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**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2023

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE: Kanu O Ka 'Āina - New Century Public Charter School
Lōkahi Room
64-1043 Hi'iaka Street
Kamuela, HI. 96743**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana Kūikawā/Interim CEO's Hawai'i Island Community Report and Update on OHA's activities.
- IV. Community Presentations
 1. Waipi'o Valley – Ku Kahakalau
- V. Community Concerns and Celebrations*(Please see below on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony.
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact Everett Ohta at (808) 594-1988 or by email at everetto@oha.org as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.

Meeting materials will be posted to OHA's website <https://www.oha.org/bot>.

Public Testimony will be called for each agenda item and must be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda.

*** Community Concerns and Celebrations is not limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda. Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records, prohibits Board members from discussing or taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.**

†Notice: The 72 Hour rule, pursuant to OHA BOT Operations Manual, Section 49, shall be waived for distribution of new committee materials.

Testimony can be provided to the OHA Board of Trustees either as: (1) **written testimony emailed** at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, (2) **written testimony mailed** and received at least two business days prior to the scheduled meeting, or (3) live, **oral testimony at the physical meeting location** during the in-person meeting.

- (1) Persons wishing to provide **written testimony** on items listed on the agenda should submit testimony via **email** to BOTmeetings@oha.org at least **24 hours prior** to the scheduled meeting or via **postal mail** to Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Attn: Meeting Testimony, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96817 **to be received at least two business days prior** to the scheduled meeting. Any testimony received after these deadlines will be late testimony and will be distributed to the Board members after the scheduled meeting.

Oral testimony online or by telephone/landline **will not** be accepted at this time.

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- (2) Persons wishing to provide *oral testimony at the physical meeting location* can sign up the day-of the meeting at the physical meeting location.

Oral testimony at the physical meeting location will be limited to five (5) minutes.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

9/8/2023
Date

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**III. Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO's Hawai'i Island
Community Report and Update on OHA's activities – Island
Community Report: Hawai'i Executive Summary**

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IV. Community Presenter

1. Waipi'o Valley – Ku Kahakalau

WAIPI'O VALLEY COMMUNITY UPDATE (Sept 2023)



Kū Kahakalau, Ph.D.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

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|------------|---|
| 1970-2022 | Waipi‘o Community Road Safety Concerns ignored by County |
| Feb 2022 | Emergency Declaration: Farmers & Residents ONLY due to |
| UNSAFE | CONDITIONS (Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Report) |
| April 2022 | MaKa lawsuit /NHLC- surfer/cultural petitioner access - mediation |
| Sept 2022 | Kūpuna Checkpoint in protest to Amended Declaration |
| Nov 2022 | OHA hires Legal Support (No Assistance Provided)) |
| Dec 2022 | Large Kona storm ends 3-month Kūpuna Checkpoint |
| Jan 2023 | Clearing of brush makai of road and 400 ft from Lookout mauka |
| June 2023 | Mayor states he plans on opening up road after road work pau |
| Sept 2023 | No actual road work begun |



SEPT 19, 2022 MAYOR ROTH'S AMENDED EMERGENCY DECLARATION

- No pedestrians
- No horseback riders
- No uncovered vehicles
(incl. ATVs)
- 4X4 only

Vehicles Allowed:

1. Tour companies w/permit
2. Hawai'i County residents
3. ANYONE claiming exercise
of traditional and/or
customary rights

MONDAY, SEPT 19, 2022



SEPTEMBER 2022



SATURDAY, OCT 1, 2022





Kanu o ka 'Āina NCPCS Seniors
educating themselves by hearing
about issues from Waipi'o Kūpuna

Koa'ekea Lookout





WAIPI'O NEEDS YOUR HELP:

- PERMANENT Hawai'i Residents ONLY
- Limit access by tour operator and assure reciprocity
- Educate others about Waipi'o as WAHI PANA

For more information

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