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June 5, 2019

Aloha mai kākou,

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) invites you and your 'ohana to participate in the next community meeting as we are in the final steps to update the Regional Plan for all Moloka'i homestead communities. Beneficiary attendance and participation in this next meeting is critical because (1) we will finalize the Vision and Values statements that will be included in the plan; and (2) we will select the top five priority projects that are most important to Moloka'i homesteads. Though we intended to have this conversation at the previous meeting on April 11, we are responding to beneficiary comments wanting more time to review the materials. For those who may be new to the regional plan process, you may view the information from the prior meetings on the DHHL website.

DHHL website page for the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/molokai-regional-plan-2019/

Community meeting #5 is set for Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at the Lanikeha Center in Hoʻolehua. Please note the location change. Enclosed are the agenda, draft vision and values, and final project list to review prior to the meeting. You must be present at the June 26 meeting to participate in the selection of the top five priority projects. Lastly, the DHHL NAHASDA staff will be available to respond to questions about the NAHASDA program for home repairs. (NAHASDA is the federal Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.)

Moloka'i Regional Plan Update – Community Meeting #5
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Lanikeha Center – Ho'olehua (Note: Location Change)

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on June 26, 2019, and to continue to work collaboratively to update this regional plan for your community. Your participation is making a difference. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gigi Cairel in the DHHL Planning Office at (808) 675-6682 or by email at Gigi.O.Cairel@hawaii.gov.

Aloha and mahalo,

William J. Aila, Jr.

Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission

Enclosure

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Community Meeting #5 – 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan

Meeting Agenda

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – June 26, 2019 Location: Lanikeha Center – Hoʻolehua Note: Location Change

Meeting Purposes

- To finalize the Vision and Values for Moloka'i homestead communities
- To go through a prioritization process to identify the top five priority projects
 - o To discuss next steps for the top five priority projects

Desired Outcomes

By the end of tonight's meeting, we will have:

- Final Vision and Values to be included in the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan
- Identified the top five priority projects to be included in the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan
 - o Identified next steps for each priority project
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 Aloha and Welcome
- II. Final comments on DRAFT Vision and Values
- III. Identify the "Priority Projects"
 - a. What is a "Priority Project" and what it is not
 - b. Prioritization exercise
- IV. Further discussion and next steps on the selected top 5 priority projects
- V. What happens next after tonight?
 - a. DHHL and consultants will prepare the DRAFT 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan
 - b. Community will have opportunity to review and comment on the DRAFT
 - c. 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan to be submitted to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for final approval

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan

POTENTIAL MOLOKA'I REGIONAL PLAN PROJECTS

June 5, 2019

Aloha!

We have had 4 Regional Plan meetings since November 2018 to prepare the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan and are at a critical point in the process where beneficiaries will identify the top priority projects. Please come to the next meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at the Lanikeha Center in Ho'olehua from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM to ensure that the priority projects truly represent the needs, opportunities and interests of you, the beneficiary. Everyone who attends the meeting will have an opportunity to select which are the top five priority projects from the attached list.

During our last meeting on April 11, 2019, we reviewed the list of potential projects for the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan. In response to beneficiary feedback at the meeting, we regrouped the projects by **categories**: (1) Resources Management, (2) Community, (3) Water/ Infrastructure, (4) Agriculture, (5) Housing, (6) Government/Other.

How should I prepare for the June 26 meeting?

- ➤ Read through the DRAFT Vision and Values (attached). Send comments to DHHL before or by June 26.
- Read through the list of potential projects (on back side of this page). As a group on June 26, we will select the top 5 priority projects from the list of 24 potential projects.
- ➤ Help us get the word out. You must be present at the June 26 meeting to prioritize the projects.

What is a PRIORITY project?

A priority project is selected by the community during the planning process to be made a priority by both the community and DHHL. Time and resources will be focused on the completion of these projects. These projects are recognized as clearly striving towards achieving the vision with the Moloka'i region.

What happens to projects not selected as priority?

