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ALOHA!

We have had 3 Regional Plan meetings since November 2018 to prepare the new 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan and are at the critical point in the process where homesteaders will identify their top priorities. **Please come to the next meeting on April 11, 2019 at the Kūlana 'Ōiwi Hālau from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** to ensure that the priorities truly represent the needs, opportunities and interests of the homestead lessees. Everyone who attends the meeting will vote on the projects listed below, to identify the 2019 Regional Plan Priority Projects.

Where did the list of potential projects come from?

The potential projects came from three (3) sources:

- 1. The 2010 Moloka'i Regional Plan which listed potential projects that were discussed at that time:
- 2. Projects identified by Moloka'i homesteader leaders who attended a statewide Puwalu Conference of homestead leaders held in August 2018; and
- 3. Discussions and ideas generated in the three (3) Moloka'i Regional Plan meetings which were held on November 1, December 5 and January 30.

Why do some of the Project Titles look different from previous listings?

At one point in the process, we had a list of over 80 potential projects! It included projects that were completed and projects that were funded that were already in progress. Coming from different sources, there were projects that were similar to each other or that represented different parts of the same project. To make it easier, DHHL staff took out all the completed projects and the projects that were already occurring –they are included in a separate list in this mailout. For the remaining projects, staff edited the titles so they would all be at the same level. Necessary details were preserved in the project descriptions. If there are glaring problems with the project titles, please see Gigi or Julie before the meeting starts so we can note your concerns.

How should I prepare for the April 11 meeting?

Read through the projects and circle the top 5 projects that you support. You will have the opportunity to cast 5 votes at the April 11 meeting and we will have a final list of the priorities.

What is a PRIORITY project? What happens to projects not selected as priority?

All projects on this Potential Projects List are important and will be included in the final 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan. Any project can be championed by any member of the community at any time. A "PRIORITY PROJECT" is selected by the community during the planning process to be made a priority by both the community and DHHL. Time and resources will be focused on the completion of the priority projects. The priority projects are recognized as clearly striving towards achieving the Visions within the Moloka'i region.

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Please review this list for the April 11 meeting.

	Project Title	Project Lead	Description
1.	Ualapu'e Kuleana Homestead Development and Cultural Resource Management Plan		Develop a Cultural Resource Management Plan and a Kuleana Settlement Plan for the Ualapu'e lands. Use the Kuleana Homestead Program to expedite award of 175 homestead leases and promote settlement on the 376-acre parcel at Ualapu'e. Work with the Mana'e community and the Ma'ana nonprofit organization to identify cultural resources and develop a cultural resource management plan.
2.	Tiny Homes	Ahupua'a o Moloka'i	Develop a pilot demonstration project that features "tiny homes" as an alternate housing option.
3.	Community Hālau		The cost for lodging on Moloka'i can be expensive. The development of community hālau(s) can provide lodging.
4.	Recreational Facilities at Lanikeha Center		There is a need for recreational facilities at Lanikeha to service the existing community and the 80+ families that will reside in the new residential lots.
5.	Kalamaʻula Mauka Passive Park	Kalamaʻula Mauka Homestead Association	The long-term vision for the park includes a wide range of amenities designed to encourage people to be active, engage in community gatherings and learn ways to incorporate healthy choices and fitness into everyday life.
6.	Emergency Shelter for Kapaʻakea	Kapaʻakea Homestead Association	Kapa'akea is an area that is prone to flooding. An Emergency Shelter should be developed for families at Kapa'akea.
7.	Hoʻolehua Hale Improvements	Ahupua'a o Moloka'i	Renovate the Hale currently being used by the Ahupua'a o Moloka'i.
8.	Self-Governance Task Force		Establish a community-based self-governance task force that promotes the intent of the original HHCA.
9.	Kanakaloloa Cemetery Improvements		Kanakaloloa Cemetery needs repairs and improvements.
10.	Molokaʻi Irrigation System (MIS) Assessment		The MIS is an aging system that many people depend on. Instead of dealing with problems as they arise, an assessment of all deficiencies should be developed so that repairs can be made before they become larger problems. The assessment should also identify the number of lessees that can be moved to the MIS to reduce pressure on ground water resources.
11.	Non-potable Water Sources for Agriculture and Other Uses		Explore potential use of non-potable water sources, such as: water from the regular flushing of fire hydrants, reclaimed water and recycled wastewater.

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12. Supplies and Materials for Cross-Fencing and Deer Fencing	Molokaʻi Homestead Livestock Association	Design and construct fencing for the area under license by the Moloka'i Homestead Livestock Association
13. Deer Management Plan	Ahupua'a o Moloka'i and Moloka'i Homestead Livestock Association	Develop a Deer Management Plan to control the deer population on Hawaiian Home Lands. The Plan should identify data on the deer population that are on Hawaiian Home Lands and assess the feasibility of different management alternatives. Management strategies should identify what homesteaders can do to help control the deer population.
14. Protection of our Natural Environment from Invasive Species		DHHL should advocate to protect beneficiaries and DHHL lands from invasive species. For example, we are concerned about Big Island bees keepers moving to Moloka'i.
15. Green Trades Training Program		Green Trades support sustainability, renewable energy, and environmental industries. The development of an on-island training program in green-trades would address one facet of sustainability.
16. Land for Homesteaders to Pursue Light Industrial Activities		Unencumbered lands suitable for industrial uses in Ho'olehua should be identified and the Island Plan amended to accommodate proposed industrial uses by homesteaders. An alternative would be to pursue a land transfer with DLNR for lands near the airport where industrial uses would be more appropriate.
17. Road Improvement		Installation of fiber optic cables by Sandwich Isle Communications (SIC) has left the road bumpy. The community would like the road to be repaired to previous conditions at SIC's expense.
18. Water Rate Assessment and Legal Analysis of Beneficiary Rights Regarding Water Rate Disparities.		Homestead lots that are connected to the County water system pay higher water rates than the homestead lots connected to DHHL's water system. A Water Rate Assessment of all Moloka'i lessees would document differences in water rates. The Assessment would include a legal analysis of beneficiary rights regarding water rate disparities.
19. Action Plan to Convert Cesspools to Septic Tanks.		State Department of Health Administrative Rules require all cesspools in Hawai'i to be converted to septic tanks by the year 2050. DHHL and beneficiaries should work together to develop a plan and raise funds for this undertaking

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20.	Resources to Renovate Kūpuna Homes in the Flood Zone	Kapaʻakea Homestead Association	Identify and secure resources to renovate kupuna homes that are located in the flood zone.
21.	Community Garden Plots		Develop community garden plots in residential homesteads in order encourage lessees to grow food for their families.
22.	Soil Testing for Contaminants		Assist homesteaders to obtain free assistance from UH CTAHR or DOA for soil testing on former pineapple production lands
23.	Shared Farm Equipment for Agricultural Lessees		Explore options for the shared use of farm equipment among agricultural lessees.
24.	Kalamaʻula Shoreline Erosion Management Plan	Kalamaʻula Homesteaders Association	Prepare a Shoreline Erosion Management Plan for the Kalama'ula area, similar to the plan being developed for Kapa'akea and Kamiloloa-One Ali'i.
25.	Coordinated and Comprehensive Hawaiian Trust Services		Bring all the Hawaiian trust agencies back to Moloka'i to work together to improve services to Native Hawaiians. Encourage Ali'i trusts to become partners.
26.	Molokaʻi as its Own County		Conduct a feasibility study to explore the pros and cons, and legal means for Moloka'i to be its own county.
27.	Climate Change		Assemble a committee or hold 'talk-story' sessions to determine what Moloka'i should do to prepare for and address climate change.