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## STATE OF HAWAI'I OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & HAWAI'I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING

**DATE**: Tuesday, October 27, 2020

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE**: Virtual Meeting

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#### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Public Testimony on Items Listed on the Agenda\* (Please see page 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will **not** be accepted)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - A. October 13, 2020†
- V. New Business
  - A. Action Item BOT #20-08: Approval of A Resolution of the Office Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of OHA Hawai'i Island Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., to OHA and its Beneficiaries†
- VI. Community Presentations
  - A. Pōhāhā I Ka Lani Kulia Potter
  - B. Vibrant Hawai'i Janice Ikeda
  - C. Kailapa Homestead Pua Lincoln Maielua
  - D. Hui 'Oihana Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce Kirstin Kahaloa
- VII. Status of OHA Activities
  - Ka Pouhana/CEO's Update on Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha & OHA activities.
- VIII. Community Concerns\* (Please see page 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will **not** be accepted)
  - IX. Announcements/FYI
  - X. Adjournment

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Trustee Colette Y. Machado

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

October 21, 2020

Date

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# Office of Hawaiian Affairs Meeting of the Board of Trustees & Hawai'i Island Community Meeting October 27, 2020 5:30 pm

IV. Approval of MinutesA. October 13, 2020\*

\*At the time of folder distribution the October 13, 2020 minutes were not finished. They will be distributed once they are completed.



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Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees and Kaua'i Island Community Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
5:00 pm

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA LEE
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA
TRUSTEE W. KELI'I AKINA
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY
TRUSTEE ROBERT K. LINDSEY
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E IV

ROBERT KLEIN, BOARD COUNSEL

#### **ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

SYLVIA HUSSEY, CEO STERLING WONG, ICOO, ICA RAINA GUSHIKEN, CC EVERETT OHTA, CC KEVIN CHAK, IT MEHANA HIND, CE MARC BANTOLINA, IT

#### **BOT STAFF:**

CAROL HO'OMANAWANUI LŌPAKA BAPTISTE DAYNA PA LAURENE KALUAU-KEALOHA CLAUDINE CALPITO ANUHEA DIAMOND

#### **GUESTS:**

PELIKA ANDRADE MASON CHOCK PELEKE FLORES JOHN KAOHELAULII MALIA NOBREGA **KUULEI SANTOS** KAMEALOHA HANOHANO SMITH ROWENA CONTRADES PANGAN **REGINA FLLOYD** ADDISON LUCK STEVEN KAUI JADE BATTAD MAKAALA KAAUMOANA **MEGAN WONG EMILY CADIZ** WALLY NISHIMURA CHRIS KANAHELE **MANA GETTIS** HILTON KALANI PIO NIAU SAX MAHOE **CYNDI PAINE** SHERRI CUMMINGS KIPUKAI KUALII



#### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Trustee Colette Machado** Calls the Board of Trustees and Kaua'i Island Community meeting to order at 5:04 pm. She states that no excused absences were recieved. Roll call is taken to identify the Trustees that are participating; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akaka, Akina, Lee, Trustee Robert Lindsey, and Machado are present, constituting a quorum of seven Trustees. Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey and Trustee John Waihe'e IV are expected to join shortly.

Before I proceed, I would like to apologize to the community of Kaua'i and the island of Kaua'i first and the various Hawaiian communities that have taken the time to come forward. My apology, I humbly ask you that we did distribute a notice that provided the time for our start of this community meeting at 5:30. Then we later backtracked and corrected it to 5:00 PM. So please accept my apology on behalf of the Offfice of Hawaiian Affiars Board of Trustees for misinformation that was filed for the 5:30 when it was always scheduled for 5:00 pm.

With that said I thank you all for joining us and for those that have asked to participate orally as well as in the community concerns. Because we do a virtual meeting, I am obligated to read the following statement:

Welcome to the OHA Board of Trustees and Kaua'i Island Community Meeting. As a reminder, please mute your mic until you need to speak to eliminate any background noise, which make it difficult to hear and affects the quality of the sound on the livestream.

Trustees and the OHA CEO who are joining by videoconference, please enable your camera if you are able to do so. All other OHA staff please enable your camera when you need to address the Board. When you would like to speak, unmute your mic, and address the Chair to be recognized. When the Chair recognizes you, proceed to speak. Please mute your mic when you are done.

At the prompting of the Chair, the Board Secretary will do a roll to determine quorum and when the Board votes on matters. If you are disconnected, we will pause the meeting for one (1) minute and wait for you to log back on. After one (1) minute, we will proceed with the meeting provided we have a quorum. If you need to leave the meeting, please inform the Chair by announcing you are leaving the meeting. We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written meeting minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting.

Joining the Trustees today are Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel, CEO Sylvia Hussey along with Carol, Dayna, Lōpaka, Laurene, Kevin, Marc, Caludine, and Anuhea as support staff. I will call on Sylvia to announce the names of the administrative staff also joining us today.

Sylvia Hussey – Mahalo Chair, joining myself is Interim Chief Operating Officer Sterling Wong. Senior Legal Counsel Raina Gushiken, Assistant Senior Legal Counsel Everett Ohta, and Community Engagement Director Mehana Hind. I'd also like to acknowledge our Community Outreach Center staff on Kaliko Santos as well as Noa Nakasone. Thank you.

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colette Machado — Aloha members we are now on II. which is the introductions of our Trustees and I will ask that the Trustees, after you've completed introducing yourself if you could so kindly introduce your staff that's present. So, let's begin with the Vice Chair, I will call on Brendon Kalei aina Lee.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** – Aloha Chair, thank you. My name is Brendon Kalei'āina Trustee Lee I am an At Large Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I'd like to thank Kaua'i for the opportunity for us to hear from you this evening. As with the other islands were very sad that we're not able to be there in person today as we all look forward to our annual trips to the neighbor islands as a Board. But Mahalo for having us joining us this evening. From my office or my staff LeiAnn Durant and Alyssa Kau. Mahalo Chair.



**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee. Our next individual is Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa. She's an At Large Trustee. Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa please please introduce yourself followed by a staff.

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa – Aloha mai kakou. My friends, beneficiaries, everybody on the island of Kaua'i. My other very favorite island because I lived there for two years working for Kuhio Resorts, right after Iniki. So it was it was a terrible time but I want to introduce Nathan. He's here, we are in the OHA Offices doing some work here and we are sad that we're not there in person. Kaua'i people are just special people. Hopefully a lot of you are watching us virtually on the on the website. We just want to welcome all of you. And I also thank Chair Machado for hosting this. Good to hear from you, willing to listen and really appreciative and happy to be here today. Mahalo.

Chair Colette Machado - Thank you Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa. I'll call on Trustee Kalei Akaka the Oahu Trustee.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Aloha, mahalo Chair, Mahalo Trustee Ahuna. As much as we'd like to be there on Kaua'i I am thankful for this opportunity to hear those on Kaua'i to share with us some of the concerns and so forth of happening on the island. Mahalo to all our Board, our Board Counsel, our staff, our CEO and also our staff on Kaua'i joining us evening. Thank you so much. One more thing I'll joining me tonight is my team, Brandon Mitsuda and Mark Watanabe.

5:10 pm Trustee John Waihe'e IV joins the meeting.

Chair Colette Machado – Thank you Trustee Kalei Akaka. I'd like to call or now Trustee Keli'i Akina Trustee At Large.

Trustee Keli'i Akina - Mahalo Madam Chair and Mahalo to Trustee Dan Ahuna for hosting us on your island. Appreciate the work you do here. Everyone on the island of Kaua'i I'm Kelii Akina, Trustee At Large, and I just want to say this. My heart goes out to you with all of the natural disasters that you've suffered in the recent past, including the COVID and as well as the floods. And it has been a privilege and an honor to work with my fellow Trustees to provide some relief to you, and if there's anything more that we can do, we stand ready to do that. Our hearts are with you, and I thank you for tuning in tonight and look forward to hearing your manao. Mahalo, aloha, and my staff who are serving as Trustee Aides are Maria Calderon and Paul Harleman. Aloha to all of you.

Chair Colette Machado - Thank you Trustee Akina. I'll call on now Trustee Robert Lindsey of Moku o Keawe.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – Mahalo Chair, mahalo Trustee Dan Ahuna for hosting us this evening. I'd like to say aloha to all of our beneficiaries on Kaua'i ho are joining us virtually tonight. It's been my great honor and privilege to be at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for 13 years. I will be pau at midnight November 3rd, but in my time at OHA I've had the wonderful privilege of working with two tremendous Trustees from the island of Kaua'i, Trustee Don Cataluna and now Trustee Dan Ahuna who is a dear friend of mine. I want to thank you Dan for all the kokua that you've given me and the time that we have had to work together. Joining me virtually this evening from Honolulu are my two loyal aides Jeremy Kama Hopkins and Kaui Wailehua. Aloha.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you Trustee Robert Lindsey. Is Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey coming? She's excused, am I correct Madam Secretary.

Dayna Pa - We're trying to confirm if she's joining.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee John Waihe'e IV is Trustee At Large. I will call in Trustee John Waihe'e IV to do introductions and if possible, to add and acknowledge his staff members.

**Trustee John Waihe'e IV** - Thank you, Madam Chair. Aloha Kaua'i I greatly regret not being able to be on your lovely Island tonight. Next time, hopefully, I really want to thank our gracious and righteous brother Dan Ahuna for hosting us tonight. I really also want to thank all the people of Kaua'i who are listening and will testify all



though be at virtually tonight. And it's really an honor to be able to listen to everything. Mahalo for everything you guys do.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you Trustee John Waihe'e IV. Members will proceed now with Trustee Dan Ahuna the Trustee for Kaua'i and Ni'ihau for introductions. Trustee Waihe'e can you acknowledge your staff.

**Trustee John Waihe'e IV** - Joining me tonight this evening are my Aides Crayn Trustee Akina and Melissa Wennihan.

Trustee John Waihe'e IV - Great staff members you have Trustee. Let me call on Trustee Dan Ahuna, Trustee for Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Aloha mai kakou. I want to thank all of you Trustees for joining us tonight and I want to thank all those community presenters that are presenting tonight and all the people who are joining us via virtual tonigh on Kaua'i. Thank you for being here. Today joining me is my staff, I have Claudine Calpito and Anuhea Diamond.

Chair Colette Machado - Thank you Trustee Ahuna. I am Trustee Colette Machado. I represent the islands of Moloka'i and Lana'i. My staff present is my Chief of Staff for the Board of Trustees Carol Hoomanwanui. I also have the Board Secretary, which is Dayna Naeole Pa. I also have my two Aides Lopaka and also Laurene. So, with that said, that concludes the introductions and we'll move forward with our item number 3, which is public testimony.

#### III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Chair Colette Machado — We have several people that have signed up, but before I can acknowledge them to present or to talk, I must read this again this this statement. Please be patient with me. Public testimony should be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda and will occur during the public testimony portion of the agenda that is at this time. Once the public testimony section on the agenda has concluded, oral testimony online will no longer be accepted.

Your name will be called and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify, if you are not audible, you will be muted and the next testifier will be called. Your name will be called again before the conclusion of the public testimony section. State your name, organization if applicable, agenda item you are testifying on and your position, support, oppose or comment on each of the agenda items. If you begin to address other issues not on today's meeting agenda, the Chair will call you out of order and direct you to limit your testimony to items listed on the agenda.

Oral testimony online will be limited to 5 minutes. A timer will be on the screen to count down the time. A chime will sound when you have 30 seconds left and a second chime when your testimony time expires. Your mic will be automatically muted once you have completed your oral testimony or if you allotted time for testimony expires, I will call on staff to call on the list of Testifiers. Actually, I have the list of testifiers we will begin with Boa Raco, representing the Wirat Farms & Hoomana, Lihue, Kauaʻi. Mr. Raco, please you have the floor. I'm going to announce one more time, Mr. Raco, if you're not present, will come back to you.

Carol Hoomanwanui - I don't see his name Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Let me go out to Addison Luck of Hanalei River Heritage Foundation Kilauea, Kaua'i. Mr. Luck are you there?

**Addison Luck** - Thank you all for your time. I'm just going to be really brief. My name is Addison Luck. I recently moved here to Kaua'i. I'm working for an environmental nonprofit in Kilauea. I would just like to say



that I'm not local here, I just moved from Connecticut. But I simply came here to just show my support for the local homeless population. The local native Hawaiian population. I personally cannot imagine not knowing where my next meal is going to come from or everyday having to worry about the weather conditions where I'm sleeping that night.

A lot of people say that if you're going to be homeless, Hawaii is a great place to do it, and that might be true with the weather. But I don't think that's true with the access to healthy food because we all know that healthy food can be outrageously expensive here. It's impossible to expect a lot of the homeless population here to afford healthy food. So basically I just want to urge, and I hope that OHA can do all that is possible within their limits to just help provide these basic human necessities that the native Hawaiian population in the local homeless population in like access to healthy food, clean water, affordable housing, etc. But I thank you all for your work and that's all I have to say. I'll see if my time to other people if they want to talk for longer. I'd also like to say that there's a lot of other community members here at the Salt pond that are using this laptop. For example, Rowen when she is going to be called upon if you could use this laptop instead of her zoom link, because there's maybe like 10 plus people that are all under this laptop. Thank you.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you Mr. Luck will move on to Jade Batad, Lihue Kaua'i. She is representing Na Maka onaona Kupuna Produce Boxes.

Jade Batad – Aloha, I'm going to refuse my time and maybe someone can use it later for something else. Thank you very much, mahalo.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you miss Batad. The next person is Mr. Wally Nishimura of Anahola, Kaua'i. He is addressing the East Kaua'i Community Hui.

**Carol Hoomanwanui** – I don't see Mr. Nishimura here. If you're online Mr. Nishimura, can you use the raise hand function.

Kamealoha Smith – This is not Wally Nishimura this is Kamealoha Smith. The way that we set up our way of speaking to you folks is that we actually have two satellite sites. Just because we work with the homeless population and a lot of people didn't have access to technology. So we had people gather at two sites, one at the Hilton Garden Inn here in Wailua for East Side and then on the West side we have people all gather at Salt Pond at Hanapepe. So we have two computers and we followed what the agenda was and we were under the impression based on what we saw on the agenda that the agendized items, the presenters would go first and then second would be the Community Concern. So this is a little bit different than we anticipated, so that would be the reason why we're a little bit not as well we're organized, but I mean we expected a different order. So I don't know, maybe, I don't know what can be done to accomdate this situation because we certainly have been in contact with people.

Chair Colette Machado - On that, let me clarify the purpose of the public testimony is limited to items on the agenda. We've already provided time for your East Kaua'i Hui to come in community presentation, which is not limited to what's been posted for the agenda. So, if you begin to speak or allow your people to present on the public testimony, they will be limited to address what's on the agenda, and in this situation it's just the approval of minutes.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Chair recognizes Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** – If I may Mdame Chair. I think there's just a confusion with Kamealoh. So Kamealoha you're correct in the order community concerns are in fact coming after the community presentations. It seems like some of your members just signed up in the wrong category. He signed up for public testimony when they meant to sign up for community concerns. Yeah, so they're being called on now because they indicated that they want to speak in public testimony, not community concerns. Well, if they want to change the community



concern just let Chair Machdo know, and then we can make that note and call them again doing community concerns after the community presentation.

**Kamealoha Smith** - Thank you very much. And then can we ask about the visual because we don't have any visual on our side. Will we be inviting for the meeting in that way?

Chair Colette Machado - Madam Secretary, would you like to comment on the PowerPoint?

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee - I don't think he's talking about PowerPoint Chair. I think they're talking about when they speak. They can't see themselves on screen. There is no way for us, unless there're presenter when they're giving community concerns or public testimony, there is no way for us to allow them to be seen on screen.

Kamealoha Smith - No, just us as a presenter. We're presenting right, but we don't see...

**Dayna Pa** – Mr. Smith. You know you were sent a panelist link. Yes, that I, I know you forwarded it to me last night to join the meeting to share your screen you would need to join from that link that you were sent. I sent one to you and I think the other two people that you indicated.

Kamealoha Smith - We did we. We followed the directions for sure the link from that.

**Carol Hoomanawanui** – Kamealoha is the computer that you're going to be doing your presentation from? Is it Jade?

Kamealoha Smith – Yes.

Carol Hoomanawanui - So when you come up for the community presentation that we can promote you to a panelist. And when you're done, we will actually then, then basically send you back to an attendee. Is there anyone else in your group that's on a different computer that didn't log in as the person that is going to be presenting with you?

Kamealoha Smith - Yeah, so we have we have as I mentioned before we have two satellite groups, if you will. One is in Hanapepe and the other one is here in Wailua. So, when we signed up, we have one of the presenters is actually in Hanapepe taking care of the situation down at that satellite site. So we honestly did the best he could to arrange all of this. Just understand that we just have some limitations and we had to call upon people in the community to come down to the beach and other places to get us set up. So, we're just trying the best that we can to participate.

Carol Hoomanawanui - Alright, when we get to your presentation we will communicate with you to so we know who should be on.

Kamealoha Smith – We will have somone from another site, that's all.

Carol Hoomanawanui - So we will confirm with you once we get to that time.

Kamealoha Smith – Mahalo.

Carol Hoomanwanui - Madam Chair, there's no one else that signed up for public testimony.

5:27 pm Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey has joined the meting.

Chair Colette Machado - Thank you for that Madam Secretary will proceed to IV. which is the approval of the minutes.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. September 30, 2020 (Community Meeting)

**Chair Colette Machado** – The Chair would like to entertain a motion to approve the minutes of September 30th, 2020.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee – Madam Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee Vice Chair.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee move to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Trustee Kalei Akaka seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado - It's been moved in second. Is there any discussion? Members of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee – Point of order, Madam Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** - So actually, it's a point of clarification. Do we need to approve minutes for a community meeting? This was not a meeting of the BOT. Ok I see Dayna.

Dayna Pa – Yes.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee - Thank you.

Chair Colette Machado – Members if you don't have any objections I will ask Madam Secretary for a roll call vote.

| Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee moves to approve the minutes for the September 30, 2020 Community meeting. |   |   |       |       |           |         |
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| Trustee Kalei Akaka seconds the motion.   |   |   |       |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE   | 1 | 2 | 'AE   | A'OLE | KANALUA   | EXCUSED |
|   |   |   | (YES) | (NO)  | (ABSTAIN) |         |
| TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA   |   |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA   |   |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA   |   | X | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA  |   |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA LEE  | X |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY   |   |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY  |   |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E  |   |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO   |   |   | X     |       |           |         |
| TOTAL VOTE COUNT  |   |   | 9     |       |           |         |
| MOTION: [x]UNANIMOUS []PASSED []DEFERRED []FAILED   |   |   |       |       |           |         |
| Motion passes unanimouly with nine (9) yes votes.   |   |   |       |       |           |         |

#### V. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Na Maka Onaona Kupuna Produce Boxes - Pelika Andrade



**Chair Colette Machado** - We are now going to move on to community concerns and it is at this time that I best practices will allow me to transfer the gavel to our Trustee of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. So Trustee Dan Ahuna. I would acknowledge that you have the gavel and you are now the Chairperson of the meeting.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Just a quick point of clarification, this is the Community Presentations that we're about to do right now. We have five presenters tonight, five organization and I would like to get it underway and we're going to start off with Na Maka Onaona Kupuna Produce Boxes, Pelika Andrade.

**Pelika Andrade** – Aloha nui kakou and mahalo for inviting me to share in this space. My name is Pelika Andrade I'm born and raised in Pilaahia on Kaua'i. But for total disclosure, I've spent most of my adult life on the Big Island raising children there. So, I moved home recently and like many others are trying to find ways and spaces where we are contributing and helping support our collective as well as honoring all of those who have been in the trenches continuously here on Kaua'i.

I think it's important to recognize that history and honor the work of all who have led up to where we are today. So I'm a little bit of an oldie, but I'm a new kid on the block as well. I work under multiple hats, two of which are the nonprofit Na Maka Onaona which Ahuna I mentioned and the other The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College program and everything I engage in and tried to support is about aina momona, thriving communities, healthy and thriving communities. I do other programs as well, but for this meeting, I wanted to share the story we've been able to contribute to, as well as some thoughts and reflections of our Hawaii with the current circumstances of COVID.

So in the beginning of COVID here in Hawai'i, we were able to participate and support our local producers through the foresight of Aina Hookupu o Kilauea as an agriculture complex that advocates for locally grown produce. They were buying fresh produce from farmers who had no place to sell to restaurants, resorts, farmers markets are all shutting down at the time. Aina Hookupu has a CSA or community supported agriculture program and they use that model to distribute the bulk of produce they were purchasing just to support the farmers. So the important thing that I recognized very early on about this support was that if farmers didn't have the demands for produce they would stop planting. So they would stop growing food. We would feel that lost in the future in the near future. So my participation in the very beginning was driven first by the desire to ensure that our farmers continue to plant and get support. And feeding people was a byproduct of that intent.

So as Aina Hookupu o Kilauea leaned in to support farmers the quantity of produce exceeded the demands in Kilauea. And that's where I, along with Megan Wong and Pauline with Adopt a Kupuna program Aunty Lan, Aunty Ray with Kukulu Komohana Anahola and Kahalepono we're able to identify and connect to communities and community members that needed or wanted fresh produce. So, a handful of us were able to step into partnerships as distributors, reaching into communities across the whole island. The beginning was very organic and grass roots Megan guys got their funding to support their networks and others got all the funding. Aina Hookupu contributed as well. For my organization and for our contribution, we just offered free delivery for paid boxes. So we delivered from Kilauea all the way to Kekaha twice a week. It was at the very beginning that I leaned on Trustee Ahuna when his wife Kanoe to help get some food out to Kupuna Anahola because they are better networked into that community than I am, and from there Dan was able to jump in on our deliveries because of because of the need and through that contribution and through that service he also brought OHA in to the conversation and we were then, with many others offered support to continue purchasing and distributing produce.

