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**APPROVED AT ITS
BOARD MEETING ON
APRIL 24, 2026** TK

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**SUMMARY MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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Date: March 27, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.
1151 Punchbowl Street, 1st floor/ & Online via Zoom

MEMBERS

Ryan Kanaka'ole
James Carpio
Denise Iseri-Matsubara
Karen Ono
Riley Smith
Kaiwi Yoon
Calvin Young
John Dubiel, DAG

STAFF

Jason Redulla, DOCARE Administrator
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Seiji Ogawa, Land Administrator
Lauren Yasaka, Acting Assistant Land
Administrator
Pi'ikea Tomczyk, SP
Edwin Matsuda, ENG Div.
Dina Lau, ENG Div.
David Smith, DOFAW Administrator David
Penn, DOFAW
Meghan Statts, DOBOR Administrator
Brian Neilson, DAR Administrator
Kelli Ann Kobayashi, DAR
Luna Kekoa, DAR
Pua Aiu, CO

00:00:09 Acting Chair Kanaka'ole called the meeting to order. The contested case standard statement was read, and Roll Call of the Members conducted.

00:04:56

ITEM A-1 Approval of February 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

00:05:21 **To Approve Meeting Minutes as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

00:05:50 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

00:06:00
ITEM D-7

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Mossbridge Productions, LLC on April 13 and 14, 2026 for Filming at the Lawn fronting Kahala Hotel; Waialae, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 3-5-023: portions of 041.

00:07:51 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Young)

Amendment: During Staff's presentation, Staff noted that Applicant requested to amend the dates of the right-of-entry from Monday, April 13, 2026 and Tuesday, April 14, 2026 to Tuesday, April 14, 2026 and Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

00:08:25 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

00:08:45
ITEM B-1

Amend prior board action of May 13, 2022, to delegate authority to the chairperson to negotiate and sign facility use agreements and memorandum of agreements with DOCARE Training Academy Program partners, for the use of any agreements with any federal or government agency, state and county, for the use of the Hawaii Convention Center, Aloha Stadium facilities, and the University of Hawaii for educational support and use of the Marine Education and Training Center, that is necessary to conduct the DOCARE Training Academy Program for entry level Conservation And Resources Enforcement Officer I positions, from July 11, 2022 to March 31, 2023, and for future training academies.

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the Board also delegates authority to the Chairperson to negotiate and enter into agreements with federal, state, and county agencies, for the use of their facilities for the DOCARE Training Academy program.

00:18:12 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Young)

Amendment: The Board unanimously voted to approve Item B-1 as recommended by Staff and to amend the action to include that DOCARE come to the Board for approval if asked to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

00:19:36 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

0:19:44

ITEM D-6

Approval of: 1) Acquisition of Private Lands Associated with the Wahiawā Irrigation System as Provided for in Act 218, 2023 Session Laws of Hawai'i for Addition to the Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area Identified as Tax Map Keys (1) 7-3-001:003 and 019; 7-3-006:023; 7-3-007:001; 7-3-008:001; 7-3-010:003; 7-3-011:003, 006, and 007; 7-3-012: 006; 7-4-001:003; and 7-4-012:001, Located in Wahiawā, Oahu; 2) Rescission of the Wahiawā Dam Remediation Schedule issued to Dole Food Company Hawai'i by the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("Board") on April 9, 2021, as Item L-3 (which was subsequently amended by the Board), upon Transfer of Tax Map Keys (1) 7-3-001:003 and 019; 7-3-006:023; 7-3-007:001; 7-3-008:001; 7-3-010:003; 7-3-011:003, 006, and 007; 7-3-012: 006; 7-4-001:003; and 7-4-012:001 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Tax Map Keys (1) 7-1-001:013 and 017; 7-1-012: 003, 004, 007, and 014; 7-3-005: 005; 7-3-012:002; and 7-3-013:003 to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, including the Wahiawā Dam and the Ditch System Associated with the Wahiawā Irrigation System; 3) Delegation to the Chairperson to Negotiate the Terms and Conditions of the Transfer Agreement; 4) Delegation to the Chairperson to Enter into the Transfer Agreement; 5) Issuance of Management Right-of-Entry to the Division of State Parks; and 6) Issuance of Set Aside to the Division of State Parks for Addition to the Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area for Park Purposes.

Pursuant to Section 92-5(a) (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Board may go into Executive Session in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

01:55:52 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Young)
No vote was taken.

01:56:28 **Enter Executive Session**
MOTION (Ono, Young)

01:56:56 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

01:56:57 The Board went into Executive Session.
02:50:03 The Board returned from Executive Session.

02:51:18 **To Amend the Motion on the Floor**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Young)

Amendment: Member Iseri-Matsubara made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation as amended by amending Recommendation 1 to include and clarify that approval of the acquisition is subject to the

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availability of funding, which is right now estimated at \$14 million, which also includes stop gap measures for soil remediation, notwithstanding the licensee agreement conditions currently in place.

