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**‘Ualapu’e Kuleana Homestead
Subsistence Agriculture Settlement Project**

Community Meeting #5

Kilohana Recreation Center

March 13, 2024



Purpose

Why are we here today?

- **Recap the 'Ualapu'e Planning Process to date**
- **Discuss Alternative Sites Analysis**
 - **Why was there a discussion on alternative sites?**
- **Next steps moving forward**
 - **Discuss DHHL Administrative Rule Change Process**
 - **Ahonui Homestead Association (AHA) Right-of-Entry (ROE) Request**



Housekeeping

- Please feel free to eat throughout the presentation.
- Please feel free to move around meeting area to look at posters / materials.
- Please hold questions until the end of the presentation (we have paper/pens available if you need to write down your questions).
- Please place phones on vibrate and take any calls outside so others can continue to hear the presentation.



Planning Process to Date

Meeting	Date	Outcome
Beneficiary Consultation #1	October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce Project to beneficiaries
Honuaiākea Process	November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish Kapu and Kānāwai• Lay cultural foundation for Project
Community Meeting #1	December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce Project to community• Present Project timeline and outcomes• Gather initial input from community members
Beneficiary Consultation #2	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present Kapu/Kānāwai• Conduct Beneficiary survey
Community Meeting #2	April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outline Kuleana Homesteading, Settlement Plan, EA• Gather community input
Community Meeting #3	October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present results of technical studies• Focus on Archaeological work• Community input and testimony



Planning Process to Date

Meeting	Date	Outcome
Beneficiary Consultation #3	November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss Project concerns• Present initial Project layout• Conduct beneficiary survey
Community Meeting #4 & Talk-Story Sessions	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present Settlement Plan• Community input and testimony
Draft Kuleana Homestead Settlement Plan Comment Period	July 2023 – September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opposition to Project location, but support for DHHL homesteading mission• Suggestions for Alternative Project Locations
Small Group Meetings	February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present results of Alternative Locations Analysis
Community Meeting #5	March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present results of Alternative Locations Analysis and Next Steps



Summary of July 2023 Meeting

- Concerns heard in July 2023:
 - Cultural, Historical and Archaeological Sites
 - Provision of Utilities to Homestead
 - Natural Resources: Flooding, Drainage, Soil, and Erosion
 - Site Safety, Wildfire and Roads
- Preference for selection of 'ohana from Moloka'i
- Comments opposed the location but supported DHHL's homesteading mission
- Others advocated for settlement at 'Ualapu'e, but lot locations should change
- Many offered alternative locations for homesteading in Moloka'i



Alternative Sites Analysis

Why was there a discussion about alternative sites for the 'Ualapu'e Kuleana Homestead Settlement Project?

