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## Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

### Minutes of March 16, 2022

Present: Russell Reinertson, Terry Quisenberry, Sue Guille, Dave Brown, Nick Saussy, Bob Hobdy

Absent: Kevin Jenkins, Tom Cannon

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist

Guests: John Meier, Lucienne de Naie

#### Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order. Public notice was posted. Quorum was not met initially. Nick Saussy logged into the meeting briefly to meet quorum for a short time. Bob Hobdy attended the later part of the meeting as well.

#### Review of Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021

The minutes were unanimously approved with one change. Under Old Business Item 5 Ko'olau Forest Reserve: Waihee Ridge is changed to Waikamoi Ridge.

#### Na Ala Hele Staff Reports:

Trails & Access Specialist – Stephanie Franklin, a long time Biologist with the Maui DOFAW, will be moving over to fill Torrie's open position. She introduced herself to the council and shared some of her background. She's very excited for the opportunity to work with us in her new position. The council members also briefly introduced themselves.

Trails & Access Technician - Corey Rosa

## DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Maui District

March 16th, 2022,

#### MEMORANDUM

Trail Counter Info											
Kahakapao Trailhead				Kahakapao Secret Trail				Waihe'e Ridge Trailhead			
Month	Daily Average	Highest Day		Month	Daily Average	Highest Day		Month	Daily Average	Highest Day	
June	157	Jun.12	280	June	23	Jun. 13	53	June	682	May. 31	1112
July	164	Jul, 3	240	July	21	Jul, 10	45	July	698	Jun, 19	1020
August	158	Aug, 1	238	August	24	Aug, 1	84	August	510	Jul, 6	769
September	159	Sep, 5	244	September	20	Sep, 5	66	September	489	Sep, 4	896

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October	166	Oct, 30	216	October	23	Oct, 30	79	October	545	Oct, 16	919
November	170	Nov, 13	219	November	27	Nov, 14	82	November	571	Nov, 6	930
December	212	Dec, 27	259	December	33	Dec, 26	81	December	677	Dec, 18	1001
January	222	Jan, 17	273	January	39	Jan, 17	86	January	701	Jan, 15	1015
February	241	Feb, 20	294	February	32	Feb, 19	80	February	770	Feb, 20	998
March	260	Mar, 5	321	March	42	Mar, 5	87	March	812	Mar, 6	1015

## Work Done From November 17th - March 16th

The Na Ala Hele crew has widened the trail tread in the lower gulch of Kahakapao West Loop and started building the lower gulch crossing/connector trail that will connect the east and west trail. Due to the heavy storm damage in the Kula Forest Reserve Na Ala Hele has been working on clearing and repairing all of the trails in the Kula Forest Reserve along with contractors.

## Looking Forward

The Na Ala Hele crew will continue clearing and rebuilding the trails in the Kula Forest Reserve as well as normal brushing and maintenance of all other Na Ala Hele Trails.

Flow Farm: Kahakapao Recreational Area (KRA) Maintenance Report: In early January we mobilized, and for January and half of February we worked on the Upper and upper middle section of Pineapple express working to reshape and touch up riding features that we worked on last year. We also put many hours into working on features that hadn't been worked in over 4 years. Most every berm, jump, and riding feature was reshaped from the upper section all the way into the middle section just above the midway point on the trail. Along with machine work we put in many hours of hand shaping and tuning to give that section of trail a whole new feel. Every time we reshape the trail we get great feedback, but because of the dry weather we saw even more riders on the trail than usual during this time of year. We're looking forward to another good year of shaping the trails and developing the riding community in the Makawao Forest.

Maui Motocross Park Update: No Update

## Old Business

1. Election of Officers -- Russell was elected to continue as Chair, and Sue as Co-Chair. No one volunteered to serve as Secretary. Discussion turned to the open seat of the council, formerly held by Donna Clayton. There are currently two people interested in the open seat. Eric Hendren, a former Advisory Council member, and John Meier, an avid hiker. John Meier introduced himself and talked of his desire to increase the public trails on the island. He hikes weekly and knows many of the hiking community. He also serves on the advisory board for the

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Trust for Public Land and is also involved with the Pu'u Kukui and Honolua Valley conservation easements. Corey will send John Meier the Application form, as well as send one to Eric Hendren, who is not present.

2. Kamehamehenui Forest: Update on progression of Management Plan -- The contractor is working with the program heads to develop the master plan. There has been no work in Kamehamehenui beyond getting to know the lay of the land. Most of the work lately has been focused on repairing storm damage in Kula Forest Reserve.
3. Onau Trail – No update.
4. Waia'ilio Trail – No update.
5. Ko'olau Forest Reserve – Corey discussed the potential for 3 new trails, with potential routes shown on a map. On Waikamoi Ridge, there could be trails going both mauka and makai of the highway, with a parking lot. Also a trail in Kaleai, to the west of Ulaka'a State Park, and a loop Trail in Kopiliula to a waterfall, also with a proposed parking lot. Some connector trails makai of the highway could potentially link to old sections of the Ke Ala Loa o Maui. These proposed trails would need a lot of groundwork and an EA to proceed.
6. Waihee Ridge Trail Reservation System – There will be a meeting in April with the contractor making the reservation system. It should then be ready in about 6 weeks.
7. Maalaea Community Association's Open Space Parcel – Lucienne de Naie, Sierra Club Maui Chair, discussed the planned purchase of 257 acres using Legacy Land Funds to preserve the open space. The property includes 3 wells with water for irrigation and has cultural and historical significance. The purchase has a lot of support from the community, the County Council, and the developer.

## New Business

1. Suggestions for New Na Ala Hele Trails – Terry suggested we look into the need for management at Olivine Pools and at Nakalele Blowhole. They are seeing increased use, as well as frequently the site of accidents and rescues. Nakalele Blowhole is on private land, but Olivine Pools is state land.
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting -- Olivine pools was added as an agenda item for the next meeting.
3. Date of Next Meeting – April 20, 2022 at 2pm qt the Kahului Baseyard Conference Room.

## Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments - Open Forum:

Public comments on issues not on the agenda for consideration for council's agenda at the next meeting – No public comments submitted.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30pm.

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