



EAST HONOLULU WATERSHED MANAGEMENT /SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

Time: 6:30pm- 8:30 pm

Date: Monday, March 04, 2019

Location: Koko Head Elementary School Cafeteria

Event Description

This community meeting was held jointly by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Permitting and Planning (DPP) and the Board of Water Supply (BWS). For BWS, the purpose of this meeting was to announce the kickoff of the East Honolulu Watershed Management Plan (EHWMP) and to gather input on water resource issues in East Honolulu. For DPP, the purpose of this meeting was to share and gather input on the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EHSCP) – Public Review Draft. Both DPP and BWS provided a presentation and provided mechanisms for the community to provide input on their respective plans. The O’ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) were also in attendance with an informational table. A copy of the meeting’s presentations are appended to this meeting summary.

Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **EHSCP presentation**
- **EHSCP Q&A**
- **EHWMP presentation**
- **EHWMP Q&A**
- **Open house**

Project Team Attendees

BWS: Barry Usagawa, Iris Oda, Dominic Dias, Arlen Ledward, Marc Chun, Christopher Sugimoto

SSFM: Melissa White, Abbey Seitz, Carlos Kelton

DPP: Kathy Sokugawa, Dina Wong, Thomas Blair, Noelle Cole



Stakeholder Attendees

Attendees at the meeting included City and County Agencies, community residents, Neighborhood Board members, and prospective councilmembers.

Name

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| 1. Alvin Au | 19. James Barker | 40. Sherri Hiraoka, Townscape |
| 2. Amanda Wantiez | 20. Jay Sistik | 41. Sylvia Himeda, Wai'ālae-Kāhala NHB |
| 3. Arlen Ledura, BWS | 21. Jeanne Ohta, AHCA | 42. Tommy Waters, City Council Candidate |
| 4. Aurelia Gonzalez, HI Streams & Ecosystems | 22. John Delaney | 43. Trevor Ozawa, City Council Candidate |
| 5. Bob Stanfield, Manamana Research | 23. Jon Roach | 44. Valerie Moore |
| 6. Brian Speir | 24. Judy Nii | 45. William R. Liggett |
| 7. Britney Ta'amu Miyashiro, Team Rubicon | 25. Kalani Fronda, Kamehameha Schools | |
| 8. Bruce Tsuchida, Townscape | 26. Kiana Otsuka, OMPO | |
| 9. Carol Jaxon, Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board (NHB) | 27. Kimo Franklin | |
| 10. Chelsea Chang | 28. Kyle Standford | |
| 11. Chris Fergerstrom | 29. Linda Belise | |
| 12. Corlyn Orr | 30. Linda Starr, Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki NHB | |
| 13. Dave Raney, Sierra Club | 31. Lisa Bishop, FOHN | |
| 14. Diane Au | 32. M. Laprade, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui | |
| 15. Diane Paloma | 33. Mark Enomoto | |
| 16. Elizabeth Reilly, Hawai'i Kai NHB | 34. Natalie Iwasa, Hawai'i Kai NHB | |
| 17. Gabrielle Sham, Townscape | 35. Paige Alton, Hawai'i Kai NHB | |
| 18. Harvy King, Windward Community College | 36. Rene Garvin, Hawai'i Kai NHB | |
| | 37. Richard Ogoshi, HACP | |
| | 38. Roberta Mayor, Hawai'i Kai NHB | |
| | 39. Sara Farnham | |



Notes from Q & A and Group Discussion

Following each presentation, attendees were given the opportunity to provide input via a question and answer (Q&A) session. Discussions from these Q&A sessions were recorded and are summarized below.

East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan

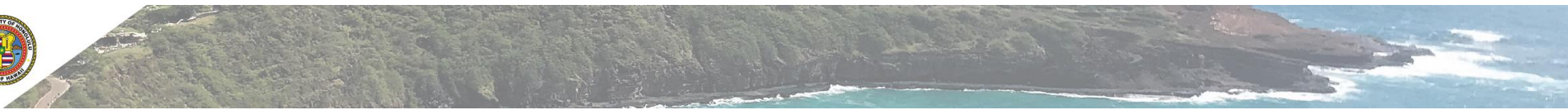
- **Q.** Why are we adding more ‘ohana units? We already have issues with monster homes and illegal AirBNBs.
 - **A.** The EHSCP only projects an additional 50 accessory dwelling units. There are new policies which address illegal vacation rentals.
- **Q.** Why is there a proposed recreational area by Makapu‘u on page 3-5 of the EHWMP?
 - **A.** We will remove the “recreational” language from the final plan and instead identify trails in the area.
- **Q.** Is the highlighted text in the plan indicating changes from the 2000 plan?
 - **A.** Highlighted text indicates small text revisions, not a policy change.
- **Q.** What mandates that limited development occurs in East Honolulu? The plan uses the language “predominantly” and “generally” to describe development – are there any exceptions?
 - **A.** Development guidance is provided by O‘ahu General Plan. The EHSCP reflects policy in the O‘ahu GP that East Honolulu will have a stable population and about 5% of O‘ahu’s total population.
- **Q.** How is the EHSCP addressing sea level rise and flooding? We don’t see the extreme tsunami zones identified in any of the EHSCP maps.
 - **A.** The plan can be amended to address extreme tsunami zones. There is a table in the plan that addresses emergency shelters. We can work with local disaster groups to make the necessary revisions.
- **Q.** Why will green infrastructure only be slowly adopted? Are you considering storm water fees?
 - **A.** There are other plans more specific to green infrastructure. The EHSCP only provides overarching guidance.
- **Q.** What hinders East Honolulu from increased development?
 - **A.** The community growth boundary. We can only build within that community growth boundary. Proposals to rezone areas outside of the community growth boundary will not be supported by the Director of DPP.
- **Q.** There are still areas within the community growth boundary with more than 20% slopes, where people are permitted to build properties. Does the EHSCP address this?



