

January 7, 2026

Aloha Members of the Board of DLNR,

We are 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.

My husband and I are long-time residents of Kauai – Bill since 1978, Rebecca since 1992. We are responsible business owners and community minded residents serving and supporting many community efforts including the Kauai Lifeguard Assn., Wilcox Memorial Hospital, St. Michael's Episcopal Church community outreach programs among others.

We recently (summer 2025) purchased a home adjacent to the Waiakalua Reservoir. One of the main attractions of the property for us is the reservoir. Immediately after moving into our new home, we met with several of the neighbors to get up to speed regarding the reservoir and how to best preserve this significantly important water source and wildlife refuge. We have also participated in all the neighborhood meetings which included our consultants and information from our engineers. Our group is committed and ready to proceed with the remediation process.

This grant will serve the community of Kilauea by providing matching funds for this very expensive remediation. It will enable us to provide 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. The downstream community will benefit from the dam being safe. The water quality in adjoining streams and coastal areas will be enhanced and this critical resource will be maintained improving conditions for wildlife.

We greatly appreciate your positive consideration of our request.

Mahalo,
Bill and Rebecca Allen



January 5, 2026

Dear Land Board,

I am writing as a neighbor in Kilauea Farms, living adjacent to the Waiakalua Reservoir, to humbly thank you for your consideration for grant funding to repair and restore our local reservoir. The reservoir is a critical resource that supports agriculture, recreation, and endangered endemic wildlife, include nēnē and 'Alae 'Ula. Its current condition poses risks to reliability and long-term use.

Funding from the Board would allow us to address necessary repairs, improve safety, and ensure the reservoir continues to serve our community for years to come. This project will help protect public health, strengthen infrastructure, and support sustainable water management.

Mahalo for your consideration and for your commitment to supporting community infrastructure projects.

Sincerely,

Paul Brewer
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Aloha, DLNR Board members.

Thank you for considering Waiakalua Wildlife Preserve Association as a possible recipient of award funds for rehabilitation of Waiakalua reservoir and dam on Kauai.

As stated by other testimony, water is a valuable resource globally and on Kauai, and we are very much interested in preserving this resource for future generations and as endangered wildlife habitat.

I will begin on a personal note by saying that I am a local 88-year-old part-Hawaiian with deep lifetime family roots on this island, and who has lived here alongside Waiakalua Reservoir for over 40 years. I am the owner of a fragile small business whose husband passed away five years ago, and I am, with family members, still running the business.

My husband and I spent many years since 2010, when our local homeowners' association was dissolved, working to preserve and maintain the dam and reservoir, spending many thousands for upkeep and dam structures. Approximately four years ago the owners of adjacent lots were commissioned by the state to add to the preservation of this very valuable resource. A homeowners' association was recently formed, consisting of seven financially-cooperating members, plus two members who have chosen non-participation because of financial concerns.

Because of non-affordability, and the fact that together we as a group have already spent over two hundred thousand dollars on engineering studies and monitoring, we welcome grant monies which will help tremendously toward the costs of this project, which is projected to be approximately \$ 4.3M.

Mahalo for your support in this very valuable endeavor. It is very much appreciated.

Bev Harter
Resident Homeowner
Waiakalua, Kauai

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To whom it may concern,

Here is our testimony for the grant for the Waiakalua Reservoir, thank you!

Aloha board members,

We are writing to ask for your approval for the Waiakalua reservoir to receive this grant as recommended by the engineering division. We sincerely thank you for taking the time to reside over this matter. Receiving this grant would be huge for all of us that call this area home. Having lived on the north shore of Kauai for many years, our family has seen how important it is to have and maintain reservoirs for our community and our environment that we call home.

In addition, everyone that lives downstream of the reservoir will benefit from the dam being safer. Also, the water quality in adjoining streams will also be enhanced along with recreational resources being better maintained which greatly improves the conditions for wildlife to flourish.

Fixing and preserving this reservoir is extremely vital for all of us here on the north shore of Kauai and is something that absolutely needs to happen.

Thank you for your consideration in helping us obtain this much needed grant for the Waiakalua reservoir.

-The Wollman Family