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Dear Kalama`ula, Kapa`akea and Kamiloloa-One Ali`i Homesteaders:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) invites you to attend a Community Open House to learn more about the Draft South Molokai Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (Draft SM-SEMP) and provide comments. This planning project, developed in response to concerns about shoreline erosion being experienced by coastal homesteaders, has been underway since 2018. To see information from past meetings, go to dhhl.hawaii.gov/south-molokai-shoreline-erosion-management-plan/.

The purpose of this Open House is to provide you with information about the Draft SM-SEMP, to review the recommended shoreline erosion mitigation measures and strategies and to share your ideas and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) regarding the causes of shoreline erosion and appropriate strategies to address it. Homestead residents can drop by the Halau any time between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. to walk around, look at the exhibits, and contribute comments and ideas at your own pace.

The Open House will be held at:

Place: Kūlana `Oiwī Halau
600 Maunaloa Highway, Kalama`ula
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

We hope you will make time to attend and participate. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact DHHL Planning Office staff planner, Nancy McPherson, by phone (808) 620-9519, or via e-mail at nancy.m.mcpherson@hawaii.gov.

Aloha,

William J. Aila, Jr., Chairman
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South Moloka'i Shoreline Erosion Management Plan



BACKGROUND	<p>The Hawaiian homestead communities of Kalama'ula, Kapa'akea, and Kamiloloa-One Ali'i are located along the coastal plains of Molokai's south shore starting three miles east of Kaunakakai Town. This approximately three and one-half mile discontinuous stretch of coastline has experienced substantial shoreline erosion due to various factors, resulting in the loss of homestead property, challenges to shoreline access, and harm to cultural and environmental resources. In the future, effects of climate change, sea level rise, and more frequent extreme weather scenarios could increase coastal erosion and lessees' exposure to coastal hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and beach loss.</p> <p>To proactively manage erosion and strengthen community resilience, DHHL contracted Planning Consultants Hawaii, LLC, to assist with the preparation of a coastal erosion assessment and management plan for the coastal homestead communities of Kalama'ula, Kapa'akea, and Kamiloloa-One Ali'i as well as the DHHL-owned portion of Malama Park in the Kaunakakai ahupua'a.</p>	
PROJECT PURPOSE	<p>Preparation of a shoreline erosion management plan for the project area that will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enable DHHL to proactively plan for and manage shoreline erosion; 2. Investigate underlying causes of shoreline erosion, and likely future progression; 3. Identify effective and sustainable shoreline erosion management strategies that maintain natural processes and consider community needs; and 4. Educate the community as to the causes of shoreline erosion and appropriate management responses. 	
APPROACH	<p>The project has employed a community-based planning process founded on the input, knowledge, and values of those key stakeholders that have an intimate understanding of the lands and coastal waters that comprise the project area.</p> <p>Community meetings to gather information from Kalama'ula, Kapa'akea, and Kamiloloa-One Ali'i homesteaders will be held Spring 2019 to Fall 2022. Additional opportunities for beneficiary input will be offered during the Draft and Final Plan preparation phases. The Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) will also be briefed at key project milestones. Final HHC approval is scheduled for December 2022.</p>	
KEY TASKS	Literature research and desktop analysis	Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2019
	Field surveys of the project area	Nov. 2018 – Jan. 2020
	Community engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Stakeholder/beneficiary interviews ◆ Orientation meeting ◆ Community open houses ◆ Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting briefings 	Nov. 2018 – Dec. 2022
	Data assessment	May 2019 – Feb. 2020
	Shoreline Erosion Management Plan preparation	Oct. 2019 – Dec. 2022
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