



WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015

WAIANAE DISTRICT PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Cedric Gates called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. **A quorum was established with eight (8) Board members present.** Note-This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Julie-Ann Cachola (arrived at 7:13 p.m.), Rene-Andre DeRosa, Calvin Endo, Al Frenzel, Cedric Gates, Glen Kila, Ken Koike, Kawika Nahoopii, Marcus Pa'aluhi Sr., and Kellen Smith.

Board Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Lieutenant Randall Arakaki (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Ryan Fernandez (Honolulu Fire Department); Captain Tanya Roman (U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division); Ernest Lau, Erwin Kawata, and Kauai G.O. Hilo (Board of Water Supply); Ian Santee (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Representative Jo Jordan; Senator Maile Shimabukuro; Representative Andria Tupola; Kurt Tsue, Craig Naito, Alex Gomera, and Lori Hoo (Hawaiian Electric Company); Yumi O'Connell (Friends of Pokai Bay); Amy Asselbaye and Leina Kanana (Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center); Richard Landford; Shirley Landford; Al Frenzel; John DeSoto; Deonne M. Carden; Kapua Keliikoa Kamai; LaVerna Joseph; Ernest Villarreal; Glenn Bailey; Georgiana Navarro; Jack DeFeo; Ruby Maunakea; Don Hutton; Cynthia Rezentes; Johnnie-mae Perry; Maeda Timson; and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- **Chair:** Chair Pro Tem Gates opened nominations for Chair. Kila nominated Gates. Nahoopii nominated Koike. Gates was **NOT ELECTED** by **ROLL CALL, 4-2-2 (AYE: Endo, Gates, Kila, and Pa'aluhi Sr. NAY: DeRosa and Nahoopii. ABSTAIN: Koike and Smith).** Koike was **NOT ELECTED** by **ROLL CALL, 4-1-3 (AYE: DeRosa, Koike, Nahoopii and Smith. NAY: Endo. ABSTAIN: Gates, Kila, and Pa'aluhi Sr.)**

Cachola arrived at 7:13 p.m. There were nine (9) members present.

Chair Pro Tem Gates called a recess at 7:13 p.m.

The meeting returned to order at 7:15 p.m.

- **First Vice Chair:** Chair Pro Tem Gates opened nominations for First Vice Chair. Koike nominated Nahoopii. Nahoopii was **ELECTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).**
- **Second Vice Chair:** Chair Pro Tem Gates opened nominations for Second Vice Chair. Nahoopii nominated Smith. Gates nominated Kila. Smith was **ELECTED** by **ROLL CALL, 6-0-3 (AYE: Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Koike, Nahoopii, and Smith. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Gates, Kila, and Pa'aluhi Sr.)**
- **Secretary:** Chair Pro Tem Gates opened nominations for Secretary. Koike nominated DeRosa. DeRosa was **ELECTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).**
- **Treasurer:** Chair Pro Tem Gates opened nominations for Treasurer. DeRosa nominated Endo. Endo was **ELECTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).**

MONTHLY REPORTS: Part One (1)

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Ryan Fernandez reported the following:

- **Statistics:** There were 0 structure fires, 5 wildland fires, 7 rubbish fires, 2 vehicle fires, 154 medical emergencies, 7 search and rescues, and 78 miscellaneous calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Review home surroundings for potentially dangerous situations for children. Childproof the home and check for situations that may cause electrical shock, accidental falls, and/or poisoning from

