Save Honolua News

Revitalize the health of the Honolua Ahupua'a through community-based management utilizing Hawaiian values and practices.

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One Plan, One Pulse Update

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The Save Honolua Coalition would like to thank the public for their participation and input in their first jointly held meeting on August 6th at the Lahaina Civic Center.

To clarify our group's mission, we are moving forward with our "One Plan, One Pulse" vision for Honolua, which includes maintaining open space, allowing for public access, and revitalizing the ahupua'a's native ecosystems through community-based management, based on Hawaiian values and practices

We will continue to educate the public and emphasize the importance of viewing Honolua as a functioning ahupua'a, from the mountains to the reef. All the components of the ahupua'a are interconnected and interdependent; therefore, it must be saved in its entirety.

The process we will follow to "Save Honolua" is to first secure the land, then create a community-based management plan, which includes all of the concepts outlined in the "One Plan, One Pulse" presentation. In the interest of securing the land, we are supportive of the negotiations and processes that the landowner (Maui Land & Pineapple Company) and the government (Maui County) must engage in to arrive at the best possible agreement, which holds benefits for them as well as the community and its various stakeholders.

We feel that Maui Land & Pineapple Company's (ML&P) proposal-which is shown on our website- is a good startingpoint for negotiations. We do feel that the mauka area (fields 55 & 56) needs more protection from development than is provided by the Important Agricultural Land bill. We fully support the suggestion by council member Jo Anne Johnson to purchase the development rights to the mauka area and we will continue to explore other options that will provide protection in perpetuity.

In creating a conceptual plan for Honolua, we have mutually agreed that the following guiding principles are vital: Positive health of the area; culturally appropriate uses; maintaining open space and access; and, outreach and education. We wish to obtain feedback on these guiding principles from the community and welcome additional input.

Upcoming Events

There will be additional meetings held around the island to present the "One Plan, One Pulse" presentation; also a Maui Land and Pineapple representative will present their proposal (which is separate but ties into the first step in the community groups' presentation). In this process we hope to obtain more feedback from the community.

- **Sept. 11, 6-8PM**, Kihei Humpback Whale Sanctuary Learning Center, 726 South Kihei Rd.
- **Sept. 15, 6-8PM**, Kaunoa Senior Center, 401 Alakapa Pl (on Hana Hwy between Pa'ia & Kahului) - To be attended by the **Honorable Mayor Charmaine Tavares**
- **Sept. 24, 6-8PM**, Kamehameha 3 Elemetary, 611 Front St., Lahaina

SaveMakena.org Skim Board Contest

Saturday Aug, 23 turned out to be quite a special day. Several hundred enthusiastic people enjoyed makena beach and the 1st annual Save Makena Skim Board contest. They were treated to hours of skim board entertainment by professionals and amateurs competing and having fun together, great food, and music. Our brothers and sisters of SaveMakena.org who are holding down the lines on the South Side invited SHC to have a booth there.

It is always so encouraging to see how much people care about the open spaces where they come to enjoy themselves and nature. We are all in this together. Check out the TV/Video link on our website to view a killer video about the day.

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