the future is at. Remember the past, but also looking forward with ag diversification.

(B) Q: About the land -- only 231 acres?

(KW) A: Yes, for the license.

(DA) A: Yes, if HHC approves, it would be within 231 acres.

(B) Q: Cannot use other special district areas?

(KW) A: If community requests it, but outside this request.

(DA) A: Will consider other requests for uses of land

(B) Q: Is the water only in the 231 acres? Water coming from Pu'u 'Ōpae?

(DA) A: Pu'uoloa Reservoir, ditch, some would come down to Pu'u 'Ōpae via Kekaha Ditch System.

(KW) A: starting with 231 acres, master plan has additional sections of how project will expand

(B) Q: What kind of steps are there to guard against people who say they want to do ag, but will actually just live there and not do anything?

(DA) A: License does not allow living on lot. DHHL moving in that direction with Subsistence Ag.

(B) What does the timetable look like for this?

(KW) A: Have 3 lo'i ready to go. Two years until ag program starts. Need road improvements. Road will rebuilt to minimum standards.

(DA) A: Will depend on how long DHHL takes to get through the land disposition process.

(B) Q: Whole 231 acres not for private use – community learning, then can expand beyond that?

(DA) A: Will be able to use skills learned for eventual use by homesteaders

(B) Q: If we volunteer, help with the lo'i, how does that work? Do we share with whole community, or with just the other people who are helping?

(KW) A: Goal is that if you help, you'll be able to bring home kaukau for your family, while learning.

(B) Q: Do we go from the bottom up, or the top down?

(DA) A: suggests going from the top

(B) Policies will need to be developed – rules -- so that there's no abuse. We're not used to this – we know you can't move until DHHL is ready.

Q: who will make sure that project continues to be pono?

(DA) A: Dept. will continue to remind that oversight is needed.

Q: Who is governing board for the project?

(KW) A: Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KKHA). Need to open voices, go and vote. Many opportunities to participate and to come and learn. Catering to Beneficiaries first. Importance of integrating new technologies/training today b/c there's new bugs, new weeds. Involving professors, STEM.

(DA) A: working with kids, Hawaiian kids, they like to touch, see, taste, they like hands-on. DOE doesn't have time to do that kinds of thing. Hands-on learning, get them hooked and show them why they need STEM and additional science to encourage them to different career opportunities. But first, they need to touch the 'āina.

Q: There is another component in Koke'e – what about that area? Suggest combining project at Koke'e with this project.

(B) I want to thank the Commissioner for coming. I'm a homesteader and I'm in support.

(B) Q: Is this 231 acres a learning curve to be ready for next increment?

(DA) A: It can be.

Q: What is timeframe for us to prepare ourselves for the next stage – leases? Expansion in 20 years?

(DA) A: 231 acres to try, and if not needed for 20 years out for homesteading, and proven successful then can extend.

(KW) A: What if group could get resources to start homesteading in that area?

(DA) A: Thank you, let's get going.

Q: Get resources up there already – heavy equipment is just sitting there. Super 8 Caterpillar– front wheel just needs to be welded. DHHL took back the land, but why let the equipment just sit there? Can go halfway up and cut across (if graded).

Q: When reservoir breached, state was supposed to check out certain reservoirs – haven't heard nothing. Is Pu'u 'Ōpae (reservoir) safe?

(DA) A: state supposed to do that, but high costs. Reservoir overflow is open right now, just catching rainfall.

Q: Why? Who shut the water off up there?

A: KHA is working ditch system

(DA) A: Department is in process of putting in water reservations

Q: Also – how much bottom land does DHHL have -- at Mānā?

(WA) A: Very little on Mana lands. Have a little bit in Waiawa.

Q: 16,000 acres mauka – hunting lease pau already?

(DA) A: Hunting lease is in effect until end of this year.

Q: What is capacity of reservoir right now?

(DA) A: Costs money to become compliant. During plantation time, could hold up to 80 million gallons. Possibly up to 80 MG if restored / maintained. Potential for that much water, but whether they can pull that much water from the stream is questionable.

(B) Q: Is that Pu'uloa?