With my program numbers alone, not including the hundred served by our other partners and after seven weeks of the initial program we served over 320 households, 33 in the North, 144 in the East, 53 in the South and 91 in the West and out of these households that gave us information when 169 were native Hawaiian households and we served 339 native Hawaiians. 44 of those households where DHHL and delivered about 1400 boxes valuing over \$21,000. While this was going on Aina Hookupu wrote and receive the USDA grant that funded the aggregation and distribution of 2000 produce boxes a week across Kaua'i for 15 weeks and a little more after that. So myself and others rolled into implementing this new mega step in what we had started a couple months prior. 2000 boxes is a lot so we reached out to multiple nonprofits across Kaua'i. to extend their reach and service, those who needed



the support. So, every day on average for about 400 boxes were made and we were able to get fresh produce into every town and community across Kaua'i.

Over the course of the 15 weeks, the program distributed approximately 31,000 produce boxes valued close to about \$1,000,000. In support of this we also help secure some funds from OHA and the Chan Zuckerber Kaua'i Community Fund to distribute out last mile delivery support to our partners who took these produce boxes from our delivery truck to the doors of our families. These partners, 18 of them were extremely important in the completion of the journey, produce made from farmer to family. So through all of this, through COVID, through the reality of what this pandemic has forced us all into, through the deliveries to the partnerships through the interactions with families and community members across the island, all of these experiences in this very short but extreme window of time has brought up some important lessons, reflections and realizations.

Again, the lens I view through is about aina momona productive and thriving communities, and I was blown away by people in our communities. When we needed it the most I've seen, kindness, selflessness, compromise, and a level of resiliency that we unfortunately don't get to see and also engage in during normal times. So the lessons, reflections, and realizations have circled back to leadership, to collectiveness, to service, to reciprocity. So, all of these components that move to the forefront of action, all in support of our resiliency all in support of aina momona. I know I'm supposed to begin giving a community update, but if you bear with me this reflection of community, I believe is relevant for our Trustees and all attendees to all reflect on as we move forward. You see, we are reminded that we are community. We are part of a collective through this COVID experience. And though there was concern of self and family, we had so many step up and into collective contribution. And there was this hyper awareness of the need for the whole to succeed and that in itself was beautiful to witness and contribute to. Um, through that collective realization, people every day extraordinary people started filling in needs and more importantly, started to identify needs that were not so self-serving.

This reset started to happen. It allowed us to put priorities that are fundamentally important to us as Hawaii back at the top of the list and really spend some time reexamining what we maybe unconsciously were participating in and how it didn't and wasn't serving the collective. And then we had leadership. Some shining examples of and some very, very poor examples of, but again, the lessons that have arisen from this experience. But let's focus on shining examples. We had those who lead through support and creating stability and safe spaces for others to work in and off of. We had those who led through honoring of everyone's time and contribution, understanding that their voice and interests were one of many. We had those who lead through being an example of kindness, understanding, and patience, knowing that those actions build bridges and healing rifts, and that's what is needed at this time. We also had those who let being silent and listening truly listening to what they heard, saw and felt, and then respectfully acted on it. We had those who lead by doing their homework and being informed and not jumping to conclusions to create more chaos because chaos is not what we need at this time. We had those who led by putting their personal ego and self-worth aside and stepped in to uplifting everyone around them. We had those who lead by making big decisions, even if they weren't very popular decisions based on what was right for the people who had entrusted themselves in their future in them.

So there are countless lessons and reflections that have come up at this time and the reasons why I think it's important to include this in community update is that it should remind us and those that represent us, those that represent others and those that are represented, that we should consider are planning our actions, our movements are behaviors from this specific lens of resiliency. Remember the strength of the collective. Remember the responsibilities of our leaders. Remember that we are all leaders in the multiple spaces we exist in, and that's a heavy yet beautiful responsibility. And remember the priorities that have shot to the top when we are forced to reexamine our lives and what we are collectively working towards. And as we transition back into normalcy. That we are very conscious of what we expect and consider normal to be. So, I'm going to leave that thought and that reflection with you. Thank you again for allowing me to share, Aloha.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Thank you Pelika. At this time, I would like to ask any Trustees if you have any questions for Pelika and Na Maka Onaona.



Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa – Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Yeah I would like to recognize Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** - Mahalo Chair, Pelika I just found out you are a Bertleman. No, oh I thought you were a Bertleman married to Andrade. Becuase my aunty is a Bertleman.

**Pelika Andrade** – No I am an Andrade.

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa – E kalamai. But I really respect your malama for our aina, our ocean and all of your whole life you've been kind of dedicated to this and your family. And we just heard when Walter Ritte was here on the Moloka'i vitual of aina momona that was really interesting too, and because of I'm a kupuna I just touches my heart that young people like you folks are still involved and caring for our islands and our land, water our people. Mahalo.

Pelika Andrade – Mahalo Trustee.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Is there any other trustees? If not thank you Pelika for your presentation. Thank you so much for thinking about our collective.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Trustee Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - I'll make to recognize Trustee Akaka.

Trustee Kalei Akaka - Mahalo so much for sharing all that you have with us and sharing with us the great impact that you and the group have done and just some of the shining examples that you shared and how many lives that you've touched. Especially during these times. It's a remarkable all the work that you've done and mahalo to our Kaua'i Trustee Ahuna and his wife for all that you folks did to collaborate with the community there. It's very inspiring, so it's nice to hear this kind of work, Mahalo.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Thank you Trustee Akaka. Was there any other Trustees would like to ask any question. If not we're going to move on to our next community presentation.

#### B. Malama Huleia Fishpond - Mason Chock/ Peleke Flores

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Malama Huleia, tonight we have Mason Chock and Peleke Flores.

Mason Chock – I just wanted to thank Pelika Andrade and everyone on the call from Kaua'i for the hard work that they've been not providing over the past few months it's been incredible for the community to come together and they support us. And with the spirit of aina momona, so mahalo nui.

My name is Mason Chock. I'm the President of Malama Huleia joined here with our field operations manager Peleke Flores. I just want to thank you Trustees for the opportunity to speak about the work that we've been doing over the last almost nine years now in the Huleia Estuary. You know, for a few generations now. I was going to ask too, I know Peleke has a PowerPoint I don't know if it's feasible for him to share a few of PowerPoint slides, but if you can't then he might need to have permission to do that.

#### (Please see attached powerpoint – Malama Huleia Presentation Kauai 2020)

So yeah, you know we came together as a community, but for generations we've been talking about this throught he Nawiliwili Watershed Hui about the need for us to look at this estuary and this aina kumuwai. It started really



with a group of paddlers from Kaiola Canoe Club who got together and said you know enough talk already we've been talking about it for too long let's see what we can do together to start the process of taking care of this river. And what we were seeing over the last decade and longer was the narrowing of our river. In fact, for the people who recreate on the on Huleia they once could get 5 was down that that river and they were finding that they could only do two to three now and turn around. Well, there's a bigger issue, I think when we look at this estuary and what the impact has been from mangrove overgrowth, which we know came and then ealy 1900s, 1920 or so. And it's really taken over this estuary and the health of our River and in fact it's accreted land so you know before you folks you see a picture of what it looks like. This is a picture from 1912.

We got together and we said just as a canoe club that what we wanted to do was to do a demonstration project to show the community and to garner community support to see if they were willing to invest in this area and to get them involved in their kuleana. So, we started with puali, it's a stream which is right next to the Canoe Club and we cleared 5 acres by hand. That took us some time because it was by hand, but we learned a lot of lessons over that period of about four years, and what it taught us was how to work with mangrove. We reached out to others who were working across the State on similar projects, but what it also did was it reignited the community. And we had thousands of hours of volunteer work that came from diverse cross section of the community that really wanted to get out into this estuary and preserve it. And so today as we look at where we are as an organization and we just became a 501(c)(3) about four years ago. Our vision is to see a free flowing, healthy, productive ecosystem on this river and perpetuate our community pride. So, when we finish the five acres at Puali, really, we turn to see how it is we might look at the bigger prize. As I said for generations we're looking at Alekoko, Alakoko is what we've we call it today. To see how we could how we could restore it. How we could clear it and provide this re connection to our people for people there.

So you know, as we started to plan that I looked towards who is doing the work around the State and none other than our Peleke Flores from Kaua'i who, you know managed heeia fishpond for many years wanted to come home and so we tackled him and we asked him to join our team. And so, our focus has been Alakoko Fishpond. And this loko ia, you know is one of our largest loko ia wai our paeaina so we wanted to see how it is we could get everyone together to address what you're looking at right here. This is a picture of the 2018 and then from the lookout. And as you can see, it's completely overgrown. This 30-acre parcel was not only accreting land, but also it was choking out every other native species in the area. And so today it looks much different. We were very successful at bringing together some funding because the community wanted to see it happen and we have some pictures of the post work that we've been doing. So you can see us starting in 2019 of January and how we started to move around the loko ia February 2019 I mean July and then also April is the latest photo that we have here, but we've removed all 30 acres of mangrove and we are now restoring the area with the native species and I'll let the Peleke talk about that a little bit more and how we've expanded.

We actually have gone from being a grassroots group of paddlers to being a bona fide nonprofit with two staff and then more recently with the, with the Aloha Aina Malama Kaua'i rise to work funding have increased to now over 10 employees at Huleia. I'll let Peleke talk about some of what we're doing now in education with cultural revitalization. Also what we're looking for in the future because I think the opportunities as we're seeing are not only education, but also you know what it represents is aina momona and the opportunity to restore this resource to potential of once again giving back to the community. So, we all talk about the circular economy and what we like to see to be regenerative. We think that this is where we need to focus our time in energy, so I'll turn it over to Peleke.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee – Mason.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – The Chair would like to recognize Trustee Lee.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** - Not a question I just want to point it out before Peleke starts. Because in the January 2019 picture those appear to be shrubs, but if you look in the February picture, those are back holes in there. Those are full on tractors, so those aren't shrubs we're looking at those are trees. That's a forest.



**Peleke Flores** - Yes, this is definitely a forest. Those trees dwarf us big time.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** - In the first picture Peleke it looks like those are just shrubs because there's no content. But if you look at the February one, that's a forest you guys had to clear.

Peleke Flores - Yeah, it's a pretty big machine right there next to the trees you kind of see everything on the wall we have to cut by hand and then the machine's got to do the inner side of the ponds to help us out. As Trustee Lee was saying you can gage better by looking at the machine in the February 9, 2019 photo. And as it goes into the July 2020, it's kind of what you can see right now. Just sharing what we've been doing a lot of community support since we started, we've been working now, as of September 2020 May 2 full years that we've been on site at Alakoko. Just from our last count of October 2019 to March 2020 once COVID hit we were at 838 volunteers that we got to host from all over the islands. Also, from Oahu and Maui and from the continent and also from Tahiti, so across the Pacific. Is that definately nice that people have been hearing and seeing and connected with the pond somehow. But to see the movement on Kaua'i start to build up and remind me of what we've been doing at Heeia fishpond was definitely good to see happen back at home.

We cover groups from for all ages too, so this is just aerial view, eye candy, people can see where we're actually located. We are upstream of Nawiliwaili harbor and the port is off in the distance. So super close to the airport. I know nowadays when you're flying with Hawaiian Airlines, they will announce it that you can see the pond from the view where they fly. This couple of our current partners that we are working with now this year. Costal Wetland Restorationi grant help us remove the mangrove, we've been removing mangrove in that area. Right now, we just remove 26 acres of mangrove within the two years that we started. And then also a Fish Passage grant trying to connect the water so that it can build up the circulation back in a fishpond. Mangrove really did a damage and started building land big time into the pond. As you can see from the first picture back in their early 1900s till the one, we have two years ago. You got the Hawai'i Community Foundation and also with the collaboration with OHA for Kaua'i Strong. We are happy with having that extra hands on board right now. Big time help we went from 2 staff members. We one outside to we got nine now helping outside so. Super good I'm all for that. This is just a quick view of other partners and volunteers that came out to help us with in the past two years at Alakoko fish point itself, not including puali. Yeah, and it's all of our sharing I guess for now if you guys have any questions and need to know a little bit more of what we've been doing, welcome to answer anything that you guys have.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Trustees, do you have any questions for Mason or Peleke? OK, if not I just want to thank you guys for your presentation. Very informative. Thank you so much Mason. Thank you Peleke for all the hard work that you guys have been doing and it looks really great down there. So, thank you so much for sharing tonight.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee - Trustee Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Trustee Lee.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āna Lee** - Before they go Peleke and Mason, how else can OHA help and don't say money that's the obvious one. Do you guys need help with advocating the legislature, with legislation. I know you sit on a Council Msaon, but do you need OHA to help give testimony to the Coucil for more support from the City? How else can OHA help?

Mason Chock – Thank you for the question Trustee Lee. You know, right now we get a diverse support as Peleke has outline from many sources financially we're good. We're about three years into our Federal grant to restore the fishpond. But I do think that you know, spreading the message is really key about the work that we're doing and keeping momentum and a finger on it. We have a 20-year lease for this property and so we're just beginning on our journey so who knows what could transpire within this 20 year. Youare going to see a lot of different pieces I think going different directions with this organization, some of it will be focused on the loko ia, another part of it will continue on to look at the whole estuary and clearing the whole estuary of mangrove. Because that's what our



organizations focused on. But we really feel like that, the educational aspect is key. I think the biggest, you know, takeaway has been how it's galvanized our community and how it's created pride for our community, and so we get people knocking on our door constantly. But we need to know how to sort of direct that energy especially now when we're in COVID-19 we cannot have big groups out there. So, we're looking at ways that we can interact with what you folks are doing. Be flexible at how it is we communicate the needs that are ongoing and changing because we've had to be very flexible at addressing what's coming up.

Because it's a new project for Kaua'i such as this, we kind of learning as we go, so to speak. For instance, now that we've on Earth the loko ia we're already seeing a need for watershed management plan. Not only you know like system wide so that we can take care of what's happening up wauakua down to where we are. That's a huge aspect so we do need that kind of voice to not only to our County but to our State and Federal government to say, at this point, we should be investing in, if you want to see this system really flourish right. The other part is we're looking at now the need for restoring the historical wall. And so, you know, we're right in the midst of applying for or the permitting for that. But also preparing the pond so that can be productive. We feel like we got to take care of that, that permitting takes, as you all know many years sometimes to get through the red tape. So, to whatever degree we can, we can enlist your advocacy, Trustees to stand for us and the work that we've been doing. We've gained a lot of momentum in a short amount of time, and the only way we'll continue on that nalu with that wave is that we have our leaders behind us speaking about it you know and being there as a partner moving forward.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Anymore questions Trustees.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Trustee Ahuna.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Trustee Akaka go ahead.

**Trustee Akaka** – Mahalo Mason and Peleke for sharing what you have. Sharing those incredible images. You explaining it is one thing, but to see the difference through the time of what has gone on is in is surely something. I just wanted to make sure this correct, so who is it that you are leasing from?

Mason Chock – The area is a private property actually, and so we obtained at least from the Okada Trust or Okada family. The majority of that about, 3/4 of the loko ia is within their ownership. A small portion falls into US Fish and Wildlife. They have their preserve right on the South end of the loko ia, and so there are partners in this. endeavor at this point, and so they've allowed us. They not located on Kaua'i any longer, there, most of the family is in Honolulu, they've been really open to us doing what the community is wanting to do.

**Trustee Kalei Akaka** - So would you say in the past it was just kind of overwhelming for them to take on that kuleana to maintain the mangrove and so forth down there?

Mason Chock - Absolutely, you know the overgrowth, we talking about 40 plus feet trees of mangrove and if you've worked with mangrove, know they are air root. They have about 80-100 roots right. There's been many efforts and people that have come before us that have had huge Aloha for that place. We're just picking up where some of them have left off.

**Trustee Kalei Akaka** - Is the Okada family and the US Fish and Wildlife, how long did they have that stewardship for?

**Mason Chock** - I understand that the Okada family have had ownership of that property that actually goes to the opposite side of the river since I think the late 40s, early 50s, if I'm not mistaken and Peleke, you can chime in if you if you know a specific date. US Fish and Wildlife thereafter.

**Peleke Flores** - I don't know if specific date but, Ruth Keelikolani had it then it kind of went in to the Kanoa Estates and then I dont know when the transition hopped into the Okada family and then now we just leasing from them as a nonprofit. Still trying to research on the timeline stuff.



**Trustee Kalei Akaka** - Mahalo for that. I'm interested in learning more about what you folks are doing there and how we can collaborate, and kokua. I'd love to do a site visit one of these days.

**Peleke Flores** - Let us know. Right adjacent to where the US Fish and Wildlife, more mauka is the fishpond picture. There's actually six more loko ia adjacent to that fish point, so exactly 7 in that one spot. But for the whole thing to flourish, it's a connected system. So kind of hopefully working our way into it to connect it all it will be a big movement within that area.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Trustee Ahuna maybe we can arrange a site visit maybe next year or something like that.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Yes, and actually we were trying to arrange a site visit for all of the Trustees to visit Huleia, COVID happened. So obviously, you know, at least we got to see it virtually. That's best we can do now, but I want to thank Mason, but Mason, I think you have one more question for from Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – Mahalo to Peleke, it is so interesting. You are a famous hawaiian stone mason. I was concerned because you talked about the wall and what your wonderful project. Where is that?

**Peleke Flores** – Kaneiolaouma in Poipu area. Another project going on a restoration of makahiki site that also has a loko ia and loi sites on it.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** - Somewhere that is near the South. It talkes about the sared spring of waiohai. Isn't Waiohai by Kapaa?

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Its next to Brenneke's beach, right across right, right there.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** - Oh, it's South. No because I was interested in your ancient Hawaiian village that's located there and you're work you're doing there. So, councilmember Mason Chock, who's the classmate of my son By the way, Rod Kalani. Hi Mason aloha from Rod. So you doing this great work on the wall. So, I want to go see it too like Trustee Akaka and the beautiful work you're doing over there. Mahalo.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey - Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey go ahead.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – Aloha Mason and Peleke other than the Okada family and the Fish and Wildlife, do you have any other partners in this big venture?

Mason Chock - I'll speak a little bit to it and let Peleke jump in. You know we don't have anyone else in terms of the land ownership involved in it. However, you know, because we started at puali, our goal to get rid of the invasive mangrove took on the form of contacting a lot of the neighbors and the surrounding community. So, the outcome of that was that many of the neighbors have taken it upon themselves to actually take care of their own kuleana and their properties along the watershed, and so that continues to today. But to go a little bit deeper our partnership is very diverse. You know we have partners with Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Community Foundation, which got us started in in the whole endeavor. I'll let Peleke go deeper into all of those. But almost every organization on Kaua'i has come out to our site. Has participated on our monthly workdays up until COVID-19 and so got a pretty diverse group of stakeholders already invested in it. Not only financially but you know boots on the ground kind of support.

**Peleke Flores** - We've been like definately Kamehameha Schools jumped in and helped a lot connecting curriculum with the school specially during this COVID times. Making the virtual curriculum, things for the students and then also right before that we're really connecting with a lot of schools to get more in with the curriculum to be like an outside classroom especially the ones around Kaua'i High school, Chiefess Kamakaele, Kaua'i Community College, Kawaikini the Charter School, Island School. Those ones are the that really close are



trying to really do repeats so that they could come more often and actually was the teachers the one that started pushing that to like really find the math in, you know in the fish pond. Like oh how can I connect math down there to the fish ponds. Because the Hawaiian Studies guys guys can connect but what about math, what do you do? And he's like, well, right now I'm having trouble teaching my kids negatives. Like negatives. Yes, you come down. I'll show you the positive and negative ties and learn moon phases. And then once you started learning about those within the positive and negatives of tides then his wheel started turning and we started trying to, we start talking story about how you could get the kids down there and I really putting math to what they actually seeing and doing to catch those kids that are more outside learners then you know on the paper. Started connecting with the science teachers too in that realm. It was slowly moving. I don't know how much more time I get for explain most of those, but they play like a nice for sure is with the science teachers at Kamakaele. They wanted to really come down and I asked them what they were doing and they said, oh, we dissect frogs and owl pellets and stuff and I was like what about we disect tilapia here and then you know we can check the gonads see male, female. Also see how they are actually place based infecting the area and you know if they don't grow up to be a scientist, at least they learn a life skill cleaning fish so they can feed themselves. So slowly turning things like that. And yeah, they really started catching on and a lot of Teachers that have no connection down to the pond, but they felt they need that the kids are catching onto it and that was kind of like our main focus is like pushing to schools to get the kids into towing that way the next generation is definitely a dying art.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Thank you so much Peleke. Thank you, Mason.

Mason Chock – If I could also add, you know, we've also developed partnerships with NOAA fisheries on fish counts and also doing bird counts so you know in terms of the environmental aspect, that is where we initially got the support. I think for the work that we're doing, but I think as was mentioned, we're really diversifying and we've developed some strong partnerships with our education programs.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** - Thank you so much. Thank you for all the good work you folks do in your community.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Thank you Trustee Hulu Lindsey. Anybody else with questions? If not, I'm going to move on

#### C. Native Hawaii Chamber of Commerce - John Kaohelaulii

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Our next community presentation is the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce and representing the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce on Kaua'i is uncle John Kaohelaulii. Konane master.

