

From: [Dana Look Arimoto](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony from a Kauai resident
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:37:46 PM

I **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:**

(4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;

Further I support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship

Finally I Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Mahalo for your kōkua,
Dana Mahina Arimoto of eleele

From: [Bonnie Bee](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOCKET Number D-5 Item D-5 ~ YES ~ Please Revoke permit(s) S-7407, S-7444, S-7613, Effective: 31 December 2023
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:22:05 PM

24 July 2023

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State of Hawaii (BLNR)
Board of Land & Natural Resources
PO Box 621
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96809

RE YES, Please:
REVOCATION of permit(s)-7407,
S-7444, S-7613
of Permittee:
Coco Palms Ventures, LLC
Wailua, Kawaihau, Kaua`i
TMK(s): (4)4-1003:044,
(4)4-1-003:017
and (4)4-1-005:por.017.

Dear Board of Department Land &
Natural Resources (BLNR) ~
Chairperson Dawn Chang and
Members:

Aloha! Appreciation for the BLNR on
28 July 2023 to make pololei (correct)
decision / determination of:
Termination of Revocable Permit Nos.
S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 Effective
December 31, 2023, to Coco Palms
Ventures LLC, Permittee, Wailua,

*Kawaihau, Kauai, Tax Map Keys: (4)
4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4)
4-1-005:por. 017.*

PLEASE !!! - We implore the BLNR
to take this action - on 28 July 2023.

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Furthermore we support the **granting
of new RP's to a community based
organization** such as I Ola
Wailuanui, or a stewardship and
restoration group that will provide
inclusive and appropriate community-
based stewardship for this sacred
`āina.

Additionally, we recommend that the
BLNR require any future RP holder to
comply with HRS343 and at the bare
minimum **perform an Environmental
Assessment** (EA). The EA shall
consider direct, indirect, and
cumulative impacts that may occur as
a result of the proposed use.

MAHALO plenty for ALL consideration
of the body of BLNR in the pololei
(correct) action of ALL permit(s)
named above being revoked.

ALOHA `Āina

Sincerely With ALOHA,

Bonnie P Bator and ` Ohana
(Keana`aina, Keli`ikoa, Kai`aokamalie

and Kai)

From: [Kauai Climate Action Coalition](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of termination of revocable permit nos. S-740, S-74444 and S-7613
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 3:11:56 PM

In every decision that is made today, it is critical to consider the Climate Impacts. We invite you to take 30 minutes to watch our recent Kaua'i Climate Action Forum regarding the impacts of restoring the Wailuanuiaho'āno wetlands versus the construction of a 350 room resort.

Here is the link to the recording with the passcode.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/IzPrsMvI0JfRfQqNW6cBD9EhZt7vijZ87_NgUoK28H4OWobV6E7kLnNhJ1YbYZQZ.77FJcAJgSHzb2rg0

Passcode: =6ZyutTk

The Intergovernmental Panel on the Climate Crisis and reputable scientist everywhere agree that we are at, and perhaps past, the tipping point. Every action we take must calculate the carbon emissions and the ability to sequester carbon. It is undeniable clear that restoring wetlands sequesters carbon and encourages the return of native birds and plants. Wetlands also help mitigate sea level rise. On the other hand, the construction of another carbon intensive resort on an island that has already reached visitor capacity, lacks staff to fill positions, and is located in a sea level rise zone makes no sense and is counter to preparing sensibly for the future. The dilapidated resort on the site has been an eye sore to residents and visitors for over 30 years. It is time to take decisive action and move forward with what is environmentally and culturally correct.

Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition, a non profit group of citizens on Kaua'i dedicated to the principles of Aloha 'āina , applauds and supports the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys

- (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23.

We support the granting of new RPs to a community based group, such as I Ola Wailuanui, for stewardship and restoration. Furthermore we request the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and perform an Environmental Assessment at minimum. This would help focus on climate and other important impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed land use.

Your consideration of this matter is deeply appreciated by the community.

Sincerely,

Laurel Brier with
Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition

From: [Cheryl B](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item: Termination of Revocable permit S-7444 and @-7613
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:03:20 PM

I am writing this testimony in SUPPORT of the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the tax map keys (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017.