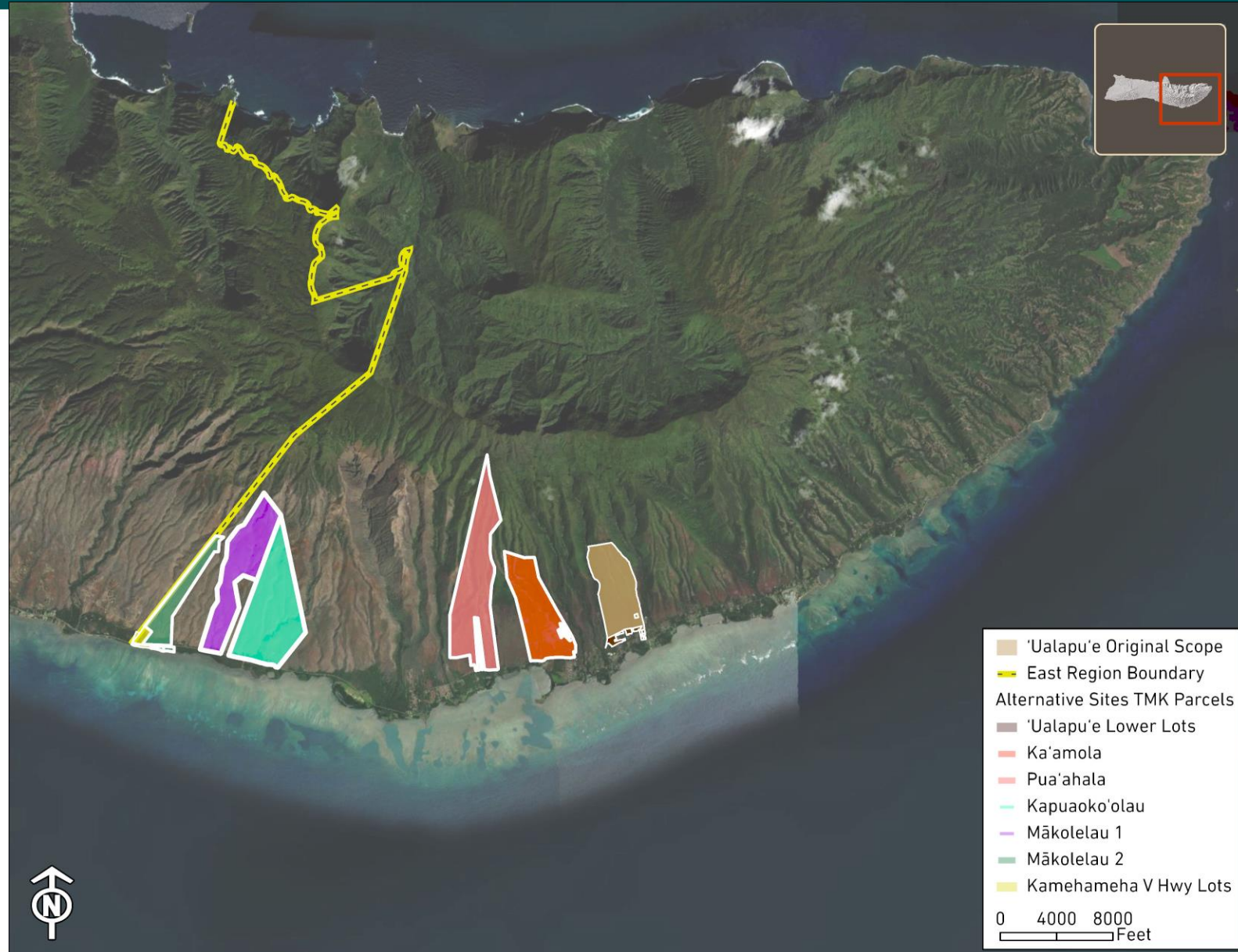
- Feedback provided by beneficiaries and community through the Planning Process and Settlement Plan comment period
- Comments opposed the location but supported DHHL's homesteading mission
- Many offered alternative locations for homesteading in Moloka'i
- DHHL beneficiaries strongly preferred to keep homesteading on the East End



Alternative Sites – East End

East to West:

1. 'Ualapu'e Lower Lots
2. Ka'amola
3. Pua'ahala
4. Kapuaoko'olau
5. Mākolelau 1
6. Mākolelau 2
7. Kamehameha V Hwy Lots





Small Group Meeting Results (February 2024)

1. Ka'amola – Community Restoration Work
2. Pua'ahala – DLNR Conservation Land
3. Remaining lots are within “dark corridors”
(areas with little to no light pollution/important for 'Ua'u kani navigation)
4. Remainder of Discussions focused on:
 - a) Starting slow at 'Ualapu'e – phase with lower lots first to see how it goes
 - b) Need to address outstanding concerns – archaeological sites, water, fire, erosion, flooding
 - c) Beneficiaries living here in the future need to be ma'a with the land and lifestyle
 - d) Need for administrative rule change to prioritize those from this place
 - e) Ahonui Homestead Association request for Right of Entry to mālama 'āina



Moving Forward

- 1. DHHL to provide a Project update to Hawaiian Homes Commission**
- 2. DHHL will initiate an administrative rule change process**
- 3. DHHL will process the Ahonui Homestead Association (AHA) Right-of-Entry (ROE) Request to steward natural and cultural sites in 'Ualapu'e**
 - Includes beneficiary consultation at AHA's request



Administrative Rule Change Process

***What can be done to ensure ‘Ualapu’e lots
are awarded to people from Moloka‘i?***

- Currently no mechanism to ensure preference for lineal descendants
- Preference for lineal descendants would stem from a DHHL administrative rule change
 - Rule change desired by many communities across the pae ‘āina (e.g. Ke‘anae, Wailuanui, King’s Landing, etc.)
- Rule change process would take approximately 1–2 years
 - The longest part of the process is beneficiary consultation and outreach



Administrative Rule Change Process

Waitlist Preferences are defined in DHHL's Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR)

