

Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority Aspirational Statement

Version Circulated to Authority

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Summary of Feedback from Authority

- I. Generally favorable reaction
- II. Ensure that language that may seem vague or lacking measurable meaning is qualified by definitions/criteria/metrics in Strategic Management Plan (SMP)
 - a. “Healthy wahi pana” – Refer to Goals, Objectives & Actions under Operationalize Cultural Integrity on p. 65 of SMP.
 - b. “Thriving native ecological environment” - Refer to Goals, Objectives & Actions under Ecological Integrity & Resilience on p. 86 of SMP.
 - c. “Meaningful community engagement” - Refer to Goals, Objectives & Actions under Sustain Educational & Community Engagement beginning on p. 146 of SMP.

- d. “Terms that are reciprocal and mutually beneficial” - Refer to Goals, Objectives & Actions under Manage Access & Relational Stewardship beginning on p. 121 of SMP.
- III. Adopt explicit enforcement mechanisms or accountability measures for Kānāwai compliance – Refer to Review & Approval Process Based on Kānāwai beginning on p. 246 of SMP.
- IV. Cultural landscape
 - a. Feedback - Provide deeper insight into Mauna Kea’s inherent qualities that elevate its importance as a cultural landscape
 - b. Resolution - Insert sentence: *“Mauna Kea is home to genealogical and cultural landscapes, biologically fragile habitats and living knowledge that reflect the ingenuity and knowledge of ‘Ōiwi Hawai‘i, carried across generations through observation, ceremony, relationship and stewardship.”*
- V. Acknowledge importance of communicating Astronomy research to stakeholders beyond Hawai‘i – Edit sentence regarding Astronomy research to read: *“Astronomical research is distinguished by intellectual rigor, integration of Hawai‘i’s rich heritage of celestial observation, as well as the knowledge and opportunities shared with local and global communities.”*
- VI. Ensure that phrase, “the privilege of land use” is not construed as placing conditions on inherent customary rights - Refer to Goals, Objectives & Actions under Manage Access & Relational Stewardship beginning on p. 121 of SMP.
- VII. Historical social justice issues
 - a. Feedback –
 - i. Recognize that while Hawai‘i’s loss of sovereignty may contribute to historic social justice issues, Act 255 does not provide an explicit mandate and process to create a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity
 - ii. Aspects of social justice issues can be implemented whether or not a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity is created
 - b. Resolution – Edit and amplify last paragraph: *“Mauna Kea lands are held in trust as a cherished asset until such time as a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity is established and recognized. An enduring commitment to actions that comport with core values offer a measure of redress for historical injustices related to Hawai‘i’s loss of sovereignty, as well as past misguided land use decisions and failures to fulfill promised obligations.”*

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