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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

11:30 am

Kalana Pakui Building

Planning Department Conference Room, First Floor

250 South High St

Wailuku, Hawaii

COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Michele McLean, Chairperson; A. Nāmaka Whitehead, Vice Chair; William Aila, Jr.; N. Emmett Aluli, M.D.; C. Kaliko Baker, Ph.D.; Hōkūlani Holt

KIRC STAFF: Michael Nāho‘opi‘i, Executive Director (ED); Daniel Morris, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); David DeMark, Administrative Assistant III; Carmela Noneza, GIS/LAN Specialist; Mei Mailou-Santos, Administrative Assistant II; Kelly McHugh, Public Information Specialist; Bart Maybee, UXO Safety Officer; Dean Tokishi, Ocean Resources Program Manager; Paul Higashino, Restoration Program Manager; Charles Lindsey, Vessel Operator; Terri Gavagan, Commission Coordinator (CC)

GUESTS: Eileen Chao (The Maui News); Stanton Enomoto; Daniel J. Southmayd; Dustin K. Palos; Paul Sensano (DLNR/DOBOR); Lily Gavagan; Kevin Gavagan

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 am. Quorum was established with six Commissioners.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of April 15, 2014 Public Commission Meeting

The Commission requested the correct spelling of Palauea and DAG Morris's full name.

MOTION: Commissioner Holt moved to approve the public Commission meeting minutes of April 15, 2014 with the requested corrections. Commissioner Aluli seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

Approved 1/8/2015

B. Minutes of April 15, 2014 Executive Session

MOTION: Commissioner Aluli moved to enter into executive session to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities pursuant to HRS§92-5(a)(4). Vice Chair Whitehead seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

The Commission resolved into executive session at 11:45 am.

At 12:00 pm the Commission rose to report out of executive session. The Commission had discussion with its attorney and no votes were taken.

MOTION: Vice Chair Whitehead moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 Executive Session. Commissioner Aluli seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

III. COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made. The public was invited to offer comments when each agenda item was discussed.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Approve Proposed Budget for FY15

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained the recommended motion was to approve a budget of \$2.89 million effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The first page of the budget memo contained the structure of the budget. It was divided into six program areas: 1) Commission, 2) Administration, 3) Reserve Operations, 4) Ocean Resources Management, 5) Natural Resources Management and 6) Cultural Resources Management. Within each program area there were individual projects which were broken down into four subcategories: 1) labor, 2) transportation (interisland travel, helicopter runs and intraisland travel), 3) materials and equipment, 4) other direct cost (usually contracts related to that project). He noted that the boat and related costs were included under Operations in a separate line item.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i noted the budget had decreased over the last eight years from \$6.8 million to \$2.89 million. The proposed budget was a little less than last year's budget of \$2.93 million. There was a slight increase in personnel costs due to the ratification of the BU 13 contract and its mandatory pay increases. Focus was placed on the projects which were receiving funding through current grants. This included accommodation of both reimbursable money and any estimated donations.

Most programs had shown a decreased budget except for the Culture Program. It received a significant number of grants; the largest was the Native Hawaiian Education Act's Hui Kāpehe Internship Program. Training, material and equipment

needed to be allocated for the interns as well as stipends. All other programs were offset to keep a neutral budget.

The budget was nearly evenly split between personnel and non-personnel. The largest non-personnel cost was Operations which included the operations of the boat and Base Camp. Most of the nonpersonnel costs in the other programs' budgets were related to implementation of individual projects. Any cost which was shared across multiple programs was included in the Operations budget such as costs of Polarises, electricity, water, etc.

The impact to the trust fund was reviewed. The estimated starting balance for FY15 is \$3.5 million. The estimated revenue for FY15 was \$500,000 which included grant income, trust fund interest and other revenue (permit fees, boating registration fees).

Vice Chair Whitehead asked if that was realistic based on the last two years of actual revenue. ED Nāho'opi'i responded yes as fees are increasing this year. Vice Chair Whitehead stated she was concerned about the grant estimate. ED Nāho'opi'i responded the amount was the balance of all the grants.

