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Oahu Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council Meeting

Date: August 17, 2026

Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm

Location: Oahu Division of Forestry and Wildlife Makiki Branch Office Conference Room. 2135
Makiki Heights Dr. Honolulu, HI 96822

Council members, members of the public, testifiers and staff can choose to participate either in person,
via Zoom or by telephone.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements - Time: 3 minutes

- James Harmon hired as Trails & Access Specialist V to manage program
- Program Name Change to "Outdoor Recreation Section"
- AC meetings moved to new hours, 2:00pm-3:30pm

2. Approval of previous month Meeting Minutes - Time: 2 minutes

3. New and Open Business - *Time: 5 minutes*

- HB 2218 - authorizes the DLNR to enter into community co-management agreements
- Program Plan Open Discussion - public meeting in May – currently in 60-day public comment period through end of July
- August - October - compile revisions and complete Final Plan
- Nov & December - Internal final 60-day comment period/end of contract

4. Trail and Access Specialist Staff Report - *Time: 15 minutes*

a) Staffing Updates

- Specialist V Role filled

b) Trails impacted by severe weather

- Most of the damage was downed trees and erosion
- Met with FEMA to discuss damages from severe weather and requested additional funding for long term repairs at Kealia Trail
- Kealia Trail is Open
- Manoa Falls Trail significantly damaged from Kona Low storms. Conducted an assessment and planned contract work to address severely eroded sections of trail
- Poamoho road and trail have undergone in-house repairs and are reopen to the public
- Waimano landslide repaired in-house
- Kanealole, Hau'ula Loop, Kaunala were significantly damaged – repaired in-house (Kanealole will need additional repairs/potentially contract work)

c) Program Projects & Ongoing Operations - Open for questions from the council.

(Refer to project tracking sheet for more details) - Share project tracking sheet with group

- Mānoa Cliff – Rockslide closure and detour, bench reinstalled
- Manoa Falls removal of broken infrastructure
- Ma'akua Trail – Forest reserve closure due to Little Fire Ant (LFA)
- Capacity Study
- Nā Manu 'Elele Trail Stewards
- Kaiwa Ridge, draft reservation system
- Mokuleia Trail landslide addressed
- Poamoho Trail vegetation clearing up to upper bench
- Hawaii Loa Ridge stair removal
- Addition of Pauoa Flats Trail to O'ahu Commercial Trail Tour Activity (CTTA) Inventory
- Discuss trail review process with Advisory Council
- Honouliuli Contour Trail Road Maintenance
- Poamoho Road Maintenance
- Trail maintenance focus shifting towards erosion management and removal of damaged stairs and infrastructure.
- Prioritize access to Honouliuli, Halemano, and Maunawili

Crew and Volunteer Projects:

- Clearing permits – working on standards for issuance and establishing Memoranda of Understanding for volunteer organizations supporting trail maintenance
- Volunteer programs, working on expanding volunteer opportunities and partnering with programs to coordinate field operations

5. Trail User Group Bi-Monthly Reports - Time: 5 minutes each

(Please provide a brief written and oral report including activity highlights, incidents, and requests)

- a. Cultural Advisor & Rock Climbing – Skye Kolealani Razon
- b. Hunting – Roy Kainoa
- c. Hiking – Ken Suzuki
- d. Mountain Biking – Yuko Barretto
- e. Off-Highway Vehicles (Motocross/Dirt Bike) – Terry Galpin
- f. Equestrian – David Fahrenwald
- g. Trail Running – Marian Yasuda
- h. Environmental Education – Todd Cullison
- i. Off-Road 4x4 – Sean Goo

6. Other Business –

- Honouliuli Update
- Track MOU & Military Use Update
- Halemano Update
- Maunawili Update

7. Adjournment

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