unsecured medications, cleaning products, and/or houseplants. Ensure that swimming pools are properly fenced and gated. An alarm on the door from the house to the pool can help prevent unattended children from drowning. Keep matches and lighters in a safe, secured place away from children.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Emergency Access Road Key: Captain Fernandez answered for Koike that HFD has the emergency access road key.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Randall Arakaki reported the following: Statistics for May/June 2015: There were 22/31 motor vehicle thefts, 64/43 burglaries, 189/191 thefts, 43/58 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 7,674/7,357 total calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Waianae Police Station: Lieutenant Arakaki answered for DeRosa that he was unaware of the Waianae Police Station occupancy date.
2. Small Boat Harbor Calls: Lieutenant Arakaki answered for DeRosa that there have not been any HPD calls related to the individuals living at the small boat harbor.
3. Emergency Access Road Key: Lieutenant Arakaki answered for Koike that HPD has the emergency access road key. Lieutenant Arakaki answered for Kila that HPD will open the gate if there is a large traffic stall due to a fatality. Kila requested access to the policy that explains when the gates can be opened, and asked that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 follow up with this concern. Smith noted that the roads are private, and suggested asking the owners about opening the road more frequently. HPD will follow up.
4. Gate Closures: Lieutenant Arakaki answered for Nahoopii that HPD can enforce laws whether or not the park has closure hours.
5. Truancy Officer: Lieutenant Arakaki answered for Pa'aluhi Sr. that he is unaware of any truancy officer assigned to the district for the upcoming school year.
6. Waianae Police Station Continued: Community member DeFeo requested that the public be informed of the opening date of the Waianae Police Station.
7. Pedestrian Safety: A community member voiced concern about pedestrians crossing the street while texting. The community member noted that some vehicles stop while others do not see the pedestrian and drive through the crosswalk. Lieutenant Arakaki noted that HPD has been giving vehicle and pedestrian citations, and the public can call the HPD Public Relations office with this type of concern. Community member Georgiana Navarro agreed with the concern, noted that the most dangerous crosswalk is near the grocery store in Nanakuli as well as around the corner by the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), and suggested placing flashing lights along the crosswalk.
8. HPD Lane Closures: Community member Al Frenzel inquired about the HPD lane closure policy during an accident on the road, and voiced concern that the lane closures cause traffic. Community member Frenzel also noted that the policy should be flexible depending on the type of accident. Lieutenant Arakaki noted that the law stated HPD must close the lane next to the lane with the vehicle accident.
9. Drug Treatment Facility Closure: Two (2) community members voiced a concern that a drug treatment facility is closing at the end of July 2015, and requested that the Board assist in keeping the facility open.

U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division: Captain Tanya Roman reported the following:

- Deployment: Soldiers in the Third Infantry Brigade have been deployed in support of Pacific Pathways which consists of three (3) exercises in the Asia-Pacific region. For more information, call the Third Brigade Public Affairs Office at 655-9526
- Leilehua Golf Course Events: The public is invited to the Leilehua Golf Course for a free Hawaiian music show. The first show is on Friday, July 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call 655-1711.
- Senate Bill 284 relating to Turtle Bay: Governor David Ige signed Bill 284 on Friday, June 12, 2015, historic agreement to conserve 630 acres of Turtle Bay. For more information, contact the Army Public Affairs Office at 656-3160 or 656-3159.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. School Partnerships: Captain Roman answered for Endo that the 25th Infantry Division would continue to partner with schools in the upcoming school year.
2. Makua Military Reservation (MMR) Accident: Koike inquired when the public would regain access to the roads that were closed ever since the Makua Military Reservation accident. Captain Roman provided an update on the MMR accident: The Army completed its investigation of the Monday, April 6, 2015 accident where two (2) contractors were injured by an explosive. The contractors were maintaining the vegetation

when one (1) contractor made contact with the explosive. MMR has been closed to Army training and public access and will reopen once mitigation measures have been in place. MMR is scheduled to reopen in 60 to 90 days from Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

3. Controlled Burns Concern: Koike voiced a concern about a controlled burn in late May 2015 by the Army where the winds carried the burn to the Waianae Coast and affected the residents. Koike requested that the Army reconsider the strength of the wind when scheduling controlled burns. DeRosa agreed with Koike's concern.
4. Army Reduction: Kila inquired about the army reduction. Captain Roman reported that the recent reduction number is 40,000 but will follow up.
5. Wahi Pana: Kila voiced concern that the Army was building on the Wahi Pana, and requested a response from the Army.
6. Ordnance Clean-Up: A community member requested that the Army to clean up the ordnance.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Kauai G.O. Hilo reported the following:

