

Ka'ūpūlehu Development Monitoring Committee



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RE: LUC Docket A93-701 Ka'ūpūlehu Developments
Ka'ūpūlehu Development Monitoring Committee
2014 to 2025 Annual Reports (Condition 1(e))

Dear Mr. Orodener:

It was recently brought to our attention that we have not submitted a formal annual report in LUC Docket A93-701 since 2013, or such reports cannot be located. E kala mai.

Please accept this as our comprehensive Annual Report for the years 2014 to 2025.

We have continued our work to monitor the resources of Kalaemanō, as mandated by LUC Docket A93-701, to ensure that the resources of the area are available for the present and future generations.

Our collaboration with the developer of Ka'ūpūlehu has resulted in the successful implementation of numerous plans and improvements that have served to preserve and enhance the cultural and historic resources of Kalaemanō. The Interpretive Center, which was completed in 2008, continues to function as the gateway for public access to the Kalaemanō Cultural Preserve, while also fulfilling the broader goal of a designated area to facilitate research and educational opportunities for the public with the aim of encouraging a deeper appreciation, understanding, and connection to the cultural practices and traditions associated with the area. Between 2013 to present, the developer also completed additional improvements, such as a covered trellis at the entry to the Interpretive Center with educational signage on the Kalaemanō Cultural Reserve, relocation of the Star Compass from Hualālai, the construction of the Hālau Wa'a, re-painting of the Interpretive Center, and public access was also opened to the general public. These improvements have allowed us and our Interpretive Center staff to provide a unique 'āina-based educational experience for many students and groups.

Additionally, over the years, the KDMC has also worked alongside and as a part of the Ka'ūpūlehu Marine Life Advisory Committee (KMLAC), which has monitored the marine resources prior to and since the State's establishment of the Ka'ūpūlehu Marine Reserve in 2016. The 10-year no-take rest area has allowed culturally important fish species to recover and


replenish, so fishing can resume next year through proper cultural management, with the hope of ensuring the ocean resources found in the area will continue to thrive for future generations.

As kūpuna, it is also our kuleana to educate the next generation of stewards of the area, through the sharing of our mana‘o on perpetuating cultural practices and to mālama ‘āina. To this end, we are training the next generation of caretakers, and Malia Lightner, daughter of Leina‘ala Keakealani Lightner, has indicated a willingness step into the shoes of her mother in the coming years to continue the work of the KDMC. Hannah Kihalani Springer will identify a successor at the appropriate time. We will keep the LUC informed when the KDMC makes the transition to its new stewards. Additionally, we confirm that we have been, and are willing to serve as KDMC members until the expiration of the 2022-2027 term, until our successors are appointed, or the KDMC is terminated.

We believe that the developers have adhered to the required protocols concerning Kalaemanō, and the KDMC shall continue to monitor the resource management area and the archaeological resources at Kalaemanō, as required by LUC Docket A93-701. Since the Construction Phase, as defined in the KDMC Operational Plan, in Lot 4-A Increment 1 and Lot 4-B have concluded, and the required public access improvements were completed, at this time we have nothing further to report.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

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