

On August 16, 2017, a public informational meeting was held at the Kīhei Community Center to discuss the proposed project as well as to gain initial community feedback on the project. A PowerPoint presentation was provided by the Land Division Administrator and its consultant, Munekiyo Hiraga. A link to the PowerPoint is located below. A question and answer session with the community members followed the presentation. In addition, forms for written comments were made available. Below is a summary of the questions raised and responses provided.

Q: Is there market demand for the project?

A: A Market Study is being conducted and will be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will be made available for public review and comment. The project location is included in the Pulehunui Growth Area in the Maui Island Plan, which describes it as a logical area for expansion of industrial uses as it is located halfway between Kahului and Kihei.

Q: Why aren't these lands being used for housing? Will the project create a demand for additional housing?

A: The primary purpose of this project is to develop these lands for income generation to support DLNR's nature, cultural and recreational resource management programs. Housing is not part of DLNR's mission. Also, the Maui Island Plan does not contemplate housing as suitable for this area based on the surrounding industrial and agricultural uses.

Q: Have any tenants been identified? Would lease rates be affordable for local businesses?

A: Because the project is in the early planning stage, specific tenants have not yet been identified. Leases of the project will be awarded by competitive process, such as a request for proposals. It is envisioned that the project would provide opportunities for local businesses.

Q: Are there sufficient water/wastewater resources for this project?

A: A Preliminary Engineering and Drainage Report is being prepared for the project to address water and wastewater infrastructure. This information will be included in the Draft EIS.

Q: Has there been a review of the former military uses of the project area, such as unexploded ordinances?

A: A review of potential environmental contaminants and hazardous materials will be addressed in the Draft EIS.

Q: What is the vertical height of structures constructed in the project area?

A: It was noted in the meeting that the height limit would be 60 feet as per Maui County zoning standards for “M-1, Light Industrial” districts, however since the meeting, it has been decided that the height limit for all buildings will be kept at 35 feet as specified in the Kihei-Makena Community Plan for new commercial/industrial structures.

Q: Is a new prison part of the project?

A: No the proposed prison is a separate project being proposed by the State Department of Public Safety and Department of Accounting and General Services.

The project received support from the Kihei Community Association and Go Maui, who looked forward to continued engagement and transparency with DLNR. In addition, a Maui County Councilmember encouraged DLNR to participate in the Kihei-Makena Community Plan update process, which will be undertaken in the coming years, to propose that the required reclassification of the project site from “Agriculture” and “Project District 10” to “Light Industrial” be incorporated in the update process rather than having to seek an amendment.

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