

## **Nā Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council**

### **Minutes of September 17, 2025**

Present: Sue Guille, Tom Cannon, Russell Reinertson, Mark Short

Absent: Kevin Jenkins, Dave Brown, John Meier

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist, Lance DeSilva

Guests: Aaron Reichert, Richard Donovan, Alise Takeysu Parker, Niccolo Porcella

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

Russell called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Public notice was posted and quorum was not met.

#### Review of Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2025

The draft minutes were not approved. No quorum.

Staff Report: Trail work ongoing. Hinano is new Volunteer Coordinator & Education Outreach specialist. The #5 Access Road to Waiakoa Loop Trail in the Kula Forest Reserve is open for public access to Kamehamenui. Before entering check the Department of Forestry website for aerial ops schedule.

Flow Farm Report: Working on Pump track. Picnic tables were put in. Future plantings to be done by Maui Mountain Bike Coalition.

Maui Motocross Report: The track is dry with the wind and heat. Group still working on getting a water source from adjacent landowners. Lease expires 2028.

#### Old Business:

1. Kamehamenui Forest Reserve: The Draft EA & Management Plan is being sent to the Environmental Planning Office on September 16, 2025. The plan will post on September 23, 2025 for comments. Comment period closes on October 23, 2025. There will be a public community meeting on October 15, 2025. Location to be announced.
2. Onau Trail: No update.
3. Waia'ilio Trail: No update.
4. Ho'olawa Bay: Still with the AG office. No update.
5. Nā Ala Hele Program Plan: Ongoing work with consultants and user groups.
6. Haleakalā Bridle Trail: Trail to be surveyed by a contractor through DLNR.
7. Applicants for vacant council member positions: Still in process. List sent to the Chairperson for final approval.

## New Business:

1. Trust for Public Lands: East Maui Forest Reserve Lands Acquisition – Alyse Parker from the Trust for Public Lands and Lance DeSilva from the Department of Forestry discussed DLNR efforts to acquire some 21 parcels of land in East Maui totaling approximately 1878 acres. The parcels are located primarily maka'i of the highway. Along with protecting these lands from development, they would serve to fully connect the Ko'olau Forest Reserve from the mountain to the sea, to allow full management of stream corridors, as well as preserving segments of the King's Trail. In Phase II, three parcels of land in Kailua are under consideration. Since they lack a clear title, the State is prohibited from purchasing them. Instead the Trust for Public Lands will locate a donor to purchase the lands then it will be donated to the State. Once the land is purchased and donated to the State, the unencumbered land will go to land management before going to the Department of Forestry. Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council members are being asked to write a letter of support for the acquisition of the lands to the BLNR on behalf of the groups they represent. The deadline for the letter of support is October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The BLNR hearing is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
2. Maui Mountain Bike Coalition: Discussion of statewide standardized permit process to use and build trails for mountain bike use. Currently each island has a different system. User groups on all islands are starting a statewide discussion on how to accomplish this with DLNR. Need a road map to get there. Currently in Maui, anyone can apply for a user group to do volunteer trail work. Need to develop protocol and procedures.
3. Paragliding on State Lands: Helicopter, Hang Gliding, Paragliding not allowed In Forest Reserves. Special Permit needed for helicopter work.
4. Date of next meeting: October 29,2025 at 1:00pm

## Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum

Adjournment: 3:20pm