




STATE OF HAWAI'I

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

October 16-17, 2017

To: Chairman and Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

Thru: Kahana Albinio, Acting Administrator Land Management
Division 
Kaleo Manuel, Acting Planning Program Manager 

From: Kualii Camara, Humu'ula/Pi'ihonua Land Manager
Andrew H. Choy, Planner 

Subject: Confirmation of 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan
Implementation Advisory Council

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION

That the Hawaiian Homes Commission confirm the recommended members of the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan Implementation Advisory Council which will consist of two groups:

(1) A Policy Group to consist of two representatives from each Hawai'i Island Homestead Association and four beneficiaries currently on the Hawai'i Island waiting list and;

(2) Natural and Cultural Resource Management Group to consist of technical experts and specialists.

Names of the members for each group are stated below:

Policy Group Members:

Association	Member 1	Member 2
Honokoa (Kailapa) Community Association	Diane Kanealii	OPEN
Ka'ū Hawaiian Home Lands Association	Janice Javar	Jeffrey Kekoa
Kaumana Hawaiian Homes Association	Skylark Rosetti	Kaohu Seto
Kawaihae Puaka'ilima Community Association	OPEN	OPEN
Keaukaha Community Association	Patrick Kahawaiolaa	Mapuana Waipa
Keaukaha-Pana'ewa Farmers' Association	Maile Lu'uwai	Elizabeth Masaoka
Maku'u Farmers' Association	OPEN	OPEN
Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Association	William Brown	Hercules Freitas
Pi'ihonua Hawaiian Homestead Association	Ron Kodani	Maile Miyasato
Villages of La'i'Ōpua Association	Craig Kahui	OPEN
Waimea Hawaiian Homestead Association	OPEN	OPEN
Hawai'i Island Waitlist	Sharon Vannatta	--
Hawai'i Island Waitlist	Joseph Kaolulo	--
Hawai'i Island Waitlist	Leonard Tanaka	--
Hawai'i Island Waitlist	Korey Medeiros	--

Natural and Cultural Resource Management Group Members:

1. Kekuhi Kealiikanakaole Ohaililani
2. Kealoha Kinney
3. Kala Lindsey AhSing
4. Christian Giardina
5. Luana Busby Neff
6. Clarence "KU" Ching
8. Nicholas Agorastos

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan (the "Plan"), as adopted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission ("HHC") in 2009, is to restore and preserve the trust resources that exist in the region that include, but are not limited to, the Native Hawaiian Koa forest, sensitive environmental resources, and other cultural and historic resources.

The Humu'ula/Pi'ihonua area is composed of approximately 56,200-acres of Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL), located on the northeast slopes of Mauna Kea. See Maps Exhibit A. The Humu'ula/Pi'ihonua lands make up one-quarter of DHHL's approximate 200,000 acre state-wide land inventory. The lands of Humu'ula and Pi'ihonua represent one of the most important native forest areas remaining in the HHL trust. These lands provide a glimpse into the natural environment and native forests which are disappearing throughout the state. The area serves as valuable habitat to many native and endemic species. The area's proximity to Mauna Kea also makes it a valuable cultural resource.

At its June 2017 meeting, the HHC approved the amendment of the composition of the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan Implementation Advisory Council (Exhibit B). The Advisory Council now consists of two groups, (1) a Policy Group consisting of two representatives from each Hawai'i Island homestead association and four waitlist beneficiaries on the DHHL Hawai'i Island waitlist and (2) a Natural and Cultural Resource Management Group consisting of technical experts and specialists with experience in those subject matters. DHHL sent a formal invite letter (Exhibit C) to Hawai'i Island Homestead Associations on July 29, 2017 notifying them about the opportunity to select two representatives from their association to participate on the Policy Group.