I SUPPORT and ask that any new permit granted should go to a community-based organization that will move forward positively with the stewardship of this place. I also request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use. We've seen in so many cases on these islands what occurs when pono procedures and protocols are not followed.

Mahalo for reading my testimony.
C. Burghardt
Kou, O`ahu

From: [Ken Carlson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 Effective December 31.
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:52:18 AM

Aloha,

I want to submit this testimony:

- **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Kenneth Carlson
Kilauea, HI

From: [Aloha Theatre Inn](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I SUPPORT TERMINATION OF. Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 3:02:51 PM

**Aloha Kauai Ohana,
PLZ be advised I absolutely support the**

Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 Effective December 31, 2023, to Coco Palms Ventures LLC, Permittee, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017.

Furthermore I completely agree with the following:

- **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

MAHALO FOR YOUR VOTE TO DO THE RIGHT THING!!!

**Lynn Danaher
Aloha Theatre Inn
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"bringing the Aloha back to Hanapepe"

From: [Kim Exon](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: ["Surfrider Foundation Kauai"](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terminate Coco Palms Tax Map Keys
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:16:08 AM

Aloha BLNR Representatives,

There are so many reasons the property previously occupied by Coco Palms should absolutely not be permitted to be restored to its previous use. Some of these include environmental issues, traffic, flooding, coastal erosion, and the years of delays. All of these plus many more warrant terminating the Tax Map Keys.

- **We support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- We further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- We also request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment** (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Mahalo,

*James & Kimberly Exon
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(805) 701 1260*

From: [RONALD FUJIYOSHI](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Koko Palms permit
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:22:23 PM

Dear DLNR Board,

My name is Ronald Fujiyoshi, 83 years old and living in Hilo on Hawai'i Island. My seventh grade year was spent living in Wailua at the base of the Sleeping Giant. I visited the site of the Koko Palms Hotel and its historical surroundings many times during the twelve (12) years I lived on Kauai.

Over the years I have learned of the significance of the historical sites at Wailua.

I am looking at a copy of one of the books of the Great Mahele. It shows that Wailua Ahupuaa in the District of Puna of Kauai is confirmed as "Crown Lands", the private lands of Kamehameha III. I believe that the Koko Palms land is part of this land.

The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution says that private lands can only be taken upon just compensation. I do not believe that the so-called claimants to the Koko Palms land has title to the said lands.

Please deny a permit to anything being built on this parcel.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!

Aloha and blessings,

Ronald Fujiyoshi

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [rick.gerding](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Revoke permits
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:29:42 AM

Time has come to get rid of this eyesore. Return this property back to the land and something useful for the island, maybe a park. I would vote to revoke the permits for this corporation that's doing nothing to proceed with the beautification of the island. Take all those blocks and take them out in the ocean and make a new fish habitat of concrete reef that might protect and help slow down waves from the winter storms. Thank you very much,

Rick Gerding.
808-855-5344

From: [Marjorie Gifford](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Termination of certain Tax Map Keys
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:39:52 AM

It is ridiculous that the property at Coco Palms should be considered for buildings at all let alone for tourist housing. An environmental assessment should be required and it certainly would support the concept that

1. the property is too low and will be flooded as ocean tides grow.
2. the danger from the highway and the traffic patterns in the area show that tourists cannot be safe in that area.
3. the noise from the traffic would require significant noise reduction walls and decor.
4. the traffic pattern for access will create accidents waiting to happen.

This property has been a shambles for too long. The fact that several organizations have failed to develop viable plans shows that this property is unbuildable for the purposes intended.

The property also contains iwi which need to be cared for and considered.

so, I hereby support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;

Marjorie Gifford
Lihue HI 96766

From: [Renee Rosemark Harper](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:37:33 AM

Dear Board of Directors

Please do not allow another hotel to be built in this area. The traffic is already terrible! This area should be saved for future generations as it has alot of historical significance. Setbacks for beach errosin is also a concern in the near future as a new road will eventually need to be built in that area.