All projects that help to move towards reaching the vision for the region will be included in the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan. If a project is not selected as a "priority project," it does not mean it cannot happen. It simply means that they are not the main focus of the attention of the community and DHHL. These projects may be championed by any member of the community at any time.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please review this list. We will use this list at the June 26 meeting to select the top 5 priority projects.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	
1	'Ualapu'e Cultural Resources Management Plan and Kuleana Settlement Plan
2	Supplies and Materials for Cross-Fencing and Deer Fencing
3	Deer Management Plan
4	Kalama'ula Shoreline Erosion Management Plan
5	Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency
COMMUNITY	
6	Community Hālau*
7	Recreational Facilities at Lanikeha Center*
8	Kalama'ula Mauka Passive Park
9	Hoʻolehua Hale Improvements
INFRASTRUCTURE/WATER	
10	Non-potable Water Sources for Agriculture and Other Uses
11	Road Improvements*
12	Water Rate Assessment and Legal Analysis of Beneficiary Rights Regarding Water
	Rate Disparities*
13	Action Plan to Convert Cesspools to Septic Tanks or Connect to Sewer System
AGRICULTURE	
14	Community Garden Plots*
15	Soil Testing for Contaminants*
16	Shared Farm Equipment for Agricultural Lessees*
HOUSING	
17	Tiny Homes
18	Emergency Shelter for Lessees Impacted by Flooding
19	Resources to Renovate Kūpuna Homes in the Flood Zone
GOVERNMENT/OTHER	
20	Self-Governance Task Force
21	Green Trades Training Program*
22	Land for Homesteaders to Pursue Light Industrial Activities*
23	Coordinated and Comprehensive Hawaiian Trust Services
24	Moloka'i as its Own County

^{*}Indicates that this project was identified as a Potential Project in the 2010 Moloka'i Regional Plan.

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RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- 1. 'Ualapu'e Cultural Resources Management Plan and Kuleana Settlement Plan. Work with the Mana'e community and the Ma'ana nonprofit organization to develop a cultural resources management plan. Develop a Kuleana Settlement Plan for the 'Ualapu'e lands. Expedite award of 175 homestead leases through the Kuleana Homestead Program and promote settlement on the 376-acre parcel at 'Ualapu'e.
- 2. <u>Supplies and Materials for Cross-Fencing and Deer Fencing.</u> Design and construct fencing for the area under license by the Moloka'i Homestead Livestock Association.
- 3. <u>Deer Management Plan.</u> Develop a Deer Management Plan to control the deer population on Hawaiian Home Lands. The Plan should identify data on the deer population and assess the feasibility of different management alternatives and funding strategies.
- 4. <u>Kalama'ula Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.</u> Develop an erosion management plan for shoreline areas along the coast in Kalama'ula. This project would be the second phase of the current South Moloka'i Shoreline Erosion Management Plan being developed for Kapa'akea, Kamiloloa and One Ali'i, and would increase community preparedness and resiliency to climate change and sea level rise.
- 5. <u>Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency.</u> Assemble a committee or hold 'talk-story' sessions to focus attention on what Moloka'i should do to prepare for and address climate change.

COMMUNITY

- 6. <u>Community Hālau.</u> This project could provide a possible alternative to the high cost for lodging on Moloka'i particularly for community and school groups.
- 7. <u>Recreational Facilities at Lanikeha Center.</u> There is a need for recreational facilities at Lanikeha to service the existing community and the 80+ families that will reside in the new residential lots. The community originally proposed recreational facilities for the area that will now be used to construct the new Moloka'i Veterans and Homestead Center.
- 8. <u>Kalama'ula Passive Park.</u> The purpose of the park is to promote healthy lifestyles and to provide space for people to exercise. The long-term vision for the park includes a wide range of amenities designed to encourage people to be active, engage in community gatherings and learn ways to incorporate healthy choices and fitness into everyday life. It is envisioned that the park would include stationary weights, a walking path, and landscaped areas with native plants that would be useful for medicinal purposes and Hawaiian arts and crafts.
- 9. <u>Ho'olehua Hale Improvements.</u> Renovate the structure currently being used by the Ahupua'a o Moloka'i as a homestead community organization office and meeting room. Consultations with the State Historic Preservation Division may be needed to determine if the structure is considered a historic building.

INFRASTRUCTURE/WATER

- 10. <u>Non-potable Water Sources for Agriculture and Other Uses.</u> Explore potential use of non-potable water sources such as: water from the regular flushing of fire hydrants and recycled wastewater.
- 11. Road Improvements. Repair roads.

