

HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION · DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

**Community Meeting #1:  
'Ualapu'e Kuleana Homestead Project**

Virtual Meeting

December 1, 2021, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



# Agenda

- Opening Pule
- Introductions
- Review Agenda, Purpose, Outcomes
- ‘Ualapu‘e Kuleana Homestead Project
- Questions/Discussion
- Next Steps
- Closing



# Meeting Kuleana

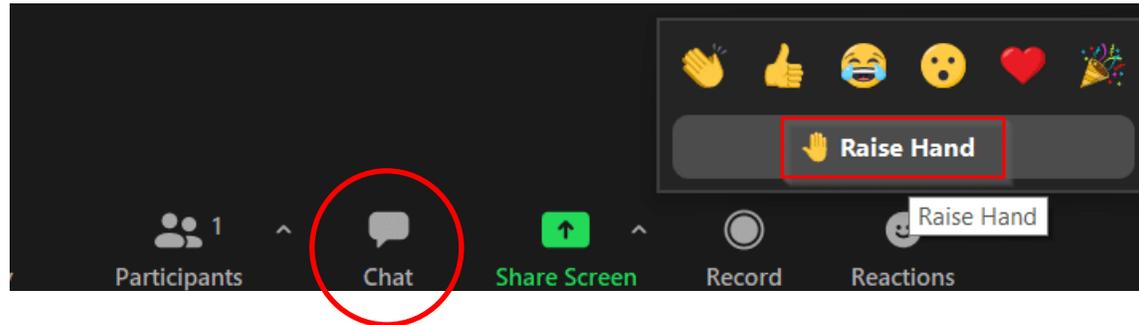
- Be respectful of the person talking – please do not interrupt
- Wait for facilitator to call on you or type your question into the chat box
- When addressing other participants, be respectful, show aloha, treat others how you would like to be treated
- Agree to disagree – accept that others may have different perspectives and opinions
- Have an open mind – take home new ideas and information
- Everyone gets a chance to ask/speak/comment, before speaking again



# How to Share Your Input

## During Meeting

- Type into the “Chat” box
- Use “Raise Hand” to ask a question or share your mana‘o



*Presentation slides will be posted to the DHHL page at <https://dhh1.hawaii.gov/po/molokai/ualapue-kuleana-homestead-project/>*