Three Hawai'i Island homestead associations did not respond to the July 29, 2017 DHHL invite letter to participate on the Advisory Council. While these three associations did not indicate that they want to participate on the Advisory Council

at this time, it is the intent of DHHL for this Advisory Council to increase beneficiary participation in the implementation of the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan. As such, staff has indicated that the seats for the representatives of these three associations remain "open" for now and be filled by these associations at a time when they choose to participate. These associations will always have a seat on the Advisory Council.

The four Hawai'i Island waitlist beneficiaries were invited to participate on the Advisory Council because these individuals had previously expressed strong interest in the management of DHHL Humu'ula/Pi'ihonua and/or participating on the Advisory Council.

Individuals selected to participate on the Natural and Cultural Resource Management Group were identified based on three criteria below:

1. Have a deep commitment and connection to the lands, forests and watersheds of Mauna Kea;
2. Have an understanding of Hawaiian Culture and understand and respect the perspectives of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries; and
3. Have specialized expertise in resource management that will contribute to the implementation of the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program.

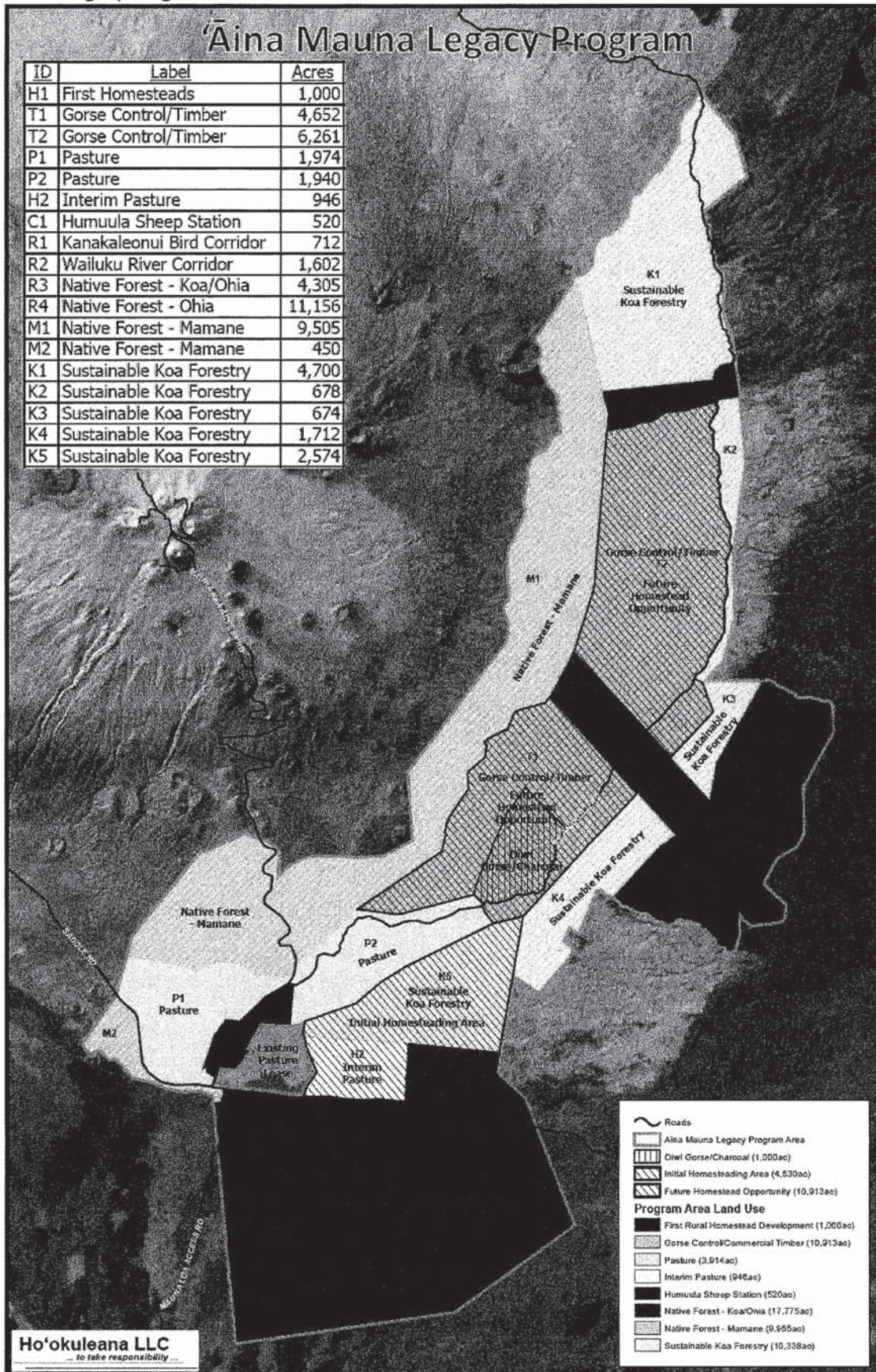
A very brief biographical description of the individuals serving as a part of the Natural and Cultural Resource management Group is shown in Exhibit D.