(DA) A: Yes, many opportunities. In the next 30-40 years, all west side of islands will become drier; need to use water more wisely and that's part of teaching our children.

Q: What if 400-500 people want to go up there? How are you going to manage it? Like a coöp? Put it all together, feed kūpuna – what about surplus? What to do with the abundance left over after everyone takes what they need?

(KW) A: It's a cooperative, so after feeding kūpuna, can give out to others who are farming for fun; going to be selling to tourists driving up and down road. Getting free legal assistance for cooperatives.

(DA) A: Value-added products

(Q) I strongly support. What are step-by-step procedures? Any hang-ups? What can we do to make this happen?

(DA) A: will cover in consultation process.

(B) If you support the project, fill in the green comment paper and turn it in.

**Freitas Jr, Robert C**

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**Subject:** Support for KHHA Puu Opae Plan

Aloha

Attached is letter of support for Puu Opae Farm and Irrigation project in west Kauai. Mr. Kaleo Manuel of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Mr. Kaleo Manuel  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96805

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January 17, 2017

In Support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's  
Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project

Mr. Manuel and DHHL Planning Staff:

I am an architect and planner who worked closely with Kawai Warren and members of the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KHHA) to create a master plan for their first phase of use of the Puu Opae site.

Their long term goals were thoughtful and if implemented could lead to productive and sustainable use of the land to support an agrarian and pastoral life for generations of Hawaiians. From what I have seen the KHHA has the personnel and knowledge base to execute their plan.

I encourage you to grant the Land Use Request for the Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan. This project will benefit the people and the lands. It is the duty of DHHL to implement the Hawaiian Home Commission Act of 1920, as amended, and to provide opportunities for Hawaiians such as the opportunities that are part of the Pu'u Opae Plan.

Me ke aloha,

Juan Wilson: Architect-Planner  
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Hanapepe, Hawaii, 96716  
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Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KHHA) has been working on this Farm and Irrigation Plan for the past 6 years. The goal is to create a modern day Pu'u honua, a place where Hawaiians and the community can reconnect with the land and water, farm and experience new learning and life opportunities.

KHHA's Farm and Irrigation Plan will:  
Bring water back to the home lands  
Make the land healthy and productive  
Provide the people with training and a learning center for sustainable agricultural practices  
Traditional, agroforestry and biodynamic practices specific to Pu'u Opae

Provide families with access to healthy food  
Provide opportunities for healthier life choices  
Help our children reconnect with the land and nature  
Guided by Akua and powered by Aloha

I am a retired Speech Pathologist from the Hawaii Department of Education, and spent many years serving and advocating for local Hawaiian children. I also support developing sustainable resources for native Hawaiians. Although not a native Hawaiian myself, I am a strong supporter of this project.

Me ke aloha,

Linda Pascatore  
PO Box 949  
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## Questions and Comments

Name: Nalu Kapua

Phone: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 / benefits Hawaiians

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Land to grow Kalo, food, livestock  
and cont our culture with our land



## Questions and Comments

Name: Jolina Felix-Keamoai

Phone: [redacted]

Email: Josafelix808@hotmail.com

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5, because the westside of Kauai doesn't have  
Ag land, also to create a self-sustainment enviro-  
ment.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

To be able to teach our children the  
importance and necessity to live and protect  
our God given right to the land.

EXHIBIT "F"

## Questions and Comments



Name: GILROY YORRIAN

Phone: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 (strong) ONLY ONE FARMER AT PUU OPAE. AREA, LIES  
SIDE DESIGNATED FOR PASTORAL / FARMING. SINCE 1920 NO PLAN  
TO DEVELOPE OR REPAIRING HAWAIIAN

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

POTENTIAL AREA FOR HONOLULU AREA HAWAIIAN FARMING AREA (POTENTIAL  
SOME HAWAIIAN CULTURE HERITAGE IN AREA, LAANI LAPA. POTENTIAL

(COULD BE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTOR, JOBS, FOOD  
TO SUCCESS NEED LAND, WATER ETC.

## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

2 with concerns - will the west  
1.5 be awarded those Ag. Lands -

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

None @ this time.