- Unthirsty Plant Sale: BWS and Friends of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden will be holding the annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will feature a wide variety of less-thirsty and native plants at moderate prices, xeriscape workshops by garden experts, keiki activities, educational booths, a cactus display, delicious food, free compost and much more. There is no charge for admission. Proceeds from the event will help support educational programs and classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041. Event details can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu or on Twitter at @BWSHonolulu.
- Leeward Coast Water: 60% of the Leeward Coast's water is received from Waipahu.
- Water Supply for New Developments: Water availability is a complex issue. Developers must first seek approval from the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). BWS is involved in the DPP permitting process and reviews the permit. Large developments may require water master plans.
- Desalination Plant: There is a desalination plant in Kapolei but it is currently not in use.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Wetland Restoration: Koike recommended restoring wetlands to generate water instead of desalination. BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Lau explained that BWS is looking into rain water harvesting, is working with the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and DPP to reduce storm water runoff, and is maintaining watersheds. Lau said that desalination is expensive and is the last option for producing drinking water. Koike voiced concern that BWS is pumping most if not all of the water from streams. Lau emphasized the importance of water conservation. Kila noted that BWS should review their policy and restrict development to correspond with the amount of water available to the area.

DeRosa requested that the Board move onto the next agenda item.

2. Water Plans: A community member requested that BWS provide, in writing, plans for water production that prevent using desalination.
3. Watering Schedules: A community member inquired who to talk to about the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) watering schedule. Lau recommended contacting DPR.
4. Thank you: A community member thanked BWS for working with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to protect invasive species.
5. Glover Tunnel: Frenzel recommended closing Glover Tunnel. Lau noted that the tunnel cannot be closed, but BWS is looking for ways to use the resource.
6. Contaminated Wells: Frenzel reported wells that contained toxins, suggested creating new wells in order to deactivate the contaminated wells. Lau noted that the water must be treated in order to remove the chemical. Erwin Kawata from the BWS Water Quality Division explained that the toxin has affected every well in central Oahu. Lau explained that well drilling is very expensive.
7. Waianae Farmers Market: Community member Johnnie-Mae Perry requested that BWS have a booth at the Waianae Farmers Market.

MEETING DETERMINATION DATE/TIME/LOCATION: Endo moved and Kila seconded that the **Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 meet on the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at the Waianae District Park Multi-Purpose Room.** The motion was **ADOPTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0** (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).

DETERMINATION OF BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE: Chair Pro Tem Gates noted that the Board can recess up

to three (3) meetings within the term.

Discussion followed:

- August and January Recesses: DeRosa recommended recessing in August due to the remainder of summer and January due to the busy holiday season. Smith recommended recessing in January but did not think a recess in August is necessary.

DeRosa moved and Smith seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 recess its regular meeting in January 2016. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLELO BROADCAST PROGRAM: DeRosa noted that Olelo broadcasts are beneficial for community members who cannot attend the meetings. **DeRosa moved and Koike seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 participate in the Olelo broadcast program. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).**

ADOPTION OF ORAL TESTIMONY RULES: Chair Pro Tem Gates recommended keeping the oral testimony rules to what is listed on the agenda. **Kila moved and Endo seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 keep the same oral testimony rules as listed on the agenda, which is three (3) minutes per speaker. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).**

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDENCE AT OTHER MEETINGS: The Neighborhood Assistant explained that this agenda item was created due to a new law that allows all Board members to attend the same public meeting. The Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) recommends that the meeting be reported to the Board.

BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of Tuesday, May 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **DeRosa moved and Smith seconded to approve the May 5, 2015 regular minutes. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).**

Treasurer's Report: Endo reported a spending of \$47.95 during June 2015, with a remaining balance of \$68.77 at the end of the term. The report was filed.

