

From: [Chuy Gonzales](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani Rock Revetment Access Application
Date: Friday, December 6, 2024 7:49:47 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am a homeowner of a condominium in the Hololani. Years ago my dream of buying a home in Maui were born and a few years ago I realized that dream. I am currently making it available to fire-displaced families but long for the day I can return to it. I worry now I may lose my home without taking immediate action to protect the shoreline. Rock revetment is a solution that is far superior and safer than sand bags. It also potentially is better for beach access for the public and protection of the road and drainage area. Please, I beg you, allow us the access so we can protect the property and beach access/safety for now and for the future. Thank you. Jesus J. Gonzales Unit A703, 805-415-3869

From: [Melissa Gonzales](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Hololani Access on Sandbag Replacement
Date: Friday, December 6, 2024 8:06:30 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am reaching out to request your agreement on allowing us access to replace the deteriorating sandbags with a rock revetment. The current sandbags are unsafe, with algae-covered surfaces, instability, and some bags falling toward the ocean, making lateral access hazardous. A rock revetment would provide a safer and more stable solution.

Additionally, the approved engineering plans include access improvements at the north end of the property. While some progress was made during the sandbag replacements five years ago, continued use of sandbags for foot and vehicle traffic accelerates their wear and compromises access. A rock revetment will enhance both vertical and lateral access along the beach.

The lower road near the drainage easement remains vulnerable to flooding during storms and high tides. Without proper support, both the road and the drainage infrastructure beneath it are at risk. The rock revetment will offer critical protection to this public roadway while ensuring safe and durable access to the beach.

Finally, the proposed use of local rock will create a more natural and aesthetically pleasing appearance compared to the degrading sandbags.

I believe this project will address immediate safety concerns, improve infrastructure resilience, and benefit the community long-term. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information to move this forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Melissa A. Gonzales, 805-890-4895, Hololani Homeowner

From: [Sarah Gowans](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Hololani Rock Revetment Project
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 2:04:14 PM

Dear Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Hololani Rock Revetment Project and to urge the Board to grant the right of entry necessary to proceed with construction on state lands. This project is essential not only for the safety and well-being of the Hololani community but also for the public and visitors who utilize this area.

We would like to highlight the following key reasons why this project is critical:

1. **Safety:** The current sandbags in place are severely degraded, slippery, and unstable. This poses a significant safety risk for anyone accessing the area. Replacing these deteriorating sandbags with a properly engineered rock revetment will greatly enhance safety for all.
2. **Access:** This project will improve both vertical and lateral access for the public and visitors to the beach and ocean. The planned upgrades will make it easier and safer for everyone to enjoy this space.
3. **Protection of the Lower Road:** The lower road is a vital public thoroughfare, but it is vulnerable to storm surges and king tides. Constructing a rock revetment will provide much-needed protection for the road and its associated drainage systems, ensuring continued access and resilience against future weather events.
4. **Aesthetics:** The use of natural, local rock will create a more visually appealing and environmentally harmonious shoreline, replacing the unsightly and deteriorating sandbags that currently dominate the area.

This project has been carefully designed to balance the needs of the Hololani community, public safety, and environmental considerations. With the permit to construct already secured, the approval for a right of entry is the next vital step to ensure we can move forward.

We respectfully request your support for this project and urge you to grant the right of entry needed to proceed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Joe and Sarah Gowans
B703

From: [Karen Kawanami](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimonial for Hololani 12/13/24
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 1:42:51 PM

Aloha Department of Land and Resources,

I am a condo owner at Hololani in Kahana. As you are aware, we currently have sandbags that are in place for beach erosion. These sandbags are extremely old and falling apart into the ocean. They are a hazard. The exterior cloth and covering has come off on some bags. The sandbags seem extremely dangerous because they are slippery and covered with algae so it appears to be a safety concern.

- Replacing the sandbags with rock will make the area safer and much more stable.
- This will also improve vertical and lateral access to the public and visitors.
- A rock revetment protection of the Lower Road will protect the road itself and drainage from storm surges.
- The sandbags are an eyesore to the beautiful coastline. Having a natural local rock will look far better than deteriorating sandbags.

I hope the Department of Land and Resources will help save our precious coastline.

Thank you for your consideration to allow the right of entry to proceed with construction on state lands and to help maintain Kahana's beautiful shoreline.

Mahalo,

Karen Kawanami
Hololani B-504

From: avkeen@aol.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#); [Virginia Keen](#); [EJ Jones](#); [Robert Shaw](#); [Sarah](#); [Lenore Houston](#); [Amanda Taylor](#); [Matt Pace](#); [Tim Cox](#); [Bill Cornthwaite](#); [Dave Lockett](#); [Riley Beckett](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani Resort Revetment Rock Testimony
Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 4:10:35 PM

Aloha,

I have owned Unit B104 at Hololani Resort for 25 years. I am aware that there is a very important meeting on December 13th to improve our shoreline access, which will protect Lower Honoapiilani Road, Hololani Resort and help beautify this area.