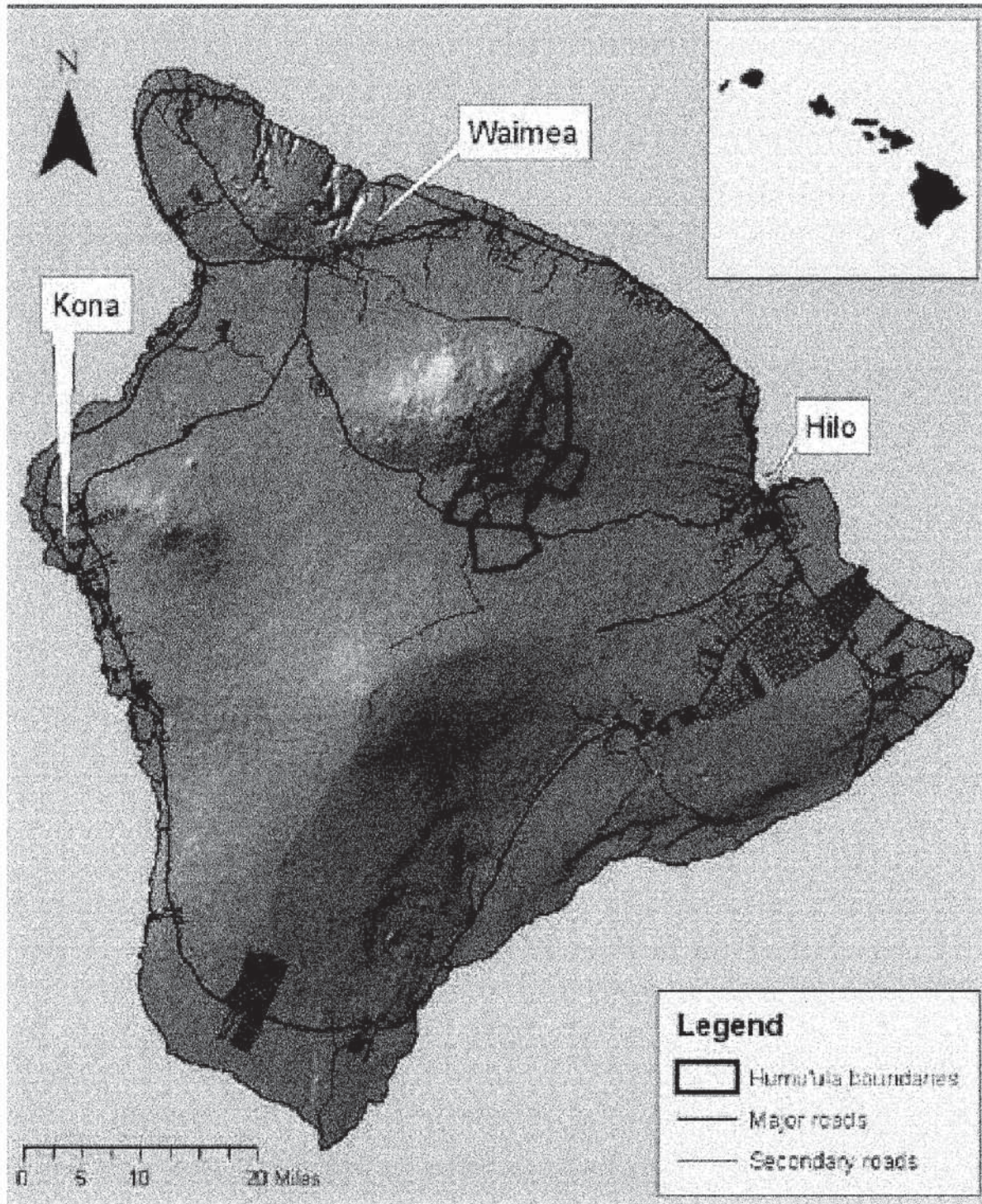
Subject to HHC confirmation of the Advisory Council members at this October HHC meeting, staff anticipates that the first Advisory Council meeting will be held in November/December 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully requests that the Hawaiian Homes Commission approve the recommended action as stated.