ED Nāho'opi'i explained the estimated trust fund balance at the end of FY15 is \$1.2 million which is below the threshold for a fully operational year. Staff is looking at terminating operations which was the largest expenditure and making periodic staff trips to the island. The biggest cost was the maintenance of Base Camp for volunteers. Staff could still go to the island and do maintenance and patrols. Staff's recommendation was to continue this year's operations to meet current grant obligations. A decision would need to be made whether to apply for more grants beyond this year.

Commissioner Aluli asked ED Nāho'opi'i if the cost of operations was half of the expenses. ED Nāho'opi'i stated yes. Commissioner Aluli was very impressed with the amount of grants received by staff. He asked what the forecast for additional funds from grants was for next year. ED Nāho'opi'i explained the grant amount of \$446,281 listed was confirmed for FY15 but should not be counted on for FY16. The CIP funds approved by the Legislature will probably not be available until FY16.

Chair McLean stated she thought there would be less than \$1 million at the end of FY15. The Commission should know well before the end of FY15 if there was going to be more money.

Vice Chair Whitehead commented the Commission would not know about the prospects for Conveyance Tax legislation in 2015 until the last meeting of FY15. ED Nāho'opi'i noted the KIRC would know by April since that is the end of the legislative session.

Vice Chair Whitehead stated she thought it was irresponsible to continue spending at current levels given the state of the trust fund and what happened at the legislature this year. There was so much support for the Conveyance Tax from the legislators and the public and it still did not pass because time ran out. She understood there

really was not any place to cut but she wanted to know if it was possible to cut \$800,000 from budget. This would result in an equal budget for the following year which would allow for one more year to try securing another funding source. She asked if operations could be stopped this year and have staff maintain the priority actions which are happening on island. Commissioner Aluli commented he felt the same way. He thought the KIRC needed to spend some time looking at phasing out to buy some time until things got better and make sure there was a long term plan.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded things cannot be stretched anymore. Critical systems are failing. Major repairs were being put off. The communications system will probably fail within a year. The Hakilo will be mothballed for now. A new generator is needed.

Commissioner Aluli stated he did not want to shut down. He wanted to look at how the KIRC can be extended.

Commissioner Holt asked if the grant responsibilities demand that the KIRC have certain operations on-line in order to fulfill the grants as thus outlined. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the FY15 budget was formulated to fulfill all current grant obligations.

Vice Chair Whitehead commented it was hard for staff to apply for grants since they could not commit themselves beyond FY15. Commissioner Aila stated they could but they would need to factor in the cost of operating the new grants without the volunteers. ED Nāho‘opi‘i commented the traditional matching has been volunteer hours so the matching would have to change.

Commissioner Baker requested a discussion regarding CIP funding approved by the Legislature. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained it was \$2.5 million for alternative energy and energy conservation projects in Honokanai‘a Base Camp.

Commissioner Baker asked how long it would take to get it up and running. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the project could possibly start in 2016. Staff did have ideas on how to utilize the CIP money but would still have to discuss it with the DLNR Engineering Department since they would be managing the CIP funds.

Commissioner Baker commented the Legislature must have some notion of responsibility if they have invested \$2.5 million in island infrastructure.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated it would be helpful if Maui could be a host site for International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Conference in 2016 with a trip to Kaho‘olawe. He had already spoken with Jessie Souki, the DLNR deputy who will be running the IUCN Conference.

Commissioner Aila commented it will be an opportunity to showcase positive things especially on Kaho‘olawe. Commissioner Aluli added it will be an exchange of cultural practices. Commissioner Holt stated scientific knowledge has also been acquired. Commissioner Aila commented Hawai‘i is unique in that there is a connection between biological and cultural resources.

Commissioner Aluli commented there is anticipation that cultural practitioners will spend time on Kaho‘olawe to share their indigenous practices. Commissioner Aila responded that might be done in conjunction with the conference because he did not anticipate the attending delegates having a cultural practitioner point of view. Commissioner Aluli stated he understood that but it is important to get them to understand that perspective. Commissioner Aila suggested it is another carrot for funding.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i added there was a world wide trend to restore former military sites, battle zones, bombing ranges and other places damaged by war.