Creation of board committees and members: Chair Pro Tem Gates inquired if any member had committee recommendations.

Discussion followed:

- Agriculture Committee: DeRosa recommended creating the Agriculture Committee.
- Committee of the Whole: Kila voiced a concern about the low attendance at committee meetings, and suggested creating a Committee of the Whole to include all committees at one (1) meeting. DeFeo agreed.
- Committee Attendance: Endo noted that the average attendance of his committees is seven (7) members, depending on the agenda items.
- Board Member Survey: Cachola suggested that the Board choose committees based on the community and Board's interests, and distributed a Board member survey.
- Minutes: Community member Johnnie-Mae Perry voiced a concern that minutes were not posted for committees and encouraged the creation of the Transportation, Parks and Recreation, and Education committees.

Koike moved and DeRosa seconded that the Board members take Cachola's survey. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhi Sr., and Smith).

Chair Pro Tem Gates took the agenda out of order to NEW BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC): Leina Kanana reported the following: WCCHC provides a Breast Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) to women 40 to 64 years old who are uninsured or

underinsured. WCCHC also provides a rental assistance program for those who need assistance in paying rent. A Keiki Car Seat Checkup event will occur on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Waianae Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Amy Asselbaye from WCCHC reported the following: The Celebration Run 5K will occur on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. which will begin the Eat Local Challenge. The route will start at Waianae Mall. For more information, contact 772-2299 or aasselbaye@wcchc.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Presence at Farmers Market: Community member Johnnie-Mae Perry submitted suggestions of education that WCCHC could present at the Farmers Market, including proper hydration and sunscreen.

Friends of Pokai Bay Petition: Yumi O'Connell from Friends of Pokai Bay reported the following: A petition was signed by over 500 residents and has been submitted to Mayor Caldwell and DPR that requests the removal of the "No Parking" signs at Pokai Bay. On Wednesday, May 13, 2015, "No Parking" signs were installed at the old boat ramp. "No Parking" signs were posted previously when the boat ramp was in use, but the boat ramp is no longer functioning. One man who has been a positive presence at Pokai Bay has parked on the boat ramp since he began his "Bay of Dreams" program. Parking is very limited and the space would be best utilized as parking for the community. The Board received the petition with 590 signatures.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: History: DeRosa noted that the "No Parking" signs have been present but not enforced until recently, and HPD has commented that they would not enforce parking if the sign did not exist. DeRosa also noted that fishermen as well as community members use the area.

DeRosa moved and Koike seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 submit a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to remove the "No Parking" sign at Pokai Bay.

Discussion followed:

- Parks and Recreation Committee Input: Chair Pro Tem Gates noted that this was discussed at his Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Parks and Recreation Committee, and after talking with HPD and DPR, removal of the parking signs would be best for the community if there is an area for emergency vehicles.
- Support: Kila voiced his support of the motion.
- Water Quality: A community member expressed a concern that the water in the bay is polluted from the boats, and suggested creating holes in the barriers to increase water circulation. O'Connell noted that there are periodic cleanings of the bay by the Bay of Dreams program. DeRosa noted that the next cleaning of the bay will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015.
- Bay of Dreams: Community member Richard Landford voiced a concern that Bay of Dreams is using the area for business. O'Connell noted that Bay of Dreams is not a business. Community member Johnnie-Mae Perry agreed with Landford.
- Boat Ramp Owner: Representative Andria Tupola noted that the boat ramp is considered State Unencumbered Lands and the contact person for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Land Division is Russell Tsuji at 587-0422.
- Validity of Motions: Community member Johnnie-Mae Perry inquired if the motions made are valid if the gavel has not been turned over to the Vice Chair.

The motion was **ADOPTED** by **VOICE VOTE**, 8-0-1 (**AYE**: Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Pa'aluhī Sr., and Smith. **NAY**: None. **ABSTAIN**: Nahoopii).

