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Aloha!

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) will be conducting a Beneficiary meeting for the development of the Pu'u 'Ōpae Special Area Plan (SAP) to advance the efforts and work of the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KHHA) and West Kaua'i community to develop the lands at Pu'u 'Ōpae for Kuleana homesteading and agricultural uses.

The primary purpose of the Pu'u 'Ōpae SAP is to maximize the number of kuleana homesteading opportunities for DHHL beneficiaries on the waiting list and to provide them with the opportunity to produce food in a self-sufficient community at Pu'u 'Ōpae. (see attached fact sheet for more information)

**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**King Kaumuali'i School,  
4380 Hanamā'ulu Road  
Līhu'e, Kaua'i, HI 96766**

This is an opportunity to learn more about Homesteading opportunities on Kaua'i. As a an applicant on the Kaua'i Island Agriculture waitlist, I encourage you to attend this meeting. Should you have any questions please contact Bob Freitas, Planner, Planning Office, at (808)-620-9484 or send an email to [Robert.C.Freitasjr@hawaii.gov](mailto:Robert.C.Freitasjr@hawaii.gov).

Aloha and mahalo,

Jobie M.K. Masagatani, Chairman  
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# Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

## Pu'u 'Ōpae: Kuleana Homestead on Kaua'i Island

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is developing the (SAP) to advance the efforts and work of the Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KHHA) and West Kaua'i community to develop the lands at Pu'u 'Ōpae for kuleana homesteading and agricultural uses.

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Of the 1,192 acres that constitute the focus of the Pu'u 'Ōpae SAP:

- Approximately 166 acres will be dedicated to Kuleana homestead lots. Lotting schemes under consideration vary from 1/4 to 1-acre lots.
- KHHA holds a license for 231 acres, which is dedicated to community spaces for agriculture, including a community agricultural training program, orchards, and a pastoral area.

### **What are Kuleana Homestead leases?**

Kuleana homestead leases are authorized pursuant to Hawai'i Administrative Rule §10-3-30. These lands are designated for Kuleana homestead development because of the land's remoteness and excessive costs to develop the tract. Such parcels only include an unpaved right-of-way to access the site.

In accordance with Hawai'i Administrative Rule §10-3-30, applicants, together with DHHL, must develop a plan for settlement and development of the designated tract. This plan is subject to approval by the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Additionally, the administrative rule requires that all lessees must agree to the following: participate as an active member in their kuleana homestead association and to comply with the association's rules and agreements; accept the lot in its "as is" condition; and participate in the maintenance of the right-of-way to the kuleana homestead tract and lots.

### **What are other upcoming Agricultural Homesteading Opportunities on Kaua'i Island?**

DHHL is also in the planning phase for homestead development in Anahola and Hanapepe.

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