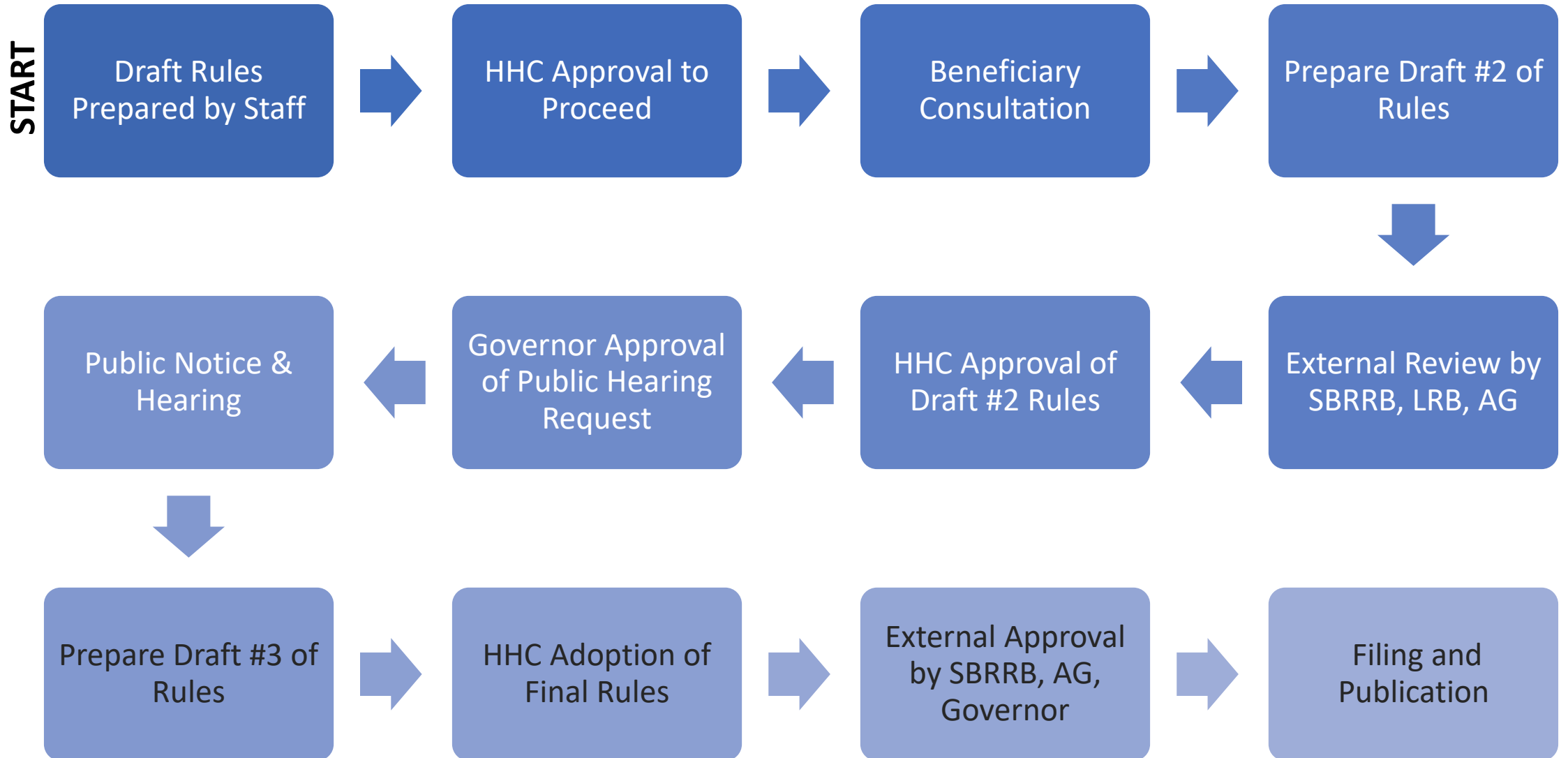
- Every State agency has Administrative Rules
- The Act authorizes the Dept to promulgate rules which helps the agency implement the Act
- Rules have the force of law; they provide consistency and predictability as to how the Department implements the HHCA

Three (3) Administrative Rules that identify preferences in awarding homestead leases that do not follow the Waitlist:

