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New hope for ag lands, wild coastline

Judge Ronald Ibarra's September ruling that Oceanside 1250 ("Hokulia") project near Kealakekua was an illegal use of agricultural land not only put the brakes on a destructive development in South Kona, but also on the fiction of luxury "agricultural" subdivisions statewide. The decision has important ramifications for the protection of farmlands, open space, and wild coastlines across Hawai'i.

Developers of luxury housing developments sometimes choose to evade the state land use law to avoid the scrutiny, public input, and conditions that come with it. They will dress up their housing project as an "agricultural" development so that only the county—frequently sympathetic to development proposals—needs to grant approval. Sometimes they succeed, as developers of Kealia Kai on Kaua'i and Palauea on Maui have. But with disappearing coastline, concern over traffic and environmental impacts, and new hope for diversified agriculture, "fake farm" subdivisions are under fire.

In South Kona, Protect Keopuka Ohana, represented by Native Hawaiian Legal Corp., and four individual plaintiffs represented by Kona attorney Robert D.S. Kim, filed suit against the Hokulia developer as one part of the ongoing court case that included charges of desecration of burials, destruction of the ancient Ala Loa trail and violations of the Clean Water Act. Twice in 2000, the Hokulia development caused tons of mud to run off in the pristine waters offshore, coating the reef with silt and harming marine life in the area. The developer also improperly handled burials, prompting one community activist at a public hearing to exclaim, "I want my ancestors to rest in peace, not in pieces!" All along, the developer had avoided going through the State Land Use Commission process to reclassify the land to the urban district, a process that likely would have helped mitigate many of the important natural and cultural resource issues.



A pair of red-footed boobies get some attention from a group of Sierra Club members during a recent visit to the colony at Mokapu Peninsula on the Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe. Dr. Diane Drigot, Natural Resource Specialist on the base, provided a tour for major donors to the Hawai'i Chapter. Annette Kaohelaui'i coordinated the event.

Finally, Judge Ibarra called their bluff.

"Despite being located primarily on agricultural land, Hokulia is a private, luxury resort residential subdivision," wrote Ibarra. "Neither the Hokulia website nor its marketing plan describe the project as agricultural."

Ibarra permanently enjoined the Hokulia developers from any further construction activities until they have obtained reclassification from the State Land Use Commission.

The Sierra Club stopped a similar project adjacent to Kealakekua Bay by the same developer in 2000 when the Club asked the Land Use Commission to rule that the

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Conservation

Sierra Club seeks peace and quiet

Reauthorization of tour helicopter rule sparks concerns over noise and ecosystem impacts

The Sierra Club is asking the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to protect Hawaii's wilderness areas from the noise and disruption of air tour helicopters. At issue is the reauthorization of a 1994 FAA rule, SFAR 71, which established a minimum altitude of 1500 feet for Hawai'i air tour companies in response to a series of deadly helicopter crashes in the islands. The Sierra Club commented on the FAA docket on the rule, asking the FAA to maintain the 1500 limit, eliminate minimum altitude waivers, and allow the state and National Park Service to limit or restrict helicopter overflights in certain areas.

"Hawaii's hikers, campers, and native forest birds deserve some peace and quiet," said Jeff Mikulina, Director of the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter. "Anyone who's hiked along Kauai's Na Pali coast is all too familiar with the cacophony that begins shortly after daybreak as the chop-chop of tour helicopters echoes through the deep valleys along the coast."

Solitude may become more elusive throughout Hawaii's wild areas if air tour companies get their way. Fifteen tour companies have petitioned the FAA to reduce the minimum altitude that they can fly to a mere 300 feet. Even though most helicopter tour companies have received a waiver from the rule—some can fly as low as 500 feet—the proposed 300 foot minimum would apply to all helicopters over "raw terrain."

Though the FAA has indicated that it will reject the request, the petition has reignited the contentious issue of air tour companies' near-unfettered access to Hawaii's public airspace.

Peace and quiet are not the only casualties of air tours. The FAA notes that the number of deaths from helicopter accidents was greater before the minimum altitude rule was put into place. By continuing the rule, the FAA estimates, 39 lives will be spared.

The incessant thrum of helicopters can also be fatal for Hawaii's fragile wildlife. Birds are probably most affected by the noise, say wildlife biologists, because repeated disruptions interrupt courtship and mating activities, nest-building, and searching for food, leading to higher mortality rates or abandonment of habitat.

The Sierra Club is requesting that the FAA go further in protecting the tranquility and wildlife in Hawaii's wild areas. In a letter to the FAA, the Sierra Club is asking that the state be able to designate areas over certain state wilderness parks as no-fly areas as well as granting the Na-

tional park service the same power for Hawaii's national parks.

"The Sierra Club wants to protect the solitude of Volcano and Haleakala National Park and Na Pali Coast state park," said Mikulina. "In an increasingly noisy world, surely there are some areas we can declare as refuges free from noise pollution."

Judy Dalton, Outings Chair of the Sierra Club, Kaua'i Group, believes: "The sky above Na Pali should be the sole dominion of the birds—the kind without tail rotors."

Local environmental heroes receive national recognition

National Sierra Club gives awards to reef expert Dave Raney, attorney Isaac Hall, and High School Hiker leader Bob Keane

A coral reef expert who is working on protection of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, an attorney who has helped to protect dozens of areas in Hawai'i, and a teacher who coordinates educational hikes and service trips for high school students were honored with national awards from the Sierra Club in San Francisco in September.

Dave Raney of Honolulu received a Special Service Award. The award goes to individuals who demonstrate a strong and consistent commitment to conservation over an extended period of time. Dave has been active in the Chapter for decades and currently chairs the national Sierra Club Coral Reef Working Group and coordinates the local Reefcheck program in the state.

Isaac Hall of Haiku, Maui, received the William O. Douglas Award for contributions in the field of environmental law. Over the past 25 years, Hall has litigated more cases on behalf of the environment than any other attorney in Hawaii.

"If it were not for Isaac, Maui and Moloka'i would be far, far different places than they are now," said David Frankel, Chair of the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter Executive Committee. "He has protected streams, coastal land, open space, scenic vistas, beaches, reefs and public access."

Bob Keane of Mililani, O'ahu, received the One Club Award, an award that recognizes people who use outings as a way to instill an interest in conservation and protecting public lands. Bob's commitment to teaching Hawaii's young adults about the environmental stewardship and an appreciation of our unique environment spans three decades. He currently coordinates the High School Hikers program—a program that introduces high school teens and young adults to various activities including camping and hiking skills, na-

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tive flora and fauna, Hawaiian crafts, first aid, and many other skills they will use while with the program and throughout life. Since 1971, over 25 Oahu and neighbor island schools have participated in the program.

“Over the years, Bob has touched the lives of thousands of Hawaii’s youth,” said Chapter Director Jeff Mikulina “He instills a sustainability ethic and appreciation for Hawaii’s environment that lasts a lifetime.”

“Hawai`i is lucky to have people willing to dedicate themselves so completely to protecting what we love about our islands,” said Gary Gill, Director of Development for the Sierra Club, Hawai`i Chapter. “Dave, Isaac, and Bob have been fabulously successful at what they do. Hawai`i is a better place today because of them.”

Nickels for cans, bottles one year away *Overwhelming benefits of beverage container recycling program still lost on Governor Lingle*

The state bottle deposit law—passed with overwhelming support during the 2003 legislative session thanks in part to the efforts of the Sierra Club—will begin returning nickels on January 1st, 2005. In the meantime, the Sierra Club is working with industry groups and the State Department of Health to draft rules that will govern the program. The proposed rules must still be approved by the Governor before they go out for a public hearing.

Hawaii’s bottle bill will place a nickel deposit on all glass, plastic and aluminum beverage containers that would be returned when the consumer brings the empty container back for recycling.

“Bottle bills work,” said Jeff Mikulina, Director of the Sierra Club, Hawai`i Chapter. “They provide a real incentive for people to recycle—and an incentive not to litter. The ten states with bottle bills found that bottle and can litter has virtually disappeared.”

Lingle sought to repeal the bottle bill through legislation this year. The measures didn’t receive hearings. A bill to simply clarify some portions of the bottle bill did pass the legislature this past session, but was vetoed by the governor last week.

“It is unfortunate that Governor Lingle vetoed House Bill 1456, a measure which would have made a good law even better,” said Representative Hermina Morita. “Her veto message read like the National Soft Drink Association’s ‘how to kill a bottle bill’ playbook, the big money lobby behind killing bottle bills throughout the country. That’s why the passage of Hawaii’s bottle law is such a significant triumph



Chapter staff Jeff Mikulina and Gary Gill received awards from the EPA in June, along with Rep. Hermina Morita (D-Hanalei), Suzanne Jones (Honolulu Dept. of Environmental Services), and Gretchen Ammerman (Dept. of Health) for their efforts on helping to pass the bottle bill in 2002

for Hawaii’s grassroots organizations and individuals who all care about our quality of life and future generations. This is a policy that works to increase wastestream diversion, increase recycling, and reduce litter.”

Hawai`i uses approximately 800 million beverage containers annually. Currently, about 20% of those containers are recycled statewide. A national report published last year, co-sponsored by the beverage industry, found that states with bottle bills recover 80% of their beverage container waste. Studies also show that states with bottle bills witnessed a 60-80% decrease in beverage container litter after enactment of the measure.

