



To: State of Hawai'i
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Board of Land and Natural Resources
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Request Approval to Continue Revocable Permit SP0002 Issued to Hui Maka'ainana o Makana, for Management of a Reservation System for the Collection of Parking and Entry Fees, Shuttle Services and Resource Enhancement at Ha'ena State Park, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Tax Map Keys: (4) 5-9-001:022 portion and (4) 5-9-008:001 portion.
June 22, 2023

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources:

The Hanalei Initiative supports this proposed extension of the Revocable Permit SP0002.

The Hanalei Initiative has had the great fortune to work closely and successfully in partnership with Hui Maka'ainana o Makana in the development and operation of a reservation access system for Hā'ena State Park. Through complementary skillsets and diligent adaptive management principles developed and deployed over the past 2 years, the Hā'ena State Park integrated access system has performed exceptionally across a wide range of metrics and in service of diverse stakeholders, and it continues to improve over time.

The testament to the groundwork built over decades by the Hui and the acceleration of the Hā'ena State Park Master Plan implemented by the State following the 2018 floods, has now culminated in a formal recognition of the outcomes of this visionary pilot project with the recent signing of HB1183. Hā'ena State Park has proven to be a sterling example and model of a successful public-private nonprofit partnership in Hawai'i - one that combines the best components of community-led local management with government-supported oversight.

The Hanalei Initiative intends to continue building upon the strong collaboration forged with Hui Maka'ainana o Makana in order to fully support their continued efforts to be a long-term local steward of this important community resource. Therefore, The Hanalei Initiative supports the proposed extension of the Revocable Permit SP0002.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Guy", is written over a circular stamp or seal. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joel Guy
Executive Director – The Hanalei Initiative