Commissioner Aluli commented this should not be the focus this year since it is still in the planning stage. A business plan is needed to survive until the conference.

Commissioner Aila stated that would be a call to action to approach the Legislature or OHA or whomever. The idea was to hold on until better times.

Chair McLean commented there was a pretty even split between personnel and non personnel costs. Half of the personnel cost was Base Camp. There was \$100,000 budgeted for the Maui office, \$30,000 budgeted for electricity and \$100,000 budgeted for fuel which is predominantly for the on-island generator and vehicles and \$50,000 for meals. That leaves less than \$500,000 for all the programs for cost and materials, most of which will be reimbursed by grants. She did not see how money could be taken from those big ticket items without taking from everything proportionately because everything was so interconnected. The Base Camp contract was dramatically lower than five years ago.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i added the Base Camp contract was a little larger because the helicopter services were now stripped out of the individual program areas and were placed under the Base Camp contract. Vice Chair Whitehead asked if those helicopter services were really needed since the KIRC had not used helicopter services for quite a while due to non-compliant vendors. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained they were included in case they are needed. If they are not used they are not paid for. Some are committed for the NOAA marine debris removal grant which were scheduled for the end of this calendar year. Most of the flights will be reimbursed. Staff had been using portable drones. The cost of a drone was equal to the cost of one flight. They could be used for the aerials of the beach cleanups and have been used for coastal surveys. It takes more time because they are slower but they work well.

Chair McLean stated she partially agreed with Vice Chair Whitehead that it was time to cut back and see how long the trust fund lasts, but she also thought the KIRC has an opportunity to work at 100% for another year which would give the KIRC more to show when requesting funding.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated the funding for the unfilled logistics specialist position could be cut if necessary. Commissioner Aluli commented that is only \$50,000. Vice Chair

Whitehead responded every little bit counts. ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated that would be a savings of \$49,714.

Chair McLean asked for public testimony on the budget. None was offered.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked if there could be any other cuts, no matter how small.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained there was a pay increase of 4% from the new union contract which was offset by cutting expenses in other areas.

Commissioner Aluli asked if the KIRC was committed to the office space. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the space was so cheap it would cost more money to divide the space for subletting. The Department of Accounting and General Services negotiated a lease for almost four years.

Commissioner Aila stated any cuts at this point would be symbolic.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated his biggest fear was something major such as the microwave tower on Lāna‘i, the microwave relay system, or the generator could break down and there would be no way to fix it.

Commissioner Aluli stated he was personally looking at a phasing-out budget projection. He thought it was a more responsible way to approach budget management. The KIRC was not shutting down. It was just phasing out a little bit until times get better. It was a message that needed to be given.

Commissioner Baker asked for the phase-out budget. Commissioner Aluli stated he would feel more comfortable knowing at least if things are not improving things will start to be phased-out. Commissioner Baker stated his question was what if the Legislature says all the KIRC needs is \$1.2 million rather than \$3 million. Commissioner Aluli responded that is what the KIRC has been operating on; the idea all the money needs to be spent before it can get anymore. He did not want to continue that. Vice Chair Whitehead stated she did not think the Commission had been doing that. It had been cutting the budget for quite a few years. The Commission was hoping it would not have to spend it all before it received more funding.

Vice Chair Whitehead suggested maintaining current operations for six months and then cut back. Current operations would continue through December and then Base Camp would be ramped down. Base Camp contractors were there all the time so it would not really increase the cost for the six months. It would stop volunteers and it would mean going from light/dark weeks for the first six months, allowing for more volunteers to try meeting the objectives of the grants. The following six months would be mostly dark. She did not know if the equipment could be turned on after six months.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the cost saving from base camp operations was from going halftime for the cook, base camp manager and administration. If the KIRC goes back to full time, the cost savings would be lost.