“We throw out 75,000 bottles and cans every hour in Hawai`i,” said Mikulina. “By enacting a bottle bill, we will shrink our landfills, create recycling jobs, and vastly reduce bottle and can litter from our beaches and roadways.”

All of the main Hawaiian Islands are currently facing a landfill crisis. With limited locations for new landfills due to the geology and geography of the islands, methods to divert trash from landfills are actively being sought. The island of O`ahu is dealing with a landfill that will be full in just a few years.

Added Mikulina: “With shrinking landfill space and an economy that is dependent on a clean environment, the bottle bill makes sense for Hawai`i.”

The Sierra Club will continue to pressure the Lingle Administration to move swiftly through the rulemaking process.

Cruisin' for a bruisin'?

Sierra Club questions state's cruise ship pollution policy

Nearly one year into a handshake agreement between the State and the cruise ship industry, the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter is asking how the industry fared at keeping their promises not to pollute Hawai'i's environment.

"We'd like to know what actions have taken place over the past year to protect our coastal waters," said Jeff Mikulina, Director of the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter. "Was any monitoring of cruise ship discharges performed? Were pollution logs accessed and analyzed?"

The Sierra Club criticized the "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) after it was signed in October of 2002, calling it a "toothless" document because it was unenforceable, there were no penalties for non-compliance, and it did not fund any compliance monitoring program. The Sierra Club had pointed out to officials that the cruise industry has repeatedly violated state, federal, and international pollution laws in other jurisdictions. The US Department of Justice has handed out over \$48.5 million in fines to ten cruise lines for illegal dumping since 1993.

No public hearing was ever held on the Hawai'i MOU, and now State Department of Health officials have been meeting with cruise industry representatives in private to discuss the MOU.

"Why a closed-door meeting?" asked Mikulina. "Why is the Administration shielding the industry from public scrutiny? What does the cruise industry have to hide?"

In August, 2002, Norwegian Cruise Lines paid a \$1 million criminal fine for dumping oil and falsifying log books. In April, 2002, Carnival Corp. was fined \$18 million for falsifying ship records to cover up dumping of oily bilge wastewater from six ships. In 1998 and 1999, Royal Caribbean Cruises pleaded guilty to 30 charges and was fined \$27 million for a fleet-wide conspiracy to dump oily bilge wastewater into U.S. waters.

"With such a filthy record, it's no surprise

they want to operate out of the public eye," said Mikulina. "It's the public's water, why a private meeting?" he added.

In 2002 and 2003, legislative measures to regulate the cruise industry were killed by Senate Transportation Committee Chair Cal Kawamoto and House Transportation Committee Chair Joe Souki. When one such measure was heard by legislative committees on February 3rd, 2003, nearly 50 individuals and groups submitted testimony in support or regulation, while two industry groups were opposed. The measures would have:

1. set quantifiable pollution limits on wastewater and air discharges from cruise ships;
2. specify when, where, and under what conditions discharges can take place;
3. create an inspection program to verify compliance with the pollution limits;
4. set up a berth fee that will be used to fund the state inspection program; and
5. set penalties for noncompliance.

The State Department of Health previously estimated that monitoring the environmental compliance of the cruise industry would cost about \$350,000 with 7 full-time staff positions. The bills before the legislature would have set up a passenger fee to fund the inspection and compliance program, removing that burden from Hawai'i taxpayers.

The Sierra Club is asking the administration to make open to the public all meetings regarding the cruise industry's environmental compliance efforts. We are also asking the administration to support legislative efforts to create an industry-funded independent compliance and monitoring program, penalties

for noncompliance, and a permit system that sets quantifiable discharge limits for cruise ships.

"Every other major discharger of wastewater into Hawai'i's waters has to have a permit to discharge and must meet basic public health and aquatic life standards," said Mikulina. "Why shouldn't the cruise ship industry be accountable too?"

"The Sierra Club is not saying 'no' to cruise ships," said Mikulina. "The Sierra Club is saying 'no' to unregulated pollution."

Hear it from an Expert!

Ross Klein, author of Cruise Ship Blues and renowned expert on cruise ship pollution issues, regulations, and appropriate technology, will be speaking at the following locations:

- Friday, October 10** Kahului, Maui
7:00-9:00 p.m. Maui Community College (310 Ka'ahumanu)
- Sunday October 12** Kona, Hawai'i Island
2:00- 4:00 p.m. Kealakehe High School Cafeteria (74-5000 Puohulihuli, Kailua-Kona)
- Monday, October 13** Hilo, Hawai'i Island
6:30-8:30 pm. Komohana Ag Complex (875 Komohana St.)
- Tuesday, October 14** Honolulu, O'ahu
7:00-9:00 p.m. McCoy Pavilion (Ala Moana Park)

All events are free and open to the public. Sponsored by KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance and co-sponsored by the Sierra Club. For more information, please contact KAHEA (808) 524-8220

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Sanctuary in Jeopardy

The future of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is in jeopardy. The Sierra Club was among many who voiced support for strong and lasting protection of the NWHI in the numerous public meetings which led to adoption of President Clinton's Executive Orders which created the Reserve two and half years ago.

Recent events raise concerns over the fate of the Reserve. The National Marine Sanctuary Program is moving quickly with a Sanctuary designation process, while delaying full implementation and enforcement of the Reserve. Although there could be benefits from a Sanctuary that truly supplements and complements the Reserve, and which incorporates State waters, there is also a real danger that designation of a Sanctuary might undermine protections now afforded by the Reserve. This is because the National Marine Sanctuary Act authorizes the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Wespac) to propose fishing regulations for the Sanctuary, which could potentially overturn the current strict controls on fishing which the EOs provide.

At this critical juncture the Sanctuary Office chose to replace three of the most active and outspoken members of the Reserve Advisory Council (the RAC) whose terms expired in June and who had applied for second terms. They are Vice-Chair and Native Hawaiian fisherman, Isaac Harp; Secretary and Conservation Representative Dave Raney of the Sierra Club; and Conservation Alternate Dr. Stephanie Fried of Environmental Defense.

The final composition of the new RAC has not been announced as of this writing, and the next RAC meeting will be in mid-October. During this break in the activity and continuity of the RAC, the Sanctuary Office has begun an ambitious schedule of twenty-one community meetings. Recommendations developed from these meetings will be presented to Wespac as possible fishing regulations in the proposed Sanctuary. Included will be discussion of alternatives that would be illegal under the existing EOs. This process might provide a pretext for weakening or repeal of those EOs.

In contrast to the flurry of action on the Sanctuary designation process, the Sanctuary Office has yet to act on actions required to fully implement the Reserve and carry out enforcement activities. It is still in the process of reviewing and revising the Reserve Operations Plan (ROP) submitted by the RAC this June and has yet to schedule the ROP for public hearing. It has refused to enact regulations to enforce the provisions of the EOs, despite the insis-

tence by the U.S. Coast Guard, the major enforcement agency for the NWHI, that such regulations are necessary. Most ominously, while the Sanctuary Office has pledged support for strong and lasting protection of the NWHI, it has not committed to establishing a Sanctuary that would complement or supplement the Reserve.

The Sierra Club and a coalition of local and national NGOs are gearing up for what appears to be a protracted battle to save the Reserve and to assure that any proposed Sanctuary supplement and complement the Reserve, not subvert or compromise it. We will submit recommendations as needed to strengthen the Reserve Operations Plan when it is released by the Sanctuary Office for public comment. We encourage Club members to turn out for public meetings expected to be held this Fall and support the State's proposed regulations to establish a NWHI Marine Refuge. There will also be future opportunities for public input as the Sanctuary designation process proceeds. Sierra Club is working closely with the Hawaiian Environmental Alliance (KAHEA) and Environmental Defense. You are encouraged to visit their websites at www.kahea.org and www.environmentaldefense.org/hawaii and sign up to receive their action alerts on this issue.

Submitted by Dave Raney, Chair, Sierra Club Coral Reef Working Group



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Our membership appreciation picnic was a great success thanks to our featured guest speakers Senator Gary Hooser and Representative Mina Morita and the 70 members who came to enjoy the day at Kalapaki Beach.

Senator Hooser spoke of the influence Sierra Club has at the legislature and how "Jeff Mikulina is doing a fabulous job". He appreciated Sierra Club's support in *Judy Dalton* his lead to override the governor's veto of pro-ag bill SB 255, that he introduced. Hooser attributed the successful override to Sierra Club members' overwhelming response.

Senator Hooser commented, "Mina Morita and I have worked as a team. I think the two staunchest advocates for the environment, open space and shoreline preservation in the legislature are from Kaua'i: Mina and myself."

Hooser and Morita introduced bills last year for greater regulation of GMO (genetically modified) crops, disclosure of experimentation locations and indemnification for Hawaii farmers. They both plan to sponsor similar bills next year.

Representative Morita spoke of her partnership with Sierra Club and said, "Jeff Mikulina is an awesome lobbyist". "Sierra Club persuades legislators to act." She said, "My relationship with the Sierra Club has become more solidified, especially since becoming Chair of the House, Energy, & Environmental Protection Committee".

"It is imperative that we move toward a clean, renewable energy future for Hawaii", said Morita commending the Sierra Club for helping to pass two energy bills she introduced.