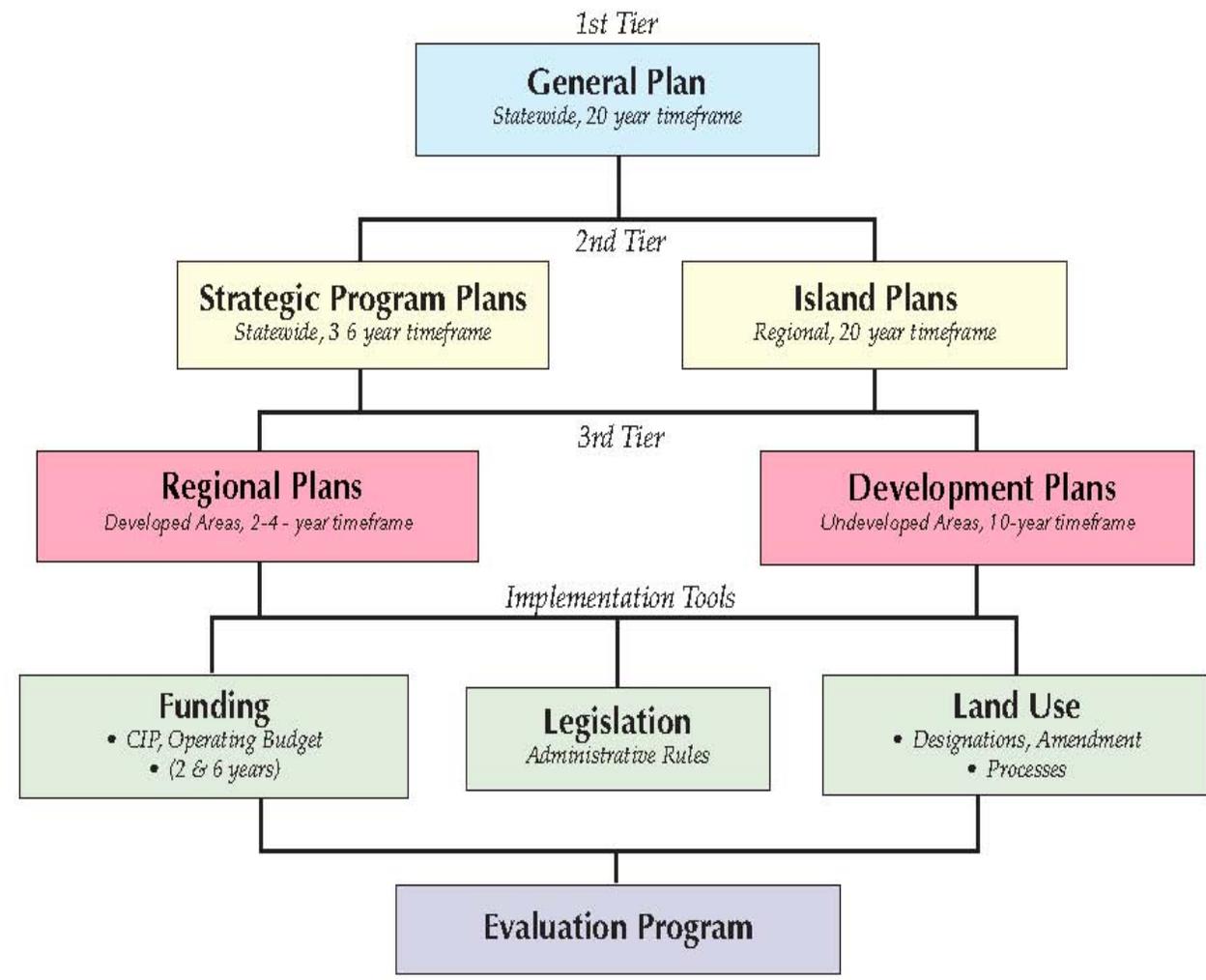
# The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act



Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole



# The Planning Process



DHHL Planning System

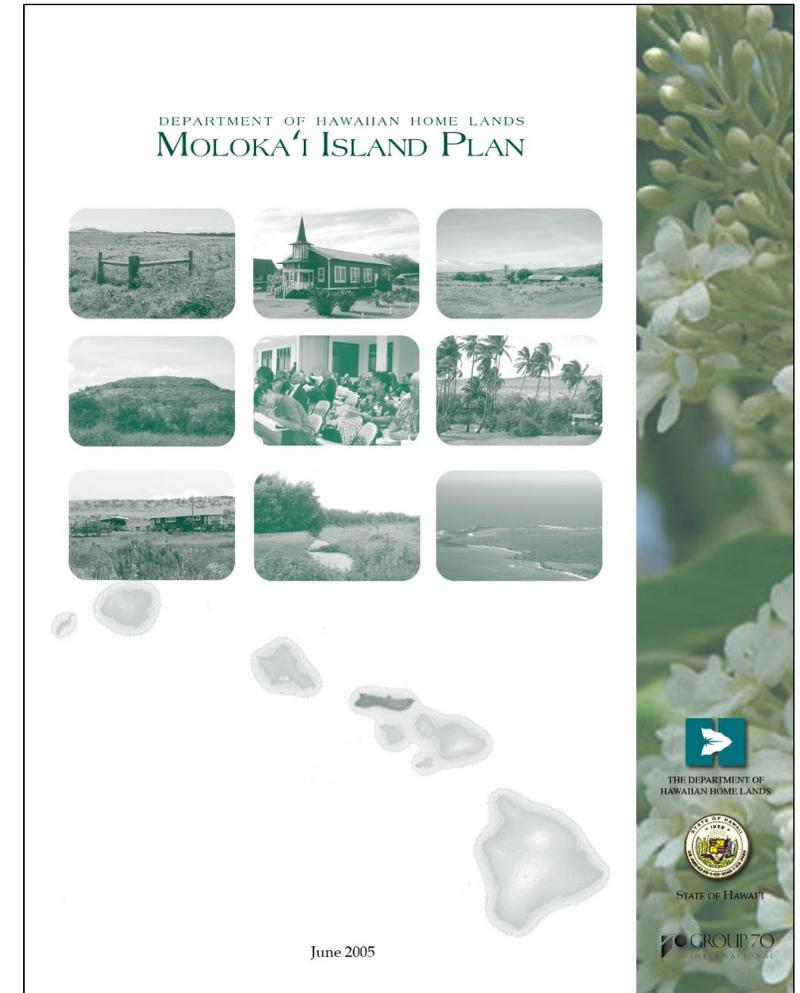


# Moloka‘i Island Plan Update

The Moloka‘i Island Plan was created through consultation with the beneficiary community and accepted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission on June 21, 2005.

‘Ualapu‘e was identified as a high priority development area and was selected as the first priority of the Moloka‘i Island Plan for new residential areas.

Land use was designated as Residential, General Agriculture, Special District, and Community Use.



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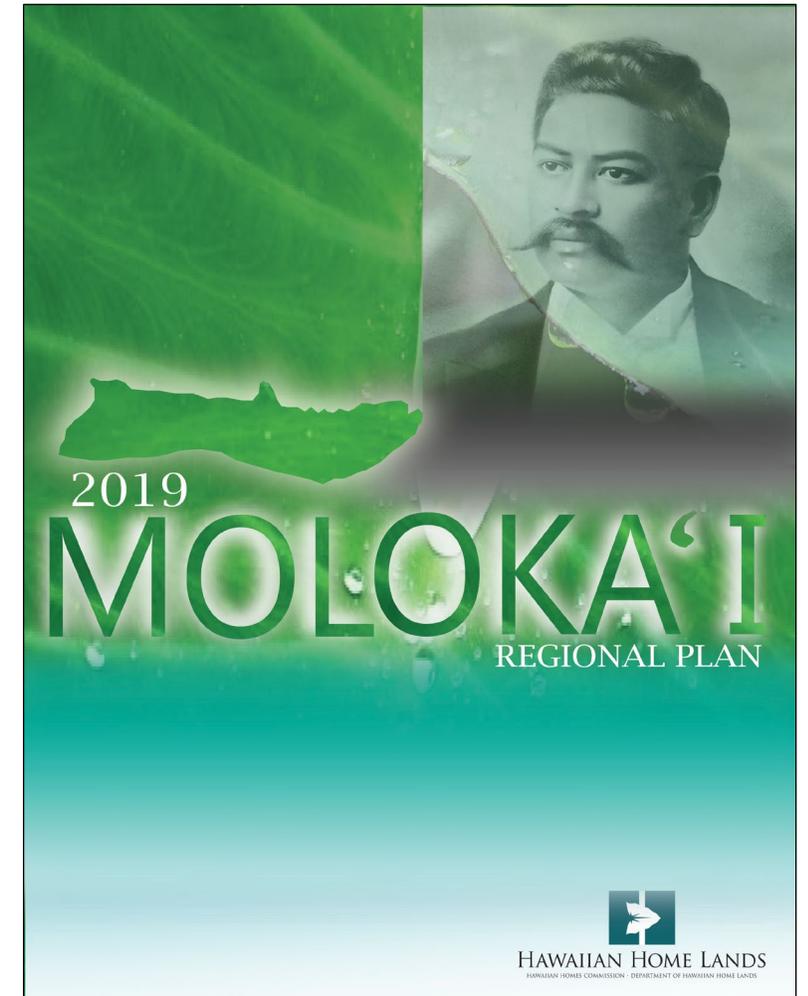


# Moloka‘i Regional Plan Update

The Moloka‘i Regional Plan was updated and approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission on February 18, 2020 following a series of beneficiary consultation meetings.