Hawaiian Electric (HECO) Pole Replacement Program: Alex Gomera, project manager at HECO, reported the following: There are about 59,000 wooden poles across the island with a life expectancy of 40-50 years. HECO created a long term pole replacement strategy to replace an average of 1300 distribution wood poles per year. The risks of not replacing the poles include the potential for workers to fall, unplanned outages, and loss of operational and cost efficiencies. The goals of HECO's two (2) inspection programs are to identify conditions of the poles, to treat poles that show decay, and to identify the poles that most need replacement. Poles are now designed with stricter requirements, so larger, metal, or wood poles may be seen. In 2014 approximately 110 poles were replaced in the Waianae area and more than 1700 were replaced across the island. In 2015, 55 poles were replaced in the Waianae area and more than 900 poles were replaced across the island.

Kurt Tsue reported the following: HECO will be in the Waianae area replacing poles that may cause road closures on Farrington Highway. HECO is willing to come back to the Board to share more details about the projects as progress is made in the design phase.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Underground: Cachola recommended installing the HECO lines underground. Tsue noted that cost and feasibility would make it difficult to install their lines underground. Cachola noted that underground lines would enhance safety and decrease visual pollution. Frenzel noted that 10 years ago HECO said that they would put lines underground. Lori Hoo from HECO noted that she was involved in community meetings, and the agreement was that HECO would share the cost with the State, but the State did not appropriate the funds.
2. Thank You: Community member Johnnie-Mae Perry thanked HECO for their presentation, and noted that she looks forward to the next presentation.
3. Number of Poles: Gomera answered for community member Jack DeFeo that there are about 70,000 poles across the island with the majority made of wood. Community member DeFeo recommended replacing the poles with something that would not deteriorate, and Gomera noted that research showed other types of poles were high in cost. DeFeo recommended that HECO look into investing in a pole that would last longer.

BWS Update on Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility: BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Lau introduced Erwin Kawata, Program Administrator for Water Quality. Kawata reported the following: In 2014 the Navy reported a leak of 27,000 gallons of jet fuel. There are 20 tanks and each can hold up to 12 million gallons of fuel. 15 out of the 20 tanks are operational. The tanks are regulated under the federal and state underground storage tank rules. Since 2005 petroleum chemicals have been found near the tanks. BWS is concerned because chemicals have been detected outside the Navy property, there is no cost effective method to replace the aquifer if there was long term contamination. The groundwater under the tanks already have contaminants, the tanks are old, and there is a lack of transparency. Tests continue to show that there are contaminants and tanks need to be upgraded with better leak detection. BWS would like to engage stakeholders and public to work together to find solutions to protect the environment and the groundwater.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Violations and Enforcement of Federal Laws: Kila inquired what federal laws are being violated and why they are not enforced. Lau noted that underground storage regulations were first adopted in the 1980s but new regulations were announced in June 2015.
2. Board Support: Kila inquired what the Board could do to support BWS efforts. Lau noted that the Board could support the City Council's resolution that will be discussed on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. The community can go to www.boardofwatersupply.com for Red Hill fuel storage information. Senator Maile Shimabukuro noted that the Board's support of the resolution would make an impact even if a letter was not written in time for the City Council meeting.
3. Decommissioning Tanks: Smith inquired about the possibility of decommissioning the tanks. Lau noted that the Navy still believes that they need the tanks. BWS may recommend that the Navy consider that option if it is cost effective and provides what the military needs.
4. Resolution 15-162, CD1: Community member Johnnie-Mae Perry provided a copy of Resolution 15-162, CD1 to the Board.
5. Navy: Frenzel noted that the Navy will most likely be resistant to cleanup because of the cost, and noted that there is no requirement for the Navy to need the large amount of fuel that is in the tanks. Frenzel noted that the fuel is property of the Defense Logistics Agency. Frenzel and DeFeo recommended decommissioning the tanks.
6. Relocation of Tank: A community member voiced concern that if the tanks are relocated, they might be placed in Waianae.

