



NĀ ALA HELE

Hawai'i Trail & Access System

NĀ ALA HELE ADVISORY COUNCIL HAWAI'I ISLAND

MEETING AGENDA

NĀ ALA HELE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Terrence Noda, Chairperson; Nani Pogline, Vice Chairperson; Charles Flaherty, Secretary; David Rietow; Roger Kanealii Jr.; Kawehi Ryder; Jeffrey Yamauchi; Christopher Seymour; Moana Rowland; Jackson Bauer, ex-officio; Rick Gmirkin, ex-officio.

DATE: April 10, 2025

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Council members, staff, public observers, and testifiers can choose to participate either in person, via Zoom or by telephone:

- In-person at 19 E. Kawili Street (Division of Forestry and Wildlife Hilo Baseyard),
- Online via Zoom video conference:

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- jackson.m.bauer@hawaii.gov, Subject: "Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council Testimony"

or

- Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council
19 E. Kawili Street,
Hilo, HI 96720

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (6:00 pm)
- II. AC CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS
The Chairperson will welcome all attendees, go over meeting housekeeping and present procedural updates for the meeting.
- III. Review DRAFT MINUTES of December 11, 2024 meeting
 - a. Vote to accept the minutes.
- IV. Review DRAFT MINUTES of February 12, 2025 meeting
 - a. Vote to accept the minutes.
- V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum)
The public may also testify at any other time during the meeting, at the Chairs discretion.
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Program Plan update and discussion (PBR/Nā Ala Hele staff)
PBR has been contracted to update the 1991 Nā Ala Hele Program Plan. During this portion of the agenda PBR may present updates on this Plan Update as well as answer any questions the Council or public may have.
 - B. Nā Ala Hele Program update (Nā Ala Hele staff)
Nā Ala Hele Trail and Access Program staff will present updates as it relates to Nā Ala Hele Program Trails and activities. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.
 - a. Program Trails updates
 - i. Pololū Trail [54]
 - ii. Muliwai Trail/Waimanu Campground [36]
 - iii. Upper Waiākea ATV & Dirt Bike Riding Area (Terrence) [27]
 - iv. Kūlanihāko'i Mountain Bike Park (Chris) [78]
 - v. Puna Trail [12]
 - vi. Other program trail updates
 - b. Historic Trails updates
 - i. Judd Trail
 - ii. Hōnaunau to Ho'okena Trail.
 - iii. Onouli to Kealakekua
 - c. Access updates
 - i. Kaupakuea Access to Hilo Forest Reserve (Nani) [49]
 - ii. Nā'ālehu Hills subdivision (Charles)
 - d. Administrative Tasks update
 - e. Other NAH program updates
 - i. Nā Manu 'Elele Trail Steward Program
 - ii. Nāpu'u Recreation Plan (Forest Solutions/Nā Ala Hele Staff)

Forest Solutions has been contracted to create a Nāpuʻu Recreation Plan. During this portion of the agenda Forest Solutions may present updates on this plan as well as answer any questions the Council or public may have.

- iii. Ala Kahakai Interpretive Plan
- iv. Statewide Nā Ala Hele Program Manager

C. Budget/Legislative Update (Nā Ala Hele staff)

Nā Ala Hele staff will present budgetary or legislative updates as it relates to the Nā Ala Hele program. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.

D. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff)

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff will present updates as it relates to the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Corridor. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.

E. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. OHV Subcommittee (Terrence, John Howerton)

The OHV Subcommittee is tasked with identifying new locations for an OHV riding area on the west side of Hawaiʻi Island.

- b. Waipiʻo Valley Access Road Subcommittee (Terrence, Nani, Debbie Chang) [64]

The Waipiʻo Valley Access Road subcommittee is tasked with coordinating with the County of Hawaiʻi to ensure public access rights are met along the Waipiʻo Valley Access Road.

- i. Discuss draft letter to the Mayor requesting an update on the long terms plans for public pedestrian access on the Waipiʻo Valley Access Road.
- ii. Vote to approve draft letter, if motioned.

- c. Wailuku River Confluence Lookout Access Subcommittee (Terrence, Nani, Jeff, Chris, James Eller) [74]

The Wailuku River Confluence Lookout Access subcommittee is tasked with identifying more appropriate and historically accurate nomenclature for this site, coordinating with the resident and descendant community impacted by users to the site, and researching access issues and solutions to this site. (This site is also known on social media as “Narnia.”)

F. HAR 13-130 Rule Revision Update (Nā Ala Hele staff)

The Nā Ala Hele Program is currently updating its rules, HAR 13-130. This agenda item will present updates on the progress of the revision. Attachments are included for this agenda item.

G. Hawaiʻi County General Plan (Charles)

Discussion on the Hawaiʻi County’s General Plan update as it relates to trails, accesses, and connectivity.

H. Council member trail experience sharing

During this portion of the agenda, Council members share any trail or hiking experiences they may have enjoyed. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Set next meeting agenda

C. Set next meeting date

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures:

- HAR 13-130 Nā Ala Hele Rules
- Final letter regarding the Hawai'i County General Plan