

From: [Bill Flaherty](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waiakalua Reservoir Grant
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 11:14:04 AM

Aloha,

I am submitting this request for your approval of the Grant money set aside for the Waiakalua Reservoir remediation.

I have been a property owner on the reservoir for over 25 years. For the past 20 years we have been working with the DLNR and our engineers to find a resolution to improve and safeguard the reservoir and our downstream neighbors.

If this grant is approved we are now in a position to start work on these improvements within the next 6 months to a year depending on the time it will take to get all permits finalized. We have bids from 2 State approved construction contractors already.

If Kalihiwai reservoir is approved for decommissioning Waiakalua will be the only fully functional reservoir on Kauai's North Shore until work on the Kaloko is completed.

Waiakalua is essential to water and sediment retention for the Waiakalua stream and the downstream Pilaa Bay. Not to mention the wildlife and endangered species that call Waiakalua Reservoir home.

The proposed grant monies will greatly help in assisting the homeowners with the proposed remediation. Without this grant it would be extremely hard or nearly impossible for the homeowners to afford these much needed improvements to the reservoir. We have already spent over \$ 200,000 since the Kaloko breach on repairs to the reservoir gate, clearing of trees and working with our engineers .

Mahalos in advance for your approval of this very important grant.

William Flaherty
President Waiakalua Wildlife Association

Sent from my iPad

From: [STEVE HUNT](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waiakalua reservoir grant approval. Thank you for confirming receipt
Date: Monday, January 5, 2026 5:19:08 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources!

I am writing to request your approval of the engineering division's recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources that Waiakalua Reservoir receive the requested grant money.

I have been a property owner and resident, adjacent to the reservoir, for close to forty years. During this time, three generations of our family have worked diligently to be good stewards of this valuable natural resource. For the last 20 years, since Kaloko Reservoir breached, we have worked with the Engineering Department and our neighbors, to give thoughtful consideration to how to preserve this water source and wildlife refuge. With the help of our consultants and engineers we are now ready to proceed and begin this remediation process to comply with all the deficiencies that have been a risk to our neighborhood.

Our family has formed two 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundations and have utilized this resource for many of the charitable organizations on Kauai, such as the Boys and Girls Club, Lions Club, Zonta and countless others. Through this outreach we have provided hundreds of scholarships to young people on the North Shore of Kauai.

This grant will serve the community of Kilauea to assist in providing matching funds for this very expensive remediation . It will help provide an enhanced level of dam safety as well as continue to maintain sufficient water for our nationally certified wildlife refuge and recreational resource that many charitable foundations have utilized.

Waiakalua Reservoir may be one of only two remaining reservoirs on the North Shore of Kauai and this recreational and conservation resource needs to be maintained for our community.

Warmest mahalo in advance for approving this grant.

Steve and Janine Hunt and Family
Sent from my iPad