Commissioner Baker asked when dark weeks were instituted. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded they began approximately two years ago. Commissioner Baker stated he did not know how much money could be saved by shutting down in six months. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded it would mean shutting down base camp; no repairs, no fuel no transport to the island. There would be occasional trips to island to turn on water. Vice Chair Whitehead commented perhaps this would help to communicate the urgency of the situation to the people who do not know the situation. It would also result in a little more money for the final shutdown if the KIRC does not receive funding. She stated she realized this was thinking way outside the box.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded he did not know if the extra money would help the KIRC draw out any longer. Vice Chair Whitehead commented it may help to shut down in a more responsible way. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained the State's obligations would remain. Some other agency would need to pick them up.

Chair McLean commented even though the approved budgets over the last few years have been close to \$3 million, actually much less had been spent. Money had been saved by going into dark weeks. Looking at the April spending report, the KIRC spent \$2.1 million through April. If money was spent proportionately every month, \$2.5 million would be spent by the end of FY14. The budget had never been exceeded. ED Nāho‘opi‘i added that staff had always tried to manage at 15% below budget as a management starting point.

Chair McLean asked about the status of the contract with Kober, Hanssen & Mitchell. Staff responded the contract was not yet disencumbered. Chair McLean noted that was approximately \$200,000 which did not show up in the cash balance because it had been encumbered for so long. ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated one of the goals for this year was to get all old encumbrances off the books.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked what the plan was for FY16. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded staff would develop a plan for FY16 this year. Some possibilities might be: Base Camp termination, including fuel, maintenance, communications, and use of the communication tower as a relay station only; monthly staff trips to island; or sell some things. The KIRC does have an exemption allowing it to keep money from anything it sells such as vehicles.

Commissioner Baker asked about remobilization. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded it would be impossible because it would take a lot of money. Once everything was shut down it would be very difficult to bring it back up. Vice Chair Whitehead asked if part of the demobilization budget would include removal of things from island. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded decisions will need to be made about what would still be used on-island.

Commissioner Baker asked how it would affect stewardship accesses. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded he did not know. There may not be stewardship accesses because there would be no KIRC projects. Commissioner Aluli stated there would have to be new negotiations with DLNR. Chair McLean noted the KIRC would still exist on paper.

Commissioner Aluli stated HRS§6-K would be amended, the Commission would be bypassed and requests submitted to DLNR. The same thing would happen if a nation were planning to take over. There needs to be monies to do the transfer. Chair McLean responded if that does not happen during the next session there would still be a trust fund balance for the KIRC to stay in existence. The KIRC would still advise what kinds of accesses and support could still take place. The Commission would need to find out what that means from the AG's office. She did not think it would be the end of accesses; it would just mean a different relationship.

Commissioner Baker stated the Commission had already defined what qualifies as stewardship type work so it did not matter if the KIRC was actually able to do the work. All the Commission had to do is read and approve that agreement so long as PKO can keep up the work. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded as long as the KIRC had projects.

Commissioner Aluli stated the budget and process for shutdown was needed.

Commissioner Baker stated his question was how do stewardship groups such as PKO continue going to Kaho‘olawe. He thought as long as they are doing the work relevant to stewardship type activities the KIRC does not have to be doing them. He used the Ala Loa as an example.

Commissioner Aila stated the Commission needed to plan for that discussion in the future. He wanted to make sure this was in process. Commissioner Aila stated he thought the proper process was for the Commissioners to give staff something specific to analyze and report back to the Commission. Some things to analyze if there is no funding would be: 1) what is the relationship with stewardship agreement; staff would probably have to check with the AG; and 2) what are the options; it has been pointed out that DLNR was a logical successor but maybe the Legislature would decide the Reserve fits more into OHA's mission as the KIRC transitions. Those discussions would likely to occur at the Legislature but hopefully with the Commissioners' input. The Commission at some point would have to give some charge to the staff to do some preliminary analysis of how will accesses be conducted, i.e. will people have to sleep on the beach, will coolers have to be used instead of refrigerators, etc. The Commission needed to adopt a budget now because it would give staff time and opportunity to finish the grant commitments. Contracts have been signed so staff has to fulfill them. In order to do that Base Camp has to be open so the budget had to be approved. The KIRC needed to get through this year and the next legislative session. The KIRC would know by April whether it would be funded, go to OHA or transition to DLNR.

