

# Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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### Community Plan Advisory Committee

**Attending:** Chair Rob Weltman, Vice Chair Daniel Kanahele, Tova Callender, Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka, Vernon Kalanikau, Mike Moran, Wayne Nishiki, Keoki Pfaeltzer, Brian Ward

**Absent:** Everett Dowling, Randol Leach, Cody Nemet, Jennifer Sullivan

### County of Maui – Planning Department, Long Range Division (LRD)

Kawika Farm, Cultural Resources Planner

Scott Curran, Planner

### County of Maui – Planning Department

Garrett Smith, Deputy Director

Call to order at 5:31 p.m.

### **Roll Call, Introduction and Housekeeping (00:26 to 2:26 in meeting video)**

Following member roll call, Chair Weltman gave an opening in Hawaiian. Housekeeping items included livestreaming; addressing issues with the CPAC process; Corporation Counsel Keola Whittaker's absence, and the possibility of holding an online meeting with him in the future; and having legal counsel present at all CPAC meetings.

### **Public Testimony on Goal 2.4 | Mauka to Makai Watershed Management (9:51 to 29:24 in meeting video)**

Testifiers included Doug Ballard ([11:22 to 12:57](#)), Rory Frampton ([13:08 to 15:06](#)), Robin Knox ([15:17 to 18:58](#)), and David Dorn ([19:13 to 29:12](#)).

### **Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.4 | Mauka to Makai Watershed Management (29:25 to 1:19:01 in meeting video)**

Members continued their review and recommendations for actions in Goal 2.4.

## ACTIONS

### Runoff and Drainage

Action 4.03 | Develop a Stormwater Management Program Plan in South Maui, similar to Kahului-Pā'ia's, with programs and practices for stormwater runoff management from County and private actions.

- **Mike Moran made a motion to adopt Action 4.03 with the following change: “Stormwater Quality Management Program Plan”; Wayne Nishiki seconded the motion. Vice Chair Kanahale requested a friendly amendment to the second half of the action: “with programs and practices that protect water quality from ~~for stormwater runoff management from County and private actions~~”; Mike and Wayne accepted the friendly amendment. Tova Callender requested a friendly amendment to remove “similar to Kahului-Pā'ia's”; Mike and Wayne accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([29:38 to 38:25](#))**

Action 4.04 | Regularly maintain and clear sediment basins and culverts in South Maui.

- **Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka made a motion to adopt Action 4.04, with additional wording as suggested by the Planning Department: “Provide resources to regularly maintain and clear sediment basins and culverts in the mauka/upland areas within both direct and indirect alignment of South Maui to minimize/mitigate the potential damage from downstream flooding.” Mike Moran seconded the motion. After some in-depth discussion, Brian Ward requested a friendly amendment to change the beginning of the action to the following “Develop and monitor programs to regularly maintain...” Lehuanani and Mike accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([38:32 to 55:35](#))**

Before moving onto the next action, **Brian Ward made a motion to create a new action similar to Action 4.04, but addressing private properties (Action 4.04a).** After in-depth discussion and several friendly amendments, **members came up with the following language: “Develop programs to regularly monitor and enforce the clearing of gulches, sediment basins and culverts on public and private properties in South Maui.”** Wayne Nishiki seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([56:00 to 1:13:25](#))

Action 4.05 | Design and implement green infrastructure modifications along South Kīhei Road to mitigate stormwater runoff and minimize damage from flooding.

- **Brian Ward made a motion to adopt Action 4.05; Tova Callender seconded the motion, then requested a friendly amendment to include “and nature-based solutions” after “green infrastructure modifications”; Brian accepted the friendly amendment. Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka requested a friendly amendment to also include “natural infrastructure” after “green infrastructure modifications”; Brian and Tova accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:13:29 to 1:18:36](#))**

## 10-MINUTE BREAK

### **Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.4 | Mauka to Makai Watershed Management Cont. (1:19:11 to 2:37:43 in meeting video)**

Action 4.06 | Provide resources for upland forest conservation, invasive species control, and restoration projects to improve forest cover and functions, and reduce downstream flooding.

- **Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka made a motion to adopt Action 4.06. Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion, then requested a friendly amendment to add “including dryland forest conservation” after “upland forest,” and another sentence at the end: “Support the protection of soils and mitigate erosion through feral ungulate fencing and invasive species control and management.” MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:19:18 to 1:23:33)**

Before moving away from the topic of Runoff and Drainage, **Keoki Pfaeltzer made a motion to adopt a new action (Action 4.06a): “Return streams that have been diverted, like the Kanaio stream in Ma’alaea, to their original natural path in order to remedy the runoff and drainage problems that such diversions have caused.” Brian Ward seconded the motion, then requested a friendly amendment to change the language to the following: “Identify and prioritize returning streams that have been diverted...” Keoki accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:23:38 to 1:32:05)**

**Tova Callender made a motion to adopt a new action (Action 4.06b): “Develop concept for regional stormwater park in collaboration with County Parks, DPW, large landowners and the community.” Vice Chair Kanahale seconded the motion. Brian Ward requested a friendly amendment to add “and implement” after “Develop concept for”; Tova and Vice Chair Kanahale accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:32:15 to 1:41:02)**