"For the last six years the Sierra Club has been behind me in moving forward on issues and we've come a long way. We're changing minds and the way we're doing business."

PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL AREAS

Coastal access remains a top priority for the Kaua'i Group. Greg Casini, National Sierra Club Governance Leader, facilitated a planning session for 24 people which focused on preserving and regaining beach and trail accesses. A committee is researching beaches to make sure the ones designated as open are indeed open and recorded as such. West side members are working to restore the 7 day-a-week access to Major's Bay at PMRF from the current, restricted 4 days a week.

One committee member obtained an Equity 80 Partition Action Order from the 5th Circuit Court which specifies a "Government Road thirty (30) feet wide leading to Papa'a Beach". The Anahola Ka Leo O Kaua'i access

committee requested that the mayor instruct the owner of the land at Papa'a Bay to comply with the court order. Beach users, including families who had access for generations, have been denied use of the government road leading down to the beach by the present owner.

SHORING UP SHORELINE CERTIFICATION POLICIES

Structures built too close to shorelines pose a threat to beach lateral access and can lead to shoreline hardening measures and eventual beach loss. The State's improper shoreline certification of a north shore property using vegetation planted on the beach to get a more favorable shoreline certification, came to the attention of Caren Diamond, a long time Sierra Club member. She pursued a contested case hearing against the DLNR, challenging the shoreline certification. The appeal was denied by the Board of Land & Natural Resources, which upheld the DLNR's certification using vegetation as the criterion instead of the uppermost reach of the waves. Caren said, "We are pursuing the matter through another appeal to the BLNR since the loss of beaches affects us all".

Representative Morita drafted a bill that addresses shoreline certifications clarifying that the debris line from the uppermost reach of the waves during high season surf or the first stable, unmodified vegetation, whichever is further mauka, should be used. "This important bill strengthens and reinforces the public policy of extending to public use as much of Hawaii's shoreline as is reasonably possible," Morita stated. Senator Hooser announced he plans to introduce a bill at the Senate clarifying shoreline certifications as well.

PILA'A BAY UNAUTHORIZED GRADING SUBJECT OF BLNR MEETING

To prevent any future environmental disasters such as occurred at Pila'a Bay resulting from unauthorized grading on Jimmy Pflueger's land, we recommended that the DLNR process complaints of violations promptly, initiate investigations & possible punitive action expediently and improve coordination between the State and the County. We noted that if the County and the DLNR had acted when first notified of violations at Pila'a the mudslides could've been avoided and the reef spared.

CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BALLOT

If you're interested in serving on our Executive Committee, please email both Marge Freeman freeman@aloha.net and Judy Dalton dalton@aloha.net or call 651-0682 by October 31. Mahalo!

Don't Forget to VOTE: Oahu Group Elections

We have 4 positions to fill on the Executive Committee, and it's up to our members to decide whom they'd like best for the job. There are 6 great candidates running in this month's election issue of *Naomi Arcand* the Malama, so please refer to page 21 to read more about them. Remember: those chosen will serve a 2-year term and will be part of the decision-making voice of the largest group in the Chapter. Last year's ballot return was embarrassingly low, considering group membership is over 3,000! Please clip out page 21, vote for your favorite 4 candidates, and then flip the page over to vote for three Chapter leaders. Instructions are included on the ballot.

Conservation Committee

The Oahu Group awaits a decision from the First Circuit Court regarding the Land Use Commission's decision to allow thousands of new homes at **Koa Ridge** by Castle & Cooke without an environmental review. Funding for **Young St. Bike Corridor** will be back before the City Council next spring, and the Oahu Group is gearing up to encourage community support for this safe passage for bicyclists and pedestrians across town. The City's **Curbside Recycling Pilot Project** kicking off in Mililani. The Oahu Group testified before City Council in favor of the project this summer. While the Group is concerned about the City eliminating certain exclusive bus lanes in the first phase of the **Bus Rapid Transit** plan, we continue to support the plan and its timely implementation with testimony and press coverage. The **Conservation Committee will begin meeting monthly** once again, as many more issues requiring group action fill our planners! Contact Naomi Arcand to get involved via e-mail: hala.pepe@verizon.net or call the volunteer line at 537-9019.

Haiku Stairs Access Postponed

Oahu Group has been working with Friends of Haiku Stairs in efforts dedicated to protecting, enhancing, and advocating for the official opening of the scenic hiking stairway Haiku Stairs. Recently, the City and County of Honolulu was poised to finally open the stairs, after official signs were posted and a short-term parking agreement was made with Hope Chapel.

Unfortunately, illegal hikers have been climbing the stairs while they are still officially "closed," and community residents of the Haiku neighborhood were overwhelmed with large numbers of trespassers, illegally parked vehicles, and were unable to receive mail and trash services. Representative Ito spoke up for the neighborhood residents, voicing their concerns, and the opening of the Stairs has been postponed until access and parking issues are resolved. Oahu Group will continue to support timely conflict resolution and ultimately the opening of Haiku Stairs.

Oahu Group Adopts a Highway

You may have noticed the new signs up along the **Ka Iwi coastline**, the most spectacular stretch of coast on the island between the Koko Head shooting range and Sandy Beach. The Oahu Group, with Lisa Carter's help, is proud to be the new caretakers of this stretch of highway, where we will be holding quarterly cleanups (see outings schedule). Recruit some friends to make a difference in preserving the coastal beauty, and then hit the beach!

Monthly Programs Return

Thanks to coordinator Randy Ching, dedicated volunteer and member of the group ExCom, we are proud to host monthly programs once again. Programs are a good oppor-

tunity to hear talks on interesting topics, meet fellow members, and to take advantage of free refreshments! Find out more in the Oahu Group Outings section of your Malama, or by looking online at the Chapter Calendar website: www.hi.sierraclub.org/calendar.htm.

New Member Welcoming Reception

Oahu Group hosted a new member reception in August at our monthly program. Light refreshments, socializing, and the opportunity to meet Excom board members and our Chapter Director made this event a great introduction for new members. This was the first reception in a new initiative to hold welcoming events biannually. Special thanks to guest speaker Diane Drigot, who gave a presentation about environmental actions occurring at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i.

Group Fundraiser:

Annual Silent Auction November 21!

Show your support for the Sierra Club, O`ahu Group

Great holiday gifts from various sympathetic community businesses and friends--there is always something for everyone, as items range from gift certificates to art, native plants, hiking and camping gear, and even personal guided hikes. Support the group's efforts to protect our environment, meet fellow members, enjoy good food, socialize with your group ExCom members, and party all at the same time! Photographer Jack Jeffrey will be presenting.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 5:30 - 9 pm

Cafe Laniakea, YWCA at 1040

Richards, Honolulu. \$25, no-host bar

Great food from Cafe Laniakea

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

By Roberta Brashear

Every fall, the Moku Loa Group nominating committee is tasked with finding dedicated members who would like to run for the MLG ExCom. Candidates must be members at the time of nomination and be willing to participate in monthly meetings either in person or by phone. This year we are encouraging our Conservation Committee members to run for ExCom. In addition, we need candidates (island-wide) with experience in membership recruitment, fundraising and event planning. There are four seats open on the Board for 2004, and six candidates are required to run. Individuals interested in running are requested to send a short biography to the nomination committee, c/o Edith Worsencroft, edith_wo@yahoo.com.

Moku Loa Group is hoping to have a grand fundraising event on the Kona side in 2004. We are seeking a coordinator and other volunteers with fundraising experience to make this event a success. Volunteers, please contact brashear@hawaii.edu if you can help.

PROPOSED KEALAKEHE DEEP WATER CRUISE SHIP HARBOR

By Janice Palma-Glennie

Lots of suggestions are floating around about the future of 350 acres of state land next to Honokohau Harbor at Kealakehe in West Hawai'i. One of the most questionable (sounding straight out of the environmental Dark Ages) is a plan to dynamite millions of cubic feet of coastline to create an onshore, deep water cruise ship harbor big enough to accommodate the tie-up and turn-around of three modern cruise ships holding up to three thousand passengers each.

Threats to fishing, diving, surfing, local manta ray aggregates and air quality are just some of the potentially devastating short- and long-term spin-offs of this immense project. Are residents willing to mutate the shape and quality of the land and seas for an industry that's largely unregulated and environmentally suspect, and not forced to comply with local water quality rules?

DLNR chief, Peter Young, has heard the comments of West Hawai'i residents who attended a recent public meeting held in August to discuss Kealakehe development plans. Even though the official comment deadline was August 8, Sierra Club members who haven't already done so might want to give their *mana'o* on this proposal before a decision is made. E-mail Keith Cung at dlnc@hawaii.gov, or fax him at (808) 587-0455.

POHAKULOA EXPANSION, AND OTHER DONE DEALS

By Cory Harden

The Army can't clean up deadly debris left sixty years ago, but it can start moving – before the draft Environmental Impact Statement comes out – on the largest Army construction project in Hawai'i since WWII.

Senator Daniel Inouye and Representative Neil Abercrombie report they have been assured that Hawai'i will get a Stryker Brigade, part of Army Transformation. Construction and research money for Transformation is already in the military budget. On Hawai'i Island, the Army plans to move fire and emergency service from Kilauea Military Camp to Pohakuloa Training Area because of Transformation.