02:53:12 **PASSED**
VOTE 6 - Ayes (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Young)
 1 - Neys (Yoon)

02:53:33 The Board recessed for a lunch break.

02:53:33 Member Yoon left the meeting.

03:25:34 The Board returned from the recess.

**03:25:47
ITEM C-1**

Request for approval to authorize the Chairperson to negotiate, execute, amend, extend, and terminate a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and the Big Island Mountain Bike Association for Park Management and Maintenance at Kūlanihāko'i Mountain Bike Park within Waiākea Forest Reserve, Waiākea, South Hilo, Hawai'i Island, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-4-008:022.

03:28:38 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

03:28:56 **PASSED**
VOTE 6 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Young)

**03:29:09
ITEM C-2**

Authorize the Chairperson to negotiate, sign, amend, execute, and extend Mutual Aid Agreements with federal and county agencies pursuant to Chapter 185, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for Cooperative Fire Protection and Wildland Fire Suppression.

03:33:24 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

Amendment: The Board (6 members) unanimously voted to approve Item C-2 as recommended by Staff and to amend the action to include that DOFAW come to the Board for approval if asked to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

03:33:45 **PASSED**
VOTE 6 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Young)

03:33:54
ITEM C-3

- (1) Approve five grants of available funds from the Fiscal Year 2026 Land Conservation Fund—totaling up to \$7,000,000, as requested in applications to the Fiscal Year 2026 Legacy Land Conservation Program and awarded in the order ranked by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission—for the acquisition of interests and rights in specific parcels of land having value as a resource to the state (total area approximately 706 acres), subject to standard conditions, and including contingencies for redistributing unaccepted, non-encumbered, or unexpended funds from a fiscal year 2026 grant award to one fiscal year 2026 grant approved for initial, partial funding (Item (1)E. below):
 - a. Save Honolua Coalition, up to \$2,021,500 (full funding) for the acquisition of approximately 170.913 acres at District of Lahaina, Island of Maui (Honolua Bay), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 4-1-001:019, (2) 4-2-001:044, and (2) 4-2-004:032, with a conservation easement held by the County of Maui or other suitable entities.
 - b. Hui Wa‘a O Moloka‘i, up to \$318,750 (full funding) for the acquisition of approximately 23.792 acres at District of Molokai, Island of Molokai (Malama Kaunakahakai), Tax Map Key Number (2) 5-3-005:006, with a conservation easement held by the County of Maui or other suitable entities.
 - c. KHM International, up to \$1,050,000 (full funding) for the acquisition of approximately 7.193 acres at District of Molokai, Island of Molokai (Kalokoeli Shoreline), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 5-4-005:001, :002, :003, :004, :005, :006, :007, :008, :009, :011, and :044, with a conservation easement held by the County of Maui or other suitable entities.
 - d. DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife, up to \$3,010,000 (full funding) for the acquisition of approximately 542 acres at District of Hana, Island of Maui (East Maui Coastal Forest), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 1-2-001:001 (por.), :027, and :045, and (2) 1-2-003:002 and :018, with a grant of exemption for any easement required pursuant to section 173A-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
 - e. Ke Ao Hali‘i, up to \$4,054,900 (with initial, partial funding of up to \$600,000) for the acquisition of approximately 115.576 acres at District of Hana, Island of Maui (Haneoo Aina), Tax Map Key Numbers (2) 1-4-007:005, :011, :012, :019, :020, :021, :022, and :033, with a conservation easement held by Hawaiian Islands Land Trust or other suitable entities.
- (2) For each grant approved under item (1) above, exempt the award of state funds from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment, under Chapter

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343 Hawaii Revised Statutes and Chapter 11- 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

- (3) Authorize the Department to proceed with all due diligence and negotiations necessary to carry out the Fiscal Year 2026 Land Conservation Program grants and acquisitions approved by the Board and the Governor.

03:38:02 Member Yoon rejoined the meeting.

03:55:32 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Carpio, Smith)

Amendment: The Board unanimously voted to approve Item C-3 as recommended by Staff and to amend C-3.(1).A. from 170.913 acres to 17.81 acres and C-3.5).i from 81.19 acres to 115.76 acres.

03:56:19 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**03:57:02
ITEM D-1**

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Beach Volleyball Association for Seven (7) Beach Volleyball Tournaments at Kalapaki Beach, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 3-5-002: seaward of 002.

03:58:16 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

03:58:30 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**03:58:34
ITEM D-2**

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to the Young Men's Christian Association of Kauai on behalf of the Kauai Bodyboarding Association for a Bodyboarding Contest Purposes; Keoniloa Beach (also known as Shipwreck Beach), Po'ipū, Kōloa, Kaua'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 2-9-001: seaward of 004.