Āina Mauna Legacy Program






Island of Hawaiʻi - ʻĀina Mauna Legacy Program Area


STATE OF HAWAII`I

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

June 19-20, 2017

To: Chairman and Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

Thru: Kaleo Manuel, Acting Planning Program Manager 

From: Andrew H. Choy, Planner 
Sharde Freitas, Planner

Subject: Amend Portion of 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan -
Composition of Implementation Advisory Council

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION

That the HHC approve amendment of the 2009 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan related to the composition of the Implementation Advisory Council on plan page 28 as specified below:

The Implementation Advisory Council should consist of two groups. The first group should be a "Policy Group" and consist of two (2) representatives from Hawai'i Island Homestead Associations and four (4) waitlist beneficiaries on the Hawai'i Island Waitlist. The second group should consist of technical experts and specialists that would also advise DHHL and the HHC on natural and cultural resource best management practices.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan (the "Plan"), as adopted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission ("HHC") in 2009, is to restore and preserve the trust resources that exist in the region that include, but are not limited to, the Native

Hawaiian Koa forest, sensitive environmental resources, and other cultural and historic resources.

The Humu'ula/Pi'ihonua area is composed of approximately 56,200-acres of Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL), located on the northeast slopes of Mauna Kea. See Map Exhibit A. The Humu'ula/Pi'ihonua lands are the largest contiguous parcel under the jurisdiction of the HHC. The lands of Humu'ula and Pi'ihonua represents one of the most important native forest areas remaining in the HHL trust. These lands provide a glimpse into the natural environment and native forests which are disappearing throughout the state. The area serves as valuable habitat to many native and endemic species. The area's proximity to Mauna Kea also makes it a valuable cultural resource.

Description of Amended Advisory Council

Upon the adoption of the Plan, it was intended that this Plan be a living document and be updated periodically to respond to relevant community concerns and changing circumstances. The Plan calls for the establishment of an Advisory Council. In light of growing interest from DHHL beneficiaries in being involved in the implementation of the Plan and on-going management activities, DHHL staff suggests that the 'Āina Mauna Advisory Council be established and to amend the current composition of the Advisory Council from what is currently articulated in the Plan. DHHL's goal is to encourage and increase beneficiary participation in the implementation of the plan. Therefore, the suggested composition of the Implementation Advisory Council was developed with this intention.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is "to provide advice and recommendations to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands regarding the implementation of the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program." The Plan originally called for a 13-member Advisory Council consisting of the following (see p.28 of the Plan Exhibit B):

- 3 DHHL beneficiaries (lessees, licensees, or permit holders from Hawaii Island)