Meanwhile, nosy citizens are kept away. The public was excluded from two private meetings about Transformation in Hilo in May 2002 and July 2003. And in September 2002, the Army cancelled a tour of Pohakuloa, citing "unacceptable people" it refused to name.

Hawai'i Island has over fifty old military sites, most containing hazards. Not one has been completely cleaned up. Unexploded ordnance was found at Waimea Middle School in 2002, Hilo Bay in 2000, Hapuna Beach in 1998, 1997 and 1995, South Point in 1994 and 1993 . . . and many more. Compounding the problem, Donaldson Enterprises, a private ordnance removal firm, promised to be "discreet" if it found unexploded ordnance on a client's land. (1990 letter)

The Army wants 23,000 more acres on Hawai'i Island – despite a dismal environmental record. It failed to do proper environmental studies for a \$30 million firing range in the 1980s, and left fires burning at Pohakuloa for days or weeks in the 1980s and 1990s. It secretly tested germ and nerve agents, herbicides and insecticides at Waiakea Forest Reserve and Saddle Road in the 1960s.

And the Army has not respected Hawaiian culture, in which *Pohakuloa* refers to "the veil that covers the spiritual realm." Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa are the male and female figures of the world. Pohakuloa, between them, is a holy place of union of male and female . . . not a place for pollution or destruction.

If you can help, or want more information, please contact Cory Harden at mh@interpac.net, or 968-8965.

Maui Group Report

Planning

- Bill 84 is being heard in County Land Use Planning Committee. It's goal is to put clarity into the general plan. A 2002 Charter amendment put community plans *Daniel Grantham* into general plan. Controversy continues over general plan maps, urban growth boundaries and limits on how often plan amendments will be allowed.
- Maui Pine is proposing to convert 925 acres of pineapple land in Kapalua to 690 residences. The Maui Group approved a letter to Planning Commission asking to restore needed stream water to Honokohau and Honolua Streams. The Planning Commission noted a need for stream studies in approval conditions. State Land Use Commission hearings on the project coming in November.
- Pukalani Triangle: we are reviewing Maui Pine's draft EIS for a 40 acre "rural country town center" just above Pukalani. Comments are due Sept. 22. This is a much-improved project, with senior housing, town square, parks, hiking trails, "cottage industry" stores in addition to a locally owned supermarket, offices and stores. ML&P is proposing their own water supply from a large well above Makawao. Dowling's already approved but unfinished Kula Malu commercial development project is just uphill- residents question need for two urban shopping areas so close to each other.
- A&B's Kahului/Dairy Road rezone. Alexander & Baldwin plans 130+ more acres of commercial light industrial in an already bad traffic area filling with mega shops that are drawing business away from town center. Several approvals are still needed. Concerns include worsening of traffic, increasingly ugly industrial "gateway" from airport to Maui, more of the "big box" development that wipes out local small businesses, more sprawl that is designed exclusively for automobile access and a location hazardous to pedestrians and not integrated with residential communities. The state LUC is holding hearings in Sept.
- Bikeways/Greenways - Paia bike path section by Kaunoa Senior Center - grand opening party will take place in October!
- The Ag Subdivision rules in Council Planning Committee would require a public hearing for larger subdivisions. Controversy swirls over planning director Mike Foley's position that there should at least be "some kind of" ag in an ag subdivision plan. State LUC actually took a stronger position in their Kauaula Valley ruling.
- Local activists were encouraged recently after hearing about the very successful methods employed by Vermont Affordable Housing Alliance. The MEO sponsored the housing conference.

Water

Maui members have discussed alternates to the County's East Maui Well Plan: \$50 million plan to drill 8 wells in

Haiku and pipe water to Central and South Maui.

- Iao Aquifer designation by State Water Commission. The long avoided management takeover by the state was finally mandated by violation of an excessive pumping trigger agreed to last year. The US Geological Survey is proceeding with their data-intensive "numerical model" study to replace the former simplistic "analytical model" measuring aquifer sustainability.

Coastal

The Maui Group has voted to support Rep. Ed Case's idea for designation of Keoneo'i'o (La Perouse and wild coast beyond) as National Seashore.

A purchase of Nu'u Beach and uplands (4300 acres in Kaupo area) is proposed by Haleakala National Park. Art Medeiros and others have asked for Sierra Club support.

Fiber optic cable for Hawaiian Homelands is proposed to enter Maui through reefs at Po'olenalena. A Maui Group committee meeting with project representative left many questions unanswered.

Genetically Modified Foods

GMO Free Maui and district health officer Dr. Lorren Pang made a presentation on genetically modified plant projects on Maui to the Maui Group. The board agreed to co-sponsor and support the Aug. 10 GMO education event at Baldwin Beach. Ralph Johansen spoke at event about national Club policy on genetic engineering. GMO Free Maui is active in building coalitions and educating the public on this controversial subject.

Mahalo and Congratulations

The Hawaii Chapter Excomm Neighbor Island meeting was held on Maui this year. Thanks to MG Board member Neola Caveny, who offered use of her home and tent space for off-island delegates; and to Lance Holter for airport pickups and overnight space. Excellent volunteers and generous donations of food from Maui Taro Burgers and Mana Foods made the post meeting barbecue dinner a success. Jan Deputy & friend provided dinner music. MG Onipa'a (Steadfast for the Aina) award winners included state biologist Art Medeiros, who inspired all with his powerpoint presentation about the partnership project to restore Maui's native higher elevation dryland forest. Longtime activist Lesley Ann Bruce and state stream biologist Skippy Hau were also awardees. Each received a unique local wood carving from naturally fallen trees, made for the individual by David Tracy-Metz.

O`ahu Group Outings

Saturday, October 4

Pahole Natural Area Reserve Service Project. 3mi/Moderate/Ridge/Mokuleia Reservations Required. Want to learn about rare native plants in a gorgeous location? We'll be building trails, helping control invasive plants, and outplanting native plants. Sharon Reilly 842-1995

Sunday, October 5

Onikini. 6mi/Moderate/Ridge/Waimalu. Ridge hike in the Pearl City area. Betsy Weatherford 526-3986, Gwen Sinclair 734-3214

Friday, October 10

Sierra Club Program. Room 304 YWCA on Richards Stat 7 pm. Guest Dr. Wally Johnson. "Kolea: the Magnificent Migrant". Dr. Johnson has been researching the kolea, or Pacific Golden Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*) in both Hawaii and Alaska for the past twenty-five years.

Saturday, October 11

Miconia Removal Service Project. 2mi/Strenuous/Ridge&Valley/Manoa. Looking for a rugged off-trail experience while helping to protect Oahu's native ecosystems? Join the O`ahu Invasive Species Committee and other dedicated volunteers on a survey outing you won't forget. Wear sturdy hiking boots with good traction, long pants, long sleeve shirt. Bring lunch, 2 liters of water, and insect repellent. Rain gear, gloves and eye protection are also suggested. Be prepared to do some bushwhacking in steep, uneven terrain off trail. We will drive/carpool to

the "Miconia hunting area" after meeting at the Church of the Crossroads. Ryan Smith 286-4616

Sunday, October 12

*Afternoon Hike for Sierra Singles — Kokokahi 4mi/Moderate/Ridge/Kailua Connect with other single hiking enthusiasts. Meet at 1:00 at the First Hawaiian Bank in the Windward City Shopping Center. Ascend a scenic ridge with a view of Kapaa Quarry. Joanna Yin 383-7354, Maile Sakamoto 946-5712

Sunday, October 12

Family Hike, Wailupe Gulch. 3mi/easy/valley/Aina Haina. Meet at 1pm at the mauka end of Hao Street in the back-left corner of Aina Haina. Mostly woods walk with gradual ascent to ocean lookout. Kids must be 4 and up unless you have kid carrier. Tie-on shoes, backpack, water, raingear, snack required. Leaders Suzan Harada and Reese Liggett 732-4489.

Saturday, October 18

*Kawaewae Heiau Service Project. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the First Hawaiian Bank parking lot in Windward City Shopping Center in Kaneohe. This 1/2 day project involves the removal of vegetation to help in the restoration of this sacred site. Bring gloves and tools (sickles, pruners, hand saws, gas weed trimmer). Jim & Cindy Waddington 947-2732

Sunday, October 19

Maunawili Trail Completion 10th Anniversary Hike. 10mi/Moderate/Contour/Maunawili. Hike the Maunawili Trail which was completed 10 years ago by Sierra Club and other volunteers. Car shuttle required. Joanna Yin 383-7354, Arlene Buchholz 988-9806, Bob Moore 942-2734

Saturday, October 25

Make a Difference Day Project—Pouhala Marsh. 1-2mi/Moderate/Waipahu. Meet at 8:30 a.m. across from the Waipahu Convenience Center on Waipahu Depot Rd. Removal of invasive plants threatening wetland. The work will be hot, wet and muddy. Bring hat, work gloves, long pants, sunscreen, plenty of water, sunglasses, closed shoes (no sandals) and a change of clean clothes. No pets. Pau at noon. Ed Mersino 455-8193, Maile Sakamoto 946-5712, Sherine Boomla 739-3936

Ala Wai Boat Harbor Cleanup (Encourage the return of sealife!) We will work from the docks, using scoopers and nets to gather up debris. Meet at 8:00 am at the Harbor Master's Office, between the 3rd and 4th row of boats behind the Ilikai Hotel. Park in street stalls or public lot ewa of Hilton lagoon. Wear sturdy shoes with gripping soles and bring a hat, thick rubber gloves, sunscreen, and water. Sharon Moran 277-2549

Sunday, October 26

Outings Leader Training. Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden 10:00-2:00 For leaders and asst leaders. Mel Yoshioka 587-0879, Ed Mersino 455-8193

Monday, October 27

Program: Anne Keiser, Photographer, "Sir Edmund Hillary & The People of Everest" East-West Center, Garden Level of Imin Conference Center 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$27, Buffet \$3, Self Parking (see: www.hawaii.edu/parking) Co-sponsored with The Special Libraries Association Hawaiian-Pacific

All Sierra Club Outings

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O`ahu Group Outings Information

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O`ahu Group Outings

Saturday, November 1

Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve Service Project. 12mi/Easy/Coast/Mokuleia. Reservations Required. Help to remove invasive plants that endanger this rare native coastal ecosystem. We may see spinner dolphins, albatross, or a monk seal. Annette Kaohelaulii 235-5431

Friday, November 7

Sierra Club Program. Room 304 YWCA on Richards St. at 7 pm. Guest: Michael Furuya, Ohia Productions Nature Artist specializing in birds. Kids are invited. Notecards and posters of his artwork will be available for purchase.