John Kaohelaulii - Well, it's a tough act to follow with these other two projects here, but I'll give it a shot. I give you this shot. First of all, like to say Aloha to the Trustees and mahalo Trustee Ahuna for allowing me to present today. My name is John Kaohelaulii I'm the president of the Kaua'i Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, and I would like to take this time to update all of you what we've been doing this past year. Most of you already know that the Native Hawaiian Chambers are on all four of the major islands and we have unified and I started to work together. Working together on two projects. Even though this pandemic has created some big challenges for Hawaiian owned businesses, we feel that if we take a proactive approach now, rather than a reactive approach latter, we could start the process now and start building a foundation to support our current and upcoming Hawaiian owned businesses. As we move forward in a post pandemic Hawai'i. We're partnering with the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association to create a Native Hawaiian business directory that reaches all across the State. You know we need a one stop shop resource for people who are looking to do businesses with Hawaiian owned businesses as a way to, you know, as a little marketing grow our Hawaiian businesses. The second project that we are developing is a type of Small Business Development Center for Native Hawaiians who need to grow or to start their own businesses.



Again, the chamber who is taking a proactive approach in anticipation of know some rough times ahead. In 2005, I applied for an OHA Business Loan under the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund, and one of the requirements was to create a business plan. It was recommended to me to ask the Kaua'i Small Business Development Center for help. You know the economy Kaua'i was still a little rough. You know this is due to 911 and you know we went through some rough. You know we had a hard time because there was a big increase of clients and you know setting up appointments was tough. We were lucky to get up an appointment every 6 to 8 weeks because of such a high demands with everybody trying to, you know, trying to start something. It took us about a year to get our business plan squared away. And when I went back to OHA and they said most of the stuff I had was absolutely obsolete and I had to go back and work on it a little more. But I got my business plan. I got my business loan. Currently still in business. But the point that I'm trying to make is that we're going to anticipate that there is going to be a lot of people, especially our Hawaiian people are going to struggle going forward. Our businesses are going to struggle. But you know, I believe that the Hawaiian people are some of the most creative and talented people on the Earth. Many of them going to need to start their own business as a way to feed their families.

So today I'm asking our Trustees for support. And to be that catalyst to use the resources that the Office of Hawaiian affairs has to position our native Hawaiian business community for success after this pandemic is over. It's time to develop partnerships. It's time to be proactive rather than reactive. And if there are any Hawaiian owned businesses out there on any island who are not members of the native Hawaiian Chambers, now is the time to get involved. So just Google us to learn more. You know, on behalf of the members of all of the native Hawaiian Chambers of Commerce across state, I'd like to say Mahalo for your time Trustees and Mahalo Trustee Ahuna for giving me this opportunity to speak.

Trustee Keli'i Akina – Trustee Ahuna.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Trustee Akina now is your time.

Trustee Keli'i Akina - Thank you very much Trustee Ahuna. Uncle John thank you so much for that presentation. You were articulate and you really expressed the importance of developing entrepreneurship and business amongst our people. And I want to congratulate you on the great work you're doing at the Native Hawaiian Chamber. I have a question for you. It's simply this. What would be one of the best ways that OHA could help in the post COVID environment to ensure that our native Hawaiian businesses get back up on their feet and thrive?

John Kaohelaulii - You know, as Trustee Ahuna mention earlier. You know I'm a konane player and you know when it comes to konane you got to understand your resources. Yeah, what you have out there before you can actually even start to play. OHA has a lot of resources and accessing those resources not only for our organization but other organizations, you guys have all their resources there. So you know when I look at it from a business point of view, you have a loan program is which is really good. But there is, you know, there's a lot of other resources that OHA has that could help facilitate and help grow or Hawaiian businesses. Just getting the Chambers together is a great start. There are other businesses organizations out there but trying to get our businesses together would be a good start to help building the foundation. Now the last OHA survey you guys just did it. It asked a lot of very important questions. And you know it talked about some of the challenges in a COVID-19 environment. One of the stats that I felt was very interesting. Let's talk about that, a lot of the Hawaiian businesses were actually not affected too much by the tourism industry going down. That's a plus in a sense but why, you know? Is it because they're not trying for the tourist industry? Or is it because the tourist industry is not allowing them in? You know, that's a question that I would love to further figure out. Another thing that came up from that survey was the fact that you know a lot of Hawaiian owned businesses did not apply for the PPP. So my question is, again, why did they not apply for the PPP? You know we as a chamber, we don't have the resources to answer those two questions. OHA does have the resources to answer those two questions. So figuring out how we can ask those questions to our people and then take that data because you guys have the infrastructure for that already. Take that data, analyze that data and then come up with some answers. How do we? Why are Hawaiians not applying for PPP? Why did Liluokalani Trust help Hawaiian Businesses apply for and go through the application



process. So, is the process challenging? Are there businesses set up in the wrong way? Are they sole proprietors or smaller entities. I'm not exactly sure, but OHA has the resources to put out surveys, and from those answers of those surveys could help us find possible answers and help us get a better foundation as our businesses move forward and I hope I answer your question.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** - You did thank you Uncle John. In other words, information is mana and that's one of the areas in which we could help. Thank you.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Thank you Trustee Akina. Just a quick note we brought all the native Hawaiian Chamber leaders into our stand up RM meetings and they have spoken with our administrative staff. And we're looking into a lot of these issues that that we're having with small business. So, I hope we can solve some of those issues. So thank you for your question. Is there any other trustees who would like to ask questions?

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Trustee Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Trustee Akaka go ahead.

**Trustee Kalei Akaka** – Mahalo for sharing what you did and for all your work to help our native Hawaiian business owners and businesses. I do have a question regarding about how many different businesses there are that are participating currently within the Native Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce and I am curious also if you know of the names of those that are perhaps no longer in business because of what is going on right now.

John Kaohelaulii - You know that that is a good question. That is an excellent question to ask the survey team of OHA's staff to pursue. I know that one of our board members I haven't been able to get in touch with them. They had a small business that was very tourist oriented and I've been trying to get in touch with that particular board member and it's been it's been hard. I know that her husband had some health issues and she had some issues. You know moving around house to house and changing around so things are tough. But you know, I wish I could answer that question. I know in general a lot of businesses on my street on my block that I particularly do business on have gone out of business, not necessarily Hawaiian businesses, but have gone out of business. So I am going to assume that many of the small businesses are going to suffer whether they're Hawaiian or non Hawaiian businesses. It's just the nature of the beast. We, as a State are too dependent on tourism as our main economic engine without tourists, everybody is going to suffer. And you know, for our business we are tourist dependent business. We are trying to divert, you know we're trying to diversify, which I moved on to the Hawaiian culture side of our business. But you know, I cannot answer your question, but I am going to assume that a lot of businesses. I mean we see it all the time. You know old school restaurants just going out of business one after another. People are just dropping. That's why we want to be proactive. I don't want to wait until the question is how come all the businesses went out of business? Why are the Hawaiian owned businesses out of business? Now is the time for us to be proactive and try to at least stop the bleeding, at least for the Hawaiian businesses and set ourselves up. I mean, this could be an opportunity to for set ourselves up to be leaders in the industries as we move forward. We have the resources like I say, konane is about managing those resources. We have the resources; we just need to support.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Thank you, uncle John.

**Trustee Kalei Akaka** – Mahalo Trustee Ahuna for bringing them into RM and having the vehicle for the conversation to help the our native Hawaiian Business owners there.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Thank you Trustee Akaka, those questions were very good. OK with that we had a lot of requests because.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – I want to to speak.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Trustee Ahu Isa you can speak.



Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa — Maikai John. Congratulations you still in business. That's amazing, especially during this COVID time. I was on the 1st native Hawaiian Revolving Fund Board when was totally Federally funded. So, understand about that. We used to help fishermen by boats. We help a bar in Kaua'i, in Kapaa, but you know the problem was they didn't know how to market. So, this is way before we had Mona Bernardino and all those entrepreneurship classes. This is long time ago. But I wanted just to congratulate you. That's why I wanted to speak. That you are still in business. And you're right, about the tourism did not figure that much like on Oahu. Oahu totally, Honolulu Club closing permanently. Hoomaikai. Thank you Chair Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Thank you Trustee.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Trustee Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Go ahead Trustee Hulu.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Aloha John, I just want to say that I am a member of the native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce here on Maui. I think a lot of the problems that I've seen is the fact that our people are uninformed about what is available to them. I mean, not everybody knows what is PPP. If there was more communication, maybe from the leadership of you folks native Hawaiian chamber to let your members know what's available. That might be more helpful. I didn't know what it was until my son, who has his own business too. He told me that he got a PPP and I asked him what was that and he said, you know it's a loan. But I also read recently like 2 days ago that all of those loans are forgiven. They don't have to pay back. So, our people should know that kind of information so they can have that kind of help.

John Kaohelaulii - You know the part about the PPP it was a very confusing process. Even to answer your question about loan forgiveness. Loan forgiveness at this point, from what I heard just this morning because we are going through the application. The deadline for loan forgiveness is October 15th. They may move that over a few, but again, the process on the loan forgiveness portion is you still gotta apply. You have to apply for forgiveness if you dont apply for forgiveness you owe them that money. So, the application process for forgiveness is ongoing as we speak. You know I got my paperwork. I'm ready to go. But my banker, and that was another thing too, is that you know, going back to the PPP, a lot of the Hawaiian businesses they get small banks, right? They're not with the big, you know, I not to mention any of the big banks, but they're not with the big banks. So sometimes when you go with the big banks, big banks like big clients, right? They want to take it a big clients 1st, and so I happened to be with a credit union here in Kaua'i, which has a business. You know they had business banking and the credit unions at first was getting bus up. They weren't letting the small credit unions or the smaller community banks get into the game. It was all for the big boys. But you're absolutely right, you know. The so there is a large portion of the Hawaiian business community that are not members of the chambers, and so that is a good question. How do we inform our business people that these types of programs, or if you did not get a PPP loan, if it was because the way you set up your business? As chambers, you know we small, we very limited resources. We are totally volunteer group of people and so we don't have the kind of resources to really get the word out. And that's I think the point that I'm trying to make is that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, you guys have the newsletters. You guys have the newspapers. You guys have the Facebook, the Instagram. You guys have all these avenues to do a way better job in getting that information out then we do as small chambers. So I appreciate your question. Yes, could we have done a better job? Probably we could have done a better job in a confusing time. Not exactly knowing what you could do and but then you know we don't have the resources OHA does have the resources for that type of thing.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey - Thank you John.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Well, thank you just the Hulu.

D. Salt Pond Updates - Malia Nobrega/ Kuulei Santos



**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - This next group we have a lot of requests. Last year we came and visited this area and we're all very and enthralled by what was going on. Next up is the Hanapepe Salt Ponds and we have Malia Nobrega and Kuulei Santos.

Malia Nobrega – Aloha kakou and mahalo nui for having us. To kind of connect back to the last time when you guys were here on Kaua'i and with that site visit mahalo, I wanted to start with a mahalo to the community engagement and outreach team of OHA who was able to really help us by putting out a story through using the different media. I know partnered witha moolelo that we were able to write and have it in the Ka Wai Ola newspaper. It recently won the second-place best multimedia award for the National Native Awards and so that was really exciting and a great partnership together with OHA's team. You know I think we all know the importance of sharing our moolelo through those kinds of media and another way that we continue to document our moolelo is through mele. I wanted to share just one pauku of a mele that I was able to partner with our Kamehameha Schools sophomore women's class to write a mele as a haku mele them. In the last verse it says Paakealoha a ke kupuna eo mai I wai kuhaaheo eo mai na loi hanai ae kalahui e ka aina momona o ukula kaaina hoola o Hanapepe kekai mana hulalia o Kaua'i. I wanted to share this because as we heard earlier through many of our other presentations, the importance of aina momona, the importance of resiliency and collectiveness really resonated with me and I was thinking about that as it became our turn and how, you know, if we are not honoring that aina momona and doing everything that we need to do to allow it to thrive, then we will we will start to experience what you guys what you guys came and saw and experienced.

I know many people ask about an update on the airport and so really quickly and I'm going to talk as I put it on silent but I was like oh I don't know pictures to show but I do have a really quick video because and this will tell you a little bit about the airport and something that has happened during COVID. I mean, in a way it's been a blessing with COVID in all different ways, but one blessing is that nothing has happened for these businesses. And I will tell you straight up that is a blessing in our eyes because for the Hui Hana Paakai o Hanapepe we have articulated in different places that together with the larger community that it needs to be permanently closed down. As I play this video, one of the things that happened during this time as I go down to be a kilo in the area and I'm not putting any of the audio, but you can see a helicopter, a military helicopter flying in. Then all of these military waiting here and I didn't know this was happening but I'm just driving down to go and be a kilo and to monitor the resources and to see what's happening. Then I see all of these people waiting and then I see this humongous helicopter flying in. Part of that flight pattern goes over the salt beds, which is very disturbing to us. And if you can imagine that in a rural community like Hanapepe how disturbing this is and I just like, I cannot even think about what is happening and what is going on and the feelings that was happening within me. I hope that this just shares with you, with the military base just a few minutes away why is this happening? I'll stop sharing now, but I wanted to just share that as some of the impacts in this area and even down to the military flying directly over our salt making area, which in the past some of these companies did have a similar flight pattern which really disturbs us. Currently one of our advocacy efforts have been before the Kaua'i County Council with the West Kaua'i Community plan that's happening now and being before the council, that was one of the recent amendments that we advocated for is to encourage the State and DOT to permanently closed this airport down. There is no need for it, and we've shared some of that with you guys before. I think if I had to leave one thing about the airport and how OHA can kokua it's being one of those lead advocates on reaching out to DOT, and two others that the community has come out very strongly. And I know and will see the West Kaua'i Community plan through to the end. To really advocate for that that we do want to see it closed. And before I maybe go on to a few other things, I'll tag it over to Kuulei if she wants to add on anything else about the airport.

**Kuulei Santos** - So for the airport, the helicopter, while during COVID, they got an exemption to install everything without permits. So they got an exemption to put in the restrooms, and without going through the planning approval and getting all the current, like doing an environmental assessment and all that kind of stuff. So, we last left it off, they installed the restroom, they had a restroom, it was illegal. They had some other infrastructures that were illegal. They were able to get it passed through the State without, even though everyone had agreed that they shouldn't. So that's what's kind of going on with Maverick. And just because of the tourist situation, they're not operating right now, but the plan is once that they start to pick up again that they would be able to get their restroom and such installed without coming through for public opinion.



Malia Nobrega - So I wanted to highlight a few other things and then I know Kuulei has a few things too. So, another thing to highlight, or to share an update on is the high hydrology study. So we continue to partner with UH Sea Grant on a hydrogeological investigation, which part of it has been to install sensors in the area similar to what Paepae o Heeia had installed two to monitor levels of water. It's also looking at the inflow and outflow. And really looking at surface flows as well as subsurface flows. Because of COVID and restrictions for travel and all of that, none of the UH Manoa scientists have been able to come. So we've been just postponing a lot of that. But we are hoping to also install a weather station in a nearby County property to get the best weather monitoring because it's not something that we can install right there on site because of the investment and possibility of any of that being stolen. That includes like monitoring weather patterns, amount of rain and all of that because I went down today and was able to see some of the flooding already starting because we did have a big rain. And so, as I had shared before as the rainy season does start to come in that's really the hoailong to us as salt makers that the season is coming to an end. Finally I wanted to also mention climate change continues to be one of our life and death issue for us. As we experience all of the impacts and being on the front lines and so you know, as I heard Mason say earlier about the importance of things like circular economies and you know the work around the aina aloha economic futures has really been an inspiration for me to look at the diversity of things we do and the way we do things and being more resilient. I think that is one of the key solutions. I think that can help cultural wahi pana like puolo point to be able to thrive. Because if we don't change the way that we live as kanaka, as humans on this earth and malama. Malama our aina, then we will continue to experience these things. These moolelo of making salt will only exist in the mele or in the moolelo because we won't be able to continue the practice. That's why I've always committed myself to work around climate change and then ways to change our living ways. I think finding the solutions within our moolelo of our kupuna is something that I'm really committed to. I think like we heard earlier; education is such a big part of that so. I'll send it over to Kuulei who has a few more things to share.

Kuulei Santos - So now there are a couple of things that we're still dealing with. Because of the stay in place order that the Mayor has put on Kaua'i we probably have about 300 homeless that are living in the area of the salt Patch. So that's definitely become a huge problem for us. Our borders are covered with homeless people. So that is not good and there's no really plan to get them, to move them to another site or to have them removed in general. So we are dealing with that still. As far as salt making this year it was an ok season. We had a late start. We have seen a couple of wells that got a bunch of stuff in it that we're still trying to determine. There was a fire that was caused by the homeless camp, so we're not sure if all those debris and sot and whatever ended up in our wells. So that's been difficult for this season, so we've had some of those problems, but the main thing right now is we need to pressure everyone to close the airport. That's the plan. That's the goal. That's what we want to happen. That's all I got.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna**- Thank you so much you guys for giving us this update and letting us know what is going on. Trustees now is your time. Do you have any questions for them? No, so thank you for your updates. You guys that we really appreciate it and thank you so much.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Trustee Akaka go ahead.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Mahalo Kuuli and Malia for sharing what you shared and thank you so much for welcoming us to the pond last year when we visited, it was such a great experience and it's so sad to hear of strife that is ongoing down there. I was going to ask if foot traffic and even the vehicle traffic has remained the same, but it sounds like in some ways because the stay home order not so much with the exception of those that are, um, without a home that have made that their home. But I also I wanted to ask who granted that exemption for the airport for Maverick to have.

**Kuulei Santos** - It was a State. It was Department of Transportation, so it happened right when COVID started. They sent a letter and I we have the letter and I can pass it on Trustee Ahuna. That says that they are exempting



Maverick and they are able to install the restrooms, the office and expand their operations without County approval.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Has the Kaua'i County office been at all responsive regarding...

Kuulei Santos - Everybody was pretty up in arms, but because it happened right, like COVID, it was in March I think COVID was hot and heavy. So everyone's focus was on that. When the State had made this announcement. So, it was really hard for us to gain traction or attention to the matter because of it. So right now, because Maverick has had zero flights or anything, they haven't really been doing much as far as having that happen. We do have the planning Department on the lookout if things do start to pick up again as far as construction and things, and we will probably have to go with the attorney route, because the Mayor has already said that they don't have much. With what was published, they don't have much say in what they can do to help us at this time.

Malia Nobrega - Just as a follow up comment around the vehicular traffic and all of that. So, since the County did partner with us to bring in those boulders and we have seen, because I go down quite regularly to take pictures and to look at the natural restoration of the area. So, I do see more of the biodiversity coming back. And as I dive now in the area, you know, like other places, we're seeing even the biodiversity in the ocean and I can see the difference is there. Of course, there are more people that are coming to experience the beautiful of the Sunset, and as things cannot happen on one side of the island, they come to venture to the other side so. You know, I mean, we're seeing some, some good and just have to really continue to be vigilant. Have people in the space because even though we blocked, like I can see today, when I went that there is truck tracks of entering now from where we enter as salt makers and then trying to find a way in. And so that was really disturbing for me to see just a few hours ago.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Alright, well thank you any more questions. If not, thank you both of you, Kuulei and Malia. Thank you for your updates. I certainly think administration is going to be looking into that. So, thank you very much. I want to go with our last community presentation.

#### E. East Kauai Hui - Kamealoha Hanohano Smith

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Last but not least is East Kaua'i Hui. We have Kamealoha Smith, Rowena Pangan and Sherry Cummings.

Carol Hoomanawanui – They should be able to talk.

Dayna Pa - Addison has his hand up.

Kameloha Smith – Aloha.

**Dayna Pa** – Kamealoha, before you start did you want to share your screen with your presentation or you want me to show it?

Kamealoha Smith - If you can show it on your side that would be really great.

Carol Hoomanawnui - Is somebody else joining you is Addison?

**Kameloha Smith** - I'm just going to ask for your folks grace and patience. This is the first time for us to present for OHA as presenters quite honestly. We had a lot of people that we wanted to come and provide testimony for the different issues that we're bringing up this evening. So I just wanted you to recognize from all the people here and then on the other side in Hanapepe by cell phones we have Rowena Contrades Pangan who is heading out the people in that site that are going to be sharing manao. Also on there's three of us on that are going to be presenting



on tonight and so I just want to introduce the people here on this side really quickly and then after that, then they'll then I'll get started on the presentation. Ok, no need I guess they are there are going to be talking a little bit later. (Please see attached powerpoint Presentation of East & North Shore Kaua'i Community Hui Presentation for OHA Ocotber 12, 2020)

So my name is Kamealoha Smith and I'm part of this like East and North Shore Kaua'i Community Hui. And we're here before the Trustees to ask for capacity building request. For the match funding, match emergency funding and technical assistance. Na Makou (we are), we are a hui that was formed just at the outbreak of CV 19. Pulled all of our resources together or from the North Shore Kaua'i all the way to the East side of Kaua'i with different nonprofits and community groups to address the CV19 in 2018/20 floods impacts our Native Hawaiian Community. Based on the Hawaiian practices of Aloha Aina, Ike Kupuna, & Ohana, we support projects that provide services to community that are food, housing, & workforce insecure. We do this by working with nonprofits and community groups in our area to gather resources to build capacity and provide technical assistance. Our mission, work, & focus are evolving.