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12. <u>Water Rate Assessment and Legal Analysis of Beneficiary Rights Regarding Water Rate Disparities.</u>
Homestead lots that are connected to the County water system pay higher water rates than the homestead lots connected to DHHL's water system. The Water Rate Assessment would document differences in water rates for lessees and include a legal analysis of beneficiary rights regarding water rate disparities.

AGRICULTURE

- 13. Action Plan to Convert Cesspools to Septic Tanks or Connect to Sewer System. The State Department of Health Administrative Rules require all cesspools in Hawai'i to be converted to septic tanks or connected to a sewer system by the year 2050. DHHL and beneficiaries would work together to develop an action plan and raise funds for this undertaking.
- 14. <u>Community Garden Plots.</u> Develop community garden plots near residential homesteads in order to encourage lessees to grow food for their families.
- 15. <u>Soil Testing for Contaminants.</u> Assist homesteaders to obtain assistance from UH CTAHR or Department of Agriculture for soil testing on former pineapple production lands.
- 16. <u>Shared Farm Equipment for Agriculture Lessees.</u> Explore options for the shared use of farm equipment among agricultural lessees.

HOUSING

- 17. <u>Tiny Homes.</u> Develop a pilot demonstration project that features "tiny homes" as an alternate housing option.
- 18. <u>Emergency Shelter for Lessees Impacted by Flooding.</u> Construct an emergency shelter to assist lessees that may be impacted by flooding during rain events and/or coastal inundation. This project would increase community preparedness, mitigation, and resiliency to climate change and sea level rise.
- 19. <u>Resources to Renovate Kūpuna Homes in the Flood Zone.</u> Identify and secure resources to renovate kūpuna homes that are located in the flood zone.

GOVERNMENT/OTHER

- 20. <u>Self-Governance Task Force</u>. Establish a community-based self-governance task force that promotes the intent of the original Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.
- 21. <u>Green Trades Training Program.</u> Green Trades support sustainability, renewable energy, and environmental industries. The development of an on-island training program in green-trades would address one facet of sustainability.
- 22. <u>Land for Homesteaders to Pursue Light Industrial Activities.</u> Unencumbered lands suitable for industrial uses in Ho'olehua should be identified and the Island Plan amended to accommodate proposed industrial uses by homesteaders. An alternative would be to pursue a land transfer with DLNR for lands near the airport where industrial uses would be more appropriate.
- 23. <u>Coordinated and Comprehensive Hawaiian Trust Services.</u> Bring all the Hawaiian trust agencies back to Moloka'i to work together to improve services to Native Hawaiians. Encourage Ali'i trusts to become partners.
- 24. <u>Moloka'i as its Own County.</u> Conduct a feasibility study to explore the pros and cons, and legal means for Moloka'i to be its own county.

Review and Comment before or on June 26, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS:

Send comments before or on June 26, 2019

By email: dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov

By fax: (808) 620-9559

By mail: Gigi Cairel, DHHL Planning, PO Box 1879, Honolulu HI 96805

(DRAFT) VISION STATEMENT

Moloka'i homesteaders are thriving on the land where the way of life and sense of community continue to hold strong. Acknowledging the diversity of each homestead on Moloka'i, we envision a unified community grounded in Hawaiian values and cultural traditions passed to us from our kūpuna. Core values are preserved while embracing modern pathways to a sustainable future.

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(DRAFT) VALUES

• Our Cultural Traditions Give Us Knowledge and Strength

The legacy of our ancestors is honored through our daily practices in order to help us connect with our rights and responsibilities. Standing tall on a solid foundation of Hawaiian values and cultural traditions for future generations, we know who we are, we excel in what we do, and we can see far.

Water Flows Invigorate Waiwai

Water is essential to life, and for us to thrive on our lands. Access to an efficient and reliable water system is critical to preserving our lifestyle. Affordable water rates are needed for agricultural use, which provides sustenance for our families and ensures self-sufficiency.

• Sense of Community and Lifestyle

There is a genuine sense of aloha and strong sense of 'ohana on our island. Everyone looks after one another and cares for each other. The rural way of life remains an integral part of our community.

• We Practice and Teach Aloha 'Āina and Malama 'Āina

It is our kuleana to care for our land and ocean because they nourish our families, both physically and spiritually. We take pride in stewardship of our subsistence resources to provide for current and future generations, a kuleana passed to us from our kūpuna.