

# Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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### Community Plan Advisory Committee

**Attending:** Chair Rob Weltman, Vice Chair Daniel Kanahele, Tova Callender, Everett Dowling, Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka, Vernon Kalanikau, Randol Leach, Mike Moran, Cody Nemet, Wayne Nishiki, Keoki Pfaeltzer, Jennifer Sullivan, Brian Ward

**Absent:** None

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

Jacky Takakura, Program Administrator

Karen Comcowich, Planner

Brendan Conboy, Planner

Call to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **Roll Call, Introduction and Housekeeping (00:24 to 4:38 in meeting video)**

Following member roll call and Chair Weltman’s opening in Hawaiian and an update on livestreaming, Mike Moran spoke briefly about meeting breaks. He then gave a report on a walkthrough of ranchlands that three CPAC members (who are also on Kīhei Community Association’s Design Review Committee) participated in, in accordance to Sunshine Law.

### **Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.4 | Mauka to Makai Watershed Management (4:46 to 1:15:54 in meeting video)**

Vernon Kalanikau made a motion to readdress a previously discussed and adopted new action from the March 8 meeting: “Explore the feasibility of purchasing flood prone parcels under the threat of condemnation, such as TMKs 3-9-001-162, 3-9-062-019, 3-9-001-164, 3-9-001-007, 3-9-059-001, 3-9-058-061, and 3-9-046-011 and designate as Open Space-protected lands in perpetuity.” Vice Chair Kanahele seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by consensus.

Vernon then made a motion to replace “Explore the feasibility of purchasing flood prone parcels under the threat of condemnation, such as” with “Purchase wetlands.” Vice Chair Kanahele seconded the motion. Following in-depth member discussion, friendly amendments and input from Planning staff, **members decided to break the action into two separate actions.**

For the first action, the following language was proposed: “Acquire wetland parcels, if necessary under the threat of condemnation, such as TMK 3-9-001-162, 3-9-062-019, 3-9-001-164, 3-9-001-007, 3-9-059-001, 3-9-058-061, and 3-9-046-011 and designate as Open Space-protected lands in perpetuity.” MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([4:46 to 1:01:36](#))

For the second action, Cody Nemet made a motion to adopt the following language: “Explore the feasibility of obtaining conservation easements, or purchasing through negotiation, or under the threat of condemnation, wetlands, including but not limited to gulches, continuous, intermittent and femoral streams, stream beds, and flood plains and other flood prone parcels.” Vice Chair Kanahale seconded the motion. Following member discussion and friendly amendments, the following language was proposed: “Explore the feasibility of obtaining the areas identified through the wetlands mapping study or other similar studies through conservation easements or acquiring through negotiation or under the threat of condemnation wetlands including but not limited to gulches, continuous, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, streams beds and flood plains and other flood prone parcels and designate as open space protected lands in perpetuity.” MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:01:37 to 1:15:54](#))

#### 5-MINUTE BREAK

#### Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems ([1:16:24 to 2:12:47](#) in meeting video)

Members continued their review of the remaining actions for Goal 2.3.

#### ACTIONS

Action 3.07 | Develop an inventory of natural and cultural resources and practices within South Maui impacted by sea level rise along with preservation and management plans.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Action 3.07; Mike Moran seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:16:40 to 1:17:20](#))

Action 3.08 | Analyze the shoreline access inventory within South Maui to identify areas that will be impacted by sea level rise and where connectivity and access can be improved. Use findings to identify solutions to preserve access.

- **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt Action 3.08 using the proposed language in [Natalie Harcrow's testimony](#): "Analyze and maintain the shoreline access inventory within South Maui to identify and preserve areas that will be impacted by sea level rise and where connectivity and access to the shoreline as well as along the shoreline (lateral access) can be improved. Use findings to identify and implement solutions to preserve access, including relocating coastal trails." Mike Moran seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:17:20 to 1:19:29](#))**

Action 3.09 | Update the 2016 Community Wildfire Protection Plan for South Maui.

- **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt Action 3.09 using the proposed language in [Natalie Harcrow's testimony](#): "Update the 2016 Community Wildfire Protection Plan for South Maui, and require that developments comply with the plan." Mike Moran seconded the motion. Brian Ward requested a friendly amendment with Everett Dowling's input to change "require that developments" to "enforce that landowners"; Vice Chair Kanahale and Mike accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:19:31 to 1:24:16](#))**

Action 3.10 | Develop a comprehensive wildfire data set and GIS layer that includes the acreage, year and location of wildfire events in South Maui to assist in resilient land use planning. Obtain annual funding for a program to ensure continuing coordination including collection and maintenance of post-incident data.