We serve Native Hawaiian individuals, ohana, and communities from Lihue to the Napali Coastline who are experiencing food, housing, and employment insecurity due to CV19 and the 2018 & 2020 Flood emergencies on Kauai & Niihau. There are projects that also include the entire island of Kauai and extend to Niihau and/or Niihau Ohana.

Today we are here to ask for a capacity building grant for two nonprofits that we work with, Hoomana Nonprofit, Wailua, Kauai. They are nonprofit that works with the homeless and those living with disabilities. They have been in operation for 17 years. Their Executive Director is Rowena Contrades Pangan, Kapaa High School Graduate. The second organization that we are here to ask for is Malama Anahola is a newly formed nonprofit its mission is to work with agencies & community to improve the overall well-being of the Native Hawaiian Community through Economic & Workforce Development. They focused research, training, & projects. Their first program will focus on workforce training in resource management on DHHL Lands in Anahola. The president of Malama Anahola is Sherri Uilani Cummings, lifelong resident of Anahola Hawaiian Homestead, past president of the Anahola Homestead Association, and graduate of Kapaa High School. My name is Kamealoha Smith I am actually from Anahola. My fmaily is from the east side all the way up to Kalalau Valley. I work for a nonprofit called the Hanalei River Heritage Foundation. We work out of the muliwai or the river mouth of Hanalei river. Althought we haven't been there in awhile beause of CV19. I been providing technical assistance to a number of smaller fledging nonprofits on Kaua'i. Mostly here on the north and the east side of Kaua'i. Including the Konohiki Restoriation Project Mahamoku Ohana Council, Malama Anahola and Hoomana. There are others as well. As far as my work professtional, I work in resource management. I currently do am engaged in three projects Paa Kupono, which is a project got to fix our double hauled canoe of waa kalua that we're using to collect data in the coral reef area. The second is Ku Paa Wailua Lani, which is our project to collect data along the coastlines of East Kaua'i and from that we are develoing online educational resources in both olelo makuahine, Hawaiian and in English. And the third project is the project where were clearing all green waste debris from some of the trails up in the Hanalei.

Ka Papahana no Hoomana (Hoomana Projects) The projects for Hoomana that we are asking for at this time includes the hote meals. Currently Hoomana serves 320 our meals a week, but they actually have 540 homeless accounted and the way that it works really simply, you in funding for the CARES Act which they got money for. You know they have a certain number. They did their initial count. What they did just like all the other nonprofits Kaua'i they undercounted because there's more homeless people now. But most important number, important to this effort here is the number of Native Hawaiians that are being served. She believed to be around 85%. Rowena is going to be be presenting more technical information. More detailed information were also asking for vegetable money to pilot homless food box. For insecure native Hawaiian families, currently Hoomana it delivers about 50 boxes a week to consumers on the East side of Kaua'i. But the need seems to be much greater, she's going to speak a little bit more about that, you know when you work with the homeless population or you work with low income families, things change rather quickly. People move, people tranfer all over the place so she's going to give us an update on that. But the most important thing is that these are people in families that they have



not received the food boxes that we talked about earlier. We did work with one of our local Councilmen here on the island of Kaua'i. Kipukai Kualii and he helped us to put it together, transition services for the homeless. We think that the homeless population is going to be at the designated parks that there at beach park all over the place that was where the County designated as a place for the homeless. We think, or they think that they're going to be there for a while. So, we believe that the services that we're offering fill a much needed gap for group of people aren't receiving services. And also, these are transition services to transition people from being homeless to homes.

Hoomana is asking for capacity building grants to be used to build the following capacity. They need money to rebuild their home base, which is damaged by the floods back earlier this year. Also, to pilot a fruit and vegetable program until they are approved as a vendor for USDA. We completed their application and we're just waiting on their food license for perishable agricultural. Something like this costs \$1000 to go through that process. We're just waiting on the final license and then it can put their application to become a yendor for USDA. Assistance lease of a van. I'm not sure people know, but most of these are homeless encampments are in areas where there are no transportation. So, it's very difficult for people to move around. Technical assistance with some current grants that we have out onto Federal Agencies and a letter of support and advocacy for CARES Act grant increased meals. We finished that increase and were asking for little support in some advocacy on the the part of Office of Hawaiian Affairs. For Mamala Anahola currently Anahola is planning to host a green waste debris cleanup Malama Anahola, In the Anahola community is partnering with other East and North communities to do similar projects. Malama Anahola also partners with us, to do a co-sign in trial cleanup (conversation indiscernible) culture resources. Malama Anahola's Board is composed of Community Homestead, Government businesses, stakeholders with years of experience in community based land resource management and land development. The President, Sherry Cummings, a former owner, one of the most successful native own construction business, is on Kaua'i.

For Malama Anahola the asking is for organizational past capacity to host large fill grants for projects and resource management, agriculture and housing development. I guess we'll talk about in just a few minutes. Seed money to project workforce development training money, training program and resource management or 0 interns in Anahola on DHHL land. Organizational capacity for community engagement, organizational capacity, and technical assistance to host meetings, develop a consortium and to do board training.

Na Mea Hoao (efforts to raise match funding), some of our efforts to raise funding as a community we provided over the past 6-7 months about 40,000 hot meals to families in need. Of course, they are living at the beaches and other family. You just have to understand how this thing came about is because when we first started CV 19 what happened was that the unemployment insurance, people were laid off and then unemployment insurance wasn't ready to receive or dispurse any funding. So a lot of meals needed to be prepared at the beginning of CV 19 in order for people to have hot meals during that time. That's the reason why we were able to distribute that many meals over a 2 1/2 month period. We partnered with an organization or a restaurant called, well, the organization, a nonprofit was called Malama meals so very thankful to them. In our own personal effort or own efforts as individual nonprofits, we've been able to raise close to \$270,000 in donations and resources for community, Hawaii Community Foundation asking grant. The Hawaiii CARES Act, we got a Federal grant for workforce development on and we also got a lot of smaller donations for people who are donating money so we can buy food for the homeless and other food banks around the island early on in the year. The work that we do helps to keep small business in several nonprofits on Kaua'i going. Our work is recognized as a central service on the island of Kaua'i. We're also able to bring resources together and community to solve problems and we obviously have access to land in both Anahola and Hanalei to carry out some more workforce development projects, and we're currently writing all their County, State, Federal and to Private organizations for match funding.

On the justification. Our target audience are OHA beneficiaries. Obviously building capacity for Native Hawaiian Community and Natitve Hawaiian nonprofit. I believe that the information that we have, we're able to collect relevant data to the Native Hawaiian population. I feel that OHA has a moral obligation to provide humanitarian aid to Native Hawaiians in need during this pandemic. Then our nonprofit work is aligned with the goals related Native Hawaiian empowerment. Especially manawahine, may since both people in charge of the two programs that we're asking for are wahine. We're trying to build equity on the same level the main mainstream service



provider and the Native Hawaiian that are involved in this project are all ohana maoli from Kaua'i. All from Kaua'i

There are the the challenges that we experience going through this process trying to get help. And trying to get help from OHA, quite honestly, it's been a really big challenge. I know you guys would like me to expand. I'm happy to expand. Institutional bias wich is for like a lot of the issues that we brought up. Just fell on deaf ears, not just with the Office of Hawiian Affairs, but with a lot of other agencies as well. I never knew when it came into this that food distribution of food issues involving food and stuff could be so political. It was very, very political and there are a lot of things that happen and occured over this year that quite honestly I just have no idea why they would be. But very, very a political. We only recently started meeting with OHA just a few weeks, short few weeks ago. The meetings probably should have taken place a lot earlier. OHA has a lot of resources which is good. But you know the people that we have here on Kaua'i also has reasources as well. So what would be nice if there is a recognition on the part of the Community Engagement team that we've had not choice all these months but to rely on all the reousrces that we have here in absence of OHA wanting to partner with us here in East Kaua'i. So, we've been doing the work with without OHA. It's nice now that's OHA is coming to the table. But it's, uh, being difficult to sit down and to speak about these issues because we've never had the opportunity before. And the issues that we speak about you today are heavy issues. The issue of homelessness. Not everybody wants the homeless people in the backyard. But you know, we didn't designate where the places are, they just there.

The important thing for you folks to know is that the services that we're providing or not duplicate services. Native Hawaiian organization stepping up to the plate to help our community and we're not competing with anyone else. The way that it works with the CARES Act funding is that everybody has a dedicated target audience that they work with and it's all they can work with. If you want to work with more people in diverse areas like Meals on Wheels, Malama Kaua'i and all these other organizations that got funding. They just like I have to go back to on the County of Kaua'i and other agencies to ask for money. But we have to re-establish a dialogue with them so it's not the case or anybody can just call people up and ask for a favor and then suddenly the funding appears. It doesn't work like that. What we have to do is we have to go through a process of being vetted again to make sure that the information that we have this thing is correct and up to date and then we have to resubmit an application. So even if we wanted to partner with other organizations, we'd have to go through a process of partnering with them again and then we have to follow whatever their established processes are to gather the information that we already have. Then move forward with an application with the County of Kaua'i. So that's about it that I have for right now. I do have one more issue, but it's kind of a sensitive issue and I don't want to, I don't know if you guys want me to bring it up now or later something that happened at our Friday meeting. I think it's important for you folks to know. I think people here were a little bit stunned at Friday's meeting. So, I'm just going to bring it up OK.

I sent an email to Sylvia to appraiser of our community meeting that we had last week Friday at the end of that community meeting, Davis Price brought up the FBI investigation at our community meeting and our take away from the our community meeting was, we really didn't understand, but we were just concerned about what he was trying to say. Our takeaway from that meeting is this, yeah, I feel like there was a lot of blame being put on Kaua'i community groups for the OHA FBI investigation. Some people in our community felt that you folks are trying to take away our meals program from the nonprofit and then trying to take meals away from an employment opportunities away from the homeless. It just wasn't, it just wasn't good. This is pretty a intimidating experience. A frightening experience to go through because we didn't understand what the OHA FBI investigation has to do with what we were trying to accomplish. We're only focused on one thing, and that was the homeless and the Employment. So why is a copy of the taped zoom meeting we've asked repeatedly for the tape hopefully we'll get it. We asked for an opportunity to speak with OHA Trustees and the CEO at another time. And we believe strongly that OHA should conduct some kind of Investigation or to address the lack of professionalism and inappropriate inflammatory comments. His comments, Davis Price's comments were hurtful and quite honestly is causing unnecessary division...

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee – Mister Chair.



**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Kamealoha. I am going to have to stop you right now because you're getting into some personal issues. OK and I just want to say this, Kamealoha. I understand...

Kamealoha Smith – It happened at a Community meeting everyone was there Dan. I'm sorry.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Listen, listen to me, listen to me. I want to say I want to say a few comments before you go on, ok. I understand and I also understand you are super passionate and I want to acknowledge that you want to do good work. And I believe you have done a lot of work in the past. You have worked as a teacher in our charter schools, you have worked with Adam Askwait with his lo'i, and came to OHA on Oahu to try and work with all those farmers that were affected by the past floods. You have worked with the North Shore Hui with your Heritage nonprofit. You have worked with delivering hot meals from Oahu restaurants to ensure our kupuna and people on Kaua'i have meals. And now you're working to help support our homeless on Kaua'i. So, I thank you for the work you have done in our communities, I understand.

What I have a hard time with or what we need you to understand and this is what we at OHA have made successfully working with other organizations in our past. I cannot just give you support or give you money because you are the loudest person in the room. I want you to acknowledge that you are not the only person in this room or in the room with initiatives. There is much more work for our Hawaii. So much work for our lahui, So much work for Native Hawaiian Communities. We acknowledge, we acknowledge that you have important work, but you have to acknowledge that others have important work as well. I'm not saying no or wanting to know more or are not saying your work is not as important. I'm saying what you might not see is there's a large playing field, a large arena. You're concentrating on this element and thank you and mahalo for this. And thank you because I cannot zero in on these details, but I have to consider all the other things and how I can spread my support out. So, what do you need? Also, not only do you need it, but what are the commitments to this? Like are you only committed to the next three months if I can give you funding. Or are you buying in for the rest of your life that homelessness is an issue and you are going to stick to it. The other thing that I want you to understand about leadership is that you cannot bounce from one initiative after another, after another, after another. Not just you but our community need to understand that. So as hard as it is to want to find ways to supor everybody this is what we do and this is what we have proven. We need to meet us and hold some accountibility. What has happened in the past is just because you are the loudest person in this room it doesn't mean what you're saying is going to be success. You need to earn that voice and hold onto that accountability in our communities. Our communities cannot get their way using bullying tactics and being the loudest person in the room. We need to

stop that behavior. You have to earn that voice in...

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee - Chair, point of order.

(conversation indiscernible)

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Just know that I'm not hearing a word you say.

Rowena Pangan - Excuse me, excuse me.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Listen I just want to finish this. So, I Mahalo you for the things you're doing and the intentions that you want to come in on and I hope it's good intentions. But the only way I can help you or you need to understand is you are not my priority. The whole is, the collective, the community at large and I will try to find a way that you fit in that arena. But you have to prove not only to our community but to all of.

Trustee Brendon Kalei āina Lee — Point of order Mister Chair.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - ...the blame and it's not your fault. I'm not here to blame you on this because we have allowed all that yelling and bullying to rule. So Mahalo...

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee – Mister Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Mahalo for your community presentation, but. Go ahead Trustee Lee.



**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** - This isn't appropriate, this back and forth is inappropriate, and it's not on our agenda. If Kamealoha Smith is concluded with his presentation, then we need to stick to the agenda and move forward.

**Kamealoha Smith** - I just say one more thing? The only thing that I was going to say is that whatever I said, it was what you folks ask me to present. I only presented what was on my slide and what was previously discussed with your community engagement team and with Sylvia. I did not present anything that they did not know about and I did not include extraneous information. I have, I can't take any responsibility for what Dan is saying because I have no idea what he's talking about. SoI would like for Rowena to proceed on our presentation. Thank you.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Rowena go ahead.

Rowena Pangan – I am very, very saddened by the behavior tonight. We're not talking about the past. Ok, Trustee Lee I was here that day and now I'm being accused of FBI investigation among the homeless people that were here. I don't want to be a part of it. So please kalamai Dan, I don't want to be a part of it. I'm here to say that our native Hawaiian people here at Salt Pond and the people that I feed on a daily base on Saturdays, I used to bring Malama Meals up to 500 meals a week, a day. When Malama Meals ended, I ended up doing and we got a grant from the CARES Act grant from, on Saturdays that's when we feed. All I'm asking is that OHA will continue to provide us with funding so that we can continue. The feeding of our homeless people. I have about 20 people standing out here that have been waiting to testify and say they are people, there are native Hawaiian people. Trustee Lee please hear me out, please.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee - I'm sorry but I have to bring this up. We as Trustees have to follow a very strict order because of the Sunshine Law that's out of my hands and according to our agenda, the only person presenting for East Kaua'i Hui is Kamealoh Smith. I'm not denying that you or all the other beneficiaries that have been waiting patiently for their time to speak are not going to have their time to speak. Of course, they're going to have to speak, but their time to speak is under community concerns, and not as part of the East Kaua'i Hui. They are not listed on our agenda.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Trustee point of clarification. Real quick, real quick. Rowena is presenting tonight along with Sherry and they are on the agenda.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** – No they are not Chair Ahuna. I'm looking at the agenda right here and it says East Kaua'i Hui Kamealoha Hanohano Smith. Unless I have an outdated agenda and there's a new one that was filed with the Lieutenant Governor's Office that I am not aware of.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Ok, just to be clear, I'm going to yield to our Chair Machao's.

**Dayna Pa** - This is Dayna. I just want to clarify. When I filed the agenda it was only listed as Kamehaloa Smith presenting tonight. When I filed the agenda that was the only name I was given.

#### (converstation indiscernible).

Excuse me, last night Kamealoha contacted us and he mentioned that he had two other people presenting to him and I notified him that it was too late to change the agenda at that time. So I told him we could accommodate the other two people, presenting. Because they were presenting under the same matters as Kamealoha.

**Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel** – As OHA's Board Counsel, this is Robert Klein. I will advise you, Chair Ahuna that we go by the printed agenda. The printed agenda notices that East Kaua'i Hui has one presenter. This is not to say other people who support the presentation cannot testify under community concerns. And when we get to that point, they will be allowed to do so. But Trustee Lee is correct and Secretary Dayna Pa is correct. We can't change the agenda. The sunshine law requires six days ahead of time that it be posted. It is



limited and is unfair to other people whose names are on here to have presentations made to the depth that East Kaua'i Hui wants to present them. That doesn't mean your issues will not be heard. Your voice will not be heard, it's just on a separate part of the agenda called community concerns, which will be one item after our Ka Pouhana makes her presentation. So no one is being tuned out. It's just that this presentation is limited to the person noted on the agenda, Kamealoha Smith. So let us proceed in that manner because we do not want our entire agenda challenged later on by someone who feels that we did not follow the Sunshine Law. Thank you.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Ok, thank you Justice Klein and thank you Trustee Lee for the point of clarification on here. I am just going to have to just, Kamealoha are you done with your presentation.

Kamealoha Smith – I want to ask for a point of clarification. There was a quite a bit of confusion about the agenda and about how the meetings run online. So we did reach out to folks on several occasions and ask for clarification. So we only found out about the issue of me being the only presenter just last night. I just wanted to say that it's just been very, very challenging on, as you know, the people that we work with live at the beaches and so forth. So for most of the day, what we've been doing is it's trying to get that technology issues setup. So I appreciate what the lawyer, the Counsel is saying, but I just want him to understand that we're also learning on our side and it's just our goal to make sure that every person who signed up to testify in both places has an opportunity to share their manao. So thank you very much, and if I I'll entertain any questions at this time is that what happens. I am sure some people might have some questions.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Trustees that concludes his presentation. Does anyone have any questions for Kamealoha?

Trustee Akina – Mister Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Trustee Akina.

Trustee Keli'i Akina – Kamealoha, I don't have a question persay. I do want to simply say thank you to Kamealoha for coming and to all of the Hui for being here. I feel very sorry that the situation did not work out as pleasantly as tonight, it could have been. I do have a recommendation to you, Mister Chair and Madam Chair, and that is we refer the matter to Sylvia so that there can be a meeting with this group to resolve whatever took place tonight and move it forward.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - So thank you Trustee Akina.

Kamealoha Smith – I just have one more thing, I'm sorry, one more thing. I apologize, I just wanted to acknowledge the people that are that are in the room with us. Today we have Sherry Cummings, Anahola beneficiary.

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa – Just want to say Hi to you Kamealoha and Rowena. I thought should be able to speak. We really have this kind of virtual and it's a brand new thing. So although agenda says a certain thing, I think Chair Ahuna has the authority as Chair of the Committee, while we did at the Legislature at OHA it seems to be different. We don't have authority as the Chair to let people speak or to control the meeting. That's all I wanted to say, Kamealoha and say Aloha to Rowena. Mahalo.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Thank you Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, but just Justice Klein has spoken and we're going to have to move on after this.

**Kamealoha Smith** - I just want to introduce other people in the room. Is that OK?

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Yeah, I can introduce the people I'll give you that time.

**Kamealoha Smith** - OK, thank you very much, mahalo. We have a Sherry Cummings from Anahola, Council member Kipukai Kualii, Mr. Frank Cummings and his wife Sandy. Even Kaui and Uncle Teddy Blake and then



Jade Waialeale Batad who is running for County Council here on the island of Kaua'i. Do I turn it over to Rowena so she can introduce the people that are on that side or? Is that a different so?

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - No, thank you, Kamealoha. Thank you for sharing. Any more questions before I call, I'd to call on administration because I know they're noted requests and I would like to call on Sylvia our Ka Pouhana CEO to provide further comments on the OHA grants that he talked about.

Trustee Keli'i Akina – Mister Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – I'd like the call on Sylvia Hussey to provide further comments on OHA grants real quick.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO - Just clarification Chair Ahuna. Are we in that section for me to update on OHA activities?

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - I thought because they had requests for grants, I thought you might want to say anything about the grants or anything like that.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO - Not as agendized.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – OK.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO – You can refer them to call me and I can provide that information.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - So is there any more questions for Kamealoha, Trustees? OK, if not, we're going to move on to the status of OHA activities. Thank you for very much Kamealoha for sharing. And thank you for bringing your group. I like to turn this this item over to Sylvia right now, then to provide us with comments.

Trustee Keli'i Akina – Mister Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Trustee Keli'i Akina.

Trustee Keli'i Akina - Yes, I apologize, I had a previous game engagement and I need to leave for it at this time. So I must dismiss myself. Thank you.

7:18 pm Trustee Keli'i Akina leaves the meeting.

# VI. STATUS OF OHA ACTIVITES – KA POUHANA/CEO'S UPDATE ON HO'OULU LĀHUI ALOHA & OHA ACTIVITIES

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Ka Pouhana Sylvia Hussey.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO – Trustees, I just wanted to give a heads up that in the next week or so, the Trustees, through Committee and Board meetings, will be hearing, taking action on the 2021 Legislative, as well as Burial Council nominations and the General Fiscal 22-23 General Funds and Community Grants Preliminary budget action items. So that's just a heads up. That's its Trustee Ahuna.

