



# WAIMEA VALLEY

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## **"WAIMEA VALLEY UPDATE – VALLEY SCHEDULED TO RE-OPEN ON JANUARY 19, 2009!"**

HONOLULU, HI – Hi'ipaka LLC announced today that Waimea Valley is scheduled to re-open to guests on Monday, January 19, 2009, at 9:00am. All valley activities in the following schedule will be open to the public.

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| 10:00-11:00 am  | Visit with Kūpuna: displays of objects used in the ahupua`a of Waimea Valley<br>Learn the history and hear stories of Waimea Valley. |
| 10:00-11:00 am  | "The Magnificent `Alae `Ula Walk"  |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | "The Native Plant Walk"  |
| 1:00-2:00 pm    | "Mo'olelo o Waimea - History of Waimea Walk"   |
| 2:00-3:00 pm    | "Hawaiian Games"   |

"We are extremely fortunate to not only have a dedicated and very committed employee `ohana help us in the clean-up inside the Valley, but we are also very appreciative of the care and dedication that our consultants – Earth Tech AECOM, Janod Inc., and PCSI – took in successfully completing their work ," said Gail Chew, interim executive director.

In addition to the Nov. 21 rock slide that obstructed the main drive into the Valley from Kamehameha Highway, the Valley endured heavy rains and flooding leaving a tremendous amount of debris within the nursery and in the areas of the waterfall and walkways.

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About Hi'ipaka LLC:

Hi'ipaka LLC, a Hawai'i limited liability company, was established in 2007 by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Its mission is: ***E mālama a e ho`omau i na waiwai kānaka, mo`omeheu, a kūlohelohe o Waimea no kēlā hanauna, kēia hanauna ma o ka ho`ona`auao a me ka ho`okahu `ana*** (to preserve and perpetuate the human, cultural, and natural resources of Waimea, O`ahu for generations through education and stewardship).