I know alot of people won't take the time to object to this project but I truly know that most all of us residents are opposed to another hotel being constructed in this location.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

Renee Rosemark Harper

Lawai, Kauai

From: [Bruce Hultgren](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:45:03 AM

Dear BLNR members,

Please revoke permits of the Coco Palms Ventures. New RPs would best be granted to a community organization dedicated to its preservation.

Environmental assessment (EA) should be required of any new NP holders.

The current holders of these RPs have acted only in their own interest, it is hard to even identify the business structure of these holders. Their complete disregard for the rules, continuing to cut trees, etc is a disgrace.

Thank you for your help with this.

Bruce Hultgren

From: [Richard Janik](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for item D-5
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:47:15 PM

The Board of Natural Land and Resources (BLNR) added to their July 28, 2023 meeting agenda **item D-5** as follows: *Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 Effective December 31, 2023, to Coco Palms Ventures LLC, Permittee, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por.* Dear Sir/Madam:

I fully support the resolution D-5 for termination.

Richard J Janik

From: [Kaaz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] termination of revocable permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444, S-7613 to Coco Palms Ventures
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:40:53 PM

Dear BLNR

I am writing in support of the termination of revocable permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444, and S-7613 to Coco Palms Ventures LLC. This includes the BLNR recommendation to terminate the tax map keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23.

In addition I support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailanui, or a stewardship and restoration group to provide inclusive, community based stewardship.

I also respectfully request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and, most importantly, at a minimum, perform an environmental assessment which will consider the direct or indirect cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Sincerely,

Joy Kaaz
Maui resident

From: [Mary Lu Kelley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in favor of Agenda item D-5
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:57:38 PM
Importance: High

Aloha to all members of the BLNR,

I am writing today to thank you and encourage the finalization of the following:

- **Termination of the Tax Map Keys:** *Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 Effective December 31, 2023, to Coco Palms Ventures LLC, Permittee, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017. (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;*
- Continued support for the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- New request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

This could be a first step in restoring wetlands in this area which will help Kapa'a with rising sea levels from climate change.

Thank you for your due diligence with this very important issue for this valuable and important land on Kauai.

Aloha,
Mary Lu Kelley

From: peggy.kemp@hawaiiantel.net
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for termination of RPs re Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:14:39 AM

Dear Sirs,

I support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23.

I further support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship.

I request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Thank you,

Peggy J. Kemp

PO Box 987, Kapaa HI 96746

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From: [Lorna Larsen-Jeyte](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms Ventures
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:28:01 PM

Please revoke the former permits for the present developers who don't give a rip about Hawaii aina. Let another group more closely tied to the cultural and historic practices of Hawaii pursue an EIS and determine the future of this special place. the present developers don't care and I'll bet they never spiritually cleansed the land or asked for permission from akua to pursue their mission of making profit off our beloved aina.

Mahalo

Lorna Larsen Jeyte

keiki o ka aina

Volcano Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

From: [lever](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:31:23 PM

Aloha,

Pua Rossi-Fukino (Board President)
Mason Chock (Board VP)
April Martin (Tech assistant)

Please be advised that I whole-heartedly support these three points regarding Coco Palms.

- **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment** (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Please put this ridiculous saga to an end.

Thank You,

Scott Lever
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Em: lever@usinternet.com

From: [Jeremy Lloyd](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Please Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:33:40 PM

Aloha!

As a resident of Kaua'i, we urge you to please support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: *4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017.*

Please also support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization, ideally the I Ola Wailuanui who has done extensive work on creating a space for our community or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship and ownership.

I also request that the BLNR require ANY future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an EA. The EA shall consider direct, indirect and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

This is important. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Mahalo,
Jeremy Lloyd

From: [Ivory Lloyd](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:32:20 PM

Aloha!

As a resident of Kaua'i, we urge you to please support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: *4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017.*

Please also support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization, ideally the I Ola Wailuanui who has done extensive work on creating a space for our community or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship and ownership.