Saturday, November 8

Miconia Removal. See Oct. 11 for details. Ryan Smith 286-4616

Sunday, November 9

Sierra Seminar: Palehua-Palikeya. 4mi/Easy/Ridge/Makakilo. Reservations required. Not for those uneasy about heights. Native plants and snails are the attraction in this Nature Conservancy preserve. Betsy Weatherford 526-3986, Maile Sakamoto

Saturday, November 15

*Kawaewae Heiau Service Project. See Oct. 18 for details. Jim & Cindy Waddington 947-2732

Sunday, November 16

Kuliouou Ridge. 4mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Kuliouou. Enjoy great views of Waimanalo from the Koolau Ridge after you've made the final steep ascent. Gwen Sinclair 734-3214, Bob Moore 942-2734

Friday, November 21

Annual Fundraiser! Silent Auction with good food and entertainment. Cafe Laniakea, YWCA, 1040 Richards St. Honolulu. 5:30 - 9pm. \$25 includes on food, entertainment, and a presentation by photographer Jack Jeffrey. Do your holiday shopping with plenty of excellent gifts from local merchants and friends: native plants, gift certificates, art, outdoor gear, and more! No-host bar.

Sunday, November 23

*Lanikai Hills. 3mi/Moderate/Ridge/Lanikai. Enjoy a lovely view on pillboxes. Sherine Boomla 739-3936, Mike Gawley 779-3645

Sunday, November 30

Mauumae Ridge (Lanipo). 7mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Maunalani Heights. Enjoy great views and native plants. Bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Arlene Buchholz 988-9806 Gwen Sinclair 734-3214

Saturday, December 6

Pahole Natural Area Reserve Service Project
See Oct. 4 for details. Ed Mersino 455-8193

Sunday, December 7

Adopt-a-Highway cleanup, 8am-10am, meet in parking lot at Sandy Beach bathrooms on east end. Call Lisa for reservation: 722-8727. Free t-shirt,

refreshments and other goodies for those who come out and help clean up Kalaniana'ole Highway along Ka Iwi coastline.

Makapuu Full Moon Hike and Annual Recruitment. 1mi/Easy/Ridge/Makapuu. Join us for our biannual Sierra Club membership recruitment campaign. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at the trailhead. Bring flashlight and snacks to share and watch the moon rise from Makapuu Lookout. Join or renew for only \$25!. Ed Mersino 455-8193, Sue Garner 988-0481, Mike Gawley 779-3645

Saturday, December 13

Miconia Removal. See Oct. 11 for details. Ryan Smith 286-4616

Sunday, December 14

Sierra Seminar: Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve 6mi/Moderate/Coast/Mokuleia. Reservations required. We will learn about native coastal plants and animals on this interpretive hike. Bring binoculars. Maile Sakamoto 946-5712, Rick Palmer

Sunday, December 21

Makahuene. 7mi/Moderate/Ridge/Hawaii Kai. This dry ridge trail begins at a heiau and leads us to the summit. Joanna Yin 383-7354, Randy Ching 942-0145

Sunday, December 28

Kealia. 7mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Mokuleia. We'll zigzag up the ridge overlooking Dillingham Airfield and the North Shore until we reach a lookout over Makua Valley, watching gliders, parachutists, and paragliders. Gwen Sinclair 734-3214, Ed Mersino 455-8193

Saturday, January 3

Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve Service Project
See Nov. 1 for details. Sherine Boomla 739-3936

Sunday, January 4

Kuaokala. 8mi/Moderate/Ridge/Makaha. A great hike along the Waianae Range that provides wonderful views of Makua Valley and west Oahu. Not for those uneasy about heights. Arlene Buchholz 988-9806, Randy Ching 942-0145

Family Hike, Kaena Point from Mokuleia, 5 miles/Moderate. 12:30pm meeting at the Kaena-end of Kam Highway. Hike about 2 hours to the Point, break, then back—observing the whales, seals and albatross and the lovely wild coast. Children aged five and up unless you have a carrier for them. Tie-on shoes, backpack, rain gear, water and snack required. Suzan Harada, Reese Liggett 732-4489.

Sunday, January 11

Sierra Singles hike to Kaluanui Ridge. 3mi/Moderate/Ridge/Hawaii Kai Meet other singles as you hike along a windswept ridge. See spectacular views of East Oahu as we climb to the crest of the Koolaus above Mariner's Ridge. Joanna Yin 383-7354, Gina Goodman 638-7853

O`ahu Service Project Schedule

Oahu Group Service Projects provide an excellent opportunity for environmental volunteers to experience unique places that are often closed to the public. To apply for any Oahu Group Service Project, mail a \$25 (per person) deposit check, payable to the leader listed first in the schedule, to his/her address listed below. **Reservations cannot be made by phone or e-mail.** Trip fees are estimated to range from about \$175.00 to \$225.00 and will cover the cost of round trip airfare, ground transportation, meals and a portion of the leaders' expenses. Should Inter-Island airfares increase substantially, the cost may increase. It is important to make your deposit early, as many trips fill quickly.

On a service project, we normally work for the preserve for two days and have one day free for hiking or other recreational activities. The participants will share in the preparation of meals and clean up.

Participants will live together in facilities that are probably more cramped and rustic than they are used to. Therefore, it is important that the participants have a positive and cooperative attitude and willingness for teamwork.

All trip participants are subject to approval by the leaders based upon the participant's experience, disposition, and physical condition. Deposits will be returned to any participants who are not accepted. Where there are a large number of applicants, the leaders will have the option to give preference to current Sierra Club members and Oahu residents.

You are welcome to contact the leaders for more information.

MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND

January 17 to 19, 2004 (Saturday to Monday)

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kauai— Leaders: Annette Kaohelaulii, 45-403 Koa Kahiko Street, Kaneohe, HI 96744; phone: 235-5431; e-mail:

annettesadventures@juno.com and Sharon Reilly; phone: 842-1995; email: shareilly@aol.com

PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND

February 14 to 16, 2004 (Saturday to Monday)

Limahuli National Tropical Botanical Garden, Kauai — Leaders: Bob Moore, 1634 Makiki Street, Apt. 906, Honolulu, HI 96822, phone: 942-2734, e-mail: akepa@earthlink.net and Betsy Weatherford, phone: 526-3986, e-mail: pinao@att.net

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kauai — Leaders: Arlene Buchholz, 3138 Paty Drive, Honolulu, HI 96822; phone: 988-9806; e-mail: snovakz@juno.com; and Sherine Boomla; Phone: 739-3936; e-mail: bsherine@yahoo.com

KUHIO DAY WEEKEND

March 26 to 28, 2004 (Friday to Sunday)

Manuka Natural Area Reserve, Hawaii — Leaders: Mel Yoshioka, 94-260 Kaholo Street, Mililani, HI 96789; phone: (work) 587-0879; e-mail: kh6tb@hawaii.rr.com ; and Pat Onogi; phone: 261-8018

EASTER WEEKEND

April 9 to 11, 2004 (Friday to Sunday)

Nene o Molokai, Molokai — Leader: Sylvianne Yee, 1708 Kumakani Loop, Honolulu, HI 96821; phone: 373-3062; e-mail: syee@sgi-hi.com

2004 Oahu Service Project Descriptions

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kauai

This refuge is at a beautiful, windswept setting on the northernmost tip of the island of Kauai.

The service project usually involves the removal of alien plants and the planting of native coastal vegetation that the numerous seabirds on the refuge use to build their nests. Seabirds, whales, Hawaiian monk seals, turtles and dolphins are common sights while working.

Accommodations are on the lower level of the Visitor Center on the Refuge property.

Amenities include electricity, a full kitchen, folding cots for sleeping, bathroom facilities and a hot shower. Free time activities may include hiking on the refuge or on nearby trails.