- **Following member discussion, Brian Ward made a motion to adopt Action 3.10; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. Keoki Pfaeltzer requested a friendly amendment to change "acreage, year and location of wildfire events" to "acreage, year, location and cause of wildfire events"; Brian and Jennifer accepted the friendly amendment. Brian then amended his motion to add "and provide recommendations for future prevention" to the end. Jennifer seconded the amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:24:20 to 1:37:42](#))**

Before moving onto the next action, **Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka** made a motion to adopt a new action based on **Natalie Harcrow's** testimony: "Build a new fire station mauka of Pīlani Highway, outside of the sea level rise exposure area, extreme tsunami inundation zone, shoreline erosion hazard line, and SMA, to address increased call volume and improve emergency response time." **Everett Dowling** seconded the motion. Following member discussion, **Vice Chair Kanahale** made a motion to adopt the new action with the addition of the following at the end: "in the North Kihei area if possible"; **Brian Ward** seconded the motion. *(Planning Department note: CPAC did not acknowledge Lehuanani's original motion and Everett's second following discussion, although Vice Chair Kanahale's motion was also based on the language from Natalie Harcrow's testimony.)* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:37:43 to 1:41:36](#))

Action 3.11 | Develop a community-based disaster preparedness plan for South Maui that includes consideration of MEMA's Hazard Mitigation Plan to create a proactive disaster coordination framework.

- **Everett Dowling** made a motion to adopt Action 3.11; **Tova Callender** seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:41:37 to 1:42:20](#))

Action 3.12 | Develop a long-term post-disaster recovery and reconstruction plan with priority actions for South Maui that incorporates findings and recommendations from vulnerability assessments.

- **Tova Callender** made a motion to adopt Action 3.12; **Mike Moran** seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:42:20 to 1:48:34](#))

Action 3.13 | Identify additional emergency evacuation routes in and out of South Maui.

- **Everett Dowling** made a motion to adopt Action 3.13; **Vernon Kalanikau** seconded the motion. Following discussion, members decided to add "and provide multi-channel communication for all exit strategies" at the end of the action. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:48:34 to 1:58:42](#))

Following member discussion on language and Planning staff input, **Tova Callender** made a motion to adopt a new action related to Action 3.13: "Identify areas where impediments need to be removed for emergency evacuation routes out of areas with limited and restricted egress. Have a plan for implementation in case of an emergency." **Jennifer** seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:58:56 to 2:12:41](#))

**10-MINUTE BREAK**

## **Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems Cont.**

**(2:12:52 to END in meeting video)**

Action 3.14 | Develop or partner to create resiliency hubs appropriate for the South Maui community.

- **Tova Callender made a motion to adopt Action 3.14; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:13:08 to 2:18:22)**

Action 3.15 | Plant native trees and ground covers appropriate for the microclimate along existing public rights-of-way and roads.

- **Vernon Kalanikau made a motion to adopt Action 3.15; Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion.** Following member discussion and friendly amendments, **the following language was proposed: “Identify existing public right-of-ways to plant native trees, ground covers and establish native seed banks appropriate for the microclimate to mitigate potential disasters.” MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:18:23 to 2:29:29)**

Before moving onto the next action, **Vernon Kalanikau made a motion to adopt a new action based on member discussion during Action 3.15; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion.** Following discussion and friendly amendments, **the following language was proposed: “Identify public areas to implement agro-forestry, focusing on canoe plants, to promote food security, practical use materials. Develop a long-term plan for use with zero waste.” MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:29:32 to 2:39:43)**

Action 3.16 | Prioritize capital improvement projects designed to maximize resilience and provide multiple benefits for South Maui.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Action 3.16 with the deletion of “and provide multiple benefits for South Maui”; Brian Ward seconded the motion.** Following member discussion and input from Planning staff, **Everett amended his motion to delete Action 3.16; Brian seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:39:50 to 2:49:51)**

Action 3.17 | Identify and encourage additional new users of recycled water, including but not limited to parks, golf courses, agriculture and new developments with a focus on areas mauka of Pi'ilani Highway. Expand recycled water storage and distribution lines in South Maui to support new customers and increase overall use.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Action 3.17 with the deletion of “new” from “new developments”, and “areas mauka of Pi'ilani Highways” changed to “the largest users of potable water”; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:49:51 to 2:57:20)**

Action 3.18 | Identify a new location for the Kīhei Recycling and Redemption Center.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to delete Action 3.18; Vice Chair Kanahele seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:57:30 to 2:59:30)**

Action 3.19 | Conduct a feasibility study to determine if a modern desalinization facility or direct/indirect potable reuse are additional viable water source options for South Maui. (2:59:32 to 3:08:25)

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Action 3.19; Vice Chair Kanahele seconded the motion.** Following discussion, **Everett made a separate motion to separate the action into two actions; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **For the first action (Everett’s original motion/Vice Chair Kanahele’s second), the following language was proposed: “Conduct a feasibility study to determine if R-0 potable reuse is an additional viable water source option for South Maui.” MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **Everett made a motion to adopt the second action with the following language: “Conduct a feasibility study to determine if a modern desalinization facility is a viable water source option for South Maui.” Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Action 3.20 | In partnership with the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources, update drought management plan and implement priority actions for South Maui.

- **Vernon Kalanikau made a motion to adopt Action 3.20; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (3:08:26 to 3:11:08)**

**NEXT MEETING IS ON MARCH 22, 2023. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:59 PM.**