- November 1, 2018
- December 5, 2018
- January 30, 2019
- April 11, 2019
- June 26, 2019
- October 24, 2019

From this, the ‘Ualapu‘e Kuleana Homestead Project was identified as a regional plan priority project.



<http://dttl.hawaii.gov/po/molokai>

An aerial photograph of a rugged mountain range with a deep valley. The mountains are covered in green vegetation, and the valley floor is a mix of brown and green. In the foreground, there is a body of water, possibly a lake or a reservoir, with a small island or peninsula in the middle. The sky is clear and blue.

**Kuleana---**

**Right, privilege, concern, responsibility, title, business, property, estate, portion, jurisdiction, authority, liability, interest, claim, ownership, tenure, affair, province; reason, cause, function, justification; small piece of property, as within an ahupua'a.**

**Ho'okuleana---**

**To entitle, give right to possess; to give a responsibility.**



# Living on the Waitlist



- There are 2,144\* combined ag, residential and pastoral waitlisters for the Island of Moloka‘i
  - Agriculture: 1,100
  - Residential: 837
  - Pastoral: 207
- Many people have been waiting for more than 30 years

\*August 31,2021



# What is the Kuleana Homestead Program?

Hawai‘i Administrative Rules §10-3-30

- Kuleana Homestead leases are designated for unimproved available Hawaiian home lands
- Available Hawaiian home lands may be selected for kuleana homestead leases by the commission because of excessive costs to develop the tract, due to such factors as:
  - Physical characteristics of the land
  - Distance from existing utilities





# What are the Responsibilities of DHHL?



- The Hawaiian Homes Commission determines which Waitlist(s) to use to make kuleana awards
- The Department is required to provide:
  - Metes and bounds descriptions of lots; and
  - An unpaved right-of-way to the awarded lots



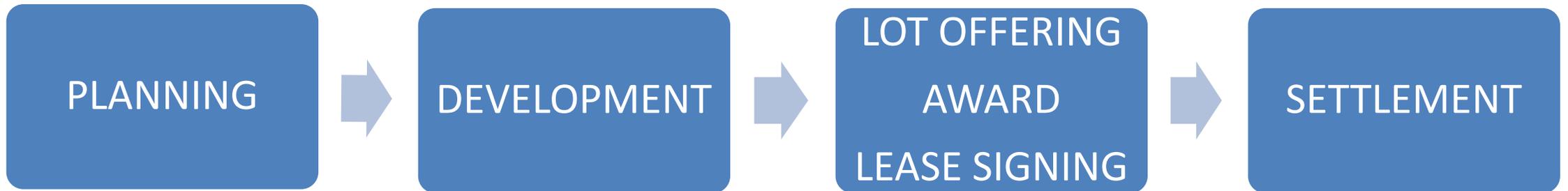
# What are the Responsibilities of the Lessees?

- Suitable for use by lessees who wish **immediate access** to the land for subsistence uses and who are willing to live on the land and accept an unimproved lot
  - Such parcels only require a right of way to access the site
- Lessees must participate as an active member in the kuleana homestead association to develop and comply with the association's rules and agreements
- Lessees must participate in the maintenance of the right-of-way to the kuleana homestead tract and lots