Limahuli National Tropical Botanical Garden, Kauai

The garden is located on Kauai's north shore near Haena and extends over 1,000 acres of tropical valley covering three distinct ecological zones. The garden is an educational and research facility with extensive plantings of native Hawaiian plants. Ongoing programs in watershed protection and studies in plant and animal stream life are conducted at this site. The work will probably involve removal of invasive exotic plants and replanting the area with native plants. The facilities are in a modern house with electricity, a full kitchen, bunk beds or futons for sleeping, bathroom facilities and hot showers. Free time activities may include walking on the nearby Haena Beach and hiking on nearby trails.

Manuka Natural Area Reserve, Hawaii

Manuka contains one of the few relatively undisturbed ancient native lowland forests in Hawaii. The work may include clearing alien weeds from a 150-acre kipuka on the slopes of Mauna Loa. We will stay in a three-bedroom cabin at 1,600 feet elevation at Kiolakaa with hot showers, flush toilet, a kitchen with a gas range, but no electricity. There is bed space for five, floor space for several more and plenty of tent space on the lawn. Free time activities may include hiking or bird watching.

Nene o Molokai, Molokai

The Nene o Molokai Foundation is in the process of acquiring wetland property for bird habitat. The work may include clearing weeds and brush and the planting of native Hawaiian species for a nene goose habitat. Accommodations are at a beach house with hot showers, a full kitchen, bathroom facilities, and a beautiful ocean front lawn. Tenting on the lawn is required. Free time activities may include guided historic tours of the region and wetland bird habitats and visiting "downtown" Kaunakakai.



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planned.giving@sierraclub.org

KAUA'I GROUP OUTINGS

www.hi.sierraclub.org/Kauai/kauai-hikes.html

Join us on one of these great outings to explore our beautiful island. Please note level of hiking proficiency and round trip mileage. Participants must sign waiver of liability. Requested donation for members and participants under 18: \$1. Donation for others: \$5.

Sunday Oct 12 - Oklehao Trail Clearing Service Hike North Shore/ Strenuous hike and work/ 5 miles round trip Help maintain Sierra Club's beautiful adopted trail that follows the crest of a ridge running up Hihimanu. We need volunteers to keep the trail open for the community to enjoy. You'll be well rewarded by the lovely views of Hanalei Bay and Valley. Kathy Valier 826-7302

Sunday Oct 19 - Maha'ulepu Coastal Hike. South Shore/ Moderate/3 Miles Spectacular coastal walk with stunning views each step of the way! This magnificent coastline is unique with its fascinating craggy rock limestone formations. Car shuttle for one-way hike. Allan Rachap 742-1001

Saturday Oct 25 - N. Fork Wailua River Exploratory Hike East Side/very strenuous/8 miles A rugged, exciting hike for the adventurous. Bob Nishek 332-5158

Friday Oct 31 - Beach Clean Up, Bonfire & Cookout Nukoli'i Beach/East Shore Here's a great way to enjoy Halloween: clean up a beach for the community and have a cookout around a bonfire. Judy Dalton and Karen Tilley 826-0081

Sunday Nov 2 - Nonou (Sleeping Giant) Hike East Side/3 miles/moderately strenuous Have you ever hiked up to the top and along all the trails? Shuttling cars for a one way hike lets you see everything. Incredible, sweeping views! Car shuttle for one-way. Alan Rachap 742-1001

Friday Nov 7 - Maha'ulepu Afternoon & Evening Full Moon Hike. South Shore/Moderate/ 4 miles Incredible views every step of the way! Coastal hike starts at Shipwreck Beach in the afternoon and ends with the full moon glistening on the ocean along the shores of Maha'ulepu! Car shuttle for one-way hike. Judy Dalton 246-9067

Sunday Nov 16 - Oklehao Trail Hike. North Side/Strenuous/5 miles This trail, maintained by the Sierra Club as a service project, is cleared and ready for all to enjoy. From the ridge crest take in stunning views of Hanalei Valley, Hanalei Bay and Wai'oli Valley. Pierre Plotkins 823-0075

Saturday Nov 22 - Powerline Trail Northshore to Eastside/Strenuous/9 miles A chance to walk the entire Powerline Trail from Princeville to Wailua with beau-

tiful mountain views along the way. Car shuttle for one-way hike. Kathy Valier 826-7302.

Saturday Nov 29 - Kalepa Ridge Trail Eastside/Moderately Strenuous/4 miles Start out in the afternoon and enjoy breath-taking, sweeping coastal and valley views along the ridge. End with moon rising over the ocean. Pierre Plotkins 823-0075 and Karen Tilley

Friday December 5 - National Tropical Botanical Gardens Full Moon Walk. South Side/Moderate/2 miles Hike and learn about propagation of native plants in these lovely gardens and enjoy a picnic on the beach at beautiful Lawai Bay. Sierra Club members only. Bob Nishek 332-5158

Sunday December 7 - Haena to Ke'e Sunset and Full Moon Beach Walk. North shore/ Easy/2 miles An easy beach walk from Ha'ena to the road's end for sunset views of Na Pali and return under full moon light. Kathy Valier 826-7302.

Saturday Dec 13 - Waimea Canyon Road Clean Up Waimea Canyon Road Cleanup/West Side/Easy Morning cleanup of Sierra Club's Adopted Highway usually requires about an hour and a half. Can we count on you to help keep it clean for all to enjoy? Ron Peyton 337-9248

Sunday December 14 - Waipo'o Falls Koke'e/ Moderately strenuous/ 4 miles Views and more views of Waimea Canyon along this spectacular hike! Come on out and enjoy your island. Alan Rachap 742-1001

Saturday December 20 - Berry Flats Trail Koke'e/Easy to Moderate/3 miles A delightful outing for families and those who enjoy a leisurely hike. Loop trail walking through plum groves, evergreens, sugi, and redwoods. Pierre Plotkins 823-0075

Saturday Dec 27 - Polihale Walk & Swim at Queen's Pond West side/ Easy/ 5 miles Walk along a magnificent stretch of nearly empty beach. Swimming at Queen's Pond is a delight! Pierre Plotkins 823-0075

Sunday Jan 4 - Kuilau Ridge Trail Wailua/Easy to Moderate/4.25 miles Start out the new year on the right foot by taking a Sierra Club hike. Beginning near Keahou Arboretum, this trail offers great rewards without a lot of effort. Glorious views and ever-present bird-songs reward the hiker along the trail. Great for families. Alan Rachap and Vivian Hager 822-3610

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Moku Loa Group Outings

Outings are conducted in accordance with Sierra Club outing policies. Participants need to recognize the authority of the leader and plan to remain with the group for the entire outing. Sierra Club carries no participant accident insurance. In order to participate in one of Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please call (415) 977-5630, or see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms>. In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make car-pooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for car-pooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Car-pooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. Donation for non-members is \$3.00. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Each participant should carry a minimum of one quart of water, lunch, sun screen, insect repellent, rain gear. Wear sturdy shoes with traction. Additional items will be listed with the description.

Key: D=distance, estimated R/T for the day. E=Elevation in feet; + is gain, - is loss. Classification of Hikes: (D) Education/ Interpretation, (C) Conservation, (F) Family/Fun, (S) Service

Sunday, October 12 – Kaloli to Haena (Shipman Beach) (F)(E)(C) D = 6 miles, E = sea level

Hike on a historic trail in Puna, an inland carriage road from Paradise Park to Haena. See *nene* and interesting backshore ecosystems. Rocks could be slippery due to high waves. Contact leaders Sarah and Jan Moon (935-3475) for meeting time and place.

Sunday, October 19 – Keahou Overlook (E) D = 5 miles, E = 2700' +/- 500'

Enjoy a 5-mile hike in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park beginning on Chain of Craters Road and passing the Ainahou Ranch house. We will have lunch and a geology discussion at an overlook which provides panoramic views of the coastline. Prepare for walking on a wide variety of terrain (from raw lava to backcountry roads) and weather conditions by bringing boots, sun screen, hat, water, rain gear and lunch. We will meet at the Park Visitor Center at 8:30 am. Contact Debbi Uchida (985-7303), or Roberta Brashear (966-7002) for further details.

Sunday, October 26 – Kilauea Crater Rim Day Hike (F) D = 6 miles, E = 4000' +/- 500'

This hike will begin and end at the Volcano House. We will be hiking on the Halema'uma'u, Byron Ledge and Waldron Ledge trails. We will explore the Kilauea Crater in this loop hike. Bring lunch, 2 quarts of water and good sun protection, as well as rain gear. Meet at the Kea'au Sure-Save parking lot, 7:00 am. Contact Ken and Juliet Mondal (959-4814) for information.

Sunday, November 16 – Kukio to Ka'upulehu (F) (E) D = 3 miles, E = sea level

Hike along the Kona Coast over sandy beaches and some lava rock. Observe how different resorts make public ac-

cess available and how they build around and include natural features in their design. Swimming and wading are possible, but no lifeguard available. Showers located at the public access parking lot. Bring a full quart of water or more, lunch, sun screen, sun hat, swim wear; and wear closed-toe shoes. For information contact Jan and Sarah Moon (935-3475).

Sunday, November 30 – Mamalahoa Trail Family Hike (F)(E) D = 6 miles, E = 1800' +/- 600'

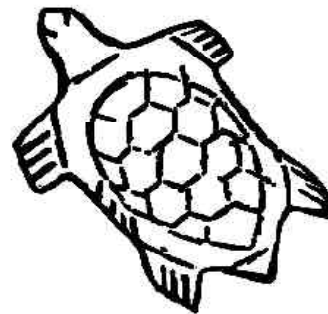
Hike on a historic kerbstone trail built in the 1830s, which courses from the new entrance to Kaloko-Honokohau National Park to the Kona Airport. Wear good shoes; bring sun screen, hat, one quart of water and a snack. Meet at the new entrance to the park at 9:00 am. Contact leader, Scott Mandell (322-0718), or drscott1@hawaii.rr.com.