I also request that the BLNR require ANY future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an EA. The EA shall consider direct, indirect and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

This is important. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Mahalo,
Ivory Kealani Lloyd
ivorykealani@gmail.com

From: [judith_matola](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda, D5
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:26:47 PM

I am writing in regard to agenda D5 and why it should be voted against. I have lived up in Wailua Homestead more than half my life even remembering before there was a light down at the highway on the corner of Coco palms. There was no traffic there was a wonderful beach a restaurant across the street wonderful memories I'm afraid if there is a hotel built there, it will cause even more havoc to the traffic congestion. But most importantly, it's a slap in the face to the Hawaiian people. This is their land, and everyone on Kauai is against the development of a new hotel there. I am begging you to please do what the people of Kauai want. We need a Park, a Hawaiian, cultural center free space for people to roam not another hotel.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joshua Owens](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms BLNR Concern
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:10:19 AM

Aloha,

I am writing to support terminating the following Tax Map Keys in regard to the Coco Palms development plan. I do NOT support any further commercial development of the Coco Palms property. **(4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;**

I DO support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship.

I also request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Much Mahalo,
Josh Owens

From: [Lynn Parker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please revoke Coco Palms developer permit
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:48:37 AM

Dear BLNR:

Per your staff recommendation to terminate the tax map keys, I strongly advocate for pulling the permits from the developers. They have acted in bad faith, and our island doesn't need another traffic-causing hotel. Please have any future RP holder to perform an environmental assessment, and please grant a new RP to a community based organization such as iOla Wailuanui. Thank you,

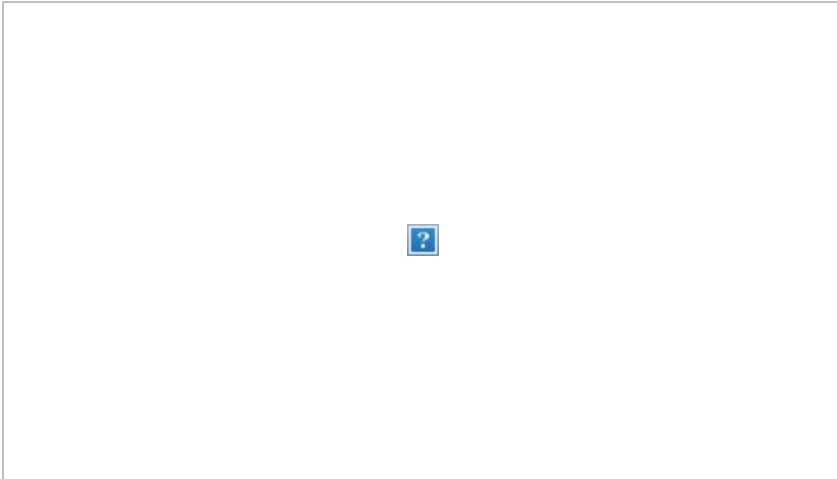
Lynn Parker, Koloa resident

From: [Steve Parsons](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REvoke Coco Palms Permits
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:14:26 AM

Aloha Board,

PLEASE revoke the building permits for the Coco Palms resort. My primary reason is Climate Change! SLR (Sea Level Rise) is accelerating and Much of The Coco Palms property is low lying and is in the SLR exposure area. Kauai needs this land for "Managed retreat" Buffer zone and the Hwy, will most likely need to be moved inland. Furthermore, we have a tremendous need for affordable housing Lastly, the cultural significance/importance cannot be overstated. To restore this sacred land to the Hawaiian People would in a small way help in making amends for all the stolen lands.

Mahalo,
Steve Parsons, Member of Kauai Climate Action Coalition, Kauai EV, Surfrider Foundation, Climate Restoration Advocate!
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From: [Sylvia Partridge](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY re termination of RPs involving Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:20:47 AM

I am supporting:

- 1) **the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23
- 2) Further supporting the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- 3) Also Requesting that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

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From: bpenn@hawaii.rr.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms permits
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:04:22 AM

- **Aloha, I am in Support of the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

As a resident of Wailua I pass by these ruins almost daily. I find it ridiculous that developers would want to put another hotel there with all of the coastal erosion and traffic nightmares. The vast majority of our community is in support of a cultural center and restoration of the fish ponds and sacred burial sites.

