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 ‘Opa‘e 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 ‘Opa‘e 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'uhonua; 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 'Ōpae 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 'Ōpae 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 Pu'u Opa'e 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 Opa‘e 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 Pu‘u Opa‘e 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 Pu‘u Opa‘e 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 Pu‘u Opa‘e.

The Project creates a cultural pu‘uhonua or a place of refuge where Hawaiians are able to reconnect with the land and water, and acquire
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 ¼ 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.
REQUEST FORM FOR NON-HOMESTEADING LAND USE PURPOSES

PART 1: 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: ________________________________

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.________________
Land Area requested: Acreage/Sq.Ft. 231 Acres  
Term: 25 year renewable

Island: Kauai  
Tax Map Key No.: 1-2-02-23

Indicate Character of Use:  
- Agricultural  
- Commercial  
- Church  
- 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

Land Request Form No.
Attachment 1
Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association
Request form for Non-Homesteading land Use

Part 1: Applicant Information

Officers and/or Principal Representative:

Harold Vidinha (President/Board), Gilroy Yorkman (Vice President/Board), Romayne Lani Matsuyoshi (Secretary/Board), Lyle Bargamento (Treasurer/Board), Van Kawai Warren (Board/Chair Pu‘u Opea 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, guide 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 Opea 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 Opea 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 Opea educational center, DHHL awarding of % acre homesteading lots, and implementation of a Co-operative Agriculture park for beneficiaries will be addressed.
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’omaukaukau 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 proactively 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 Opa‘e 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.
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 ‘Opae 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 ‘Opae 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.freitasjrb@hawaii.gov.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission
Agenda
Beneficiary Consultation Meeting
Pu‘u Opa‘e 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 Opa‘e 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

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Beneficiary Consultation
Puu Opaе
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 Opaе 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

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Figure 1.2
Waihoe Land Use Plan
Kauai Island Plan

2004

Kauai Island Plan designates the Puu Opea site as “Special District.” Special districts mean 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 greenways.

The Waima 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.

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

Regional Plan 2011

Priority Project: Develop an Agricultural & Water Plan

EXHIBIT "D"
Regional Plan 2011

Puu Opaee 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 national framework for decision making.

KHHA prepared a Project Master Plan for the Puu Opaee 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 2.35 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 Opaee 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
DHHL Planning@hawaii.gov
Plan summary

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

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

Presented by Kekemahi Hawaiian Homestead Association
January 17, 2017

Pulu Opa‘e Farm and Irrigation Plan
KeMalaria Ta‘Aina, Malama Ta‘Ka Pole
Key Goals of Pu‘u O'pae Farm & Irrigation Program

- Return water and life to the homelands
- Provide opportunities for new and returning to the homelands
- Grow healthy, affordable food and encourage healthy living
- Provide new opportunities for new and returning to the homelands
- Restore infrastructure to the homelands
- This Farm Plan is only the first step of a lifetime journey.
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'omaukaukau 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

Some trainings will be onsite sessions like this (with nutritious food like this, too).
Pu’u Opae Waiwai

Cultural Benefits
Reconnects Us to Land, Water
A Site for Cultural Practioners 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
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.
Tonight's presentation is given in honor of Uncle Ho'okipa — "It's time to eat!"

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
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| 41  |        | See meeting notes for verbal comments on next 4 pages                          | Verbal   | Filed    |
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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 available 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’u’aloa 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?

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’u’ulaa?  
(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.
For the record.

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To: "Manuel, Kaleo L" <kaleo.l.manuel@hawaii.gov>

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Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:57 PM
To: DHHL.Planning <dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov>
Cc: John Aana <john.aana@gmail.com>; Kawai Warren <kawaiwarrenkhha@gmail.com>
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.

The text of the letter begins here>

Mr. Kaleo Manuel
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Att: Planning Office
Po Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805

DHHL.Planning@hawaii.gov
808-620-9480 FAX 808 620-9559

January 17, 2017
In Support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association's
Pu’u Opaе 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 Opaе 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 Opaе 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 Opaе
Plan.

Me ke aloha,

Juan Wilson: Architect-Planner
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From: Linda Pascatore [mailto:lindapascatore@me.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:23 AM
To: DHHL.Planning <dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov>
Subject: In support of Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead's Pu'u Opae project

Mr. Kaleo Manuel
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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 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.

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

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...vide 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 Piscatore
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Questions and Comments

Name: Nalu Kapa
Phone: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

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 continue our culture with our land

Questions and Comments

Name: Jolina Felix-Keamoai
Phone: [redacted]
Email: jefelix2008@hawaii.com

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 agricultural land, also to create a self-sustainment environment

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.
Questions and Comments

Name: Sonya Vosandan

Phone: 649-649-6493

Email: sonya@vosandan.com

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

5 (Strong) Only one rancher at Puu Opae, area is designed for pastoral/farming, since 1980 no plans to develop or reforest plantation.
What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Potential area for new/old, area Hawaiian farming and heritage. Some Hawaiian culture heroes in area, what impact potential could be. Economic contributor, jobs, etc. to succeed need land, water, etc.