Commissioner Baker commented perhaps staff should also look at the effects of shutting down after three or four months. He understood it might mean having more dark weeks. Staff should look at how to achieve the goals for the money already encumbered and try to cut back a little bit. He did not know what it would mean in the long run.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the next couple of action items were contract approvals for the whole year. If the contracts were approved then the budget was needed.

Commissioner Aluli stated in other words the contracts would have to be redone to specify them for only six months.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the contracts can always be renegotiated but it would not be before the end of this fiscal year. He added that the budget could always be amended six months from now if needed and all the contracts could be amended to match the budget. Everything right now was based on \$2.89 million for FY15 and continuation of current contracts for the office space, communications and Base Camp management.

Commissioner Aluli asked ED Nāho‘opi‘i if he was open to amending the budget in six months if the proposed budget was approved. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said yes.

Commissioner Aila commented the Commission would not know about future funding until April which was actually ten months into a twelve month contract; a couple of months would not make much difference.

Commissioner Aluli commented he was hoping there would be people supportive of the KIRC in the Legislature by that time and that the KIRC would have a strategic plan by then. The KIRC was not shutting down but rethinking things in six months. Commissioner Aila responded he thought staff needs to know how the budget was going to be so they could react for the next ten months. ED Nāho‘opi‘i commented if other organizations wanted to participate in the strategic plan then they would need to commit their resources to it.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked if the Commission could approve the budget for six months and then reevaluate and approve the second six months in November.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained the whole budget would need to be approved but it could be made effective for six months because the Commission will be asked to approve one year contracts.

Commissioner Aluli asked what the Commission did last year. Chair McLean responded the Commission carried over the previous budget for a couple of months.

Commissioner Aila asked ED Nāho‘opi‘i if there was an option to renegotiate within the contracts up for approval. Chair McLean stated the contracts were fee for service. The vendors bill the KIRC for services they provide. If in January the KIRC says it does not have any money left it can request a final invoice. She stated she was not familiar with the terms of the office space lease. There was probably a notice period.

Chair McLean stated she thought the Commission could approve the budget for the whole year. In December if all the KIRC supporters lose their reelections and no one had introduced any KIRC initiatives in the Legislature, the Commission could amend the budget.

Commissioner Holt asked if the Commission was looking at approving the budget as outlined with the opportunity to reevaluate it in January. Vice Chair Whitehead added the logistics specialist position needed to be taken out.

MOTION: Vice Chair Whitehead moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget totaling \$2,842,377.63 effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with a reevaluation within six months. Commissioner Holt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Aluli stated he wanted to be reassured that the Commission and staff would look at a longer phase-out and due diligence regarding transfer. He did not want that as part of the motion.

Commissioner Aila commented the transfer would be out of the Commission's purview. It would be handled by the Legislature. Commissioner Aluli responded the Commission would prepare the documents. Commissioner Aila replied the Commission could make recommendations to the Legislature. If there was a transition to some other entity the Legislature would make that decision. Staff could do an analysis for the Commission in response to possibly going to OHA, DLNR, etc.

Vice Chair Whitehead commented she would expect planning for FY16 and possible demobilization would be on the agenda for the rest of this year. It would help guide staff's planning.

ACTION: Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

B. Authorize Executive Director to extend Base Camp Management Contract with Zapata, Inc. in the amount of \$797,153.38 for FY15

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained this was the second of three extensions of the Zapata contract. This contract included all labor, supervision, administration and management to operate the base camp. The contract would continue with two two-man teams including four full-time on-island staff, half-time Base Camp Manager, half-time cook and support from their O‘ahu office staff. The previous contract extension was for \$702,876.47. The increase for FY15 was due to the added line items to provide passenger and heavy lift helicopter services as part of the contract.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked if there was any price increase from when the KIRC was contracting helicopter services itself. ED Nāho‘opi‘i replied he did not think so.

Commissioner Aluli asked how long the KIRC has been using Zapata and how often the contract was put out to bid. ED Nāho‘opi‘i replied approximately five years and the contract was put out to bid every four years.