We currently utilize sandbags to prevent erosion. The bags are very old and falling apart. Even though there are signs that warn people to stay off the sandbags, people don't pay attention and walk all over these deteriorating time bombs, putting themselves at risk. The bags are slippery and falling apart and there are eroding holes underneath. This is major safety concern.

We would like to replace these bags with rock, making things safer and more stable. Once this is done, we will be confident that our coastline will be protected and people won't be in danger and it will beautify the area.

I have every faith in our Department of Land and Natural Resources that they will step up and do the right thing.

If you have any questions please reach out to me at 808-665-1567. I would be happy to be of service to our community.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Virginia Keen

From: [KIM NICKELS](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani Revetment Project
Date: Friday, December 6, 2024 8:14:42 AM

To Whom it may concern,

I am a unit owner at the beautiful Hololani Building in Maui. I worked my whole life to own this property and I definitely want it safe and taken care of so it last for years to come.

Please allow “ Right of Entry “ on the states land for the revetment project. The existing sandbags are degrading, are unsafe and look terrible. This project will improve the safety for all owners and visitors. Please help our community be better .

Thank you in advance,

Kim McMann

From: [Grant Parthemer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for December 13 BLNR Hearing re: Hololani Condominium
Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024 7:56:16 AM

To the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

I am providing written testimony regarding the hearing to approve the replacement of the aging, dangerous sea bags fronting the Hololani sea wall installed in 2018. I respectfully request the boards approval to allow Hololani to replace the sea bags with the originally intended rock revetment fronting, and protecting the sheet pile sea wall.

I am sure you are receiving via email, and will hear via oral testimony popular support to allow this project to be completed as designed, and permitted. The makeshift continuation of the use of sea bags fronting the wall is dangerous, inhibits access, and mars the aesthetic beauty of the Kahana coastline.

While the Hololani AOA has diligently worked to keep the sea bags in good repair so they can function as a protective measure, the logistics of renewal of deteriorating bags continues to compromise the Kahana shoreline. The bags are failing, are slippery and unstable, and provide a real barrier to public access to Kahana bay. I have seen several people who access the bags slip and fall while attempting to fish, snorkel and simply access the water. The bags also collect scum and are extremely dangerous to people who try and use them to access the water. A permanent rock revetment would allow a stable platform, not only protecting the sea wall, but the people who want to access the water.

It is also important to note that there is a Lower Honoapi'ilani Road drainage at the north end of the Hololani Property. The engineered rock revetment will also stabilize this feature of the public way, protecting the integrity of the road and helps maintain an important transportation artery.

Maintaining the sea bags is not a sustainable solution; as bags degrade they fall down into the water, failing in a nature that inhibits solid replacement, further compromising access and safety. Please vote to allow a better, safer and more sustainable solution by allowing the originally intended and permitted rock revetment to finally be installed.

Thank you,
Grant Parthemer
Hololani B303

Grant Parthemer, PE, LEED AP
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From: [Rajam](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Natural Rock
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 1:46:48 PM

Aloha:

We support building natural rock instead of sandbags which is deteriorating
If anything else we can do to support the project please let us know .

Mahalo

Rajam

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Spencer Schmerling](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Live Testimony
Date: Friday, December 6, 2024 7:45:07 AM

Aloha,

I would like to speak via Zoom on the topic of the Hololani revetment rocks at the Dec. 13th BLNR Meeting.

Spencer Schmerling

From: [Melissa Raynier](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Meeting Dec 13/24 for construction of Revetment of the Hololani
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 5:16:37 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

We thank you for confirming with our board that the Hololani is on the agenda for the BLNR Meeting. We have been anxiously waiting for this meeting, as it is so important for many reasons.

We have the permit to construct and we need permission so that we can proceed with the construction on state land. Right now and for the past many years, we have been using sandbags to help with the erosion of the land. They are very unsafe, slippery and not stable. Replacing them with Rock will make the area safer, the look of the natural rock will be far superior, and we won't have to deal with deteriorating sandbags, which are not good for the environment.

Having the Rock will also be more accessible for the public through public access and for the Hololani visitors. A rock revetment will also protect the key public road and drainage from storm surges.

We own 2 properties at the Hololani and appreciate your attention on this matter.

Thank you,
Melissa Raynier and Peter Schulhof

From: [Robert Shaw](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Meeting Agenda Item D8, Video Testimony
Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 4:59:53 AM

Hello

I would like to address the Board and provide testimony for the 12/13/24 meeting, agenda item D8 re: Hololani Rock Revetment Right of Entry.

