Department of Hawaiian Home Lands 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan

POTENTIAL MOLOKA'I REGIONAL PLAN PROJECTS

June 5, 2019

Aloha!

We have had 4 Regional Plan meetings since November 2018 to prepare the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan and are at a critical point in the process where beneficiaries will identify the top priority projects. Please come to the next meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at the Lanikeha Center in Ho'olehua from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM to ensure that the priority projects truly represent the needs, opportunities and interests of you, the beneficiary. Everyone who attends the meeting will have an opportunity to select which are the top five priority projects from the attached list.

During our last meeting on April 11, 2019, we reviewed the list of potential projects for the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan. In response to beneficiary feedback at the meeting, we regrouped the projects by **categories**: (1) Resources Management, (2) Community, (3) Water/Infrastructure, (4) Agriculture, (5) Housing, (6) Government/Other.

How should I prepare for the June 26 meeting?

- ➤ Read through the DRAFT Vision and Values (attached). Send comments to DHHL before or by June 26.
- Read through the list of potential projects (on back side of this page). As a group on June 26, we will select the top 5 priority projects from the list of 24 potential projects.
- ➤ Help us get the word out. You must be present at the June 26 meeting to prioritize the projects.

What is a PRIORITY project?

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 these projects. These projects are recognized as clearly striving towards achieving the vision with the Moloka'i region.

What happens to projects not selected as priority?

All projects that help to move towards reaching the vision for the region will be included in the 2019 Moloka'i Regional Plan. If a project is not selected as a "priority project," it does not mean it cannot happen. It simply means that they are not the main focus of the attention of the community and DHHL. These projects may be championed by any member of the community at any time.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please review this list. We will use this list at the June 26 meeting to select the top 5 priority projects. See attached for project descriptions.

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Selected annual	OURCES MANAGEMENT	
1	Supplies and Materials for Cross-Fencing and Deer Fencing	
2	Deer Management Plan	
3	Kalama'ula Shoreline Erosion Management Plan	
4	Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency	
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5	Community Hālau*	
6	Recreational Facilities at Lanikeha Center*	
7	Kalama'ula Mauka Passive Park	
8	Ho'olehua Hale Improvements	
INF	RASTRUCTURE/WATER	
9	Non-potable Water Sources for Agriculture and Other Uses	
10	Road Improvements*	
11	Water Rate Assessment and Legal Analysis of Beneficiary Rights Regarding Water	
	Rate Disparities*	
12	Action Plan to Convert Cesspools to Septic Tanks or Connect to Sewer System	
AGRICULTURE		
13	'Ualapu'e Kuleana Homestead Project and Cultural Resource Management Plan	
14	Community Garden Plots*	
15	Soil Testing for Contaminants*	
16	Shared Farm Equipment for Agricultural Lessees*	
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17	Tiny Homes	
18	Emergency Shelter for Lessees Impacted by Flooding	
19	Resources to Renovate Kūpuna Homes in the Flood Zone	
GOV	ERNMENT/OTHER	
20	Self-Governance Task Force	
21	Green Trades Training Program*	
22	Land for Homesteaders to Pursue Light Industrial Activities*	
23	Coordinated and Comprehensive Hawaiian Trust Services	
24	Moloka'i as its Own County	

^{*}Indicates that this project was identified as a Potential Project in the 2010 Moloka'i Regional Plan.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- 1. <u>Supplies and Materials for Cross-Fencing and Deer Fencing.</u> Design and construct fencing for the area under license by the Moloka'i Homestead Livestock Association.
- 2. <u>Deer Management Plan.</u> Develop a Deer Management Plan to control the deer population on Hawaiian Home Lands. The Plan should identify data on the deer population and assess the feasibility of different management alternatives and funding strategies.
- 3. <u>Kalama'ula Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.</u> Develop an erosion management plan for shoreline areas along the coast in Kalama'ula. This project would be the second phase of the current South Moloka'i Shoreline Erosion Management Plan being developed for Kapa'akea, Kamiloloa and One Ali'i, and would increase community preparedness and resiliency to climate change and sea level rise.
- 4. <u>Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency.</u> Assemble a committee or hold 'talk-story' sessions to focus attention on what Moloka'i should do to prepare for and address climate change.