MOTION: Vice Chair Whitehead moved to authorize the Executive Director to extend the Base Camp Management Contract with Zapata, Inc. for the

period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$797,153.38. Commissioner Aluli seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

C. Authorize Executive Director to extend Communications Services Contract with Harmer Radio and Electronics, Inc. in the amount of \$55,754.68 for FY15

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained this would be the third of three extensions. The contract will be up for renewal next year. The contract services included the repair and maintenance of all KIRC radios, base stations and repeater systems which included repeaters on Lāna‘i, base camp and Haleakalā and maintenance at the site rental for microwave relay system on Lāna‘i and Kaho‘olawe which provided the KIRC'S internet, telephone and Dish services on island. KIRC would provide power to the system on island such as batteries, wind turbines, etc.

MOTION: Vice Chair Whitehead moved to authorize the Executive Director to extend the Communication Services Contract with Harmer Radio and Electronics, Inc. for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$55,754.68. Commissioner Holt seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

D. Authorize Executive Director to Encumber the Funds for the Office Space Contract with Peake & Levoy in the amount of \$83,526.96 for FY15

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained the lease contract had already been awarded. Authorization was needed to encumber the funds to pay for this year's rental. The Department of Accounting and General Services negotiated and awarded the contract for office space at 811 Kolu St, Suite 201, Wailuku, HI from January 1, 2013 through November 30, 2017. The lease included base rent, operating costs and general excise tax. The KIRC pays for internal electricity.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked if staff had looked into sharing the space with other government agencies. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded DLNR was getting its own new building on Maui.

Commissioner Aluli asked how much of the office is unused. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded all of it was being used and the small warehouse in back was full with museum exhibit materials, material for marine debris cleanup and materials for island. Chair McLean noted the square foot rate was very cheap.

Vice Chair Whitehead stated the space was large for the size of the staff. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded staff approached Peake & Levoy about reducing the space but they cut the rate instead because it was easier and cheaper than putting up walls and making necessary renovations. It might be the same price for a smaller space.

MOTION: Commissioner Holt moved to authorize the Executive Director to encumber the funds for the Office Space Contract with Peake &

Levoy, Inc. for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$83,526.96. Vice Chair Whitehead seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

E. Request for Exemption from the Administrative Access Approval Policy Regarding Marine Mammal Removal during the RIMPAC exercises

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained this was a request from NOAA regarding RIMPAC. There was a process within the KIRC rules for a quick responsive access if a stranded or dead marine mammal was discovered within the Reserve. This request was basically to preauthorize access if a marine mammal was discovered during the RIMPAC exercises. NOAA would be conducting one helicopter flight before the RIMPAC exercises and one afterwards. If a live, stranded animal was discovered, it was KIRC policy to try to save it. ED Nāho‘opi‘i has the authority to grant “time critical” authorization for NOAA to enter the Reserve. They wanted to take tissue samples of any deceased marine mammals discovered. They also wanted to bring out a portable CT scanner and look for air embolisms if a deceased mammal was found. The remains, including iwi and niho, and excluding any soft tissues samples used for analysis, would be returned within one month.

Vice Chair Whitehead stated the only thing she wanted to see included was notification of a cultural practitioner from the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana. A list should be maintained by the ‘Ohana. Staff should call until they reach someone on that list. ED Nāho‘opi‘i asked if this was just for removal. Commissioner Baker responded for anything at all. ED Nāho‘opi‘i asked for a time period. Vice Chair Whitehead responded the person can be notified at the same time as others on the notification list. She also clarified she would like this to happen even when there was no request to access. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained a policy had been developed only for time critical access. A policy for non-time critical notification would need to be developed. An example was the whale carcass found in the Reserve a couple of months ago. An e-mail was sent out. Commissioner Baker stated the email was sent out three weeks after the sighting. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the email was sent out at approximately the same time NOAA was notified. It was explained when someone on-island sees a carcass wash up they would immediately notify ED Nāho‘opi‘i who would contact the Ocean Program. They in turn would notify NOAA which is a federal requirement. NOAA would let the KIRC know whether it wanted to come out. If NOAA did want to come out, then the KIRC would go into the time critical process.

