

**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Kaua'i Island Site Visit Summary
Ko'olau Limu Project**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
July 23, 2024 – 12:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kalei Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Trustee Hulu Lindsey

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO
Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo, Dir. of 'Ōiwi Well-Being
& 'Āina Momona
Luci Meyer, Geneology Ancestry Specialist
Ku'uleianuhe Awo-Chun, Dir. of Education &
Culture-Based Learning

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Anuhe Diamond, Trustee Aide
Mele Moniz, Trustee Aide
Richelle Kim, Trustee Secretary
Kau Robello, Trustee Aide
Kyla Hee, Trustee Aide
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Nālani Kāneakua
Lei Wann

I. Call to Order
Site visit starts at ???

II. Site Visit

Ko‘olau Limu Project

Nālani Kāneakua Shares that the project started back in the 90’s under the name Haliamanu Limu Restoration Project, and they just started back up again in the last ten years. Their goal is to restore, preserve and maintain. They offer programs that offer limu education, stream education, restoring and building relationships with the community and the Charter school, restore place names, and restore stream flow. She shares that they would normally have groups of students come in to make buckets and add weights to weigh them down but have not planted limu since October due to the rough seas. Many of the activities are hands on.

She found their current location ten years ago. It took them three years to get the paperwork done and on an agenda during Covid. After their presentation, they got all the thumbs up. They had to wait several years for the clean-up but eventually they were able to get donations of time and machines to clear the place out.

The overall goal is bringing groups of people together to grow limu, create oxygen, feed the fish, bring fish back to the area. Their vision is to eventually have an open hale with limu tanks and create an educational space for everyone.

Lei Wann Shares the benefits of limu and how the air we breathe comes from limu, the micro and macro algae. There has been strong research that has been shared recently on the value of limu. If every nation grew 10% more limu, then the earth could put a dent into the problems of global warming. She also shares about a project in Europe where the building grew limu on the side of their building and used it for energy. Limu can be used to feed cows and reduce methayne by 80+%. Hawai‘i limu is both medicine and food, and it’solder than many plants on land.

She concludes by stating that if OHA is participating in the 30x30 Coastal Management Projects, she would like OHA to consider using them as an example.

III. Public Testimony
None

IV. Announcements
None

V. Adjournment
The site visit ends.



Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
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Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on March 6, 2025.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
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Chair Emerita, Board of Trustees