Please send me a zoom link and any required access instructions to appear by Zoom.

Thank you !

Rob

Robert Shaw
Owner and AOA Board Member, Hololani, Maui
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Sent from my mobile device. Please excuse typographic errors and shorthand notation.

From: [Robert Shaw](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Meeting 12/13/24 Agenda Item D-8, written Testimony in Support
Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 6:50:15 AM

Honorable Chair, and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

Thank you for the opportunity to present my written testimony regarding this matter. I strongly support the Hololani request for Right of Entry to Construct and manage a sloped rock revetment to complete the previously approved revetment design.

For many years the Kahana Bay Area has experienced sand erosion by ocean currents. For the last 10 or more years this erosion has increasingly affected ocean front properties scouring away native soils and requiring emergency sand bag revetments in multiple locations to protect properties and to preserve water quality in the bay by preventing further erosion.

At Hololani these sandbags have been repaired or replaced multiple times. However, the ocean is relentless and sandbags are a temporary measure which in many cases only last 5 years (or significantly less when physically damaged).

The condition of the current sandbag revetment is not good, with some bags deflating, and some moving down slope seaward. As the stack of bags degrades they become irregular and revetment bag degradation accelerates making lateral access less safe and reducing the effectiveness of the revetment.

The proposed rock revetment will be an improvement to this area in many ways. These include:

- A. The flat top slope will provide improved lateral access in front of the sheet pile concrete cap (existing)
- B. The proposed vertical access, to be located at the north end of the development, will provide safer access across the drainage easement (which is between Hololani and Pohailani), from the roadway down to the water/beach
- C. The rock will better protect Honoapiilani Road at the drainage easement - an area which has suffered from flooding, and where the road surface is only a few feet from the shoreline. It will better protect the county drainage infrastructure that extends seaward from the roadway drain systems.
- D. The rock will look much better than a ragged pile of degrading sandbags.
- E. The rock will last longer, removing the need to place new sandbags in the shoreline area every 3 to 6 years, and eliminate the environmental risks of such work
- F. The rock will provide a better more natural ecosystem for marine life.
- G. The sloped face of the Rock, with its random facets, sloping face, and underlayment will reduce wave reflection and could help retain sand when currents are scouring sand in the annual cycle.

Sandbags, are not the answer. Replacement of the sandbags with sloped rock will best serve the interests of both owners AND the public.

Please grant the Hololani request for Right of Entry and Permit to complete the hybrid revetment project as originally designed and previously approved for permit.

Mahalo for your service and consideration of this request.

Rob

Robert Shaw
Owner, Hololani Maui
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12/08/2024 – Item D-8

Dear Board Members,

I am writing you to ask for your support in granting a right of entry to proceed with construction on state lands in order to proceed with the construction of a rock revetment wall at the Hololani resort.

When my Wife and I purchased this condo over a decade ago, there was a moderate amount of beautiful sandy beach, and it is so sad that it has been lost to such a degree. We were told at the time of our purchase that an active plan to protect the shoreline was in place and was going to happen in the near future. Unfortunately, that was delayed to the point we are at now when the project has become somewhat urgent.

One of the last times I was able to visit we enjoyed a seasonal re-emergence of the beach, and it was truly wonderful to walk on. In the aftermath of the devastating Lahaina fire, we entered our unit into the FEMA program to provide shelter to a displaced individual/family. It would be further devastating if we didn't protect the shoreline properties which could be utilized in this manner just for this kind of an emergency.

I look forward to eventually visiting the Hololani once again in the future when the unit is no longer needed. My understanding is that Hololani means, "Gone to Heaven." I certainly feel that sentiment every time I walk through the front door and walk out to our Lanai. There is no other place on Earth that gives me such peace.

There are significant benefits for allowing us to proceed with the project. I have seen firsthand how the North end of the property has deteriorated making the beach access point somewhat hazardous. This location is awfully close to the road and a major drainage pipe. These are impacted by the lack of protection from storms and very high tides that can result in flooding and road damage. This project is designed to help with these worsening issues. The old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" applies to this situation. If a bad storm washes out the road that would be awful and if the

risk of that happening can be decreased, we should attempt to make it happen.

My wife and I are disabled and having steps down to the beach would be extremely welcome. I think many visitors to this location would agree. It also makes me anxious when I see people walking on the existing sandbags that are slippery with an uneven surface, it just looks like an accident waiting to happen. Artists rendering of what the rock revetment will look like is far superior to the ugly sandbags which take away from the natural beauty of the area.

I am not aware of any significant downsides to proceeding with the project. The advantages of proceeding are significant.

Thank You,

Don Colbourn and Priscilla Wallack

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