Wednesday, December 10 – Annual Membership Meeting. Waioala River State Park, Pavilion #3. Ala Kahakai Presentation.

Wednesday, January 14, 2004 – Slide show, Sierra Club Utah Wilderness Task Force. Komohana Agricultural Complex, 7:00 pm

Thursday-Monday, February 12-16, 2004 – Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Coastal Backpack (E)(C) D = 21.3 miles. E = Sea level

A rare opportunity to spend four nights and five days over President's Day weekend backpacking through the beautiful coastal section of the park. We will begin at Hilina Pali overlook, hike down to Ka'aha, then visit Halape, Keauhou and Apua Point over the next few days before ending at Chain of Craters Road. Swimming, snorkeling, tidepooling along the way. Participants will need to arrange carpooling among themselves for start/end of hike. Previous backpacking experience, sturdy boots and leader approval required. Limit, 12 participants. Contact leader Guy Nicholson (938-2399) for details. Co-leader, Diane Ware.



Maui Group Outings

Please be prepared for outings. Bring food, water, and as conditions require sturdy footwear, mosquito repellent. A donation of \$5 (\$2 for Sierra Club members) is requested of all hikers over age 14.

Hikes are popular. Please register early. Pre-registration and an EMI WAIVER are absolutely required for specific hikes (listed below). Call in your waiver request well in advance of going to EMI's Pa'ia office. Ask for Jackie at 579-9516. PLEASE PICK UP PERMITS 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE. One waiver is good for ALL EMI hikes listed this quarter. Hike Line: 808-573-4147

Interested in a Kakipi Gulch service hike? Help remove invasive Cat's Claw vine from this important E. Maui watershed area. Help survey the area with retired EMI ditchman Steve Cabral. call Lucienne de Naie 572-8331 for info on date.

Friday, Oct 10, 7-9 pm Maui Community College. Ross Klein, author of "Cruise Ship Blues" - an informative presentation on the cruise ship industry and impacts on ocean water quality. Free.

Saturday, October 11 - Lower Waikamoi Streambed hike over uneven, rocky surfaces. Water proof footwear required. Meet at 9 AM at Ha'iku Community Center. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Limit: 15 register 572-8331. Pre-registration and an EMI WAIVER is absolutely required. Call in your waiver request well in advance of going to EMI's Pa'ia office. Ask for Jackie at 579-9516. PLEASE PICK UP PERMITS 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

Sunday, Oct 19 - Ke'anae heiau service trip. Help in restoring a little-known but historic heiau in Ke'anae. Bring willing hands, loppers, machetes (a chain saw would be appreciated), lunch. In the afternoon, a short walk to awesome views and birdwatching from Pauwalu Point with local guide Nobuo Suda. Leader: Neola Caveny. Meet at 8 AM at Neola's house in Huelo; 573-1451 for directions.

Saturday, Oct 25 - Honolua Bay cleanup w/ visit to Honokohau. Join us for Make a Difference Day! Help clean up Honolua Bay area in morning, then lunch, talk story, and exploration in Honokohau Valley with Hawaiian musician Joe Cabato. Bring gloves, water, lunch - and musical instruments! Meet at Honolua Store, just before Ritz Carlton in Kapalua (turn on Office Road), at 8 AM.

Sunday Nov 2 - Hike Leader Planning & Potluck-Huelo 11am-1 pm w/ hike to follow call 573-1451 for location

Saturday Nov 8 - Makena Historical shoreline Tour- meet 9 am at Oneuli ("dark sand") beach at north end of Makena State Park (dirt road entrance into park). Hike along shoreline to Keawalai church. Discussion of area's rich history and proposed development plans. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Open to all ages. No registration necessary.

Sunday, Nov 15 - Makena Cleanup- Pu'u Ola'i area. Help Malama this wooded area of Makena State beach. All supplies provided. Pickup trucks appreciated. Meet 8:30 am at first paved parking lot, Makena State park. Open to all ages, bring swim suit for pau hana.

Sunday, Nov 30 - Explore Keoneo'i'o shoreline (La Perouse Bay) to Hanamanioa Lighthouse with noted marine biologist Ann Fielding. Approx. 4 miles roundtrip along rocky trail. Learn about the area's rich cultural history, unique marine life and rare anchialine ponds as well as efforts to protect it as a national park. Meet 8am Kihei Pool parking lot. Special Donation asked: \$5 members/\$10 non members to benefit Maui Group. Limit 25 please register at voice mail 573-4147. Leader Lucienne de Naie. Co leader: TBA

Sunday, Dec 7 - Launiupoko Valley. Explore this lush West Maui valley, with many archeological sites and native plants, with Ed Lindsey of Maui Cultural Lands, Inc. Half-day slightly uphill hike along stream through mostly fern and brush. Limit: 15. Meet at entrance of Launiupoko subdivision (mauka side of the highway) at 8AM. Leader: Neola Caveny. Register 573-4147

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Wailuku Meander. A leisurely stroll through historic Wailuku town, from Happy Valley to lower Iao Valley, including history from pre-contact days to the early 20th century. Bring a picnic lunch for under the trees at Bailey House. All ages welcome. Meet at 9 AM at the County Building public parking lot on High St. Leader: Neola Caveny/ co-leader Daniel Grantham.



Land use law protects more than just farmers *continued from front page*

project was not agricultural in nature. The Commission wrote in their decision: “We do not find it credible that houses along the cliff area to be marketed at one to 3 million dollars per lot are part of any true agricultural enterprise.”

The fight against fake farm subdivisions gained more support this past summer as the legislature passed—twice—a measure to prohibit restrictions to farming on agricultural lands. While it sounds intuitive, the law was needed because developers of “agricultural subdivisions” frequently place strict conditions, covenants, and restrictions to farming—such as limits on equipment use and heights of windbreaks—to make the development more attractive to residential clients that are not interested in being surrounded by agricultural operations.

Kauai farmer John Wooten discovered that agricultural subdivisions are not always farmer-friendly. After years of farming various greens, broccoli, tomatoes and organic fruits at ‘Aliomanu Estates ag subdivision north of Kapa‘a, Wooten was told by the community association that his windbreaks-necessary to protect his crops against the salty tradewinds-violated the subdivision’s 6-foot height limitation. The association threatened to sue him and place a lien on his house if he continued to farm. During a hearing on the ag restriction bill in the House in March, a state representative asked what type of crop a farmer could grow with 6-foot windbreak in that area of Kaua‘i. A spokesman from the Agriculture Department thought for a moment and joked, “maybe mushrooms?”

The measure to prohibit ag restrictions, SB 255 CD 1, was vetoed by Governor Linda Lingle in June. The Sierra Club characterized Lingle’s veto as “a huge favor for developers who wish to grow houses on agricultural lands.” The Club quickly mobilized support for an override of the measure, and calls and emails favoring the bill flooded legislators offices during a special session in early July. In a straight party-line vote, both the State House and Senate voted for the override (despite previously voting in favor of the measure, all Republicans voted in opposition to the override).

Lingle’s veto of the measure was disappointing, but not altogether surprising.

Despite the rhetoric, the Governor hasn’t been too concerned about mansions masquerading as farmhouses. The Administration’s position became clear at a State Land Use Commission hearing in early April on Maui. At issue was whether agriculture was actually going to take place on the newly approved West Maui agricultural subdivision on hundreds of former Pioneer Mill sugar lands. Kuleana Ku‘ikahi, an organization of taro farmers in Kauaula Valley mauka of the sugar cane lands who share the same water source as the new subdivision, is contesting what they consider “fake

farm” estates on the land. Last November, the Cayetano Administration issued a strong letter supporting Kuleana Ku‘ikahi. The state, through the Office of State Planning, has officially changed their position on the project at the April LUC hearing to “no position.” During the LUC hearing, Deputy Attorney General John Chang didn’t know the reasoning behind the change.

While developers are learning that Hawaii’s land use law isn’t as fluid as they like, they may find solace that they aren’t trying to sprawl on farmland in China. In 1998, China passed a law designating 80 percent of China’s arable land “fundamental farmland.” These parcels, the most productive farms in the country, now can be developed only with local, county, provincial and State Council approval.

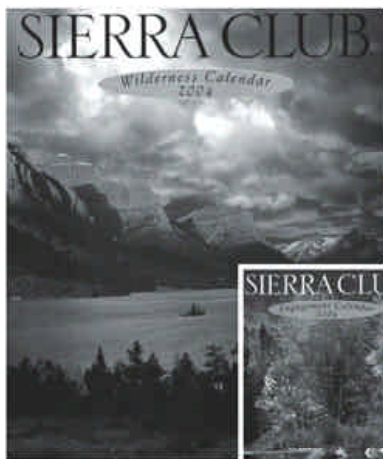
“Our basic position is that we cannot lose any more farmland,” said Ye Zhenqin, an official in China’s Ministry of Agriculture, in an interview with Rena Singer at Knight Ridder Newspapers. “We have so many people. To support them, to be self-sufficient on less land is impossible.”