- **A.** We are not expanding or reducing the community growth boundary. Yes, there is some land with more than 20% slopes within the community growth boundary. The plan has recommendations for no development along steep slopes.
- **Q.** Will this lead to the City purchasing properties that slide?
 - **A.** We need additional policy recommendations to guide policy on how the City responds to property damage following landslides and disasters. A Cluster permit was recently denied in East Honolulu because it was contrary to this policy.
 - **A.** The EHSCP focuses on providing land use guidance - City agencies' actions are guided by this plan.
- **Q.** I appreciate the language on adaptation. It seems fair to address the aging population. What is crime rate in East Honolulu, and does it justify the need for a new police station?
 - **A.** The proposal to establish a new substation has been removed from the 1999 Plan. We should look into its status and justification for its removal.
- **Q.** There is an issue with park management along the Ka Iwi Coast near Sandy beach. Cars are parking on the dunes, which turns the beach into a waste land. The city has posted no parking signs, but we still need access for fishing and other activities. There are large bare spots where we can designate parking – we need to focus on this.
 - **A.** Beach and trail access is addressed in the plan. We need to find a balance between providing access and maintaining environmental quality. This is done through partnership with other agencies such as Parks and Recreation.
 - **Note:** The commenter provided a diagram of this area, included at the end of this summary
- **Q.** When considering parking lots along the shoreline are we considering adaptation and sea level rise?
 - **A.** The plan is not parcel-specific. It requires guidance from other departments for more consideration.
- **Comment:** The plan needs to address Awāwāmalu. We will submit testimony on this.

East Honolulu Watershed Management Plan

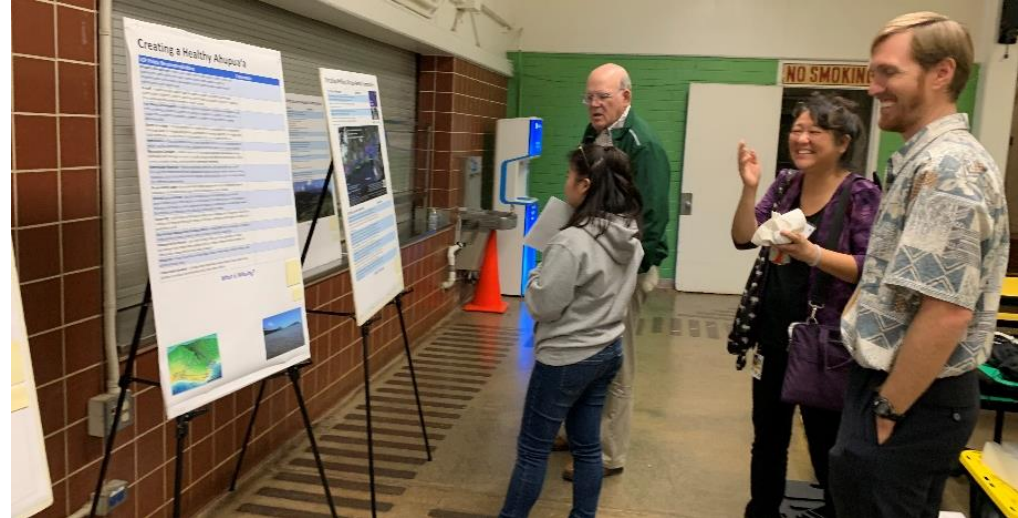
- **Q.** Will the presentation slides be posted on the BWS website?
 - **A.** Yes.
- **Q.** We noticed Keawāwa Wetland is missing from your presentation.
 - **A.** We rely on local knowledge to ensure we are sharing the most important sites. We will include it moving forward in the project.