03:59:17 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

03:59:29 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

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04:00:09

ITEM D-3

Amend Prior Board Action of January 10, 2025, Item D-16, Regarding Revocable Permits for General Industrial Uses at Waiākea, South Hilo, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-058:025 to DWE, Inc., Wesco Distribution, Inc., Fastenal Company and John Tavares, to Specify Unit Identifiers and Commencement Dates.

04:00:43 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

04:00:55 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:00:57

ITEM D-4

Amend Prior Board Action of January 10, 2025, Item D-17, as amended, Regarding the Issuance of Revocable Permits for General Industrial Uses at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-037:081 to Assign Unit Identifiers, Specify the Permit Commencement Date, and replace John Elkjer dba Sustainable Island products with Pacific J Partners LLC dba Sustainable Island Products.

04:01:49 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

04:02:04 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:02:08

ITEM D-5

Issuance of Revocable Permit to Andrew J. Baker for Gardening, Landscape, and Maintenance, Honokala, Hamakualua, Makawao, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 2-9-002-022.

04:03:47 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Carpio, Smith)

04:03:58 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:04:03

ITEM D-9

Issuance of Direct Lease to Parent Scouters Guild for Camp Site, Youth Educational Programs, Athletic Activities and Supporting Scout-Related Purposes; Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 3-2-035:012.

04:04:03 **Deferred at the Request of Staff**

04:04:04

ITEM D-8 Rescind the prior Board action of March 24, 2022, under agenda item D-3, *Issuance of Revocable Permit to Gregory Fonseca, Waipahu Industrial Park, Hoaeae, Ewa, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 9-4-049:062 por., Unit 202.*

Issuance of Revocable Permit to Tachibana Painting LLC, Waipahu Industrial Park, Hoaeae, Ewa, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 9-4-049:062 por., Unit 202.

04:06:35 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Young)

04:06:50 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:07:16 The Board took a 5-minute recess.

04:17:14 The Board returned from the recess.

04:17:34

ITEM J-1 Approve the Request by Maka Kai Charters, Inc. to Privately Finance Repairs to Slip 99, Mā'alaea Small Boat Harbor, Wailuku, Island of Maui, Hawai'i.

04:19:23 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Carpio, Smith)

04:19:37 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:20:21

ITEM F-1 Request for Authorization and Approval to Issue a Papahānaumokuākea Research Permit to Keolohilani Lopes, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, to Conduct Research Activities for a Chondria Tumulosa Research Project.

04:24:00 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

04:24:12 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:24:26

ITEM F-2 Request for Authorization and Approval to Issue a Papahānaumokuākea Research Permit to Anna Mikkelson, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, for the Research and Surveying of Sediment Activities to Determine the Impacts of

Extreme Storms and Sea Level Rise on Critical Habitat and Nearshore Marine Environments.

04:27:58 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

04:28:11 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanakanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:28:33
ITEM F-4

Request for Authorization and Approval to Issue a Papahānaumokuākea Research Permit to David Hyrenbach, Oikonos-Ecosystem Knowledge and Hawai'i Pacific University, to Continue Research Activities for a Black-Footed Albatross Tracking Project.

04:37:28 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

04:37:40 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanakanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

04:38:17
ITEM F-3

Request that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR):

- (1) Recognize the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) management authority under HRS § 171-11 and Executive Order No. 4226 (set-aside to DLNR's Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) for conservation and management purposes) for State lands at Wai'anae-Kai, Wai'anae, O'ahu, Hawai'i, TMK (1) 8- 5-002:011; and
- (2) Delegate to the Chairperson authority to implement temporary, phased access restrictions limited to the minimum extent and duration necessary to:
 - a. Protect anchialine ponds and endemic aquatic species (e.g. ōpae 'ula, anchialine snapping shrimp);
 - b. Mitigate documented fire hazards and other safety risks associated with combustible debris and fuel loads;
 - c. Conduct debris removal, cleanup, restoration, and resource monitoring, and install protective measures (e.g., fencing) around sensitive features; and
 - d. Safeguard cultural sites and burials. (The delegated authority is operational and time-limited, tied to the specific conditions listed above,

and shall be exercised only to the minimum extent and duration necessary to accomplish the related management activity); and

- (3) Determine that the requested actions will have little or no significant effect on the environment and are exempt from environmental review under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200.1, consistent with DLNR's exemption list (Operations/maintenance; debris removal; resources monitoring; hazardous condition mitigation; fencing of sensitive areas).

04:48:58 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Ono)

04:49:20 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 - Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
 Yoon, Young)

04:49:31
1:54 PM

There being no further business, Acting Chair Kanaka'ole adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tasha Kakuda

Land Board Secretary

Approved for Submittal:



Ryan Kanaka'ole, Acting Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
Department of Land and Natural Resources