According to the new law, farmland “saboteurs,” developers who build on valuable farmland without proper authorization, could be subject to the death penalty.

Back in Kealahou, Judge Ibarra is giving South Kona—and the smart growth advocates statewide—hope.

“This is a great victory for our community,” said Jim Medeiros, President of Protect Keopuka Ohana. “All along the developer has claimed this project is good for our community, but for we farmers and Hawaiians, projects like this in the agricultural district will eventually push us off the lands we have known and loved for generations.”

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Hawai`i Service Trip Program

The Hawai`i Service Trip Program, Sierra Club, presents another exciting trip to Lana`i! Experience Lana`i away from the mega-resorts and help restore rare, fragile native dryland forests. Space is limited, so reply soon! Here's the details: The trip will take place from Sunday, October 5 through Saturday, October 11 (7 days total; ~4.5 days of work, 2.5 days of play). The work will be weeding invasive/non-native species from dryland forest and erosion areas in the `Awehi Gulch. Possible out-planting of rare natives, too. We will be staying in the Lāna`i Social Hall (full-size kitchen, hotel beds, and hot water showers!). Trip fees: \$150 regular, \$75 for students. All forms due (accessible from the HSTP website: www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/1310/hstp/tripforms.html)with down payment of \$75 (\$50 for students) due As Soon As Possible. Contact Jackson Bauer, the trip leader, to sign up: jbauer@alumni.hpu.edu, hm. 942-0895, wk. 586-2563.

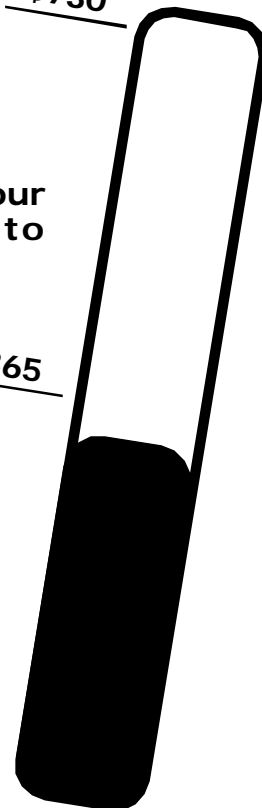
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Sierra Club, O`AHU GROUP Executive Committee Election

Four (4) Positions - Those elected will take office in January 2004

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The Executive Committee establishes GROUP policies, coordinates activities, sets the GROUP budget, raises funds, recruits members, makes political endorsements and works on conservation issues. The nominating committee has nominated the following candidates for four (4) Ex-Comm positions.

THIS BALLOT IS FOR OAHU MEMBERS ONLY

single joint

Wade Holmes • Originally from upstate New York, Wade earned a B.S. in Zoology from BYU in 1999. He moved to Hawaii in 2000 and has been profoundly affected by its beauty. Wade has taught children at the Hawaii Nature Center by working as an environmental educator, and now he is currently enrolled in a Master's program in Ethnobotany at UH. Wade would advocate for these issues as a member of the ExCom: protection of endangered plant and animal species, increased use of renewable energy, education and expansion of recycling programs, increased community participation in environmental stewardship, and expansion of Honolulu's bike paths.

Seth Cato • Seth has been dedicated to the outdoors both as a means of enjoyment, as well as an active advocate for its continued protection. He has worked as a legislative aide under Hermina Morita, Chair of the Energy and Environmental Protection Committee, as well volunteering with various environmental conservation organizations such as OISC, Army Environmental, and The Nature Conservancy. Seth believes the key to success for the environmental conservation of Hawaii and other states lies under the umbrella of sustainability. As a member of the board, he would try to posit new ideas that support sustainable environmental practices.

Meghan Halabisky • Meghan currently works for the Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC), whose mission is to protect Oahu's native ecosystem from invasive species such as Miconia. OISC partners with many environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club, for which she is a Sierra Club leader for the monthly Miconia hunts. Meghan would like to help the Sierra Club to continue to be a well-organized effective tool for necessary change on Oahu. She hopes to bring first-hand conservation experience to the board, a network of knowledgeable contacts, and a passion for protecting the precious resources of Hawaii.

Laura Edmunds • Laura is a Punahou and Boston College (BC) graduate with degrees in Political Science and Communications. Laura has been active with various environmental organizations doing field and administrative work for the Environmental Action Council, the Society of Native American Peoples, at Boston College, with the Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter, and for the Clean Water Action in Boston, MA. Laura just recently accepted the job of Oahu Group Membership Chair and is coordinating outreach with Gary Gill and Outings leaders to increase membership.

Isaac H. Moriwake • Isaac Moriwake is an attorney in the Honolulu office of Earthjustice, a national, nonprofit, public interest environmental law firm. Isaac obtained his B.A. studying International Relations at Pomona College and his J.D., along with a Certificate in Environmental Law, from the School of Law at the University of Hawai'i. After law school, Isaac clerked for the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i and was an associate attorney in the environmental section of Alston, Hunt, Floyd & Ing. Isaac currently litigates state and federal environmental cases. He feels his legal expertise would be an asset to the O'ahu Group.

Glenn Simcox • Glenn spent his youth in the Midwest, joining the Navy after graduating from high school. He spent 10 years on active duty in both California and Hawaii, earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at UHM. Glenn has lived in Hawaii for over ten years and has earned several awards for his commitment to the community, including the Honolulu Council Navy League Award, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal, and the Pacific Fleet Volunteer of the Quarter. A father with two boys, he likes to spend his free time hiking, camping and doing water sports.

Sierra Club, HAWAI`I CHAPTER Executive Committee Election

Three (3) At-Large Positions

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Scott Crawford served two years on the O'ahu Group ExCom and two years on the Hawaii Chapter ExCom. He has worked for many years as an advocate for Hawaii's environment, including renewable energy and open space protection. Currently active with the Kipahulu Ohana, working for the conservation and restoration of natural resources and Native Hawaiian cultural practices in Kipahulu.

Roberta Lynn Brashear, an 18 year member of the Sierra Club, is seeking re-election to the Chapter Excom. She is an environmental educator at Hawaii Community College, actively involved in outings and fundraising for the Moku Loa Group, leads service learning projects for the college and was a member of the planning committee for the recent Board of Directors meeting in Hawai'i. She has served as Hawai'i Chapter Chair and Chapter and Group Outings Chair and is presently the Moku Loa Group Chair. Roberta is also the Hawai'i Chapter Council Delegate to the National Sierra Club and a member of Sierra Club's International Committee.

Pam Bunn is an attorney with a keen interest in environmental issues. She worked with the Sierra Club when the Club sued Meadow Gold dairies over its pollution of Waimanalo streams years ago. Later, she represented the Sierra Club when Pacific Star sued the Club for its work in getting the Land Use Commission to keep Kealahou wild. Recently, she represented those fighting the powerlines on Waahila Ridge on O'ahu.

Lucienne de Naie is a Maui activist and longtime outings leader who has served as Maui Group Conservation Chair and Hawai'i Chapter Conservation Chair. She has a background in conservation journalism and grant writing and is a passionate advocate of coastal preservation, sustainable energy and protection of watersheds and native species. She was active in the successful conservation campaign to halt expansion of Kahului Airport and is still battling plans that threaten Ma'alaea.

Jack Kelly has been the coordinator for Keep Kealahou Wild, vice-President of Protect Keopuka Ohana and lead plaintiff in the Hokulia development case. Jack was a Green party candidate for the State House of Representatives in the 2002 election, capturing 37 % of the vote. Jack, a coffee farmer in Kona, also works as a journalist, contributing regularly to the Hawai'i Island Journal as well as the Honolulu Weekly, Haleakala Times, and Owi Files.

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Great things are Developing at the Club

A report from the Director of Development

By this time next year, the Sierra Club's income will have doubled, we will be joined by at least a thousand new members, our new "Blue Water Campaign" will be in full swing and our existing programs will be receiving **Gary Gill** new levels of support. That is our development plan in a nutshell. Here is a quick summary of the dramatic progress we have made toward these goals.

Support for our existing programs

We have submitted three grant proposals to support and expand the High School Hikers program. Because of increased costs in recent years, High School Hikers has suffered a decline in participation. If we win a grant award, the program costs can be subsidized and more students will participate. We also plan to upgrade our safety and sanitation equipment. We will learn soon if we have won either of these grants and plan to solicit support from other foundations as well.

Building the Blue Water Campaign

We won a \$5,000 grant to support our "Blue Water" campaign to

educate the public and decision makers on run-off and coastal pollution problems. Our informational advertising will be placed both in print and on T.V. We plan to network with other organizations, hula halau, dive shops and community groups to build a network of trained volunteers who will inspect, document, report and fix potential pollution sites before they discharge mud and chemicals into our streams and beaches.

Spreading the News

We are producing a short Sierra Club video that will be broadcast on Olelo in November and can be used at our various functions as a fundraising and membership building tool. Our plans also call for a weekly one-minute radio spot on environmental issues to get started early next year.

If you ever had an interest in volunteering time, talent or treasury to the Sierra Club, now would be a good time to give me a call. There are plenty of projects to choose from and we never needed you more than right now.

Call Gary Gill, Director of Development, 537-9019 or email me at gary.gill@sierraclub.org



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