#### VII. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Thank you so much at this time we are going to turn it to community concerns. Before I turn it over to community concerns, I want to read a few comments. Community concerns allows the public to provide testimony on matters not listed on the meeting agenda. It is optional and not required of Hawaii revised statute HRS Chapter 92, public agencies, meetings and records. The board members are not required to respond to matters not listed on the meeting agenda. Once the community concerns section on the agenda has



concluded, oral testimony online will no longer be accepted. Your name will be called and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify. If you are not audible, you will be muted and the next testifier will be called. Your name will be called again before the conclusion of the community concerns section. State your name, organization, if applicable and provide your comments on the matters you wish to testify on. Oral testimony online will be limited to 5 minutes. Timer will be on the screen to countdown the time a chime will sound when you have 30 seconds left and a second chime when your testimony time expires. Your mic will be automatically muted once you have completed your oral testimony or if your allotted time for a testimony expires. So with that I'm going to call on our board Secretary to read the names of our community concerns, the people our list. Dayna.

Dayna Pa - The first person we have is Regina Floyd.

Regina Flyod - Yes, can you hear me?

Dayna Pa -You can go.

Regina Floyd - Ok, Aloha, thank you for the opportunity. My name is Regina Floyd. I am here representing or on behalf of the Eastside Kaua'i Hui. I am affiliated with Hoomana. I originally started with Hoomana as a marketing assistant, just helping marketing the thrift store and in the last several months I've been working closely with Rowena with her work with the CARES Act funding and actually feeding of many, many people here on the East side of Kaua'i. It began with Rowena taking Department of Education meals to the keiki at Kamalani. Which evolved to Malama Meals and which is, got us to the point of feeding 320 people every single Saturday for the last eight weeks. We have a grant that carries us through to December and what I have personally seen in being involved with Rowena is her heart for the people. Thave seen where these people are not even getting the basic human need of food and water. Some people truly do live in bushes with no access to bathrooms. No access to running water or anything and just seeing where there's a great need. We feed 320 and it's not nearly enough. There's an increasing number of people that need good, nutritious food, and so we just thank you for your time and listening to the concerns that we have and to just ask if there's any way possible to help us to just reach more of the community. I've been able to go out with her and we take pictures and we documented we just met wonderful, wonderful people who for some reason are houseless and are having to live in conditions that are just frightening and they are doing the best they can, and we're just trying very diligently to give them good food and water. Again, thank you so much for your time and the opportunity to speak here today.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Thank you and I'm going to yeild to Dayna to read the list as they come in.

Dayna Pa - The next testifier is Bao Raco. Bao Raco.

Carol Hoomanwanui - I don't see.

Dayna Pa - OK, the next person we have signed up is Addison Luck.

Addison Luck - Hello I'm going to see save minutes to, a lot of the homeless community here, but do you think it might be possible to share our video with you? There's a lot of people here that want a chance to talk.

Carol Hoomanawanui - Mr. Addison, what we're going to do is go through the list of people who had registered first. If there are other people that want to talk that did not register, then the Trustees can hear them. But if you don't have anything to say further, then we'll go to the next testifier who has registered.

Addison Luck - OK, um can I use my 5 minutes right now to play a short video?

Carol Hoomanwanui - What kind of video is it?

**Addison Luck** – Its just a presentation about some of the work.



Carol Hoomanawanui – Ol, because the timer is being shown, so we cannot show your video and the timer at the same time.

Addison Luck - OK, um, then I'll just use like 30 seconds to just say that I would really love and all the people here would love for OHA basically use as many resources as you can to help the people here get the basic human necessities that they need. Like healthy food, clean water access to affordable housing. And this is like a large percentage of the native Hawaiian population is here and they don't have access to these things. It seems like it should be at the top of OHA's agenda. And I don't personally, I haven't personally felt the consequences of this. I'm just helping out with this, but there are a lot of people here who basically need help. And feel that OHA is one of the best groups that could help with this. But I that's all I'm going to say right now. But we all hope that you can offer additional time after everyone else has talked to hear some of the community members here. Thank you.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** - Just a quick recap. This is Community concerns is just like public testimony. So you guys have 5 minutes and then we're going to go on to the next one just like how I read the earlier testimony on those matters so. Can you read the next person?

Dayna Pa – Thank you Trustee, the next person is Steven Kaui.

Carol Hoomanawanui - If you're online, can you use the raise hand function? Ok, I see it, you can unmute yourself.

**Steven Kaui** - Yeah, this is Steven Kaui. I am here to sit in and to learn the process and to see what's transpired for today. Thank you.

Dayna Pa – Thank you, our next speaker is Jade Batad. After that would be a Makaala Kaaumoana.

Jade Batad - Hello, I'm Jade and I'm going to defer my testimony too. Thank you so much everyone mahalo.

Dayna Pa - The next speaker is Makaala Kaaumoana.

Makaala Kaaumoana Yes aloha. Mahalo for this time and Mahalo for all that you do. This has been a difficult meeting and there are many needs. I use this opportunity to discuss three things that have become magnified since the flood flooding rain of 2018 and certainly not have decrease not since COVID on the North Shore of Kaua'i we are challenged with the decreasing access to marine resources. Many of our access points are owned and managed by deed by the County of Kaua'i and are being blocked by adjacent landowners. Who now have purchased or leased land that is new to them and don't understand the access. The access width are designed specifically for our small fishing boats and they install ballards etc. which prevent us from carrying our small fishing boats to the shore. There are people to work with and I will communicate with Trustee Ahuna on this subject, but we'd like you to be aware that we will be asking for OHA support of community efforts to protect some of these accesses which seem to be disappearing. The second one is there are many Hawaiian families in Wainiha and Haena that are experiencing inequitable impacts of climate change as it relates to severe storm damage to their lands and homes. It is inequitable because when the good samaritans came in and fixed their homes, much of that work was unpermitted, and they're now not able to either live in those homes or to continue staying on their land. Third is restoration and promotion of traditional placenames. We're well aware now that we have so many newcomers coming. I don't know if you all are aware, but the North Shore of Kaua'i has had a major influx of people from the continent who consider Kaua'i a COVID safe place. They're here now and they don't know our traditional place names, and therefore they're not getting the guidance that those names provide. Or the instructions for just health and safety that some of those place names provide. We're asking OHA to lead a cooperative effort to use traditional place names in all publications and signage, including maps produced by this State of Hawai'i. Mahalo.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Dayna, thank you Makaala can you call on the next person please.

Dayna Pa - The next presenter is Megan Wong and after that is, Emily Cadiz.



Megan Wong – Aloha, I am born and raised on Kaua'i and I'm here to discuss concerns for our Napali coast. About four months ago my brother Kona started digging more into our genealogy and going into Kalalau to see what was going on there and the talk about so many people descrating our sacred spaces and the living in there. So he made me aware of it and was really upset and I kind of was like why are you so upset? I mean it can't be that big of a deal. Live and let live but when I went in there about a month ago, I saw for myself and I encourage anyone of you who are able to come to our beautiful Napali Coast. I know Dan recently hiked it. He's such a Warrior, he hiked 11 miles in and 11 miles out. He's an animal, but it would be amazing for you to see for yourself. People are living in Kalalau Valley. We went in as a grassroots team of just ohana that love that place from our community and there was about 50 of us a few weeks ago. We went in on the Saturday and we hauled out about 30 camps, abandoned camps on that day. We are trying to work together with DLNR, they are unable to, they don't have the help that they need and the funding that they need to take care of the space. We are willing to help. There's a lot to share in a short amount of time, but I wish I had more pictures that I could figure out how to share with you. But at this moment we're basically, we cleaned up, did the 30 camps, we did about 9 piles. My brother bought sat phone with GPS, coordinated for DLNR, were working together with them on removing the piles. So much together with us, 11 people got cited a couple weeks ago on Saturday when we went in to remove trash with them. Seven piles are still sitting, they've gone, whoever's been living in there has gone through the piles of trash and discarded them. So it looks like dogs have rummaged through the trash and it just kind of spread all over. Um, there's witchcraft being practiced on our heiau, there's trinkets and crystals, and different strange things that feel sacrilegious in those spaces. There's poop and pee, things are being run into our drinking water into our springm our entire rivers and streams.

It's really hurtful. I came out and I, I really just cried because it hurts. You know I think about the Israel song. Well how would our kupuna feel if they could see and I mean I feel they do see but to be in this space and to feel such desecration and it's a new generation of so-called Hippies. And this is what I'm getting from people who have been living in there since the 70s, 80s. They say to please get those people out that it's a different generation that's moved in. And we also were in Hanakapiai a few months ago and halted the building of the bridge that has been proposed. If you hike into there, you'll see a huge pohaku that is wahine pohaku and her kane pohaku sits on top of her. It wasn't part of the plan, apparently, but they completely desecrated this huge Pohaku. Basically cutting her in half and the pain that you feel when you go there to see what they've done to build a bridge was very hurtful. We spent about a month in there giving back to that place. We built the rock wall, we malama, we brought hookupu, we removed invasives and outplanted natives. We restored a loi and just gave back to the spaces that we say and claim that we love. I'm asking OHA to see what you could possibly do. Maybe at the legislative level to reach out and ask, I'm sorry my phones dying...and we will be the boots on the ground. We want to do the hana, we are willing. We're dealing with being cited now from DLNR, though we did want to work together with them and so we'll try to bridge that if possible. So I appreciate the time and for your listening. I can't see my phones so I'm not sure how much time I have left.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - Your time is up again, so sorry, but thank you so much. Are you there Megan? Thank you.

**Dayna Pa** - The last speaker is Emily Cadiz. And that is the last person signed up or registered. Then we ask if anybody else wants to testify.

Emily Cadiz – Aloha kakou everyone. My name is Emily Cadiz. I'm here today on behalf of Hui Makaainana o Makana, a nonprofit in Haena, Kaua'i. I'm here today to give an update on Haena CBSFA or Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area. That OHA was a huge supporter of getting it pushed forward. Just for a little recap history on August 4th, 2015, Haena was designated as the first Community Based Subsistence fishing area in the State of Hawaii to sustainably support the consumptive needs of the Haena people through culturally rooted community-based management that recognizes and responds to the connection between land and sea and strives to restore the necessary balance of native species. The community members with ancestral ties to Haena along with their supporters, worked for over a decade to establish these unique fishing rules, which are designated to perpetuate subsistence fishing conditions and nearshore resources of this area for both current and future generations. I'm happy to report that we have great research partners that have helped to contribute to the data



collection we're currently in from 2015 or 2020, we're in our five-year report. That's due at the end of this year to share with how the fisheries is doing, the status of our fisheries.

A huge mahalo to Kuulei Rodgers and her team from HIMB, or Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology. A little data update for everyone is that they conducted over 100 surveys annually of the fishes, limu and invertebrates over a continuing four-year period from 2016 to 2019. They found the statistically significant increase in fish populations for fish biomass abundance and number of species inside the CBSFA boundaries as compared to outside. There's many more research partners that are coming together to help put together our five-year report. We're grateful to all our research partners who have contributed to this collective report. And we wouldn't be able to do without Pelika Andrade and then Na Kilo Aina Team, DAR Kauai Kailikea Shayler, Kuulei Rodger and Limuhula Gardens and many more. Our current areas of improvement that we're still struggling with is just enforcement, education, but were current and just getting more, working with DOCAR more closely to get that support from them. But our makai watch program is slowly getting better with more of our community members stepping up to help do beach patrols and educate others about our fishing rules. I'm also happy to report that between the years 2014 and 2017 we had a grad student that worked alongside Pelika and Namakaonaona to create a community driven marine monitoring program that supports and highlights the way the Haena community assesses their resource health through traditional practices and values of Haena. Since then, the Haena community has developed their own community driven marine monitoring program that is built on Haena values, Haena fishing practices and we way of the Haena community monitors there near shore fisheries. Through working with Pelika and Na Kilo Aina, we have had numerous Na Kilo Aina programs that have reached over 100 local families to deepen in their connection to Haena to encourage aina momona as Pelika addressed earlier.

Our organization averages over 10,000 volunteer hours a year through our workdays and community programs. I'm also happy to report that currently with us working on our five year CBSFA report, we currently got an extended funding to keep on youth lineal descendants from Haena, all high school students from Haena to do a paid internship program with us where they're helping us go through loi and fisheries restoration. They're going to be doing data collection and analyzing to contribute to the five-year report. And last but not least, I just want to Mahalo and acknowledge the genealogy of the CBSFA process. I know Moloka'i was the first to begin this journey and we really appreciate and acknowledge them. I also just want to give a huge mahalo to Trustee Ahuna. He saw that the Haena community was really moving forward with this and he really wanted to jump on and support it. And I remember the data Dan came down to the loi to share in OHA's support for Haena CBSFA and we wouldn't have been able to get it done without that support. So we're very grateful to you Trustee Ahuna and OHA. A huge mahalo to OHA for helping to print our CBSFA brochures that have continued to be education and outreach tools for us to help with education and outreach and enforcement for the CBSFA. Mahalo.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Thank you Emily. Dayna, I don't have the list in front of me of all these people that last minute.

**Dayna Pa** - We're going to call in the people who haven't registered the first person that we're going to call is Wally, Wally Nishimura.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Trustee Ahuna.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Trustee Hulu you have a question

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** - Yes, I kind of would like to hear from Rowena, from Hoomana if she's still around. She was told that she could come up, come back up during community concerns.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - I think that's what Dayna just said.

Dayna Pa - Yeah, so we're going to call Wally Nishimura first, he was part of the list.



Wally Nishimura - Thank you so much for your time. I would like to know that I did register for this and I have a confirmation email, so I'm not sure how I'm not a registered person. So my name is Wally Nishimura. I am a native Hawaiian. I live in Anahola on Hawaiian Homeland. I am Hawaiian through my mother, she is a Keawe Mahi. I'm happily married and a father of four. I serve in healthcare for Hawaii Health System Corporation Kauai Region as the Regional environmental service superintendent and the regional life safety officer. I was informed by some of our great community members like Kamealoha Smith and Rowena about our homeless and houseless issues and people going hungry. And so I decided to sit down and see what I could do. And in the initial meetings, I'll tell you, it's not that Kamealoha or Hoomana or anybody on the East side was loud. But they're real. They are boots on the ground seeing real issues with real people. And I know this because I was there with them. And I was there with them, supporting them, helping people to get their testimony to the other group that we presented to in the past couple of weeks. And I supported them by taking off from work in health care to go down to Salt Pond to set up my smart device so that they could speak. Because I'll tell you that people that Rowena has with her at that pavilion at Salt pond, there's a lot. And they don't have the ability to register for this. To say what they want to say, to say what they need to say, to show you what they need to show you. In the last meeting one of the boys he showed where they planted their kalo and where the County came and dug them up and then threw on the ground. They're able to see that. See what's going on exactly down there. And so all of our people that are in the bushes that don't have access to food and water. They don't have access to one smart device to tell you what their problems are. But get people like Rowena and Kamealoha, who has been doing this for a while now. Hands on going there trying to help them. They know what's going on and they're trying to help people.

I'll tell you; I find it so frustrating myself trying to help them do what I can. Working full time, raising my own family, but trying to see what I can do more because I feel that frustration. I feel their problems and their voices being left on deaf ears. What is the mission of Office of Hawaiian Affairs? To help people, to help Hawaiians. And I'll tell you like I just turned 30. I am a candidate for Kaua'i Council my second time. And I'm running because I'm tired of the lack of action by Government. I'm tired of the way Government conducts themselves. And I'll tell you, this is the first OHA meeting I've ever sat in with the Trustees. Because I sat on the other ones with Kamealoha and Rowena, but I I'm extremely disappointed in the conduct by Trustee Ahuna. The inability to maintain composure when speaking on a critical issue to somebody who's supposed to be representing as an elected official. That's it just turns regular people away a lot. You're supposed to be coming to somebody for help. Never mind all the pilikia or whatever it is that you might have. You guys obviously ran against each other. Everybody knows that.

At the end of the day you got to do the right thing. You have to do the right thing for the people. The people that you represent, the people that you're elected to serve. The same people I'm trying to serve, hopefully if elected to Kaua'i County Council and the same people I am going try for help even if I'm not elected. So that being said, I want to thank everybody for their time. And I plan on using my entire 5 minutes because it needs to be heard. The people that Rowena has with her I sincerely hope is given the opportunity to speak. I've been on this corner for almost 2 hours. And mind you, I worked all day in health care and I went sign waiving before that. Supporting people. But I hope I'll stay on this to listen to talk. Because I was there with him couple days ago. So mahalo for your time. Thank you very much.

Trustee Dan Ahuna - OK, I think last, we have Rowena. Can we put get Rowena Dayna?

**Dayna Pa** – Rowena you are using Addison's computer?

Rowena Pangan – Yes. Aloha.

**Dayna Pa** – I just have one concern if you're going to have other people speak after you because they have not registered, could they state their names so that we know who's talking.

**Rowena Pangan** – Yes. Aloha this is Rowena Contrades Pangan. I am the executive director of Hoomana Thrift Store in Wailua. We got flooded out in March the 28<sup>th</sup>. My heart is still here for the people. All I ask is that OHA you consider to give funding so we can come out and feed our people. I am going into the bushes where nobody



wants to touch are native Hawaiian people. I have a video that we created and if OHA would allow me to do it later if there's time. But our executive Regina Floyd she's been wonderful. She's been helping me put together stuff. But I ask that OHA you consider to help us so that we can feed our hungry native Hawaiian people. In April, I started feeding the homeless children whom nobody wanted to touch them. From ages six months to 18 I got condemned about that, but I fought the DOE system. I got free meals. I drove my own personal vehicle from Kapaa to Puhi, to Anahola because that's our people. I ended up by the end of the time in June, 80 deliveries was done Monday through Friday. I even missed my grandson's birthday and told him I would be back later to celebrate with him. As well as the death of my favorite aunt, I came later. But feeding of our people is my number one priority. There are our people. I ask OHA for your support to help us to get vegetables delivered. I have brought over 75 bags of vegetables that was donated and brought into the community. Our native Hawaiian people are dying. If we don't continue to support the native Hawaiian people and give them the real kind of foods that they need. We're going to lose more native Hawaiians. The Niihau people are very special to me. My great grandmother was from Niihau Lukela Hookela from Niihau, Hauila Kaleohano is papa. My roots run deep into Niihau. These people are very special for me. I am willing to come from the East side to salt pond to take care of ohana. All I can say is that OHA open your heart and when you go sleep tonight think about our babies that are homeless here. Some of them don't even have a tent, they sleeping under the bushes. They cannot get to the designated areas where there's food distribution because they don't have kauwila. The bus services are not allowed to come into the different departments and this is where the County of Kaua'i has said that they need to come Salt Pond. Kamalani Kai there's no bus transportation. How are they going to get the food? I bring it to them. I asked OHA to feel deep down in your heart that our native Hawaiian people need you, folks. Mahalo.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Mahalo Rowena. Dayna is there anybody signed up.

**Dayna Pa** – No, I think there are some people with Rowena who wanted to testify. Rowena can you indicated how many people wanted to testify there, if you have a number.

Rowena Pangan - Yes, about 10 more people.

Dayna Pa - Ok, so if you can have them introduce themselves prior to starting, so we can indicate their names.

Chris Kanahele - Hi, my name is Chris Kanahele. I born and raised from Niihau and I live over here on Kaua'i. One big congratulations to you guys to a disappointing now days. We need our help's over here on this site on the aina but love and appreciation from you folks. If you guys please give us a big kokua. Mahalo ke akua for the blessing over on this side of our West Side. I was born in and my mom told me and I think we're going to die without having a home. Stay now already, stay happening. I'd like you guys to be help you know with us on the aina. Can you guys please help us? In the name of the Lord man, I like you guys, please help us. Please you know kokua we are Hawaiians we stand together as one. (testimony continues in Hawaiian).

Mana Gettis – (Testimony was given in Hawaiian) I want to share with all my family that will come up. It's simply like my uncle Chris was asking, you know, our ohana make already, (testimony continues in Hawaiian). Right now we just asking for the food.

Hilton Kalanipio Niau - Aloha from Niihau. I've been living on down salt pond. We are asking you guys to approve this fund and this grant for to feed the Hawaiians. Been living down here for two years we've been planting kalo and the County been pulling it out. We are flying the flags on the anniversary of our overthrow 120 anniversary. They pulled all the flags out. And you know you guys know what is right and what is pono for all of us through all this meeting right now there's only one thing. Put ke akua in all your guys heart, then you guys know what is the decision tonight. And I ask that you guys bless Aunty with the kala this grant for feed all the Hawaiians. That's all that asking tonight. Mahalo.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Mahalo, was that the last one Rowena?

Rowena Pangan – We have a couple more.



**Sax Mahoe** - Aloha, my name is Sax Mahoe. I work side by side with Rowena Contrades Pangan as a food distributor. We were blessed with this grant and as she mentioned, we've been feeding the homeless from Anini through Lihue near the airport. 320 meals is just a fraction of the community that we are able to help once a week and we ask for your funding please that we will be able to feed the entire island. Mahalo for your time. There's more people that wanna speak. Hold on.

Cindy Paine - My name is Cindy Paine. I am a houseless resident. I stay at the gate or Kamalani Kai we call it on the East side here on Kaua'i. I met Rowena when she was first delivering the keiki meals and we became close and I learned more about her organization or what they do. Ever since then, anything she's asked I've been right by her side. Whatever she need, jump up which you need Aunty. I know because I am a member of that community and I am hungry and I know the meals we get and it's nothing. One hot meal a week is not enough to feed 80 people. We have 80 people at Kamalani Kai alone. Canned goods are not good for our community. Many people have issues with cholesterol and diabetes. They can't just eat corn beef everyday morning, noon, and night. We need hot meals. We need produce. We need people to back home on Hoomana. Mahalo.

