



Ka Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i Aha Moku O Pae'Aina State of Hawai'i Aha Moku

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku Board of Land and Natural Resources Friday, September 27, 2024 9:00 a.m.

DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.

SUPPORT – Agenda Item K-1

Agenda Item K-1: Request for administrative fines and other penalties against Val Sanjara for Conservation District Enforcement Case KA 22-17 regarding the alleged unauthorized placement of a shed, accessory structures, and landscaping within the Conservation District Located on Wainiha Powerhouse Road, Tax Map Key (TMK): (4) 5-8-005:026.

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR),

On behalf of the generational and lineal descendants of the Moku of Halele'a and the generational families that are connected to this Moku, we offer our testimony.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports agenda item K-1 as it pertains to the Conservation District located on Wainiha Powerhouse Road.

The purpose of this submittal of the DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) is to protect and sustain lands within the land use conservation district, as well as privately and publicly zoned Conservation District lands. The lands located on Wainiha Powerhouse Road falls within the Conservation District.

Public Access to the Wainiha Beach by native Hawaiian lawaia (fishermen/gatherers) has been blocked for a long time. As a result, we support the OCCL staff recommendations as presented. We ask that this public access be restored so that native Hawaiian cultural practices can be brought to life again.

For the reasons stated above, the Hawaii State Aha Moku strongly supports agenda item K-1 as it pertains to Wainiha. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to give our mana'o on this agenda item.

Respectfully yours, Hawai'i State Aha Moku

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