- **Q.** It's hard to give input at this point because there is not a plan at this stage. Given there is limited population growth in this district, it seems like there is an opportunity to push the ahupua'a model here. Would like to see more projects that support sustainable agriculture, such as lo'i.
 - **A.** Policies and projects will be proactive in addressing the ahupua'a model. Lo'i kalo tend to happen around flowing streams – these projects have been identified in other watershed management plans. There are environmental assessments in Waimea and Mānoa in regards to lo'i restoration. Our research has identified several cultural sites including fish ponds, heiaus, a wetland, and a spring. These will be included in the plan as project write-ups.
- **Q.** You should be looking at well injection sites and how they affect grey water supply. Are you working with project partners to address green infrastructure?
 - **A.** We are looking at the opportunities for using recycled at the Hawai'i Kai Golf Course. Currently, recycled water from the Hawai'i Kai Wastewater Treatment Plant is too salty to be used and will get saltier with sea level rise. Residential greywater reuse on-site and other green infrastructure projects will be included in the plan.
- **Q.** Are you considering the Capital Improvement Projects Budget in the plan? Will there be an economic development component of plan?
 - **A.** Good question – there will be an implementation section of the plan that could drive agency CIP projects such as stormwater management and green infrastructure improvements. Economic development is an appropriate component of the EHSCP.
- **Q.** If we are discussing the district's source of water, we need to discuss Red Hill. Is BWS addressing the issues at Red Hill?
 - **A.** We are involved in discussions between the EPA, DOH, and the Navy over Red Hill. BWS holds the position that double walled tanks provide the best means of protection at Red Hill. We have been involved in this since 2014.
- **Q.** I don't see any changes to the stormwater policies identified in the plan. We need guidance from the plan on the USACE's activities in the district. You need to look at the 'Ōlelo in the plan's Hawaiian place names.
 - **A.** We need to check with USACE for a status on projects within East Honolulu. We will review the plan's Hawaiian place names.
- **Q.** What is status on the Wailupe well?
 - **A.** The Wailupe Well is a small but important potable water source for East Honolulu. It was under repair for 3 years but is back on-line since 2016.
- **Q.** Will you be analyzing how sea level rise and climate change will impact traditional and customary practices?
 - **A.** We welcome any input you have on this. This will be included in our critical water resource issue analysis.



Meeting Photos





Written and Email Comments

EHSCP:

1. Please continue to allow community access to Ka Iwi beach and Alan Davis trails. These are treasured resources for those of us who have worked to keep development away from the Ka Iwi coast indefinitely. Local people use this area - families, seniors, people who love to watch (at safe distance) Ka Iwi the monk seal and her 2 pups in the past 3 years, fisher folks, surfers, photographers, everyone. With the 808 research grant and UH science grant folks caring for the coastline, we are doing better than ever in honoring, respecting, and sustaining the area.
2. The Plan needs to identify Awāwāmalu Beach Park (between Sandy Beach and Ka Iwi Scenic Shoreline) and coastal access to nature area while demarcating parking areas.

EHWMP:

1. The maps for the East Honolulu Watershed Plan should include critical features of the nearshore waters including ocean bottom contours.
2. If the plan includes items and projects it would be good to have specific recommendations of what to use on lawns, golf courses, washing cars, gardens (chemicals, soap, and fertilizers) – especially in areas that go directly into the ocean, streams, or Marina.
3. Mahalo for your work in Maunalua regarding the East Honolulu Watershed Management Plan. When referring to Heiau in Maunalua please note that: 1) Maunalua.net is the community caretaker for Pahua Heiau and 2) Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui is the community caretaker for Hawea Heiau. Can you please add these sacred heiau to the cultural list along with Keawāwa Wetland which is also cared for by Livable Hawaii Kai Hui? FYI - I am not familiar with any cultural resources protection endeavors by Mālama Maunalua.
4. Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui - Through community support and partnerships our organization purchased the lands where Hawea heiau complex and Keawāwa Wetland are situated. Those lands are part of the last fringe wetlands (pre Hawaiian fishponds). Fresh water fed, Keawāwa is home to nesting alae'ula and other native species. We also purchased just under 200 acres on the mauka side of the Ka Iwi coast where there are cultural areas of interest and native vegetation. We are the 18th and newest a member of the Ko'olau Watershed Partnership. Our Aloha 'Āina O Kamilo Nui project serves community conservation out planting needs and we hope to succeed in protecting the entire valley. This valley feeds right into the Hawai'i Kai marina and is the most used area of Maunalua Bay.



Both Plans:

1. DPP should consider revising existing the EHSCP schedule in order to coordinate key policies with policies/projects that will be documented in the EHWMP – which may not be articulated till late 2019 or early 2020.
2. Mahalo! From: Student Senate at Windward Community College, Surfrider, Sustainability Club, and Society for Conservation Biology.
3. We need safe, accessible parking along Ka Iwi shoreline. That area of beach access was a key point in deciding to buy a home for me and my family in Kalama Valley last year.



Hand Drawn Comment Provided by Meeting Attendee