Rowena Pangan – Dan.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Yes Rowena is that it?

**Rowena Pangan** - This is all for the salt pond. Can we take it over to Wailua please? There's a few people that would like to testify, please.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Sure Rowena. Kamealoha is there anybody on your side who would like to speak? Ok go ahead please state your name.

Sherry Cummings – My name is Sherry Cummings and I thought I was registered. I apologize if somehow, I got confirmation, but it didn't show anyway, just a little bit about myself. Born and raised in Kalepa 71, raised in Anahola so collectively I have little over 35 years in Anahola. I was a past president of the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association. Maybe I would say a year and a half two years now I've been living on the South side primarily for seven years now, in my capacity, I served as a CNHA Board of Director as well as a Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homes Assembly as a native Hawaiian right beneficiaries. I just want to state for the record that I actually have been in a leadership capacity for pretty much 10 years now. So it's not something that I'm jumping into. I've done DHHL beneficiary work. Pretty much from the year 2009-2010 I came back full force after there was a plague of our native Kanaka children that actually was committing suicide. So Hokolele canoe club was founded in the year 2010, based primarily on that precedent and myself using my cultural expertise to go ahead and save families. That's the only thing I knew that part in time I started getting more involved in what is Beneficiary rights to our native people, primarily on DHHL land.

I will say this part of how I teamed up with Hoomana. I was a big part of the efforts of Malama meals and I became a distributor out in Kekaha because of a social media cry out by a friend of mine. We were friends from teenage here so I know that there is this gap and this need and everybody that's doing all the good work there is still that added need and I think for us Dan, what I see here is a native Hawaiian controlled beneficiary. I say that because we are all beneficiary from of our Trust from the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in the capacity that I serve as the President of Malama Anahola. We have, my cousin Steven Kaui who was born and raised in Anahola. I have Kipukai Kualii who is a homesteader there. I have Wes Kalani Chow, he was a homesteader he gave up his lease hoping to get into Hanapepe. My brother Frank Cummings he is a homesteader there. And my cousin George Ornellas who is a homesteader as well.

So we are very careful of how we went ahead collectively put at team together to serve the community of homelessness and we want to advocate as a Native Hawaiian Organization to help our people. We are not only saying this is the problem give us the money. We are asking for capacity to build ourselves up so that we can be part of the solution to the problem that is plaguing our native Hawaiian Community. I had the special privilege of going out and giving meals. I will say this. Pastor Okami for one reason or another he could not deliver in



Hanamaulu. My route was in Waimea, Kekaha. I was giving in upwards of 400 meals daily through the Malama Meals program. I was the first to head out form the Lihue Airport, head out to the West. But because Pastor Okami could not provide transportation to the homeless encampment down in Hanamaulu. I went there.

I want to share a story. We assume so much and we know so little. I was really tried as a kanaka and went on my knees when I didn't realize who I was serving. I was asked God for forgiveness. Because I was actually going to reverse my vehicle because I thought I caught her in an in opportune time in a bunch of pili gras. I could see her head and one of her arms. When I was talking to her and I didn't want to look at her and make that eye contact for a minute or two. She kept looking at me and I knew something was wrong. But I was like this lady is using the restroom. Low and behold I asked her Aunty you want food. She didn't break the contact of the eye. She told me yes. When I walked up to her she was living in the kane home who is dilapidated today she has no waste. What I assume she was using the restroom, that was how she was trying to reach me. I leave you with that and know that we are trying to be problem solvers in the Community.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Sherry thank you so much. Is there anybody else. Please state your name first.

Kipukai Kualii – Hi, I am actually a homesteader in Anahola, I've worked with Sherri Cummings and Frank Cummings and many other leaders here in Anahola for many years. And more recently I've come to know the work of Kamealoha Smith and Rowena Pangan who is also family to me. I just wanted to say that I think it's become so clear, that, especially what COVID has done. It has opened everyone's eyes to the struggle that was already there. Kamealoha talked about food, housing and employment insecurities. They all affect our native people the hardest. So the fact that Rowena and Kamealoha and other Hawaiians are leading and getting out into the bushes if you will, to reach our people who are the most under served. They cannot come to get the help; we need to bring the help to them. There are other Hawaiians that are willing to do that work, obviously it's important that the organizations like OHA support them indirectly. They can be the volunteer boots on the ground, just like the people willing to go into Kalalau and that work. There are great Hawaiians all over the place willing to do the work. OHA just needs to invest in them. They are the people on the ground willing to reach the people that most need our support. Its critical. Whatever you can do, however you can do it, it can make all the difference for Hawaiians come up today. I am a salt maker myself with Kuulei and Malia. That is critical. Yes, I sit on the County Council now, I wear many hats. The more important hat to me is as a Community member and as a human being who cares about others and here is the reality. Sherri talks about this woman in the bushes. I can see her, I can see her heart, I can see this women's heart. It is really, really sad and it shouldn't be not in 2020. Not with the knowledge that we have. Not with the skills that we have. Not with the resources that we have. We must do better; we have to do better. I know that we can do better. I think we just need to support each other and bring more people in. There is more compassionate people out there who want to part of the solution. Mahalo nui loa. Mahalo for all your work too.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Mahalo Kipukai. Is there anyone else in line there?

Sherri Cummings – We are fine thank you.

Trustee Dan Ahuna Thank you guys so much. We are going to move on to VIII. Announcement.

### VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – I'd like to announcement that the board will hold its next virtually meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 9:30 am. Is there any other announcements by Trustees or anyone else?

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – I'd like to call on a motion to adjourn the meeting and take a roll call. Can I get a motion to adjourn this meeting?



### Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Akaka seconds the motion.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Is there any questions, if not I'd like to get a roll call vote please.

| Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Akaka seconds the motion |   |   |              |               |                      |                  |
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| TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY  | X |   | X            |               |                      |                  |
| TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY   |   |   | X            |               |                      |                  |
| TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E   |   |   | X            |               |                      |                  |
| TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO  |   |   | X            |               |                      |                  |
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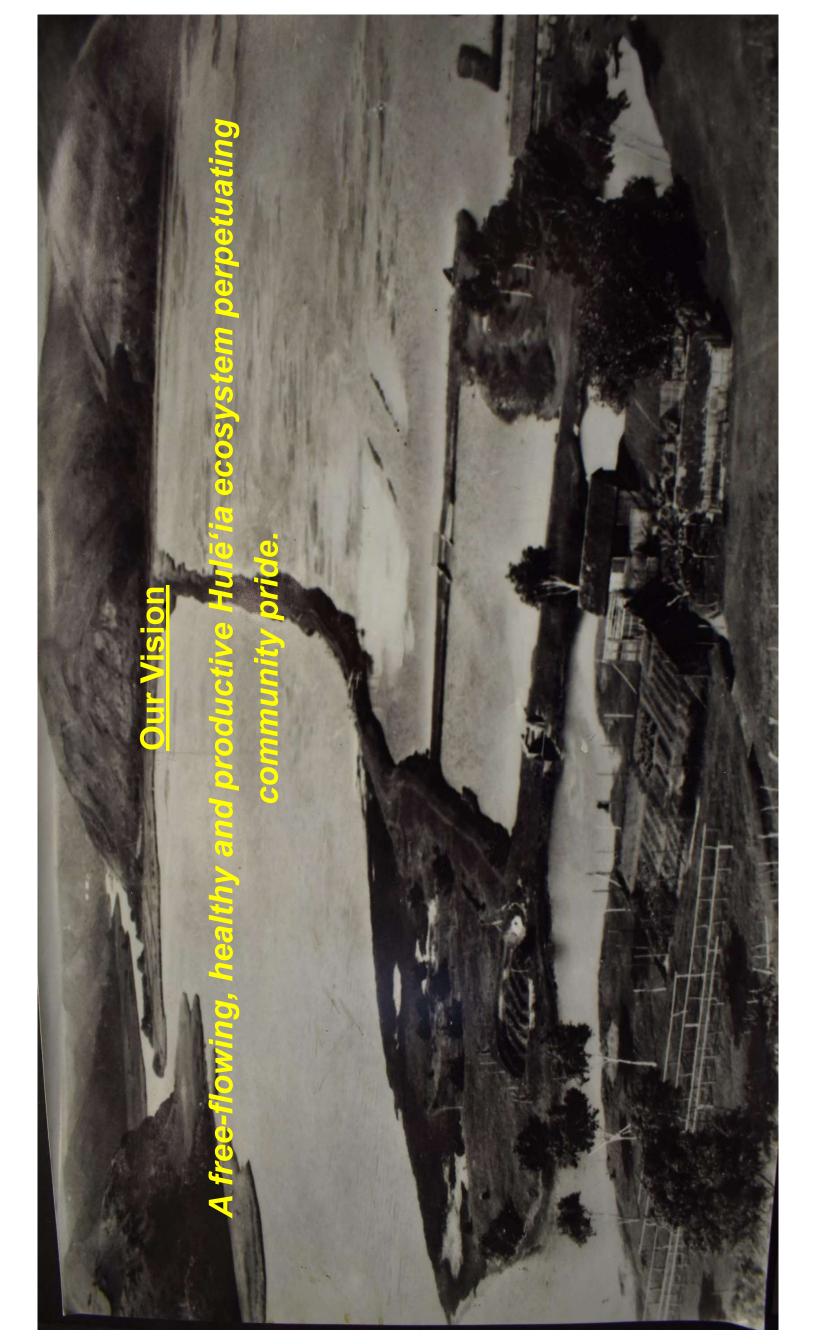
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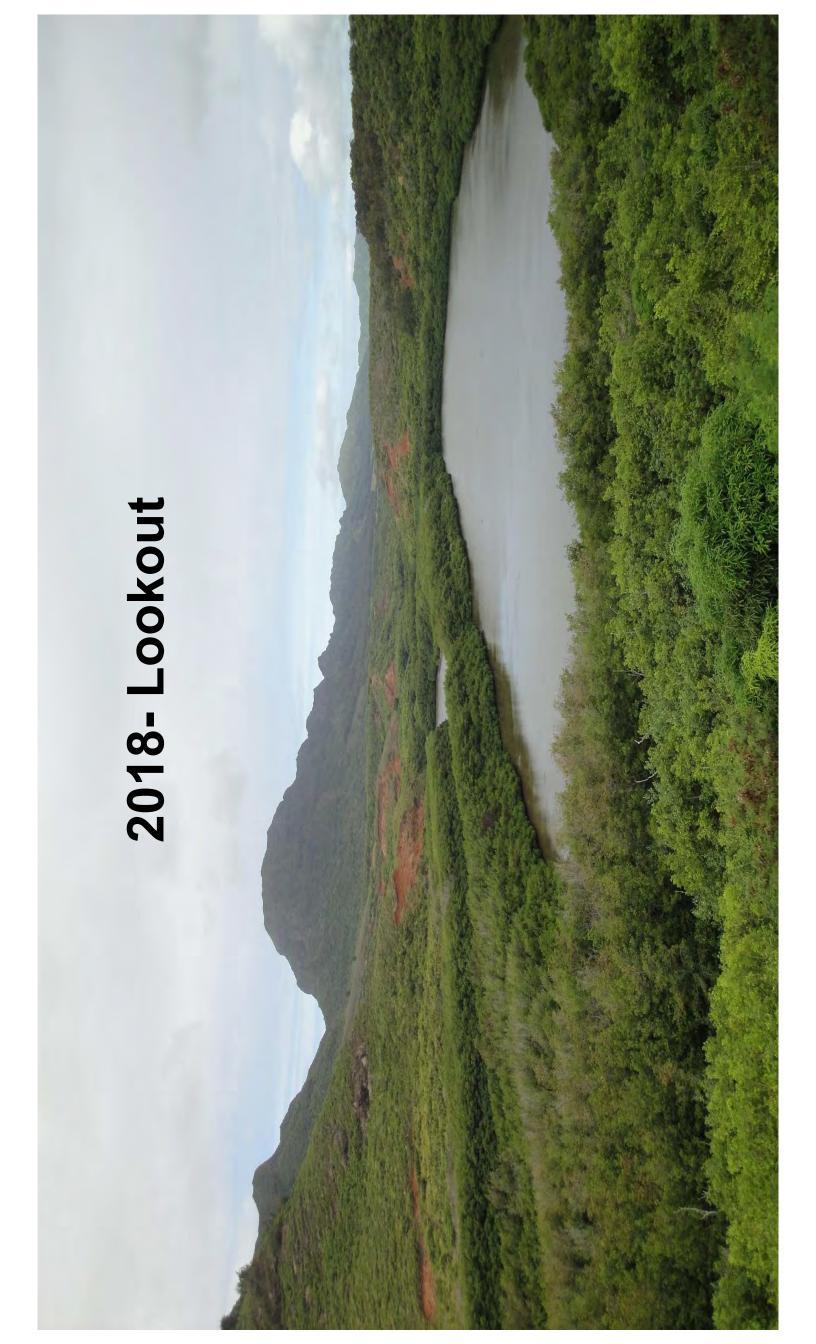
- 1. Powerpoint Presentation by Malama Huleia Fishpond
- 2. Powerpoint Presentation by East & North Shore Kaua'i Community Hui Presentation for OHA Ocotber 12, 2020
- 3. Late Testimony provided by Kealiiheleua Kaiminaauao

## Our Mission

mangrove along the Hule'ia river, re- establishes native wetland ecosystems and Mālama Hulē'ia advocates, educates, and leads community efforts to remove red creates an environmental stewardship program honoring Hawaiian values.

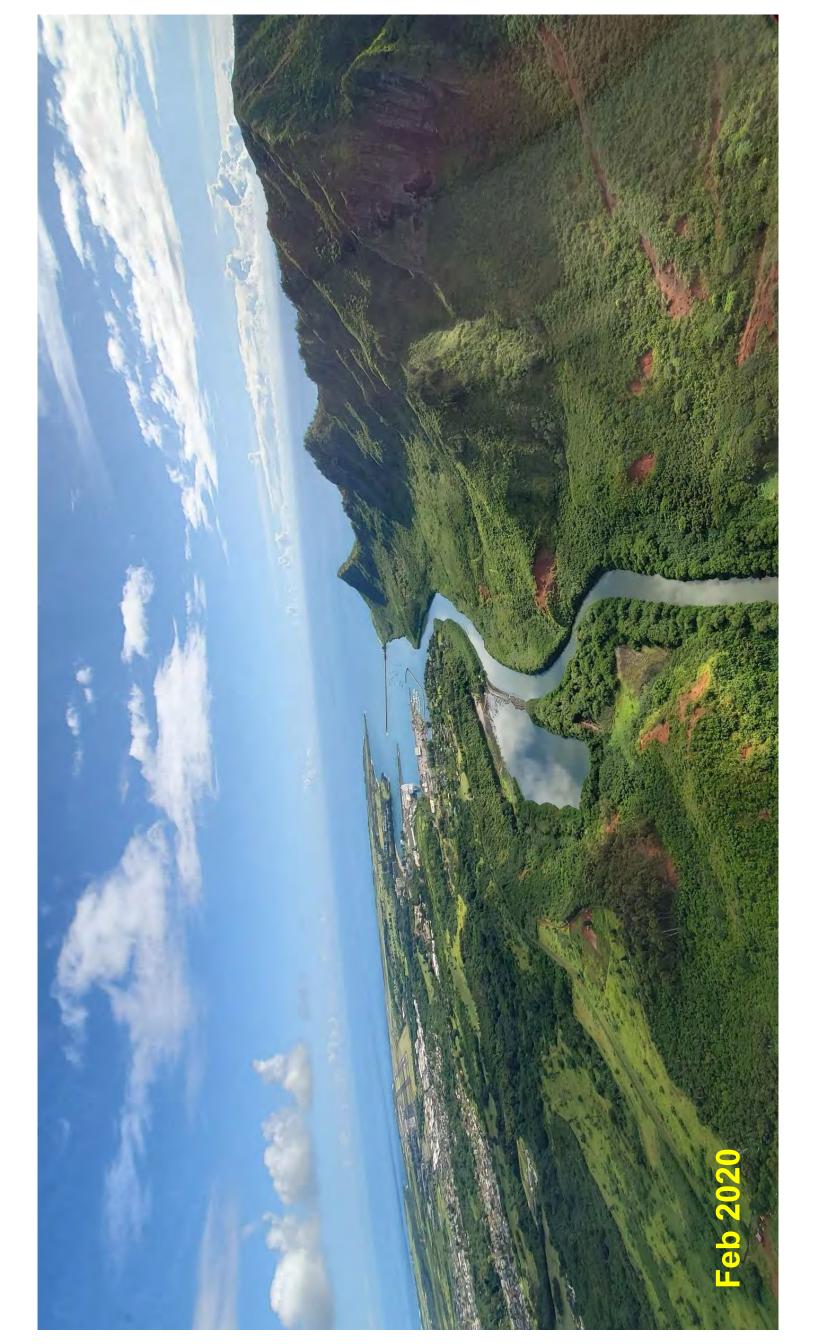
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## **Current Partners**

Coastal Wetland Restoration Grant

Fish Passage Grant

HCF - CRP

HCF - OHA Kauai Strong

KS - Community Investment Program

Currently we have 2 permanent Staff members employed and 8 temporary due to covid relief funds

## Community educational groups we have had the chance to host and help with our restorations efforts while learning the importance of this special place are: As of Oct 2019-March 2020 We host 838 volunteers

Kapa'a High School Kapa'a Elementary

Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School

Wilcox Elementary

Koloa Elementary

Kauai High School

Waimea Highschool Ele'ele Elementary **Waimea Canyon Middle School** 

Kawaikini

Kanuikapono High School

Kauai Community College

KCC SSM 101 Class

**KCC- Makaloa Hui** 

One Theme, One College (OTOC) - Kaua'i Community College

sland School

Seabury Hall

Kāne'ohe Elementary School

Leilehua High School

Malama Ko'olaupoko WEIS Afterschool Program

NPEACE-Keiki steps Preschool

**Kamehameha Schools and DOE** 

Kamehameha Scholars (college)

Kamehameha Vice Principals and Athletic Directors

Kamehameha Schools Kawili Kauai

Wai'ale'ale Cohort 10

Kamehameha Schools Kealapono Kāwili Kaua'i (Papa

Samuel Raapoto High School

DOE Administration 'Ohana Day with KS

Kauai Complex Teachers and District Admin

Office of Hawaiian Education

NOAA Coral Reef Fellow Program

Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)

KISC Kauai Invasive Species Committee

**JOFAW Kauai Branch** 

**DLNR-DOFAW** 

Nalu Studies

Susquehanna University Global Opportunities

3yuHawaii

UH, Nā Pua No'eau

WEIS Malama Ko'olaupoko Malama Honua

Kaohao PCS

Kanu o ka Aina-Ka 'Oha

Hawaiian Airlines Safety/Security/Quality

Assurance

Grand Hyatt Kauai/ Na Pua O Keoneloa

Committee

Colonial Life Leaders

Child And Family Service- Youth Programs

Girls Court Kauai

Hālau Ka Waikahe Lani Mālie Na Kilo Aina Waimea

County of Kaua'i Summer Fun (Köloa &

Hanapēpē)

**Skiles Reunion** 

### East & North Shore Kauai Community Hui Presentation for OHA October 12, 2020

CAPACITY BUILDING REQUEST FOR MATCH EMERGENCY FUNDING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### Na Makou (we are)

We are a hui that was formed just after the outbreak of CV19. We pulled our resources together to form a coalition of Native Nonprofits & Community Groups to address CV19 & 2018/20 Floods impacts to our Native Hawaiian Community. Based on the Hawaiian practices of *Aloha Aina, Ike Kupuna, & Ohana*, we support projects that provide services to community that are food, housing, & workforce insecure. We do this by working with nonprofits and community groups in our area to gather resources to build capacity and provide technical assistance. Our mission, work, & focus are evolving.

### Na Oukou (we serve)

▶ We serve Native Hawaiian individuals, ohana, and communities from Lihue to the Napali Coastline who are experiencing food, housing, and employment insecurity due to CV19 and the 2018 & 2020 Flood emergencies on Kauai & Niihau. There are projects that also include the entire island of Kauai and extend to Niihau and/or Niihau Ohana.

### Ke Kumu (why we are here)

- Today we are here to ask for a capacity building grant for two nonprofits that we work with, *Hoomana Nonprofit*, Wailua, Kauai. They are nonprofit that works with the homeless and those living with disabilities. They have been in operation for 17 years. Their Executive Director is Rowena Contrades Pangaan, Kapaa High School Graduate.
- ▶ *Malama Anahola* is a newly formed nonprofits mission is to work with agencies & community to improve the overall well-being of the Native Hawaiian Community through Economic & Workforce Development focused research, training, & projects. Their first program will focus on workforce training in resource management on DHHL Lands in Anahola. The president of Malama Anahola is Sherri Uilani Cummings, lifelong resident of Anahola Hawaiian Homestead, past president of the Anahola Homestead Association, and graduate of Kapaa High School.
- ▶ Hanalei River Heritage Foundation a Nonprofit working out of Hanalei has been providing technical assistance to several nonprofits on East & North Shores of Kauai including Hoomana, Malama Anahola, The Konohiki Restoration Project, & the Mahamoku Ohana Council. We applied for Kulia Grants before to develop our programs and lands in Hanalei & Waioli.