Is it sustainable to modifications??

@ who is community?

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## Questions and Comments



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Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

1, VERY STRONGLY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BENEFICIARIES TO UTILIZE THE DHHL ACT OF "1920" TO HONOR OUR KUPUNA

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

VERY BENEFICIAL, ALL ASPECTS, WE NEED TO START SOMEWHERE, WHY NOT PUU OPAE

## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

I strongly support the Puu Opae project.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Social benefits are community coming together & treating each other with respect during the process. Cultural benefits are perpetuating the use of land and water for all who want to maintain some self-sufficiency as an island home. Economic benefit is that we new generation will learn new skills from farming & be able to spread the economic benefits financially by selling products as needed & teach children to

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## Questions and Comments

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Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 No brainer. I am supporting Ag & Pas local

earning everything for those without voices. Putting our plants, seeds, animals, our children.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Community working together, Real food, pride (humble) for everyone.

## Questions and Comments

Name:

SH'LE POTTS

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

FIVE - WE NEED THIS HUNNY FOR FOOD AND THE NEXT GENERATION TO HONOLULU

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

IT'S A BIG LEARNING CURVE AND WE FEED

OUR COMMUNITY - AND TEACH ANCHORING TRADITIONS

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## Questions and Comments



Name: William K. Kizo

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

Half

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Yes

## Questions and Comments



Name: Richard Kanahelo

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

I Been waiting on the list for long Time

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

A Place where we can farm and Teach

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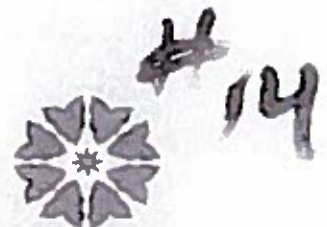
On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

I Been Waiting on the List for Long Time

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

A Place where we can farm

## Questions and Comments



Name: ALICE MORRIS

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

4 - BENEFICIAL FOR OUR FUTURE FAMILIES  
TO OWN PASTORAL/AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY AND  
APPLY WHAT IS LEARNED  
THROUGH THIS INITIAL PROJECT

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

ECONOMIC - SELF SUSTAINING - GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY  
CULTURAL - PASS ON WHAT HAS BEEN TAUGHT THROUGH GENERATIONS  
SOCIAL - CLOSER KAIT COMMUNITY



## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5+. The presentation was well done - To see this  
vision of productivity is encouraging. Making use of the past and  
future technology makes me hopeful for the next generation.  
What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?  
1. Socially we become more aware of each other along with  
the cultural pride that we need to sustain the upcoming →

## Questions and Comments



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Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5, it is a conduit to support Hawaiian  
community

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Land that is available to benefit the  
local community is good for the younger generation.

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## Questions and Comments



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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5. I have supported this project from day one, to understand the culture, the history and what it means to myself and our community.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

It will help sustain our culture, help support our economy, in sustaining our way of life, our Keiki's that are here now to teach them →

## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Beneficiary Consultation

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5. I have being involve with this project from day 1

This project can benefit our Pass, present, and future.

It can bring back life to the land and community and people.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

It will bring our people/community closer together. It will bond us

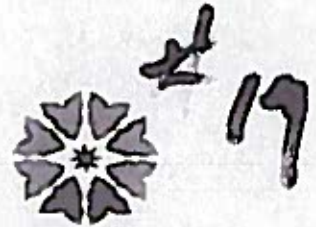
physically, mentally, and spiritually. We can preserve and protect our land and prepare it for our future generations.

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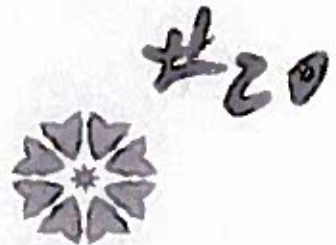
On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 - I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT BECAUSE IT WILL  
HELP HAWAIIANS BECOME MORE SELF SUFFICIENT.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

THIS WILL REHABILITATE HAWAIIANS AND HELP GET PEOPLE  
CLOSER TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING.