Commissioner Baker stated KIRC CRPC Gapero's next phone call should be to him. ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated that could be done. Commissioner Baker stated he would take care of notifying persons on the PKO list. If staff does not get him then try someone else like Mr. Craig Neff. Commissioner Baker stated CRPC Gapero has a list of those people. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained staff has a list of interested cultural practitioners which included Uncle Les Kuloloio. Commissioner Baker commented Uncle Les Kuloloio told him he did not get much information. Commissioner Baker stated they got nothing until they received the NOAA form. Commissioner Aluli stated he was

surprised that Uncle Les was on the list and not the 'Ohana. ED Nāho'opi'i explained that the list came from the public notice the KIRC published requesting cultural practitioners interested in Kaho'olawe contact the KIRC. Uncle Les Kuloloio was the only one who responded. Commissioner Baker stated he remembered when CRPC Gapero first started they discussed who would be part of the Cultural Working Group (CWG). It included Commissioner Baker, Craig Neff, Lopaka Aiwahi and Attwood Makanani. He supported adding Uncle Les. ED Nāho'opi'i explained Uncle Les was not part of the CWG.

Vice Chair Whitehead stated all she was suggesting was to add a cultural practitioner designated by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana to the notification list in the motion. The 'Ohana would also be responsible for choosing who was on that list. The staff can decide who would call them. She stated it had been very awkward recently for some of the Commissioners who are in the 'Ohana when certain people knew about the strandings. She did not feel she needed to know personally about every stranding. Commissioner Baker commented it was very hard to defend the KIRC's position when he receives information three weeks later.

ED Nāho'opi'i explained the change would be effective for the time period of the RIMPAC exercises. He stated the Commission would need to draft a revision to the Executive Policy Manual regarding the notification process. Vice Chair Whitehead stated she wanted to revisit the policy before the time period in this memo expired. ED Nāho'opi'i explained it would need to be put into another section because if there was no access request, there would be no notification.

Commissioner Holt stated at this point the Commission would like to add a cultural practitioner identified by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana to the notification list. Staff could then work on the policy.

Commissioner Baker stated he remembered talking to CRPC Gapero about notification. ED Nāho'opi'i explained the phone tree was not initiated because there was no request to recover anything. Vice Chair Whitehead stated she thought Commissioner Baker thought there was a verbal agreement that there would be notification. It was best to put it in writing. Staff was to work on the policy for the next meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Holt moved to approve the request for exemption to Administrative Access Policy regarding marine mammal removal during RIMPAC exercises with the inclusion of notification to a cultural practitioner designated by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. Commissioner Aluli seconded the motion.

Discussion: ED Nāho'opi'i requested a list of names and contacts from the PKO. Commissioner Baker stated he would work on the list.

ACTION: The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

There was a recess from 1:25 pm to 1:40 pm.

The Commission decided to move **Item V.C. Strategic Planning Update** before **Item V.A. Executive Director's Report**.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Stanton Enomoto provided an update on Strategic Planning (I Ola Kanaloa 2026) via a PowerPoint presentation. The last update was at the Commission meeting on April 15, 2014. He provided an overview of the process:

- looking at a 12-year planning cycle
- plan is for the island
- leverage and share resources and kuleana amongst groups to achieve objectives
- figure out how to manage external interests
- focus is to align on-island activities toward shared goals
- start new chapter for Kaho‘olawe

How can this be done? The idea of collective impact initiative had been discussed. It was defined by John Kania (2011) as “a long-term commitment by a group of important actors from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem.”

The planning process began in fall 2012. The Working Group (WG) was formed in early 2013. The Working Group determined there should be a twelve year timeline because 2026 would be the 50th anniversary of the first occupation of Kaho‘olawe. The WG looked at what it wanted to achieve by that date. Were all of the purposes for which Kaho‘olawe was initially occupied in 1976 realized 50 years later? It was an opportunity to advance those ideas. The Working Group came back to the first Kaho‘olawe Use Plan developed in 1995. It was a guide for the Navy's cleanup. The focus was the “Kino of Kanaloa is restored.”

