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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2025

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube

Meeting Recording Available at

<https://youtube.com/live/0reNAfOJK6E>

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

PRESENT, Zoom: Chairperson John Komeiji; Second Vice-Chair Rich Matsuda; Paul Horner; Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole; Lanakila Mangaui; Neil Hannahs; First Vice-Chair Noe Noe Wong-Wilson; Kalehua Krug; Ben Kudo; Kimo Alameda;

EXCUSED Members: Bonnie Irwin; Pomai Bertelmann

MKSOA SUPPORT: Pua'ena Ahn, Executive Assistant, Board Secretary (MKSOA); John De Fries, Executive Director (MKSOA); Lloyd Unebasami, Interim Administrative Services Officer (MKSOA); Linda Chow, Deputy Attorney General (AG); Christopher Daggett, Consultant (MKSOA);

GUESTS: Greg Chun, Executive Director (CMS); Rodrigo Romo, MKSS General Manager (CMS); Kristin Duin, Consultant (CMS); Andrew Hood, Consultant (CMS);

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME PROTOCOL

Chair Komeiji called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. Opening remarks by Member Kanaka'ole.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

In-person and zoom comment by: Elaine San Jose, Kailani Chu, Millicent Cummings, Leina'ala Sleightholm, Skye Narvaez, Susan Rosier, Makoa Freitas, Ke'ala Lee Loy, Henry Lee Loy, Anuhea Lee, Luella Crutcher, Deborah Ward, Tara Rojas, [name not given]

Written testimony available at https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-1-50_Redacted.pdf, https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-51-99_Redacted.pdf, https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-100-149_Redacted.pdf, https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-150-199_Redacted.pdf, https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-200-243_Redacted.pdf, https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-244-270-LATE_Redacted.pdf, https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-271-288-LATE_Redacted.pdf, https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-11-13-Testimony-Sumissions-289-306-LATE_Redacted.pdf

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2025 REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING

MOTION: Motion by Member Kanaka‘ole, Second by Member Hannahs.

ACTION: Unanimous by show of hands.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. 2026 Legislature – Proposed Amendments and Discussion: Recent Senate Ways and Means Committee hearing, indicated that MKSOA bills will not pass

V. GOVERNANCE– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

VI. ADMINISTRATION – Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Report by Executive Director (ED) De Fries:

1. Office Updates - Project Director Stormont

1. Interim Office at 688 Kino‘ole St.: Installation of furniture and internet approaching, currently operating out of this office.
2. Relinquishing Right of Entry Authorization to old Bank of Hawai‘i Building at 427 E. Kāwili St.: Official release of building back to DLNR land inventory to occur at upcoming BLNR meeting

- B. Status of Long-Term Transition Working Group (LTTWG), Report by Member Kudo

1. Status Update: Tentative schedule of Master Transfer Plan drafting, review and approval from November 2025 to July 2026. Implementation from July 2026 to Transition Period end date July 2028.

Questions, comments by 1st Vice-Chair (VC) Noe Noe Wong-

Wilson

- C. Highlights from MKSOA Community Talk Story Series by Facilitator Mahina Paishon, Mahina Paishon Consulting: Details of key findings contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Item-VI-C.pdf>

Comments by 1st VC Noe Noe Wong-Wilson, and Members Hannahs and Mangauil

- D. Introduction of Management Planning Collective Kua o Wākea- April Surprenant, SSFM International, Malia Ka'aihue, DTL: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Item-VI-D.pdf>

Questions and comments by Members Alameda, Krug, 1st VC Wong-Wilson

- E. Letter to Principals of Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory (TIO) Dated October 24, 2025 from Governor Green and Hawai'i Congressional Delegation [Refer to Item IX.]: Combined with Item IX.

VII. FINANCE– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Report by Interim Administrative Services Officer Unebasami- October Financial report including appropriations, budget, expenditures, balance: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Item-VII.pdf>

VIII. CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP (CMS)– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Operational Update- Report by CMS ED Chun: Verbal update- Mostly quiet on the mountain, visitor sunset traffic currently on the wane until holidays, some minor repair needed due to storm, staffing levels stable but a few vacancies available. Solar water heater, electricity for warehouse permitting underway.
- B. Joint Management Committee (JMC)- CMS, MKSOA
1. ACTION REQUIRED (from 10/09/25 MKSOA meeting) Hale Pōhaku UST Decommissioning Draft EA Presentation (See attached materials): Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Item-VIII-B-1.pdf>: Project recap by MKSS GM Romo, DOH requirement to remove and replace single-wall underground storage tanks, will be replaced with above-ground double-walled tanks.

MOTION: Motion by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda, Second by Member Kudo

ACTION: Unanimous by show of hands

2. Discussion on Cost-Sharing between CMS and MKSOA for

FY26 and FY27

Members Kudo and Alameda left the meeting at 12:00 pm

**IX. REVIEW OF LETTER TO PRINCIPALS OF TIO FROM GOVERNOR
AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION – Public Testimony taken (written
or oral) on any of these items**

- A. INFORMATION ONLY – Understanding Permitting Process Regarding Application for Use of Decommissioned Site – Christopher Daggett: Original letter available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Item-IX.pdf>. Overview and comments by ED De Fries and Chair Komeiji.

1st VC Wong-Wilson left the meeting, quorum lost at 12:20pm.
Meeting continued on an informational basis for the purpose of taking testimony. No further Board actions taken.

Member Krug left the meeting at 12:22 pm. Member Mangaul left the meeting at 12:25 pm

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING- DECEMBER 9, 2025, 10:00AM-12:00PM
B. NEW MEETING VENUE- KŪKAHAU‘ULA, INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY
(IFA) LIBRARY 640 N. AOHOKU PL, HILO

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.

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