

March 1, 2013
Agenda Item IV.B

To: KIRC Commissioners
From: Michael K. Nāho‘opi‘i, Executive Director
Subject: Request for Right of Entry to the Reserve in May 2013 for Gary Freeman ‘Ohana

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To approve the Right of Entry Request for the Gary Freeman ‘Ohana with the following stipulations:

1. The KIRC will provide a pre-visit safety and orientation briefing that will be attended by all personnel entering the Reserve.
2. Transportation will be provided for a KIRC designated escort if one is not already available on-island during the site visit.

BACKGROUND & SUMMARY:

Gary Freeman was a helicopter pilot for Pacific Helicopter during the Navy’s Kaho‘olawe Unexploded Ordnance Clearance Project. Gary passed away on-island during an aircraft accident in Ahupu. Gary’s family is requesting to visit the aircraft crash site and pay their respects in memory of the 10th anniversary of Gary’s passing.

DISCUSSION:

The total group size would be approximately 10 adults. Transportation to and from the crash site would be provided by Pacific Helicopters. The appropriate level of escort will be provided by the KIRC (either one or two access guides or EOD escort) based upon a review of the exact requested location. Pacific Helicopters will be required to provide transport for the escorts. Additionally the family will be required to attend a pre-visit orientation prior to the site visit.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Access to the Reserve is restricted and permitted by Commission approval. The relevant provisions of Hawai‘i Administrative Rules read as follows:

§13-261-11 Procedure for the authorization of entrance into and activity within the reserve. (a) Any person required by this chapter to obtain commission authorization to enter into or conduct activity within the reserve shall apply for such authorization by making written application to the commission.