



**O‘ahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Advisory Council Minutes**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025

**TIME:** 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**PLACE:** O‘ahu Division of Forestry and Wildlife Makiki Branch Office Conference Room. 2135 Makiki Heights Dr. Honolulu, HI 96822 and via Zoom

*Members:*

**PRESENT:** Skye Razon-Olds (Council Chair, Rock Climbing/Cultural Practitioner), Todd Cullison (Council Vice-Chair, Education/Hawaii Nature Center), Terry Galpin (OHV/Motocross), Ken Suzuki (Hiking/Hawaii Trail and Mountain), Dave Fahrenwald (Equestrian), Sean Goo (Off-Road 4x4 Vehicles), Yuko Barretto (Mountain Biking /HBL), Roy Kainoa (Pig Hunting/OahuPHA), Marian Yasuda (Trail Running/HURT)

*Ex-Officio Members and Additional Guests:* Aaron Lowe (Oahu Trails & Access Specialist), Ryan Chang, Lee Cobian

**I. Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements: 4:08 p.m.**

Meeting came to order at 4:08 p.m. Introductions were conducted.

**II. Acceptance of Minutes: 4:10 p.m.**

January Minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. New Business: 4:12 p.m.**

**Federal Funding Status:**

- NAH Federal funds are primarily from Recreational Trails Program (RTP) which is a statutory grant. There has been no movement to limit or cancel those funds.
- Ryan Chang spoke to the closure of Ma‘akua Ridge Trail in the Hau‘ula Forest Reserve due to a fire ant infestation. He also spoke of the Coqui frog situation in Waimanalo.

**IV. Trail and Access Specialist Staff Report: 4:26 p.m.**

**Statewide Program:**

- Jackson Bauer is currently the Acting Program Manager.
- NAH Rules rewrite is on pause until administrative support is available.
- UH Trail Capacity Study continues.
- The Program Plan should be coming to the Advisory Council soon.



## **Staffing:**

Selection was submitted for Trail and Access Specialist IV. Interviews for Trail Technician IV continue.

### Status of Program Projects and On-going Operations

- Projects and Contracts – See Tracking sheet.
  - Maunawili Ditch trail signage and parking plan remain to be done.
  - Kaiwa Ridge easement was donated and will be transferred to the State. Budget for the project still does not align with the contractor’s proposal.
  - Maunawili Falls project is stopped due to “community” requesting full AIS for the valley.
    - Council agrees our involvement needs to increase to advocate for trail access.
    - Meeting with Honua regarding the alignment is desired.
    - Requesting a site visit in April with Honua.
  - Honouliuli Contour Trail was awarded and is on its way to being executed.
  - Kamananui Valley Management Plan will include middle ridge restoration.
  - Makiki Wai grant is completed.

## **V. Trail User Groups Representatives Reports:**

**4:56 p.m.**

Cultural Advisor/ Rock Climbing – Skye Kolealani Razon-Olds: Working on iwi issues with cultural advisory groups.

Pig Hunting/OahuPHA – Roy Kainoa: Responding to pigs doing damage in Kahaluu and Hawaii Kai. As of today, 28 pigs have been eradicated for the month.

Hikers and Hawaii Trail and Mountain - Ken Suzuki: HTM is coordinating with the Public Access Trails Hawaii to have Haleakala Trail reopened to public access. Two Oahu trails, Waikane Valley and Mariner’s Ridge, should be opened for public access as well.

Mountain Biking / HBL – Yuko Barretto: Looking at a jump trail in Hawaii Kai/Kokohead with the City and County. Possibility that Pupukea bike trails will be incorporated into NAH program trails.

OHV/Motocross – Terry Galpin: They had a great endurance race. They are requesting \$2500 to fund a mini excavator to clean up the perimeter trail. Clarified that e-bikes are welcome on some of their trails if they are members.

Equestrian – Dave Fahrenwald: Maunawili Ditch Trail is overgrown already and needing maintenance. Hoping that Poamoho includes an equestrian component.

Trail Runners / HURT – Marian Yasuda: HURT’s first trail series race for 2025 was held at Aiea Loop. The next race will be Top of Tantalus (Pu’u Ualaka’a) on April 5.



Education/ Hawaii Nature Center – Todd Cullison: Spring Break Camp (60 kids, then 35 kids) is coming up. Summer Camps will follow shortly. Pig hunting has been seen on the Ohana Trail. Suggests better signage. Motorized bike riders need alternative places to ride.

4WD / Off-Road Vehicles – Sean Goo: HST held a 4-Runner event. Kuaokala and Poamoho conditions are pretty good.

**VI. Other Business:** **5:30 p.m.**

Next Council meeting will be on May 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

**VII. Adjournment:** **5:35 p.m.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Marian Yasuda