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TO: Members the Kahana Planning Council, community stakeholders and interested individuals

FR: Curt Cottrell, Administrator 

RE: Ahupua'a O Kahana State Park – Townscape Report, Supplemental State Park Report and Appendices

These are the reports that are part of the ongoing process to understand and resolve issues and expectations regarding the current and future management of Kahana. One was crafted by Townscape and contains most of the information pertinent to the planning process. The smaller report was crafted by the Division of State Parks to add other pertinent data relating to this park unit in addition to its residential value and challenges – and contains regulatory information.

There is current legislation in play at the State Capitol that attempts to address one of the issues identified in the report – the terminal lease issue, and the quality of life by creating a low interest loan program for qualified resident(s) for home improvements. The outcome of this measure is uncertain – but provide a creative solution to alleviate some of the issues identified in the report. **These reports are just that – data with recommendations.** There are a few strong opinions embedded and that is to be expected when data gathering, and its implications affects people's lives. These reports do what government and a residential community is effective at doing – identifying problems that are impediments to optimizing people's lives and management of public resources. We have not solved anything.

However, some of the recommendations may provide solutions - if there is a method to establish consensus. This is always a challenge in a residential community – even more so at Kahana due to its history and social evolution. Add the element of the governing laws and covenants related to a state park and consensus then becomes even more elusive.

Due to the size of these files, State Parks will leave a copy for viewing at the Kam Mon Store and have it available on the Division of State Parks website under the Kahana page at: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/oahu/ahupuaa-o-kahana-state-park/>

Hauhili ka 'ai a ke kawele'a.
The kawele'a fish takes the hook in such a way as to tangle the lines.
Said of a tangled situation
(Mary Kawena Pukui – 'Olelo No'eau)