### Ka Papahana no Hoomana (Hoomana Projects)

- ▶ Hot Meals = currently Hoomana serves 320 meals a week but there are actually 540 homeless that are in need of hot meals each day. Hoomana proposes to increase hot meal service from one to two meals a week for a total of 1080 hot meals a week. Of the number served 85% are Native Hawaiian.
- ▶ Vegetable/Fruits Food Boxes for Food Insecure Native Hawaiian Families = currently Hoomana delivers about 50 boxes a week to consumers on the East Side of Kauai, but the need is much greater. Hoomana was able to collect data which suggests that the East side could easily use another 250 boxes and the West Side of Kauai, which is currently not being served, could use 300 boxes as well. We plan to serve close to 100% Native Hawaiians.
- ▶ Transition Services = currently no transportation services to take Native Hawaiian Homeless to doctors, food bank, laundry, church, work, etc. They request some kind of service at least once a week. They are all sheltered in place at beach parks along the coastline. More than 50% of the homeless in need of transportation are Native Hawaiian.

### Ka Noi (The ask from Hoomana)

### Hoomana is asking OHA for a capacity building grant to be used to build the capacity to:

- Monies to repair Hoomana home base in Wailua damaged by the floods
- ▶ Pilot a Vegetable/Fruit Box Program until you are approved by the USDA as a vendor to receive funding,
- Assistance to lease a van with driver to provide transportation for Native Hawaiian homeless to get to place to take care of essential kuleana,
- ► Technical Assistance with editing current grants to federal agencies/maybe some coordination with Office of Hawaiian Relations to navigate federal system,
- ▶ Letter of Support & Advocacy for our Cares Act Grant to increase meals.

### Ka Papahana no Malama Anahola (Malama Anahola Projects)

Currently Anahola is planning to host green waste debris clean-ups for community in Anahola and is partnering with other East & North Communities to do similar projects. Malama Anahola also partners with the Hanalei River Heritage Foundation to do coastline and trial clean-up and inventory of natural and cultural resources. Malama Anahola's Board is composed of community, homestead, government, business, and stakeholders with years of experience in community-based land resource management and land development. The president, Sherri Cummings is a former owner of one of the most successful native owned construction businesses on Kauai.

### Ka Noi (the ask from Malama Anahola)

### Malama Anahola is asking for assistance to build its capacity to do the following:

- ▶ Organizational capacity to host large federal grants for East & North Shore Community Projects in Resource Management, Agriculture, and Development,
- ▶ Seed monies to pilot workforce development training program in resource management for 10 interns in Anahola on DHHL Lands,
- Organizational capacity for community engagement,
- ▶ Organizational capacity & technical assistance to host meetings, develop consortium, and do board training,

### Na Mea Hoao (efforts to raise match funding)

- As a community hui we have provided over 40,000 meals to homeless & those in need,
- ▶ Raised close to \$270,000 in donations/resources for community,
- Our work helps to keep small business & several nonprofits going on Kauai,
- Our work is recognized as essential services on Kauai,
- ▶ Able to bring together resources & community to solve problems (food, housing, & workforce insecurity),
- ▶ We have access to lands in both Anahola & Hanalei,
- ▶ We are writing proposals to other county, state, federal, and private organizations for match funding.

### Ka Apono (Justification):

- Target Audience are OHA Beneficiaries,
- ▶ Build Capacity of Native Hawaiian Community & Native Hawaiian nonprofit provide services for Native Hawaiian houseless & unemployed,
- ▶ Collect data relevant to Native Hawaiian population,
- ▶ OHA has a moral obligation to provide humanitarian aid to Native Hawaiians in need during this pandemic,
- Nonprofit work is aligned with goals related to Native Hawaiian Empowerment, especially *Manawahine*, *(build equity to work on same level with mainstream service providers)*
- ▶ These are Native Hawaiian projects that comes from *ohana maoli* from Kauai.

### Na Hihia (Challenges):

- ► Institutional Bias
- ► Communication Gap
- ▶ Not Currently served by OHA Programs
- ► Lack of Opportunity

### He leo mahalo a ninau paha?

MAHALO FOR ALLOWING OUR HUI, THE EAST & NORTH SHORE KAUAI COMMUNITY HUI THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MANAO. WE ASK FOR YOUR HUMBLE CONSIDERATION IN APPROVING OUR REQUEST FOR MATCH EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR CAPACITY BUILDING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

### **Hiki No Operating School**

### Heavy Equipment Operation Certificate Program Proposal 2020





Get 'Em Trained - Get 'Em Working!

### Proposal submitted by:

Keali'i Kaikiminaaua (spelling)

Journeyman Operator Engineer for Local 3??

Founder of Hiki No Operating School & Head Program Instructor

### **Executive Summary:**

### **Program Mission:**

The Heavy Equipment Operation Certificate (HEOC) Program, offered by the Hiki No Operating School, is designed to provide students with the basic skills and knowledge to safely operate heavy equipment and to gain entry-level employment in the construction related industry. By working collaboratively with knowledgeable community partners, and placing safety and aloha first, the Hiki No Operating School strives to have an active role in positively impacting and strengthening the community.

### **Program Goals:**

The HEOC program aims to increase the work-readiness of it's students, allowing them to gain entry-level employment in the construction industry, through:

- Providing an affordable and convenient option for interested community members to gain basic skills and knowledge concerning heavy machine operation
- Providing over 100+ hours of high quality, supervised, hands-on, field experience with machines that are commonly used on worksites
- To provide students with industry recognized credentials\*\*\*\* figure this out
- Combining hands-on instruction and experience with valuable classroom instruction
- Awarding a skills certificate, competency report, and letter of recommendation from a Journeyman in the field once successfully completing the program
- Teaching proper heavy equipment maintenance
- Teaching, encouraging, and increasing the safety of students operating heavy machinery
- Building the confidence and instilling aloha and integrity into every Hiki No student
- Empowering local residents with a life-enriching opportunity that will enable them to provide for themselves and their families

### **Program Supported By:**

- Local 3??
- Kawaikini School Public Charter School
- Kaiwa Construction Company
- Pacific Concrete Cutting and Coring
- Grants To Grow 808
- Spirit of Can

### **Program Design:**

We cannot stress enough how this program is designed with safety in mind!!! Students will be very familiar with up-to-date safety practices and policies!

With this knowledge, students can have a wide range of career opportunities, such as.....

Students will have the opportunity to earn skill certificates and industry-recognized credentials\*\*\*(<<< work on somehow getting this)

Additionally, this program is designed to be an affordable option for those interested in the heavy equipment operation field. With this, tuition for the program.....

To accommodate the schedules of our busy families, the HEOC program offers options concerning class days/times

Program specifications include:

- 100-200?? hours of hands-on, field training with multiple experienced Journeyman
- XX?? amount of "classroom" hours, including videos and relevant field information
- Heavy Equipment Operation Certificate, Competency Report and Letter of Recommendation upon successful completion of HEOC program
- XX amount of weeks for completion of weekday classes
- XX amount of weeks for completion of evening and Saturday classes

### **Equipment Used In Training:**

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### **Evaluation Process**

- Assignments and tests, along with operating competencies, will be given throughout the program to help instructors and potential employers evaluate the students' progress.
- During the interviewing process, students will be evaluated to gauge their level of knowledge, confidence and skill before entering program; students will then be reevaluated at the end of the program to gain a sense of the programs impact
- Commitment to their own success and respecting staffs time is crucial, with this attendance is mandatory and will be closely monitored
- Following up with students 6 months to a year after successful completion of the program to track the rate of employment
- Communicating with local employers to ensure Hiki No graduates uphold and carry the values and skills taught to them
- Surveys will be conducted at the end of the program in efforts to gain insight on the students perspective of the program and to understand how best to improve the program to meet the students ever growing needs; surveys will also be sent to employers for same purpose

| <b>Project Outcomes</b> |
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**Proposed Program Budget** 

### Office of Hawaiian Affairs Meeting of the Board of Trustees & Hawai'i Island Community Meeting October 27, 2020 5:30 pm

### V. New Business

A. Action Item BOT #20-08: Approval of A Resolution of the Office Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of OHA Hawaiii Island Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., to OHA and its Beneficiaries



### ACTION ITEM Board of Trustees October 27, 2020

**BOT #20-08** 

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| Sylvia M. Hussey, Ed.D.<br>Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer  | Date  |
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| Trustee Colette Y. Machado  | Date  |

Ke Kauhuhu o ke Kaupoku, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Action Item BOT #20-08: Approval of "A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OHA TRUSTEE ROBERT K LINDSEY, JR. – HAWAI'I ISLAND TO OHA AND ITS BENEFICIARIES"

### I. Action

The OHA Board of Trustees approves "A Resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. – Hawai'i Island to OHA and its Beneficiaries" at Attachment A.

### II. Issue

Should the OHA Board of Trustees approve the attached resolution.

### III. Discussion

On November 3, 2020, OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. will retire as the OHA Trustee for Hawai'i Island. Upon retirement, Trustee Lindsey will have served for 13 ½ years as an OHA Trustee. He believes in being gentle, patient and kind while listening, learning and communicating before making any decision. Trustee Lindsey always tried to find ways to assist beneficiaries on Moku O Keawe and throughout the pae'āina and beyond in order to achieve OHA's mission, "...to better the conditions of native Hawaiians...and Hawaiians." Collaboration and good relationships led to success many times for OHA beneficiaries and their communities.

### IV. Recommendation

To approve an OHA Board of Trustees' Resolution "Honoring the Contributions of OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. – Hawai'i Island to OHA and its Beneficiaries."

### V. Alternative Actions

- **A.** To not approve staff's recommended resolution
- **B.** To approve an amended version of staff's recommended resolution

### VI. Funding

No funding is required.

### VII. Timeframe

Immediate action is recommended.

### VIII. Attachment A - Resolution

### "A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OHA HAWAI'I ISLAND TRUSTEE ROBERT K LINDSEY, JR., TO OHA AND ITS BENEFICIARIES."

WHEREAS, Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., was sworn in as an OHA Trustee on April 16, 2007, succeeding OHA Trustee Linda Dela Cruz as the Hawai'i Island trustee after her untimely passing on March 15, 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** Trustee Lindsey believes in servant leadership and in that service one should be gentle, patient and kind while listening, learning and communicating with necessary stakeholders before making any decision, but should never be afraid to be assertive when required; and

**WHEREAS,** Trustee Lindsey served in multiple leadership roles within OHA which allowed him to advocate for internal OHA policy changes regarding communication, self-governance, fiscal resource and asset management and employee development which in turn helped OHA better serve its beneficiaries; and

**WHEREAS,** Trustee Lindsey became a member of the Hawai'i Island Legislative Caucus in 2009 and collaborated with Hawai'i Island legislators to advocate on bills and issues impacting OHA beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Lindsey, in his working relationship with the OHA Board of Trustees, the OHA Administration, Federal officials, both elected and appointed, the Hawai'i Island Legislative Caucus and other legislators, numerous State of Hawai'i officials, numerous Hawai'i County officials, both elected and appointed, community organizations and leaders, OHA beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries, found success with projects, funding and advocacy work supporting OHA beneficiaries on Hawai'i Island, the State of Hawai'i and beyond such as a new cafetorium for Keaukaha Elementary School, the development and implementation of the Veteran-To-Farmer or "Farming for the Working Class" program, additional support for Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools, emergency funding on two separate occasions for OHA beneficiaries on Hawai'i Island affected by volcanic eruption and lava flows, additional financial support for students pursuing post-high school education both here in Hawai'i and beyond; and

**WHEREAS,** Trustee Lindsey is always quick to praise others for their work in the aforementioned achievements and other successes achieved on behalf of OHA beneficiaries; now, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the OHA Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation for the 13 ½ years of service, advocacy and leadership of OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., a former Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a former Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a former Chairman of the Committee on Resource Management of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a former Vice Chairman of the Committee on Asset Resource Management of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

### Action Item BOT #20-08 Attachment A

and the current Vice Chairman of the Committee on Resource Management of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the OHA Board of Trustees expresses its gratitude and sends its aloha to the 'ohana of OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. for their support of him and his service to OHA and its beneficiaries; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the OHA Board of Trustees further expresses its gratitude to the elected and appointed federal, state, city and county officials who collaborated with OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. for "...the betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians...and Hawaiians"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the OHA Board of Trustees particularly expresses its gratitude to the many community leaders and OHA beneficiaries who also collaborated with OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. for "...the betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians...and Hawaiians"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to OHA Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. and his 'ohana.

**ADOPTED,** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2020, island of Hawai'i, State of Hawai'i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.

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### VI. Community Presentations \*\*

- A. Pōhāhā I Ka Lani Kulia Potter
- B. Vibrant Hawai'i Janice Ikeda
- C. Kailapa Homestead Pua Lincoln Maielua
- D. Hui 'Oihana Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce Kirstin Kahaloa

\*\*No presentations were available at the time of folder distribution.



#### MISSION STATEMENT



#### Cultural Education & Land Stewardship



- Founded in 2001 by Kūlia
   Kauhi Tolentino-Potter &
   her dad James Tolentino Jr
- Became a nonprofit in 2009
- Host local, national, and internatioal groups year round.
- Over 2,000 participants yearly

#### Mālama Nāpo opo o — Ancient Villaege Site



- Ancient lo'i restoration (800-1200AD)
- Steward village area of
   Nāpo'opo'o in Waipi'o
- Promoting traditional practices & knowledge.

#### Mālama Hi'ilawe — sacred waters

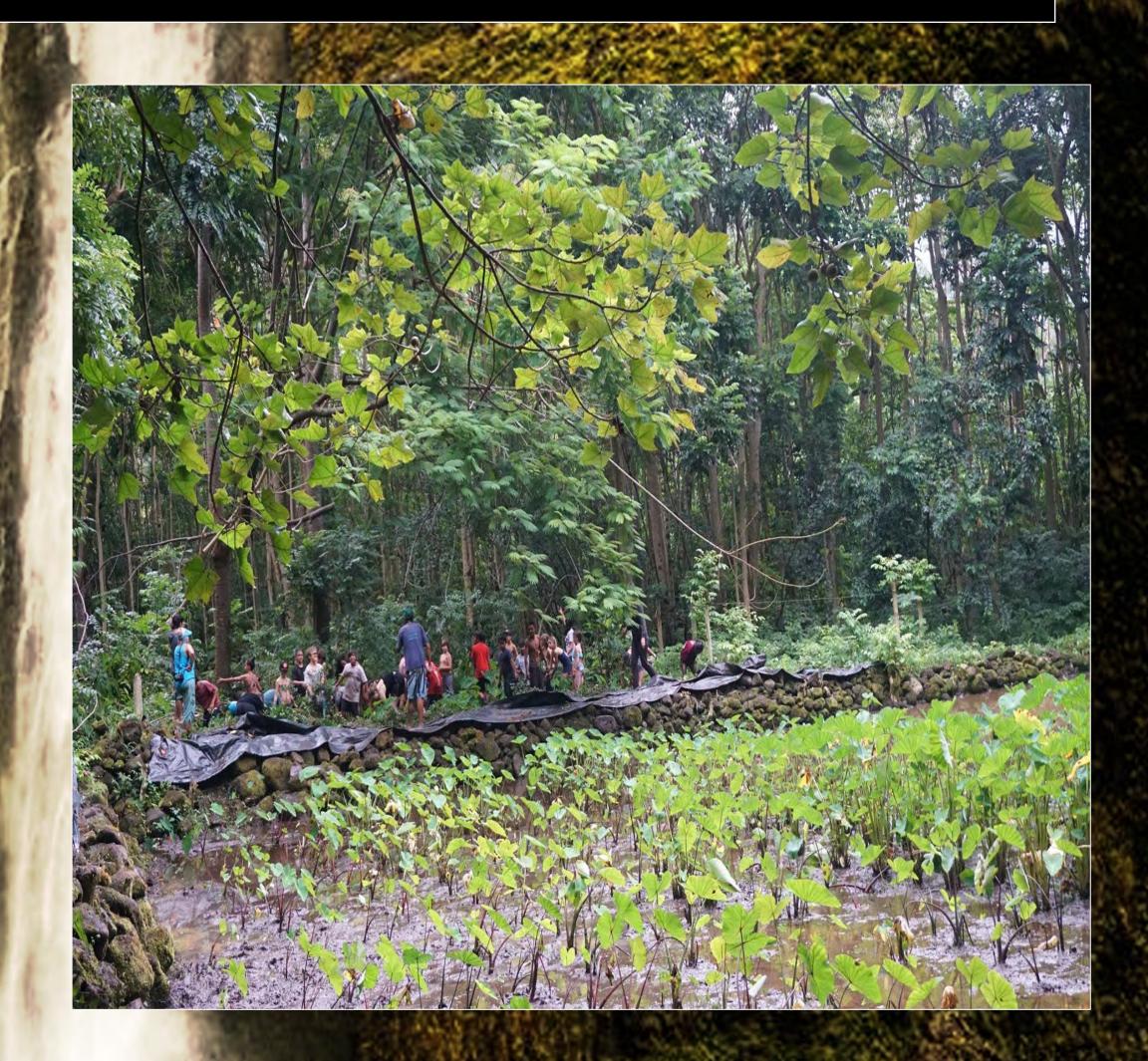


- Protecting sacred waterfall of Hi'ilawe
- Education of cultural history, protocol, safety, legal issues and kuleana.

## Reopening Lo'i at Nāpo'opo'o



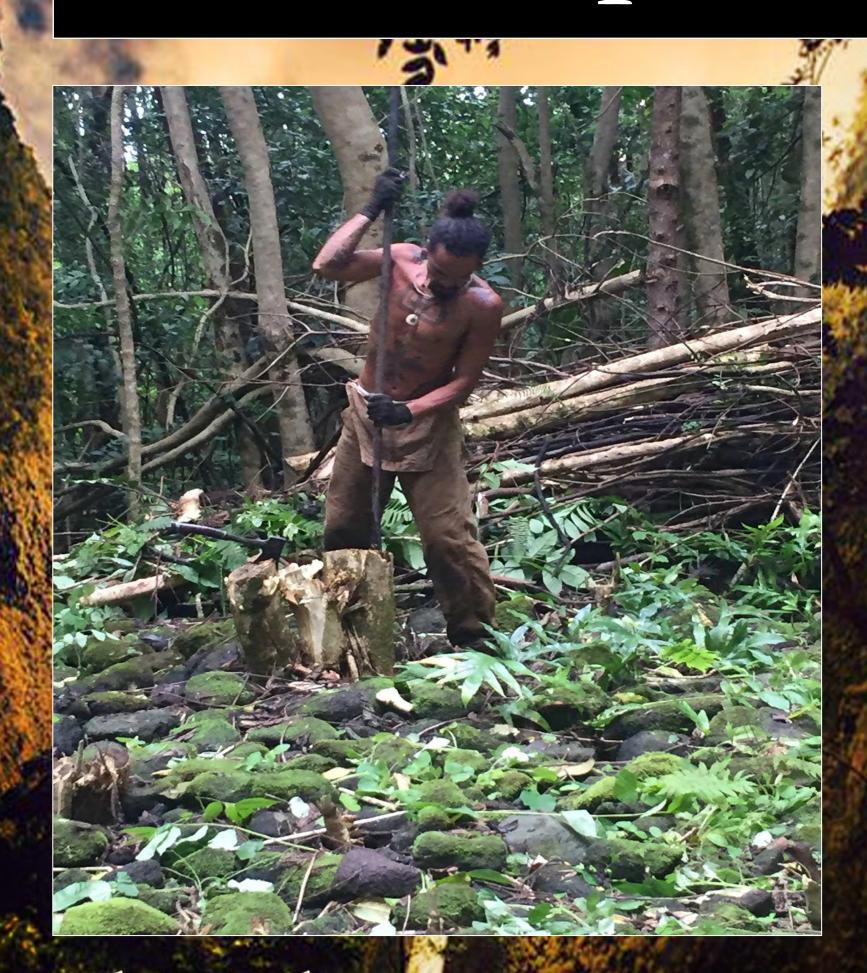
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# Clearing Areas By Hand