Questions and Comments

Name: Kean Rorke

Phone: 649-649-6493

Email:

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

3 (Weak) with concerns - will the water be awarded those Ag. lands?

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

None at this time. Is it sustainable to manage? Is it sustainable to manage? ??

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Name: James Nakamaunu

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?  
I very strongly support the future of the Beneficiaries to utilize the Dillingham 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

Name: Jack Keni Lee

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?  
I strongly support the Pūu 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 benefits is that we, as a generation, will learn new skills from farming & be able to spread the word of self-sufficiency financially by selling products as needed & teach children to
Questions and Comments

Name: Adelaide Emuna (Beneficiary)
Phone: N/A
Email: orulie@gmail.com

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

5

We believe in the project and support it. We are local and want to see our plants, animals, and children thrive.

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

Community working together, real food pride (knowledge for everyone).

Questions and Comments

Name: SA'LE PATZS
Phone: N/A
Email: N/A

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

FIVE: WE NEED THIS HO'OPONU TO EAT.

AND THE NEXT GENERATION TO HO'OKU.

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

IT'S BIG LEARNING CURVE THAT WE TEACH.

OUR COMMUNITY - AND TEACH HOKūLALU TRADITION.
Questions and Comments

Name: William K. Hirao
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: None

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opa‘e project and why? [Signature]

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

Questions and Comments

Name: Richard Kanakabe
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opa‘e 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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Name: James K. Shinton, Sr
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

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

I have been waiting on this last for a 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
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opa'e 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 benefit
Social - closer knit community
Questions and Comments

Name: Keith Garza
Phone: 808-456-1234
Email: keithgarza123@gmail.com

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 as the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?

Societally we become more aware of each other along with the cultural pride that we need to sustain the upcoming.

Questions and Comments

Name: Bridda Garza
Phone: 808-567-1234
Email: briddagarza@gmail.com

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 as 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.
Questions and Comments

Name: Leinākah Ayau

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opaʻe 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 kids that are here now to teach them.

Questions and Comments

Name: Kalani Kaponiai Jr

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opaʻe project and why?
5. I have been involved with this project since day 1.

This project can benefit our past, present, and future. It can bring balance 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 bind us physically, mentally and spiritually. We can preserve and protect our land and prepare it for our future generations.
Questions and Comments

Name: Ryan Hauhanu
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

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 Nakamura
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae project and why?
5 - It's good for the Hawaiians, the community to benefit from it. I 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 it a good prosperous community for the future.
Questions and Comments

Name: William T. Akana

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

One or 100% (what will this take place?)

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

I also need to fill out myählt form to be a beneficiary.

Questions and Comments

Name: Sean Auerbach

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

I strongly agree about the project. I would like to know more about it.

What do you see as 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.
Questions and Comments

Name: Virginia Kaʻahue
Phone: 808-123-4567
Email: Virginia@kaahue.com

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-sufficient, 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 aloha for self, family, people.

In a great deal. Knowing what is out there and what is being affected. As economic, cultural benefit sustainability of the land, knowledge to our keiki and beyond.
Questions and Comments

Name: Kuulei Vidiha

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

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 maloehines need to know the culture of our people.

Questions and Comments

Name: Romyne Matsuyoshi

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

I strongly support this project and give it a 5!

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

Sustainability to the people & their family.

Raising the family in the "old traditional style".
Questions and Comments

Name: Joseph Nakakuki
Phone: 808-634-0944
Email: jnakakuki@hawaii.edu

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 generations to come than I am in full support!

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

Questions and Comments

Name: Stevenette Lee (Cookie)
Phone: 808-634-0904
Email: stevenettelee6@gmail.com

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 increase?
Questions and Comments

Name: Eula Mae Taatu
Phone: 
Email: 

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 need to get. The more they know about it, the more support you need to get.

What do you see are the social, cultural & economic benefits to you and your community?
This is a good idea, especially teaching the younger generations about farming, we need to work with the students of the Westside Schools.

Questions and Comments

Name: Justin Sih
Phone: 
Email: 

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

Name: **Randy Seto**
Phone: **306-208**
Email: **jgjastaka2004@com**

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

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Questions and Comments

Name: **Larry Okanoto**

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!**
Questions and Comments

Name: Marilyn Yamauchi

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

5 Strongly

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

Name: Shanlynn Seto

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opa'e 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.
Questions and Comments

Name: Dwyle Lee
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

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 Kuroyama
Phone: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

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 growth and learning on these forgotten lands
Questions and Comments

Name: Kelvin Keamooi  Denelle Reis
Phone: 
Email: 

On a Scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you support the Puu Opae 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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From: John Kaohelauii <kauaitourdriver@yahoo.com>
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January 15, 2017

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Aloha Kaleo and DHHLP: Planning Staff,

I want to show 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 'aina 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

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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.
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 Opaʻe 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 Opaʻe. 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 perseverence, we did it at Pu’u Opaʻe. It can be done again.....6 decades later. This project is already the proof needed.

Mahalo,
Adelaide W. Emura