Please revoke these permits.

Mahalo,
Barbara Penn
644 Kamalu Rd
Kapaa, HI 96746

From: [Gordon Peterson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms Ventures LLC - Terminate Revocable Permits
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:35:17 PM

Aloha Board of Natural Land and Resources,

On your meeting schedule July 28, 2023 please support BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23.

Additionally:

- Please support the granting of any new revocable permits to a community-based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community-based stewardship.
- Also, I request that the BLNR require any future revocable permit holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Gordon Peterson
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From: [Helen Picca](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Revocable permits for Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:10:35 PM

Sirs, I wholeheartedly support the rejection of Revocable Permit numbers S-7407, 7444 and 7613 to Coco Palms.

I further support the transfer of these permits to I Ola Wailuanui for cultural stewardship of this sacred land.

Mahalo

Helen Picca

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From: linda@kauaidesign.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Revocation of permits
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:27:09 AM
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I am so very happy to see on the agenda for your 7/28 meeting:

Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 Effective December 31, 2023, to Coco Palms Ventures LLC, Permittee, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017

I fully support the BLNR staff recommendataion to terminate the revocable permits pertaining to the former Coco Palms property.

The string of owners have failed miserably to revive a hotel at that site, nor is it appropriate to do so. The current owners have shown blatant disrespect for the property and the legal processes required to restore it.

The north and south shores have been designated for development of hotel accommodations on Kauai, not the most heavily populated east side of Kauai where traffic bottlenecks occur daily and erosion is already washing away Wailua Beach.

For more than 10 years, since the days of FRIENDS OF COCO PALMS, I've been engaged in conversations about re-purposing that sacred land for a community multi-purpose cultural center as proposed by I Ola Wailuanui. My hope is that dream is starting to materialize. Revocation of the permits is the first step.

Thank you for doing the right thing for the land, local residents, and potentially even the visitors to Kauai.

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From: [Wendy](#)
To: [DLNR, BLNR, Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:12:56 PM

It's great news that the BLNR may be revoking the revocable permit of the Wailua land parcels listed below!

- I support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23.
- I also support the granting of new RP's to the community based organization, I Ola Wailuanui, or any stewardship and restoration group that will provide conscientious care of these sacred lands. I will add that I'm extremely partial to minimizing the human imprint on these lands and maximizing the peace and glory of unobstructed nature. **A nature sanctuary**, including signage about old Hawaiians and their presence in Wailua, would be my vote. With walking paths, benches, maybe a bike path...i.e. birds, trade winds, the sound of ocean waves, palm trees. But also with a strong protective presence safeguarding the public, keeping restrooms clean, and keeping vagrants and substance-abusers out, both day and night. (If this entails charging a nominal fee to enter and restricting usage to 2-3 hours, so be it.)
- I request that the BLNR require future RP holders to comply with HRS343 and to perform an Environmental Assessment (EA).
- I also request that under whoever's auspices these precious lands next fall, that the BLNR, the Mayor, and the County Council hold them fully accountable regarding time lines, permits, and slated plans. No one should be holding important and highly visible portions of this island, then letting it go to seed or become a public eyesore or issue of community disapproval.
- Although anything would be better than what we have there now, as a long-time resident of Wailua (right up in the Houselots), my overriding sentiment is that this INCREDIBLE place, that exudes peace, tranquility, and genuine solace, should NOT BE paved over for parking or in any way turned into an 'attraction' drawing in tons of people. We don't need a gathering place—Lydgate is right there for that stuff—and we don't need a museum, cultural center, or any buildings at all, IMO. The greater the human imprint, the more the 'sacred' becomes secondary or even non-existent. Do we want to study the human history of the place or do we want to **experience** it? It's the sacredness we need to protect, not OUR RIGHT to mess with it. (People often have a hard time letting nature just be nature.)

I know you'll do what's pono.

Wendy Raebeck

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From: [Douglas Ross](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 4:37:55 PM

Aloha,

As a 16 year resident of Kauai and 30 years of driving by the ruins of Coco Palms, I support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;

I support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;

I Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the tha may occur as a result of the proposed use.