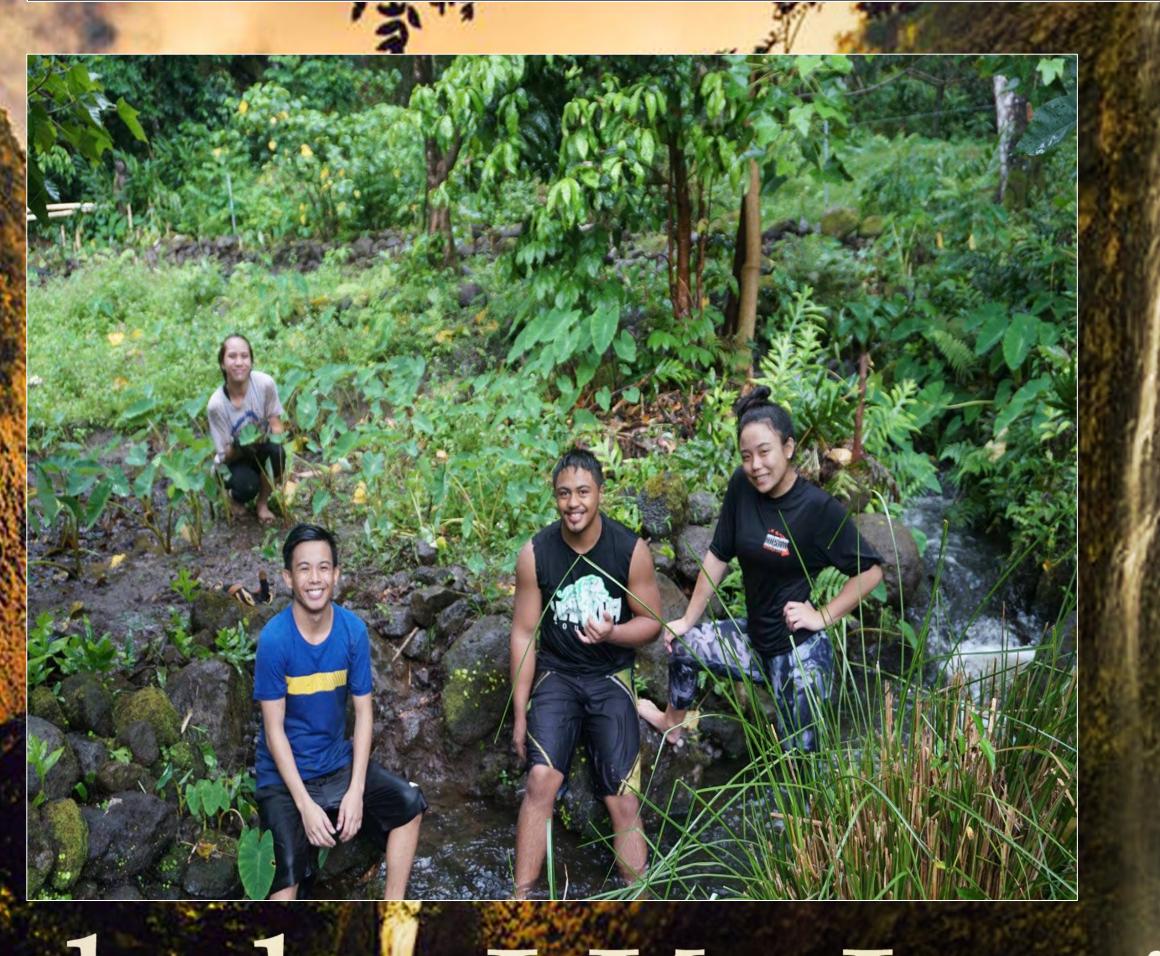


#### Kūpuna Left So Much...





# Highschool and College Groups





# Lots of Help From College Groups





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## Cleaning Up Ti House Area



#### Recent Parcels Received

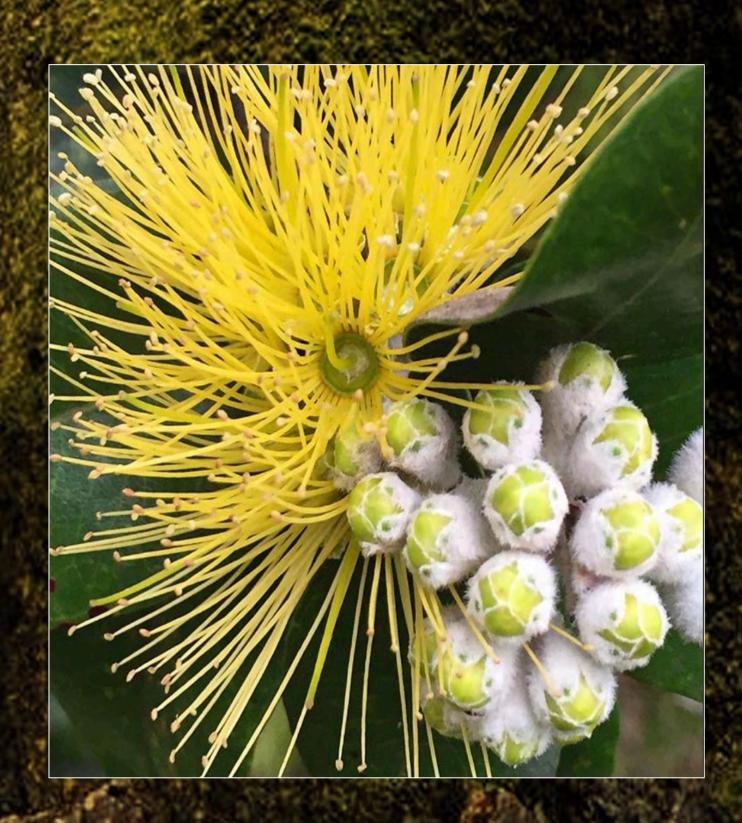


## Cleaning & Planting the New Parcel



# Planting 'Ohi'a





#### Koa'ekea - Waipi'o Lookout



• Cultural & community space.

 Hawai'i County Public Access, Open Space,
 & Natural Resource Conservation (PONC)

## Beginning Stages at Koa'ekea





#### Trash Removed from Koa'ekea





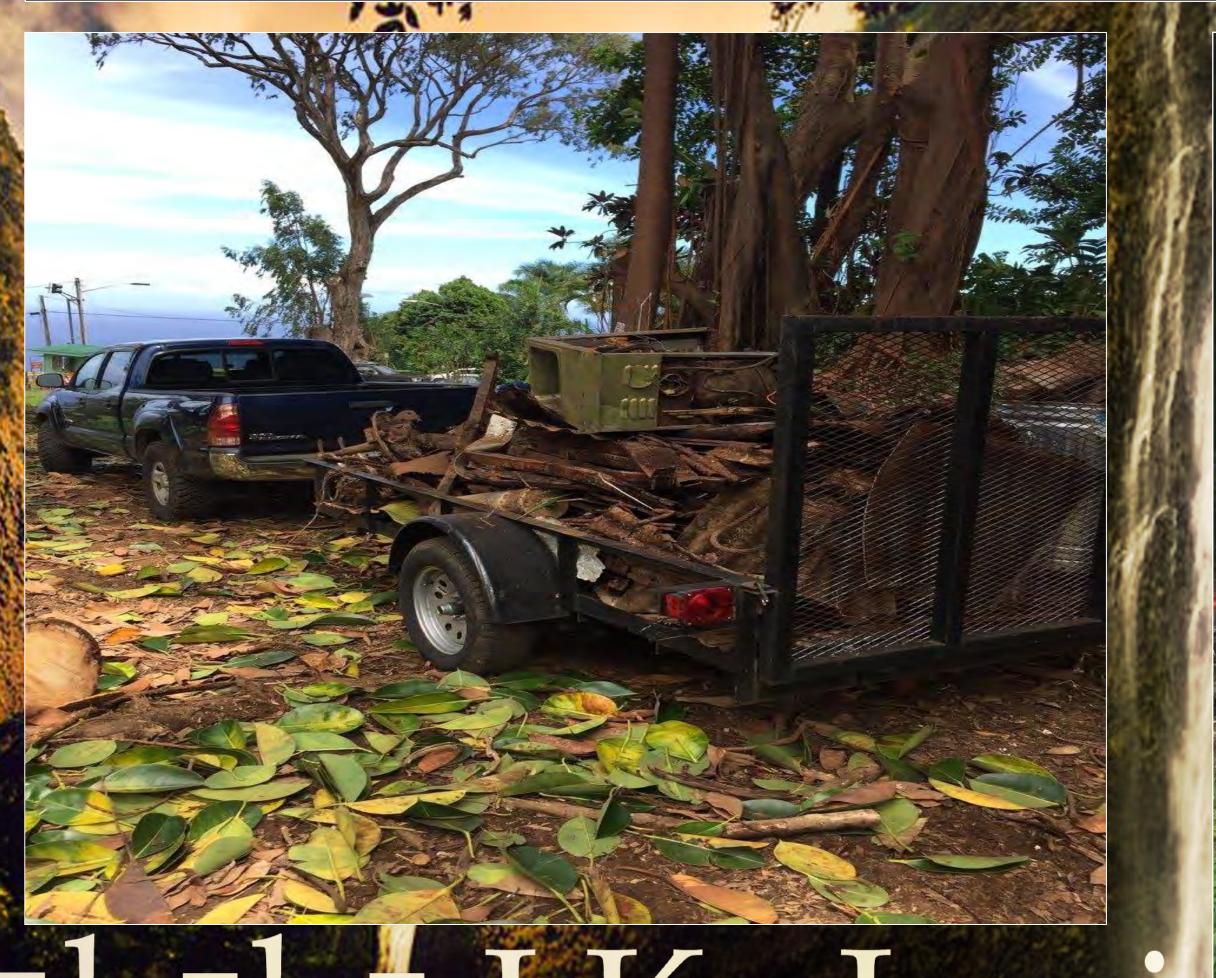
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#### 13 Abandoned Vehicles Removed



#### Over 30 Trailer Loads of Trash





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#### Gardens Replaced Invasives & Trash



## Kālai Papa & Pōhaku Ku'i 'Ai



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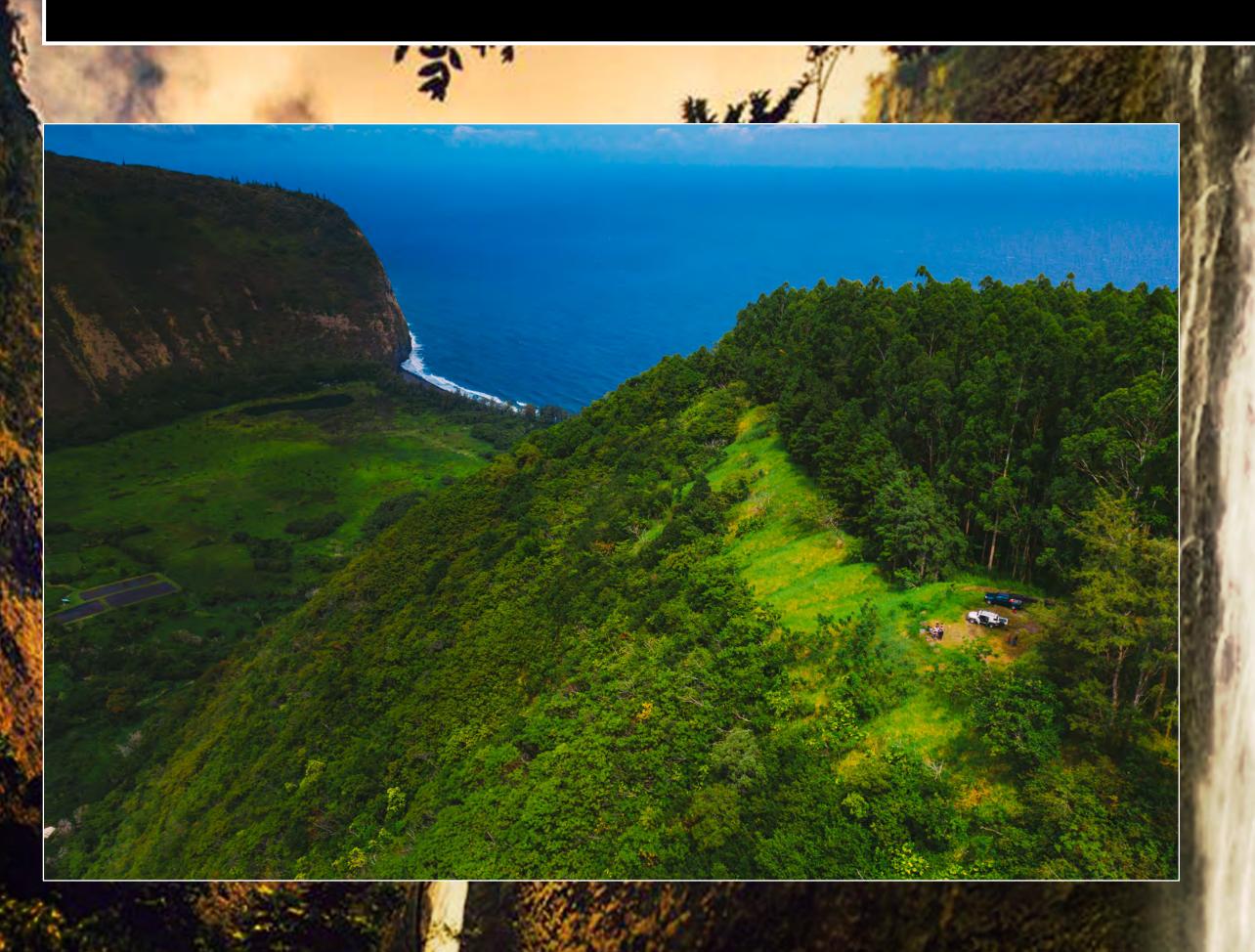
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#### Mo'olelo & Art Workshops



#### Mahiki & Lalakea (Waipi'o Valley Rimlands)



- Protection of remaining native ecosystems
- Guided cultural hikes & voluntourism
- Community stewardship membership program

## Kālai Papa Ku'i 'Ai at Lalakea



# Removing Invasives at Waiholoa



#### Vetiver Planted at Kilohana



## Our Response To Covid-19



#### How Can We Help?



- Provide Healthy Organic Food From Our Farm
- Provide Traditional Lā'au
- Provide Plants/Trees/Cuttings/Seeds
- Provide Guidance To Families & Farmers
- Expanding Our Gardens & Food Resources

#### Huli & Mamaki



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#### Part of Harvesting Team AKA Our Daughters



#### Food With Lots of Health Benefits



# Ulu, Kalo Uala Sourdough Breads



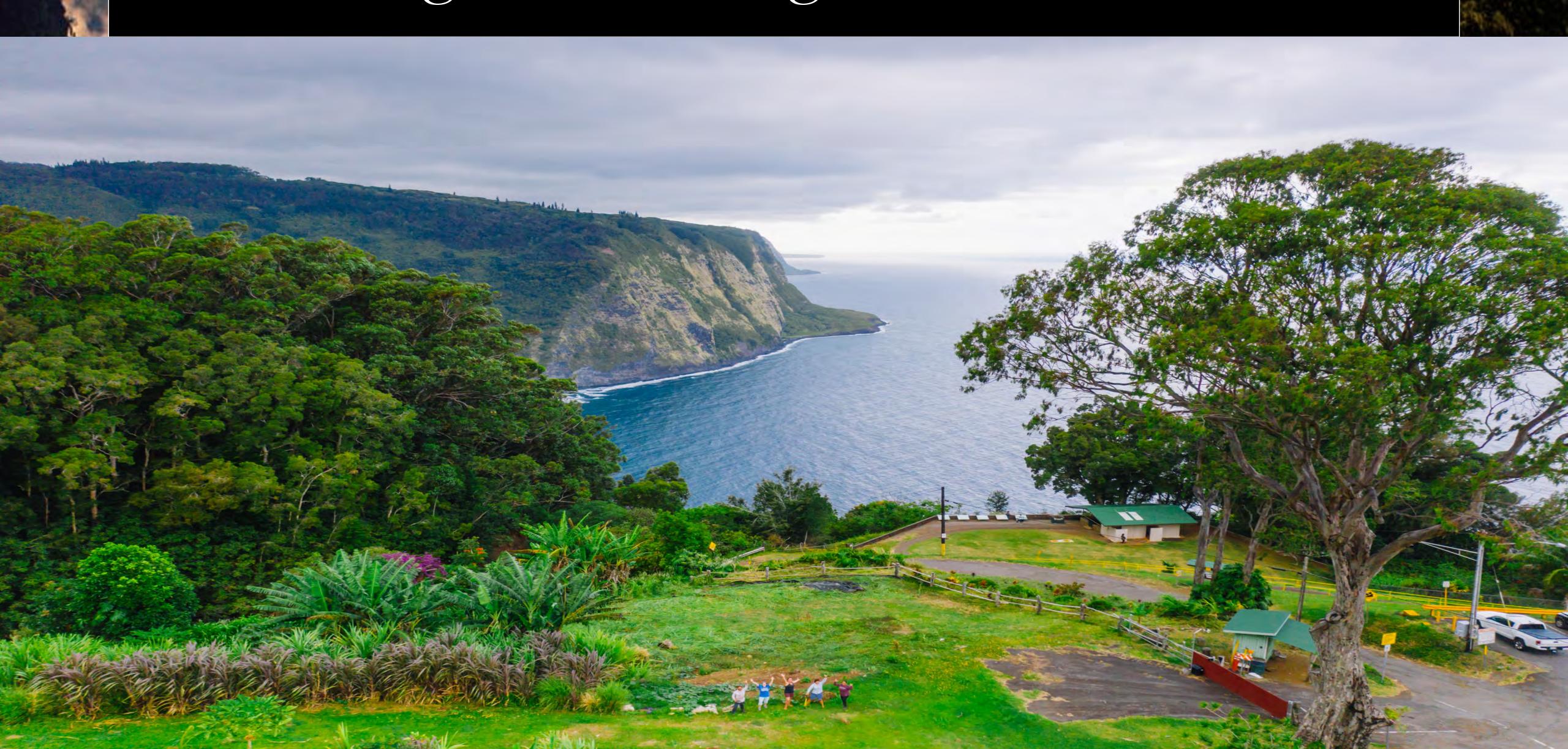
#### 'Ai Pono







#### Continuing With Taking Care of Our Kuleana



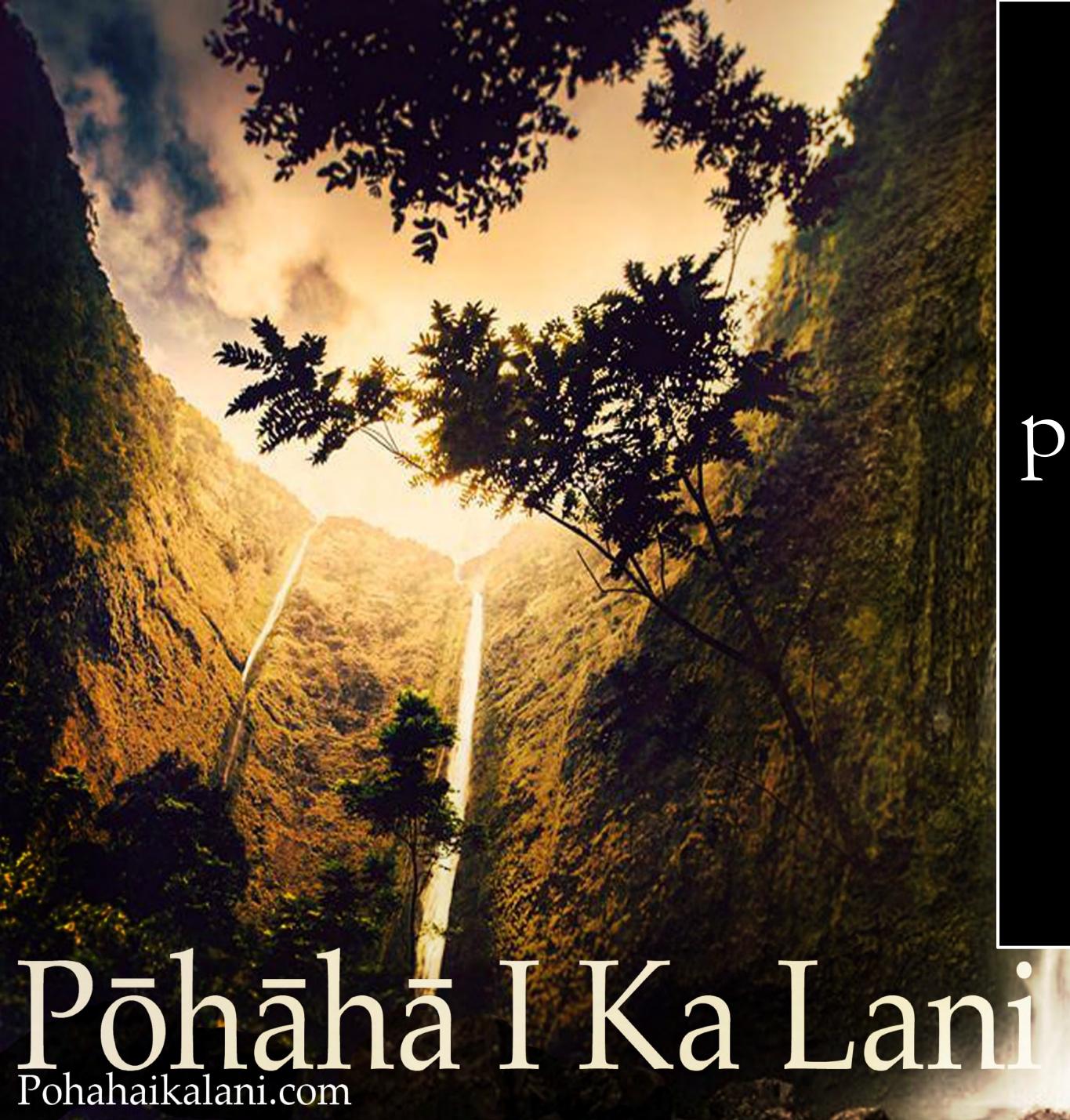
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## Lalakea

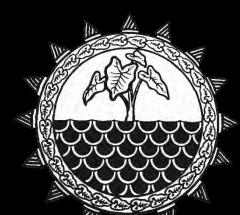


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# Kailapa Hawaiian Homestead

ahupua'a: Kawaihae Komohana

moku: Kohala

mokupuni: Hawai'i

residential homesteads: 190

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acreage: 10,153

non-profit: Kailapa Community Association 2010

RHCI: 'Ehu'ehu i ka Pono Resiliency Plan 2019





# KŌ Ā KAI

shore dweller belonging to the shore or sea









### NĀ PAHU HOPU Goals & Objectives

- 1. Resource Stewardship
- 2. Subsistence Living
- 3. Thriving Community

## NĀ KULEANA Obligations & Priorities

- Access
- > Restoration
- > Stewardship





