- 3 Native Hawaiians w/experience or knowledge regarding native Hawaiian subsistence, cultural, religious or other activities
- 1 beneficiary currently on applicant wait list
- 2 representatives from science community, experience with forest management, native flora and fauna, and/or any other specific scientific discipline
- 2 representatives from environmental and/or conservation organizations
- 1 representative from eco-tourism industry
- 1 representative from community with experience in education and outreach
- 3 facilitator/commission members:
 - o Facilitator will serve as convener and chair of the Advisory Council
 - o East Hawai'i Commissioner
 - o West Hawai'i Commissioner

Staff is recommending that the composition of the Advisory Council be amended to be comprised of two groups. As previously articulated, the first group would be a "Policy Group" and consist of two representatives from Hawai'i Island Homestead Associations and waitlist beneficiaries on the Hawai'i Island Waitlist. On behalf of each homestead association, the time invested and commitment to the Advisory Council as volunteer liaisons is a non-duplicative resource to the implementation of the Plan. The Department will benefit from each homestead association's consistent and close relationships to those doing the work on-the-ground in Humu'ula/Pi'ihonua. The frequency in which the Advisory Council meets is still to be determined and may vary over time.

The second group would consist of technical experts and specialists in Natural and Cultural Resource Management that would also advise the Department and HHC. It is intended that the first Policy Group advise DHHL and the HHC on higher level goals and policies while the group of technical experts and specialists would advise on best management practices to implement the higher-level goals and policies. See Exhibit C.

DHHL Director, Deputy, and staff met with Hawai'i Island homestead association representatives to get their feedback on

the proposed amendment to the Implementation Advisory Council on May 16-17, 2017 in Hilo and Waimea respectively. A handful of associations expressed strong concern about involving "all" Hawai'i Island associations on the Implementation Advisory Council for various reasons. A concern was expressed that not all associations have similar value sets and perspectives with regards to resource management on the mountain and that each association has varying degrees of knowledge and experience with these lands. There was also concern in the "fairness" of how resources that derive from the activities that may take place on these lands would be distributed amongst all associations.

While some association representatives expressed hesitancy with including every Hawai'i Island association on the Implementation Advisory Council, several other associations noted that in the past, DHHL has not had the best track-record in communicating the policies and implementation actions related to the 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan to Hawai'i Island associations. Other association representatives viewed the proposed revision to the composition of the Implementation Advisory Council as a way to address previous short-comings in communication between DHHL and Hawai'i Island associations regarding 'Āina Mauna. Other association representatives welcomed the opportunity for all associations to participate on the Implementation Advisory Council and were generally supportive of the concept of amending the composition of the Implementation Advisory Council from its current form as described in the 2009 'Āina Mauna Legacy Program Plan to the proposed composition as previously articulated in this submittal.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully requests that the Hawaiian Homes Commission approve the recommended action as stated.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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July 26, 2017

Aloha Hawai'i Island Association Leader:

As you may recall, on May 16-17, 2017, DHHL staff met with Hawai'i Island Association leaders in Hilo and Waimea to introduce the proposal to amend the composition of the 'Āina Mauna Implementation Advisory Council to include two groups:

1. A "Policy Group" that will include two representatives from each Hawaii Island community association and four beneficiary applicants from the Hawai'i Island waitlist;
2. A "Natural and Cultural Resource Management Group" that consists of experienced natural and cultural resource persons to advise on best management practices.

As a follow-up to that meeting, we would like to formally invite your association to participate on the 'Āina Mauna Implementation Advisory Council **Policy Group**. In your RSVP, please indicate the names of the two individuals that will be representing your association. Please select two individuals from your association who would be able to consistently attend Advisory Council meetings. Currently, DHHL anticipates that the Policy Group will be meeting quarterly and that meetings will typically be held on a Saturday.

We anticipate holding the first Implementation Advisory Council meeting sometime in November 2017. Prior to that, DHHL will be requesting Hawaiian Homes Commission confirmation of all individuals that will be participating on the 'Āina Mauna Implementation Advisory Council at the October 2017 Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting in Hilo. Please email your association's RSVP to participate on the 'Āina Mauna Implementation Advisory Council to Andrew Choy at andrew.h.choy@hawaii.gov. We will need your association to RSVP its participation in the Policy Group by **Friday September 15, 2017**. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact him as well.