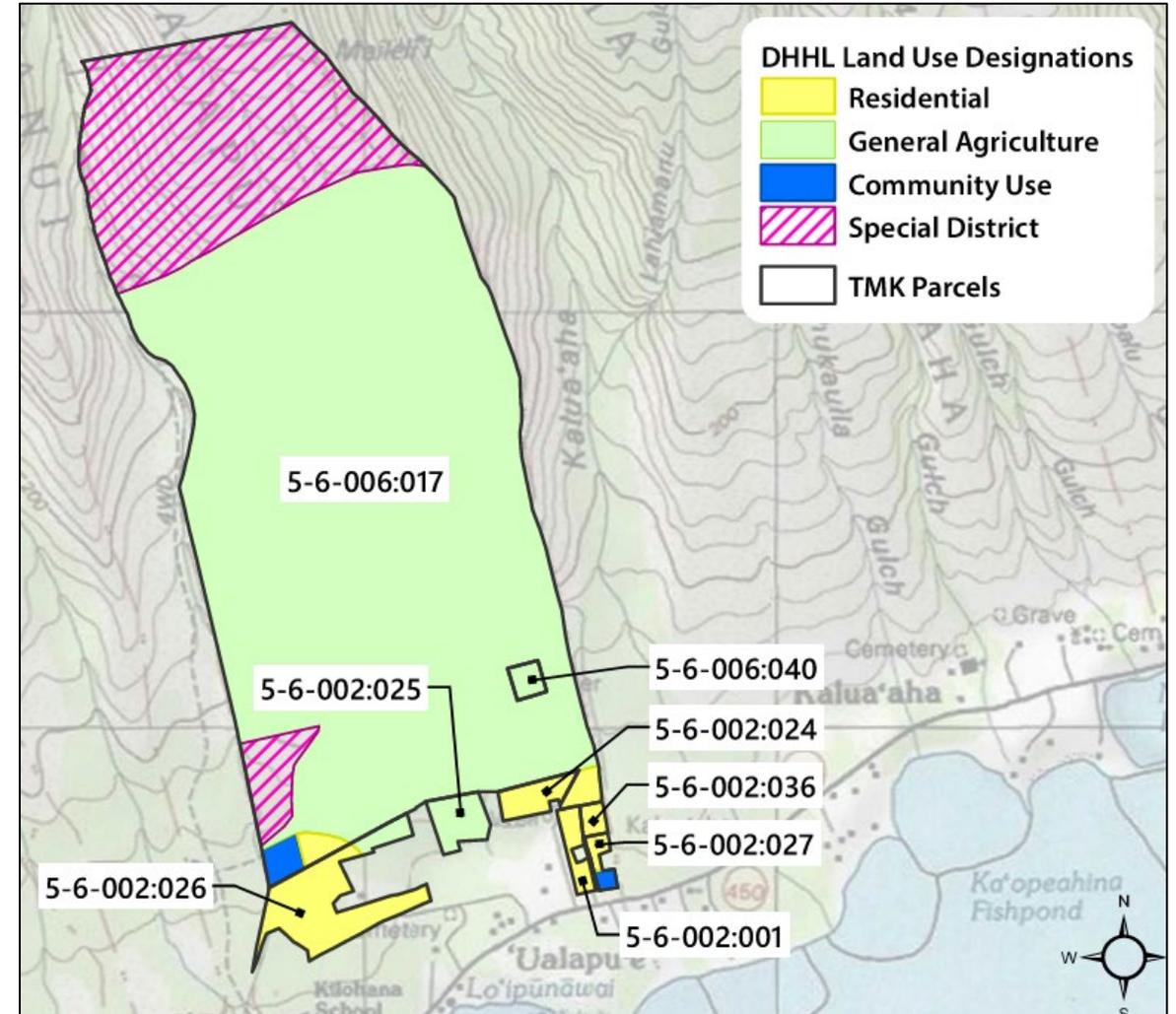
# Kuleana Homestead Settlement Sequence





# 'Ualapu'e Kuleana Homestead Project

- Identified as Priority Project #1 in DHHL Moloka'i Regional Plan
- Plan approved by HHC (February 2020)
- Went through Beneficiary Consultation process for 15 months (beginning November 2018)





# Kuleana Homestead Settlement Plan



## Hawai‘i Administrative Rules §10-3-30

- DHHL, together with interested applicants, will develop a plan for settlement and development of the designated tract, for approval by the HHC
- The Settlement Plan will include:
  - Location and description of the tract;
  - Approximate size and number of lots to be awarded;
  - Approximate location of community center and common areas;
  - Preliminary conceptual proposals for community management and economic development of adjacent department lands, if applicable;
  - Plan for the identification, protection and preservation of all significant historical, archaeological, and biological sites; and
  - Settlement timetable to commence after the award of the lots



