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Greeks vote 'no'

Country faces uncertain future in common currency

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ATHENS, Greece — Greece lurched into uncharted territory and an uncertain future in Europe's common currency Sunday after voters overwhelmingly rejected demands by international creditors for more austerity measures in exchange for a bailout of its bankrupt economy.

Results showed about 61 percent voted "no," compared with 39 percent for "yes," with 100 percent of the vote counted. The referendum — Greece's first in more than four

KIRC gets funds for restoration project

\$90,000 from state will temporarily save jobs, volunteer trips

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At least two jobs will be saved and around five volunteer trips to Kahoolawe will be secured as the state Department of Health recently extended its restoration project for the cash-strapped Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, which is facing layoffs and program cuts in light of a budget shortfall.

The Health Department's Clean Water Branch's Polluted Runoff Control Program is giving the commission \$90,000 to extend for one year the commission's Hakioawa Watershed restoration project, which will allow a continuation of

restoration efforts including watering and planting at the one-time practice range for the military that is being restored, protected and preserved by the commission. KIRC officials said that the state program offered its help.

"It's good news," said KIRC Executive Director Mike Naho'opi'i last week.

"It allows us to continue to do more restoration work on the island," Naho'opi'i added.

The funding came as the nonprofit commission was winding down its 30-day crowd-funding online campaign to raise \$100,000 to assist with its operations through the summer. The state Legislature decided to give the commission \$1 million of the \$3 million requested for the current fiscal year, which began Wednesday.

This fiscal year is the first time

KIRC is receiving money for its budget from the state. KIRC previously drew from a \$44 million trust fund from the federal government set up when it turned over the island to the state in 1994, with the caveat that the island would be transferred to a future Hawaiian nation. That fund is slated to run out of money by early 2016.

Since finding out the appropriation would be less than hoped for, KIRC officials have been trying to find ways to sustain the commission's operations and staff.

The crowd-funding campaign, which had an official end-date of June 15, raised around \$38,000. The campaign, "Aloha Kaho'olawe 2015," is still accepting donations through the website Go Fund Me.

On June 1, commissioners unanimously passed the budget for the current fiscal year, which included

trimming positions to cover costs and other adjustments to cut costs. The organization can still revise the budget, commissioners said.

Plans called for trimming almost half the staff of 18, although Naho'opi'i said there now may be more opportunity to return some positions, although some for less than full time and not for a full year.

He added that the recent project funding will also provide opportunities for the public to visit Kahoolawe, although the commission said there are only 12 projected volunteer access trips to the island this fiscal year, down from 34 trips in fiscal 2015, which ended June 30.

"We still have to cut that back. One, we don't have enough staff to facilitate as many trips as we had (last fiscal year). We do not have enough budget to keep the camp (on

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Life jacket found near Molokini

The U.S. Coast Guard is requesting assistance in locating the owner of a life jacket found floating near Molokini Crater on Sunday and is urging mariners to be on the lookout for anyone possibly in distress.

The Coast Guard received notification at 10:38 a.m. Sunday that a passenger vessel had recovered an orange, adult life jacket floating near Molokini. The vessel monitored the immediate area and, seeing no signs of distress, transferred the life jacket to the Coast Guard, according to a release.

Anyone with information that may help identify the owner of the life jacket is asked to contact the Sector Honolulu Command Center at (808) 842-2600.

The Coast Guard urges boaters to label all watercraft and equipment with contact information in order to quickly account for owners and prevent any unnecessary searches.



ANTHONY PFLUKE photo

A brush fire near Piilani Highway and Moi Place in Kihei on Saturday is seen in this photo by 14-year-old Anthony Pfluke. Maui County fire officials reported more than 10 fire calls on Saturday, including brush fires, an unscheduled sugar cane fire and a structure fire.

Fourth of July a busy day for Maui County fire crews

The Maui News

Maui County firefighters responded to more than 10 fire calls, including brush fires, an unscheduled cane fire and a structure fire on Saturday, fire officials said Sunday.

No injuries were reported in any of the incidents, although in at least four brush fire calls, children were seen playing with fireworks prior to the fires beginning, fire officials said.

Homes on Loina Place in Paia were evacuated after a un-

home at 12:43 p.m. Saturday.

Four people inside the home escaped without injury.

Firefighters arrived at 12:47 p.m. to find the flames coming from the rear portion of the single-story home. Crews had the fire under control at 1:05 p.m. and extinguished at 1:42 p.m. A battalion chief and crews from Wailuku and Kahului responded to the blaze. Neighboring structures were not damaged.

American Red Cross offi-

campground, reported at 8:55 p.m., 600 square feet of brush burned.

- Haulani Street in Pukalani, reported at 9:05 p.m., 250 square feet of grass burned.

- Between Kahawai Street and Iao Stream, reported at 10:17 p.m., 50 square feet of grass burned.

Other brush fires Saturday with causes undetermined were:

- At Kukona Place in Wailuku, reported at 7:44

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island) running all the time. We are still looking at different funding to keep the camp open and keep bringing people to Kahoolawe," Naho'opi'i said.

The state Health Department has had programs with the commission since 2003. The two have worked together to diminish excessive sedimentation in the reserve. With this process, volunteer members trained and engaged in service learning take the work back home to apply in their respective environments, the commission said in a news release.

To date, the Health Department's project volunteer groups have covered 483 of the island's 4,000 acres earmarked for restoration. It is a goal projected to last multiple generations and to require many more volunteers.

In the past two years, the Health Department's polluted runoff control program has subsidized access to the reserve for a volunteer force responsible for 20,000 native plantings. It has resulted in native plant cover and a decrease in bare soil, according to the commission.

In light of the staff and funding decrease, KIRC continues its open trolling dates for permitted vessels around the reserve.

This month's trolling dates are Saturday and Sunday and July 25 and 26.

Hawaii administrative rules require all vessels register annually with KIRC before entering the reserve to troll on specific dates. The vessels also need to file a catch report with KIRC anytime they fish in the reserve, whether fish are caught or not. A \$25 permitting fee is applied to the registration process.

All other fishing, ocean recreation, commercial and or other activities are prohibited. The waters are highly restricted because of the continued presence of unexploded ordinance and protection of resources.

For more information on trolling, contact Dean Tokishi at 243-5889, or dtokishi@kirc.hawaii.gov, or see kahoolawe.hawaii.gov to download a registration packet. Packets are available at the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation at 101 Maalaea Boat Harbor Road.

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DUI SENTENCES

THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor during the period of June 24 to July 1. The listings include the offender's name, age, residence and charges.