I am a private tour guide on Kaua'i and I stop at the Coco Palms every tour to explain the area from the CP to all the heiaus.

We need a cultural center to harken back to the importance of the wailua awapua'a to the Hawaiians. The state has those nice diagram illustration things on the bike path makai to the Hilton garden inn and those could lead people over the bridge to the center. How beautiful that would be.

To have it look as it did in Blue Hawaii minus the hotel and add people learning and teaching hula,

THE BEST, IMO.

Mahalo for your time and consideration to this very important, long lingering, issue concerning the Coco Palms.

Douglas Ross
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From: haunani@aloha.net
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY on SUPPORT TO TERMINATE RP"S/July 28, 2023 Agenda/Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:28:09 AM

Aloha Board of Natural and Resources (BLNR),

I am a property owner that owns a parcel of land on Koki Road in the Wailua Houselots Subdivision on the island of Kauai. After witnessing the gross neglect of this area over the years, and having to pass it on a daily basis, I humbly ask for your kokua on the following:

I am writing in SUPPORT of BLNR staff recommendation to TERMINATE the Following Revocable Permits Tax Map Keys to Coco Palms Ventures LLC, Permittee, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai Tax Map Keys listed below:

(4) 4-1003-044, (4) 4-1-003:017, (4)4-1-005:por, 017 RPS effective 12/31/2023.

I also further SUPPORT your organization granting new RP's to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship of this area.

I would also like to add to the request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an EA (Environmental Assessment). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use of the land.

Sincerely,

Haunani Rossi, property owner

From: stevenkauai@me.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 3:30:08 PM

Dear BLNR:

I support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;

I further support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship.

I request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use..

This is extremely important for our Kauai community and the health of the island. That you for your consideration.

Steven V. Ruddell

From: hrhi@aol.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Termination of permits for Coco Palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:26:02 AM

As a retired land Use Planner and a Former Kauai Historic Preservation Review Commissioner I

- **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Mahalo
Anne Schneider

From: [Michael Smith](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please terminate RP's related to Coco Palms as soon as possible
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 4:26:02 PM

Dear BLNR members,

I am writing to you to please terminate the Revocable Permit Numbers S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 to Coco Palms Ventures LLC, Permittee, related to Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1-003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017, as soon as possible. The affected locations related to these RP's have become a blight on Kauai for the last 31 years! It is well past time to end this fiasco! Over the years because of the neglect at these locations all types of illegal activities have taken place. Additionally, the fees charged for these RP's is ridiculously low and appears to be no more than a token of their real value.

I applaud the BLNR staff's recommendation to terminate the above described RP's and urge you to follow through with their recommendation.

Sincerely,

Michael L Smith
389 Laaukea Place
Kapaa, HI., 96746

Sent from my iPad

From: [Shannan Smith](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:18:03 PM

Aloha

I want to send this written testimony stating my Support for the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23. I further support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship. My last request is that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Please take this into consideration; Kauai needs your support.

Mahalo,
Shannan Smith
808-647-9822

From: [Anjani](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palm's Permits
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:56:10 PM

Bureau of Land & Natural Resources,

As a 64 yr. Old resident of Hawai'i who is concerned about the egregious abuse to the a'ina and the people's trust, I am writing in support of the following:

- **I support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- I further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- I respectfully request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment** (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Mahalo for your consideration of these matters in your final determination of the project.

Mahalo,
Anjani Thomas

From: [vernon family](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco palms
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:52:17 AM

Please revoke development permits and issue to community organization instead.
Please include e.a. In all new permits.
Thanks for your support of revoking unsustainable building permits.
Ian Vernon 808-652-4102

From: [Kelly Sinclair Vicars](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in support of terminating Tax Map Keys (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:47:24 AM

Dear BLNR,

I am a Kauai resident writing in strong support of the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 effective 12/31/23 in connection with Coco Palms Ventures LLC's proposed permits in Wailua, Kauai.

Please grant new RP's to a community based organization (such as I Ola Wailuanui) or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship for this place, which holds huge cultural and spiritual significance to the Hawaiian people and the island of Kauai.