Cachola moved and Koike seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 support Resolution 15-162, CD1, urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawaii State Department of Health to require the immediate implementation of corrective actions as part of the Administrative Order on Consent in the matter of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Cachola, DeRosa, Endo, Gates, Kila, Koike, Nahoopii, Pa'aluhii Sr., and Smith).

The Neighborhood Assistant departed at 10:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pro Tem Gates

Submitted by: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant. Reviewed and Finalized by: Kawika Nahoopii, Vice Chair

January 6, 2014

RE: Hawaii Kai Marina Dredging Project

Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association/American Marina Corporation and SER Trucking, Inc.

Dear Honorable Congressmembers, Federal, State and City:

Between the years of 2010-2013, the Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association/American Marina Corporation have gone through the necessary steps to get their dredging project underway, one, of which securing the necessary approvals and permits by the U. S. Corp of Engineer, Dep't. of Health, Dep't. of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii State of Dep't. of Transportation, and the City and County of Honolulu, Dep't. of Planning & Permitting and so forth.

In August of 2013, a constituent alerted our elected officials and the community leaders that some illegal dumping was occurring on Ag land in upper Wai'anae Valley Road. Few days later a spill of marina sludge occurred on the H-i freeway by SER Trucking, Inc. When the public was informed by the news media that the sludge was being trucked to upper Wai'anae Valley Road, the community became outraged! As a result the community became vigilant of finding out more about the sludge and its origin. As Chair of the Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24, I read the draft environmental assessment and more. In reading the DEA on the dredging project, it mentioned five (5) depository sites all located in Hawaii Kai.

Furthermore, a traffic study was not requested, so why was the sludge trucked to the Wai'anae community? But more importantly, I have learned that all the permits that were issued or not were breached on all levels of government, and Ms. Silva, the owner of the trucking company! For your information, the state and city have two (2) approved landfills both located along the Leeward Coast. This incident led me to call two (2) special meetings in September and October 2013. The community was informed of my findings and other resident's findings. No doubt, they were outraged! In addition, I was the lone volunteer that attended the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board #01 twice to express my frustration and disappointment of this incident! Robert Clark, the president of the Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association is a member of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board #01. Enclosed, for your review, support, and immediate action are the residents, citizens, and the environmental group demands and proposals which was approved by the Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 on December 3, 2013. Additional points to consider.

POINT ONE: All the approved permits were "breached."

POINT TWO: The approved agencies lack of enforcement.

POINT THREE: Public trust and confidence in government diminished.

POINT FOUR: Return the 'sludge or spoils" back to Hawaii Kai now!

POINT FIVE: Safety of the "sludge or spoils" should never be the issue.

The Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board #24, and Senator Shimabukuro are in receipt of confirmation from Mr. George Atta, Director of DPP, Mr. Gary Gill, Director of Dep't. of Health, and U. S. Army Corps of Engineer to attend the WCNB #24 on February 4th, Unconfirmed as of this writing are Mr. Glenn Okimoto, Director of HDOT and Mr. William J. Aila, Director of DLNR!8LNR. Your assistance in getting a confirmation from both gentlemen would be appreciated, especially from Mr. Glenn Okimoto, HDOT.

Honorable U. S. Senator Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz, and Honorable U. S. House of Representative Tulsi

Gabbard and Colleen Hanabusa, if you are in town during the meeting, we would be honored to have you attend.

In conclusion, if the "sludge or spoils" from the Hawaii Kai Marina was dumped in an undesignated site in Hawaii Kai or Kailua what actions, measurements, or proceedings would the city/state/federal agencies would have

taken? It's been five (5) months since the spilled occurred, and we, the Wai'anae community have become impatient on an update and resolution to this environmental injustice! If this incident happened in the Hawaii Kai or Kailua communities, would they be still waiting?

Please do not hesitate to contact me at waianaenb24~yahoo.com, if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Chair
Chair, Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board #24
Attachment
CC: Neighborhood Commission Office