# Environmental Assessment

Hawai‘i Revised Statutes §343

Trigger: The project uses State Lands

## **Literature Review**

- 2005 DHHL Moloka‘i Island Plan
- 2019 DHHL Moloka‘i Regional Plan
- Among several others

## **Existing Conditions**

- Existing and Historical Land Use
- Topography
- Soil Resources / Erosion
- Rainfall
- Current road network
- Social and Economic Characteristics

## **Site Studies**

- Aerial Survey
- Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey
- Cultural Impact Assessment
- Biological Assessment

## **Additional Considerations**

- Wildfire Prevention Management
- Community Management and Economic Development
- Consultation with Kupuna and Cultural Practitioners
- Input provided through community consultation process



# Planning Process

- Erosion and Slope
- Accessibility
- Water Availability
- Wellhead Protection
- Off-Grid Infrastructure Options
- Proximity to Emergency Response
- Natural and Cultural Resources
- Cultural Beliefs and Practices
- Hunting and Gathering Rights
- Community Engagement





# Relationship to Larger Community

## Proximity to Public Facilities and Community Assets

- Kilohana School
- Kilohana Recreation Center and Park
- ‘Ualapu‘e Fishpond
- Hunting Areas
- Mana‘e Goods & Grindz
- Churches
- Ka Hale Pomaika‘i
- Puko‘o Fire Station
- Molokai General Hospital
- Post Office





# Relationship to Larger Community

## Relationship to Larger Wahi Pana

- 1990 Master Plan for Ualapue Ahupua‘a
- 1994 Governors Moloka‘i Subsistence Task Force Report
- 2008 Mana‘e GIS Mapping Project
- 2009 Moloka‘i Forest Reserve Management Plan
- 2017 Pāku‘i Watershed Project FEA
- 2018 Moloka‘i Island Community Plan Update
  - (including the East End Policy Statement)



# Expected Outcomes

## PLANNING PHASE

- Kuleana Homestead Settlement Plan
- HRS 343 Environmental Assessment
- 2005 Island Plan Amendments  
*(if any, for land use designation)*





# 'Ualapu'e Planning Timeline

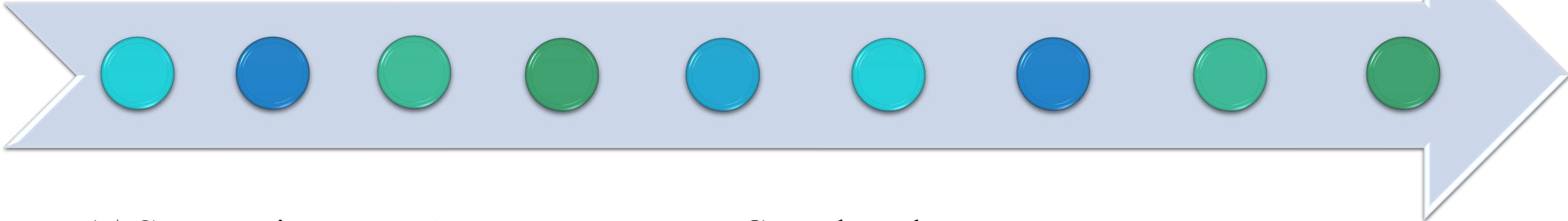
1<sup>st</sup> Beneficiary Meeting (October 2021)

2<sup>nd</sup> Beneficiary Meeting (January 2022)

2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting to Share Findings (May 2022)

Informational Presentation of Lots Settlement Plan to HHC (July 2022)

HHC Approval Settlement Plan and Final Environmental Assessment (February 2023)



1<sup>st</sup> Community Meeting (Tonight's Meeting)

3<sup>rd</sup> Beneficiary Meeting to Share Lot Scheme (May 2022)

Complete the 'Ualapu'e Kuleana Homestead Lots Settlement Plan (June 2022)

Beneficiary Consultation Meeting: Final Settlement Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment (December 2022)



# Questions?



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