Furthermore, I request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Thank you,
Kelly
Kauai resident

From: [Valerie Weiss](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms Permit Termination
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:16:02 PM

Aloha BLNR.

Mahalo for your consideration in possibly rescinding the permit for the Coco Palms. *Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613.*

I am in support of the following and request that you support this as well.

- **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:**
(4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

As we all are well aware, this is one of our most historically significant properties on Kauai and possibly in the state. Damage has been done by having the previous Hotel built on this site and further damage has been done by the current permit holders. We can and should take this last chance to restore and save this property now.

Additionally the property is in the way of an encroaching, steadily rising, sea. It sits where our worst traffic nightmare is located. The island has many resorts that have been built since the property was devastated by the hurricane and we do not need another at this gridlocked location.

Let's do what we can right now to stop further desecration to this royal location on our Coconut Coast.

Mahalo nui loa.

Valerie Weiss
Wailua Homesteads

From: [John Wert](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms Testimony
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:25:54 PM

Bureau of Natural Resources (BLNR),

I am submitting this testimony in support of the following actions:

1. *Termination of Revocable Permit Nos. S-7407, S-7444 and S-7613 Effective December 31, 2023, to Coco Palms Ventures LLC, Permittee, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:017, RP's effective 12/31/23;*
2. I wholeheartedly support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
3. I also request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at a minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Prof John C Wert, Wailuku



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To: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

From: Mary Williamson, Kaua`i

July 24, 2023

Leave It.

I'm currently training a dog. He's probably a former hunting dog, used to being wild and free and doing whatever he wants, whenever and wherever he wants. One of the commands he's learning is "Leave It." When tempted by an enticing toy or seemingly delicious treat, he needs to know if and when it's actually a bad idea for him to have it.

It's my opinion that the same goes for the Wailuanui wetlands, the site of the CocoPalms ruins. At first look, this coastal area appears desirable for (re)development. But that would be a bad idea, bad for the well-being of Kaua`i.

Why? Some negatives of redevelopment include increased traffic, increased solid waste and sewage, flooding, and more. Some of the positives for "leaving it" — restoring this historic area to a more natural state — include protecting native birds, growing food, perpetuating culture, and allowing the wetlands to act as a sponge for heavy rains and other effects of climate change.

Further,

- I support BLNR staff's recommendation to terminate these Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RPs effective 12/31/23;
- I support granting a new RP to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community-based stewardship; and,
- I want any future RP holder to comply with HRS343, and, at the minimum, perform an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA shall consider all direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that a proposed use may cause.

Mahalo for your consideration.

From: [Mark Wolfendale](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Cindy Wolfendale](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:41:57 AM

Aloha Council Members

My wife and I strongly support the current effort to protect Kauai's unique cultural environment. **Past local leaders have successfully fought against over commercialization** and, as a result, Kauai retains much more of its natural beauty and Aloha culture than our neighbor islands.

We ask that you continue this ongoing fight against the relentless growth of tourism at the expense of the quality of life of your families, neighbors and Kauai residents.

Cynthia and I support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys :(4) 4-1003:44. (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005 RP's effective 12/31/23.

We further support the granting of new RP's to a community based organization such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;

We also request that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum perform an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.

Request that you continue the fight to protect Kauai for future generations.

Cynthia S. Wolfendale
Mark A Wolfendale
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From: [James Wong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] On agenda item D 5
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:44:22 PM

I, James Wong, **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map**
Keys: (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's
effective 12/31/23

Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;

- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.....sincerely, James Wong

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From: [Magenta Zelkovsky](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Agenda Item D-5
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:49:52 PM

- **Support the BLNR staff recommendation to terminate the Tax Map Keys:** (4) 4-1003:044, (4) 4-1-003:017 and (4) 4-1-005:por. 017 RP's effective 12/31/23;
- Further support the **granting of new RP's to a community based organization** such as I Ola Wailuanui, or a stewardship and restoration group that will provide inclusive and appropriate community based stewardship;
- Request also that the BLNR require any future RP holder to comply with HRS343 and at the minimum **perform an Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA shall consider direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed use.