## Questions and Comments



Name: Henry Nakagawa

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 Its Good For the Hawaiians, the  
Community to benefit learn & pass on the  
Knowledge to the next Generation for the future

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

The people working together in making a good  
& prosperous Community for the future.

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Thank you David  
160 for your plan

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## Questions and Comments

Name: William K. Akana

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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

one or 100% (When will this take place)?

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Far more & Ag on Home Land?

I ALSO NEED TO FILL OUT MY DAIL FORMS TO BEA Beneficiary.

## Questions and Comments

Name: Sam Nureane

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

I STRONGLY AGREE ABOUT THE PROJECT. I WOULD  
LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

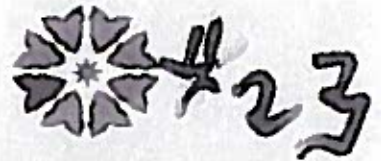
THE BENEFITS ARE HUGE IF IT GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN

I LIKE THE CULTURAL & OVERALL HEALTH BENEFITS TO THE LAND  
COMMUNITY.

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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 - We were at risk. Don't want to depend on system we have now - want to be self sustain especially food, water, shelter

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community? Able to thrive the way we want not based on politics, but by you know but by being pono w/ self, land, people.

## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

On a scale of 1 to 5, I would have to say I support it as a 3. I would like and need to know and learn more about it at this time. However I feel that the amount of  
What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community? I feel that the knowledge of the project its of

is a great deal. Knowing what is out there and what is being offered as an educational and cultural benefit sustainable of the land, and knowledge to our kiki

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acres/land being used specifically for the Hawaiian people is definitely

## Questions and Comments



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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

(5). I support this project Because this  
is where the future begins for our children

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

I see the future for our children &  
grandchildren. Our mo'opunes need to know the  
culture of our people.

## Questions and Comments



Name: Romayne Matsuyoshi

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

I strongly support this project &  
give it a 5!!

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Sustainability to the people & their families  
Raising the family in the "old traditional style"!!

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## Questions and Comments



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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 - if this project will benefit present generation & generations to come then I am in full support!

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Plain & simple, if it sustainable for generations to come and present it will benefit all community, cultural, economics than imua kakou!

## Questions and Comments



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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 I like the idea I would like to know what eventually happens, when the project is up and running.

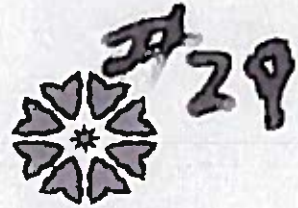
What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Teaching our younger beneficiaries to work and live off the land.

Would it be possible to start as raw land to start then within a certain amount of time, to have a certain amount of work facility is done. To show our raw land to use for agriculture on the

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## Questions and Comments



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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

I am willing to support this project, and I think we need to educate (spread the word) to our families in the community. The more they know about it, the more support you

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

This is a good idea, especially teaching the younger generation about farming, we need to work w/ the students of the Westside schools

## Questions and Comments



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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

If my favorite Uncle Alroy Yorkman who is totally unselfish, I know there is benefit for all.

support  
this

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## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 SUPPORT STRONGLY

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

WE CAN LEARN, PRACTICE  
CULTURE & EVENTUALLY MAKE MONEY

## Questions and Comments



Name: Larry Okamoto

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Give us our Land  
Back!

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## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 Support

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Any group that has a plan to get these lands back to the Hawaiians should be supported.

## Questions and Comments



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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 (highest)

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

It is an opportunity for lands belonging to Hawaiians to be utilized by Hawaiians

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## Questions and Comments



Name: Pwyle Lee

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 - supports STRONGLY

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

FINALLY GET US ON OUR LANDS

## Questions and Comments



Name: Conrad Miyayama

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?

5 - highly support

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

One day I envision us Hawaiians plant EXHIBIT "F"  
growing & learning on these forgotten land



## Questions and Comments

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
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On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opaee project and why?

3 - I support the project but would like more information. It would be good if there could also be land designated for hunting.  
What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?  
It would teach the next generation the importance of our culture. Learn to live off the land.