COMMUNITY

- 5. <u>Community Hālau.</u> This project could provide a possible alternative to the high cost for lodging on Moloka'i particularly for community and school groups.
- 6. <u>Recreational Facilities at Lanikeha Center.</u> 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. The community originally proposed recreational facilities for the area that will now be used to construct the new Moloka'i Veterans and Homestead Center.
- 7. <u>Kalama'ula Passive Park.</u> The purpose of the park is to promote healthy lifestyles and to provide space for people to exercise. 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. It is envisioned that the park would include stationary weights, a walking path, and landscaped areas with native plants that would be useful for medicinal purposes and Hawaiian arts and crafts.
- 8. <u>Ho'olehua Hale Improvements.</u> Renovate the structure currently being used by the Ahupua'a o Moloka'i as a homestead community organization office and meeting room. Consultations with the State Historic Preservation Division may be needed to determine if the structure is considered a historic building.

INFRASTRUCTURE/WATER

- 9. <u>Non-potable Water Sources for Agriculture and Other Uses.</u> Explore potential use of non-potable water sources such as: water from the regular flushing of fire hydrants and recycled wastewater.
- 10. Road Improvements. Repair roads.
- 11. 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. The Water Rate Assessment would document differences in water rates for lessees and include a legal analysis of beneficiary rights regarding water rate disparities.

Potential Project descriptions

12. <u>Action Plan to Convert Cesspools to Septic Tanks or Connect to Sewer System.</u> The State Department of Health Administrative Rules require all cesspools in Hawai'i to be converted to septic tanks or connected to a sewer system by the year 2050. DHHL and beneficiaries would work together to develop an action plan and raise funds for this undertaking.

AGRICULTURE

- 13. <u>'Ualapu'e Kuleana Homestead Project and Cultural Resource Management Plan.</u> To restore and rehabilitate native Hawaiian beneficiaries to their land and expedite awarding of 175 homestead leases through the Kuleana Homestead Program on the 375-acre parcel and develop a Cultural Resource Management Plan with the 'Ualapu'e / Mana'e community.
- 14. <u>Community Garden Plots.</u> Develop community garden plots near residential homesteads in order to encourage lessees to grow food for their families.
- 15. <u>Soil Testing for Contaminants.</u> Assist homesteaders to obtain assistance from UH CTAHR or Department of Agriculture for soil testing on former pineapple production lands.
- 16. <u>Shared Farm Equipment for Agriculture Lessees.</u> Explore options for the shared use of farm equipment among agricultural lessees.

HOUSING

- 17. <u>Tiny Homes.</u> Develop a pilot demonstration project that features "tiny homes" as an alternate housing option.
- 18. <u>Emergency Shelter for Lessees Impacted by Flooding.</u> Construct an emergency shelter to assist lessees that may be impacted by flooding during rain events and/or coastal inundation. This project would increase community preparedness, mitigation, and resiliency to climate change and sea level rise.
- 19. <u>Resources to Renovate Kūpuna Homes in the Flood Zone.</u> Identify and secure resources to renovate kūpuna homes that are located in the flood zone.

GOVERNMENT/OTHER

- 20. <u>Self-Governance Task Force</u>. Establish a community-based self-governance task force that promotes the intent of the original Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.
- 21. <u>Green Trades Training Program.</u> 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.
- 22. <u>Land for Homesteaders to Pursue Light Industrial Activities.</u> 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.
- 23. <u>Coordinated and Comprehensive Hawaiian Trust Services.</u> 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.
- 24. Moloka'i 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.