**Vice Chair Kanahale noted several recommendations from testifiers related to Runoff and Drainage, then made a motion to adopt a new action (Action 4.06c): “Implement the Southwest Maui Watershed Plan.” Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:41:29 to 1:44:46)**

**Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt a new action (Action 4.06d): “Establish a watershed advisory group which includes participation from Stakeholders Mauka to Makai including agencies that manage or regulate lands, residents and landowners, interested community groups and NGOs.” Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:44:52 to 1:48:24)**

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt a new action (Action 4.06e): “Establish a watershed wide water quality monitoring program to measure the quality of runoff and the mass loading of pollutants from the major gulches, streams, and waterways.” Brian Ward seconded the motion, then requested a friendly amendment to add “and implement” after “Establish”; Vice Chair Kanahale accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:48:31 to 1:50:29](#))

After receiving input from the Planning Department, Brian Ward made a motion to adopt a new action (Action 4.06f): “Create a Watershed Management Program which requires the Department of Planning and Department of Public Works to comply with the watershed plans and practices when issuing permits.” Vice Chair Kanahale seconded the motion. Brian then amended his motion to the following: “Create and implement a Watershed Management Program...” Vice Chair Kanahale accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:50:32 to 1:54:42](#))

## Restoration

Action 4.07 | Create a wetland preservation and restoration program for South Maui to reduce flood impacts from stormwater runoff, improve coastal water quality to protect sensitive ecosystems and expand open space areas.

- Tova Callender made a motion to adopt Action 4.07; Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion. Brian Ward requested a friendly amendment to add “and implement” after “Create”; Tova and Keoki accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:54:48 to 1:57:01](#))

Action 4.08 | Continue to support the Lā'ie Wetland Restoration Project. Develop a low impact pedestrian and bike path near the Lā'ie Wetland to allow access the beach and greenway.

- Brian Ward made a motion to adopt Action 4.08. After in-depth discussion, input from the Planning Department and several friendly amendments, members came up with the following language: “Continue to support, fund and expand Wetland Restoration Projects. Develop and implement low impact pedestrian managed access, where appropriate, near wetland restoration projects.” Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion. Vice Chair Kanahale and members Tova Callender, Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka, Vernon Kalanikau, Mike Moran, Keoki Pfaeltzer and Brian Ward voted in favor of the motion, with Wayne Nishiki opposed. 7-1, MOTION PASSED. ([1:57:02 to 2:37:32](#))

## 5-MINUTE BREAK

**Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.4 | Mauka to Makai Watershed Management Cont. (2:38:18 to END in meeting video)**

Before moving onto the next action, members addressed Wayne Nishiki's concerns about reopening access points to the beach, and asked the Planning Department follow up on whether there is an action that has already been adopted and where it is located. (2:38:28 to 2:40:18)

Action 4.09 | Develop and implement a comprehensive dune restoration plan, identifying methods, funding, and stewardship, for the North Kīhei area between the NOAA Whale Sanctuary and the Kīhei Canoe Club.

- **Brian Ward made a motion to adopt Action 4.09 with the following language: "Develop and implement a comprehensive dune restoration program, identifying methods, funding, stewardship, restrictions and monitoring"; Tova Callender seconded the motion. Following discussion, Brian amended his motion to include at the end "for South Maui with a focus on the North Kīhei area"; Tova accepted the amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:40:28 to 3:01:35)**

Before moving onto the next action, **Keoki Pfaeltzer made a motion to adopt a new action (Action 4.09a): "Develop and implement a plan for sand dune preservation at Haycraft Park and Mā'alaea Bay Beach." Vice Chair Kanahale seconded the motion. Brian Ward requested a friendly amendment to change "plan" to "program"; Keoki accepted the friendly amendment. Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka requested a friendly amendment to include "program and plan"; Keoki accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (3:01:40 to 3:08:41)**

Action 4.10 | Continue to fund a Dune Management Coordinator position and fund the implementation of strategies for sand dune protection.

- **Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka made a motion to adopt Action 4.10 with the addition of "for the island of Maui" after "Dune Management Coordinator position"; Tova Callender seconded the motion. Brian Ward requested a friendly amendment to change "Continue to fund" to "Expand funding for"; Lehuanani and Tova accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (3:08:41 to 3:15:19)**

Action 4.11 | Create a South Maui Ridge to Reef Initiative (R2R) to leverage resources across several agencies and community groups to implement actions to reduce land-based pollution that impacts coral reefs.

- **Brian Ward made a motion to adopt Action 4.11 with the addition of: “or other entities such as a non-profit” after “Ridge to Reef Initiative (R2R).”** Tova Callender seconded the motion, but then rescinded her second (as well as recused herself) due to her involvement with the West Maui Ridge to Reef Initiative, which influenced Action 4.11. **Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka seconded the motion** in Tova’s place. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([3:16:33 to 3:21:23](#))

Action 4.12 | Obtain funding and implement a program to monitor and care for all South Maui nearshore waters.

- Following member discussion, **Brian Ward made a motion to adopt Action 4.12 with the following language: “Continue to support Department of Health Quality Assurance Program Plan water quality monitoring for South Maui nearshore waters.”** Tova Callender seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([3:21:24 to END](#))

**NEXT MEETING IS ON MARCH 1, 2023. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:27 PM.**