- **Lāna'i Awards** – new list created by identifying residential applicants on all lists with Lāna'i addresses, then the list was arranged by Priority I, II, and III
- **Financial Qualifications** – awards to applicants who are financially able to assume indebtedness (ability to meet lease conditions)
- **O'ahu Agricultural Lots** – awards to applicants who reside on O'ahu

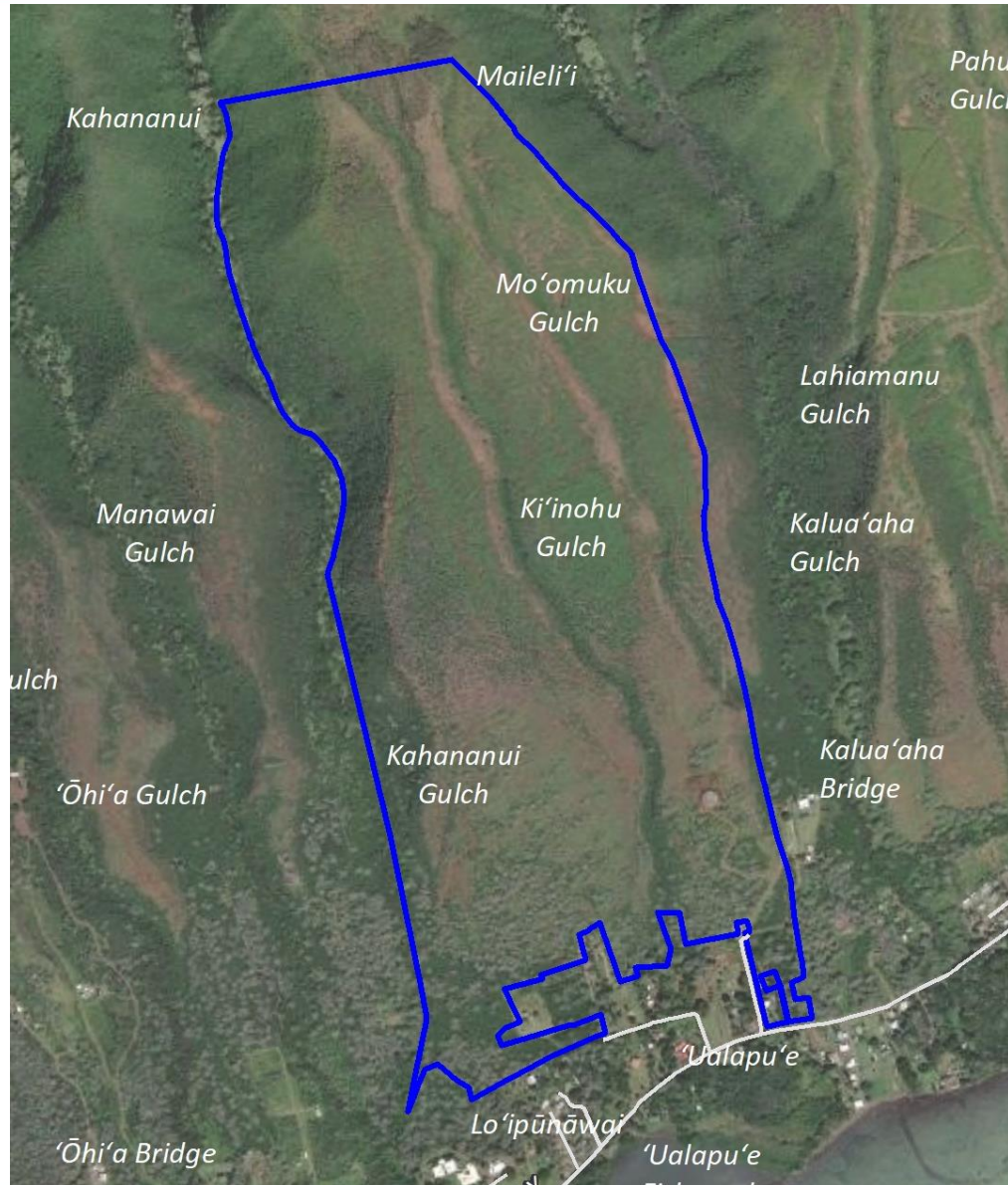


Administrative Rule Change Process (18-24 months)





AHA Right-Of-Entry Request



DHHL Beneficiary Consultation
on AHA request:

**Thursday, April 4th, 2024
(tentative)**



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Mahalo nui!



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