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## Manuel, Kaleo L

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**From:** John Kaohelauii <kauaitourdriver@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** DHHL.Planning  
**Subject:** In Support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project.  
**Attachments:** In Support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association.pdf

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January 15, 2017

In Support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's  
Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project.

Aloha Kaleo and DHHL Planning Staff,

I want to show for my support for Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project.

Please grant the Land Use Request to the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan.

I'm proud of what this grassroots organization has done and continues to do with very limited resources.

Reclaiming the water for farming and making positive use of vacant lands. I love that KHHA is providing programs to bring Hawaiians back to the 'āina to grow food for their families as well as provide programs for the future of their Homestead community.

Thank you for all your hard work,

Aloha and Mahalo,

John W. Kaohelauii

Anahola Homestead Community Leader.

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January 17, 2017

In Support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's  
Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project.

Aloha Kaleo Manuel and DHHL Planning Staff,

I want to show for my support for Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's  
Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project

Please grant the Land Use Request to the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead  
Association's Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan.

I'm proud of what this grassroots organization has done and continues to do with  
very limited resources.

Reclaiming the water for farming and making positive use of vacant lands. I love  
that KHHA is providing programs to bring Hawaiians back to the 'āina to grow food for  
their families as well as provide programs for the future of their Homestead community.

Thank you for all your hard work,

Aloha and Mahalo,



John W. Kaohelauii

Anahola Homestead Community Leader.

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January 18, 2017

In Support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's  
Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Project

Mr. Manuel and DHHL Planning Staff:

My name is Adelaide Wehilani (Akita) Emura. I am a beneficiary and am on the waitlist for residential and pastoral. I am also the successor to my Uncle, Lindberg Akita, who is near the top of the Pu'u Opae waitlist. My son and I attended last night's meeting at Kekaha School. Totally impressed by the hard work and years of effort expended by Kawai Warren and others. I encourage you to grant the Land Use Request for the Pu'u Opae Farm and Irrigation Plan. This project will benefit our aina, the vegetation, the animals and all the people. It is the duty of DHHL to implement the Hawaiian Home Commission Act of 1920, as amended, and to provide opportunities for Hawaiians such as the opportunities that are part of the Pu'u Opae Plan.

My Tutu, my father's mother, Alice Makaawaawa Akita was blessed to lease acres at Pu'u Opae. In the 1950s, there were no roads going that far up and my father graded the roads, being that he was a heavy equipment operator. Every weekend my 3 older brothers (being elementary school age) remember going up mauka with our family to lay 2 lines of pipes across the valleys and hills to bring water in, build the quonset hut, dig the holes for the fence posts, string the fence lines, plant passion fruit trees, etc. They'd carry rocks to fill in areas of the road that would be washed out during the rainy season so that the crossings would be safer. This they did until all three graduated from high school in the early-mid 1960s and volunteered for the Army.

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My earliest recollection is the late 1950s (as one of the youngest) along with my 4th brother, we'd help on a smaller scale. Mauka is special, serene and a sense of spiritual closeness. As young as I was, I could feel the mana. I would look forward to gathering the chicken eggs, feeding the animals, checking on the cattle and horses, climbing to the top of the water tank to clean any debris, etc. The smell of the rain on the dirt roads, the fragrance of the lantana and wet grass, all distinct happy childhood memories. I was fortunate to go there a lot, until the 1970s, when I graduated from high school and went to college.

I would like everyone to have these blessings in their lives. Bringing water back to the mountains, feeding the plants, the animals and teaching everyone that we can make Pu'u Opae what I remember it once was. Flourishing with greenery, pheasants and quails by the galore, shady trees to rest and watch the white clouds roll by, play in the mountain streams, ride horses, love our animals and people. Be wiser stewards of all of HIS creations.

I'd like to ask that DHHL consider granting accelerated leases for Pu'u Opae. A place where people willing to work hard, can live there and grow real food and be self sustainable. There was no infrastructure in the 1950s but through hard, hard work and perseverance, we did it at Pu'u Opae. It can be done again.....6 decades later. This project is already the proof needed.

Mahalo,  
Adelaide W. Emura

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