Me ke aloha,

EXHIBIT "C"

Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Aina Mauna Natural/Cultural Resource Experts

The following individuals have accepted the kuleana of serving on the Natural/Cultural Resource Experts group of the Aina Mauna Advisory Council.

1. Kekuhi Kealii Kanakaole Ohaililani – Beneficiary, Panaewa
 - a. Kumu Hula and Native Hawaiian practitioner.
 - b. Worked with Mike Robinson on Ka Maui Hou, envisioning research, cultural use and connection to the Aina Mauna Lands
 - c. Kumu of Halau Ohia, currently teaching resource managers to acknowledge and strengthen familial relationships with the landscape that we live and work in.
2. Kealoha Kinney – Beneficiary Panaewa
 - a. Works for Forest Service, PHD Ecology and evolutionary biology
 - b. Specializing in ecology,
 - i. Fire ecology in Hawaii
 - ii. Grazing animal ecology
 - c. Worked with Mike Robinson to understand ecology and carrying capacity of sheep in Humuula
3. Kala Lindsey AhSing – Beneficiary Descendant Kailapa/Waimea
 - a. Project coordinator for the Mauna Kea Forest Restoration Project
 - i. Adjacent Land Manager/Partner to Aina Mauna Lands
 - ii. Program focus on Mamane forest restoration
 - iii. Understanding of resource management specific to Mauna Kea
 - b. Familial ties to Waimea and Mauna Kea, and professional as well as personal commitment to the health and well being of Mauna Kea.
 - c. Halau Ohia haumana
4. Nicholas Agorastos
 - a. Hawaii Island Natural Area Reserve Program Manager, DLNR-DOFAW
 - i. Coordinates the management of over 90,000 acres of the most pristine remaining native ecosystems in Hawaii.
 - ii. Working knowledge of Ecology, Geology, Botany, Meteorology, Forestry and all disciplines necessary for effective resource management
 - iii. Expert in adaptive resource management with a reputation for being effective and efficient
 - b. Worked on the Aina Mauna Lands under Parker Ranch
 - c. Paniolo family ties to Maui, Mauna Kea and Kohala
5. Christian Giardina
 - a. PHD in Biology, Works for Forest Service and very active in the conservation and research communities
 - b. Worked with Mike Robinson to develop Ka Maui Hou for Aina Mauna Lands
 - c. Involved in research to understand and manage Rapid Ohia Death

- d. Understands conservation and research funding sources and experienced in grant writing
 - e. Respects and understands Hawaiian perspectives and culture (Halau Ohia haumana)
- 6. Luana Busby Neff – Native Hawaiian
 - a. Cultural Practioner on Mauna Kea, Wahine Apapalani
 - b. Founding member of Ka Ulu Paepae o Mauna Akea, to reconnect kanaka and aina through the ecological restoration of Mauna Kea.
 - c. Cultural Consultant for Protect Kahoolawe Ohana
 - d. Entrepreneur, Business Owner
- 7. Clarence “KU” Ching – Native Hawaiian
 - a. Expert on Mauna Kea wahi pana, has walked most of the mountain
 - b. Historical knowledge of Mauna Kea
 - c. Former OHA trustee
 - d. Juris Doctor Law degree
 - e. Outspoken advocate for the protection of natural and cultural resources on Mauna Kea, from the summit to Pohakuloa

Below are three criteria used when considering potential Council members. All above members poses these attributes with differing areas of expertise.

- 1. Have a deep commitment and connection to the lands, forests and watersheds of Mauna Kea;
- 2. Have an understanding of Hawaiian Culture and respect perspectives of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries; and
- 3. Have specialized expertise in resource management that will contribute to the implementation of the Aina Mauna Legacy Program