The WG also developed a process by which it listened to the community and those that have a relationship to the island; gather feedback and synthesize the information into a 12-year program. During the summer and fall 2013, there were a lot of focus groups meetings-14 meetings were held state-wide and more than 200 people provided their mana‘o. The WG synthesized the information during the winter of 2013. It produced a logic model in the early 2014. The WG would now be returning to the public and listening to a broader audience. It will also be conducting a feasibility analysis around the concepts presented in the plan.

The WG rallied around the notion of “I Ola Kanaloa” (Life to Kanaloa) based on the feedback from the focus group meetings. It can be realized through a number of themes found in the working draft of the 2026 Strategic Plan Logic Framework. The idea is connecting to place and the importance of place: 1) pilina ‘āina (renewing connections), 2) paepae ola (living sustainably), 3) ‘ike kūhohonu (elevating knowledge), 4) kūkulu ea (realizing identity)

These themes can be expressed through priority areas in the logic framework. Examples include restoration of the natural environment and cultural resources, self-

sufficiency on-island, and engaging in the governance process such as self-governance. Kaho‘olawe has a role in all these efforts.

The next steps include expanding the narrative and the points that are in the logic model. Examples are what does it mean for Kaho‘olawe to be a site for native Hawaiian governance and how to restore the kanaloa plant? The WG will be working on this over the next several weeks. It will then be presented to the community this summer. The WG had hired a consultant, Ms. Kina Mahi of KM Consulting, LLC, under contract with the Protect Kaho‘olawe Fund (PKF) to do a more in-depth feasibility analysis. It needs to be completed. Once the community meetings and input are completed, the WG will need to synthesize that input with the feasibility analysis this fall and winter into a more refined document. The WG anticipated starting implementation this winter and to start developing those partnerships and agreements that can contribute to the plan. Plan implementation could start in 2015.

The logic model narrative was derived from feedback from Ms. Mahi. The WG realized it needed to explore some activities more deeply. It will be doing that in the next few weeks. The WG also needed to develop relationships to those points. An example was developing the Ala Loa. It will require establishing places for people to stay which would tie into building Kauhale and Kahua Ho‘omoana. There is an order to these activities. The WG needed to develop greater definition and narrative around these ideas within the next month or so before it starts going out into the community.

The other goal was to complete the feasibility analysis. Ms. Mahi will give more fiscal realism to the ideas in the logic model. How are the goals and projects related to each other? Was it realistic? Was it financially sustainable? Where could we go to attract grants to support some of these activities?

The third point was collective ownership. The idea of collective impact initiatives hinges on the idea of shared responsibilities toward a common goal. It was not just the ‘Ohana or the KIRC but also DLNR, OHA or other Native Hawaiian organizations or other environmental organizations that see themselves in this vision and were willing to contribute time and resources to it. How do we leverage the best out of these various organizations? Ms. Mahi would be working with Mr. Andrew Aoki and will provide their draft report to the WG in mid-July. The WG will review it and provide feedback. The final assessment will be at the end of July. There will be a little bit of an overlap between the community meetings and the finalization of the report.

The WG proposed a series of 14 meetings statewide mid-July through August: three on O‘ahu, three on Hawai‘i Island, four on Maui, two on Kauai, one on Moloka‘i and one on Lāna‘i. The WG was finalizing dates, times and locations. The WG was looking to start the third week in July on O‘ahu. The WG had considered having some of the meetings as co-presentations with the Sacred Lands Film Project. The film would preview first and then a meeting about the strategic plan would be held. There would also be additional briefings with various government agencies such as OHA and the State Legislature. The public input needed to be completed by the end of August or early September in order to finalize the plan by October or November.

Mr. Enomoto asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Commissioner Aluli asked Commissioner Baker to explain why “E Ola Kanaloa” was changed to “I Ola Kanaloa.” Commissioner Baker explained the phrase “I Ola” is a purposive marker to indicate that the strategic plan has a purpose to it. He thanked Mr. Enomoto for staying on task. Mr. Enomoto responded he saw his role as a volunteer facilitator. He added the budget discussion underscored the value of this plan. The value of the plan was working together with other organizations. If everyone focused on the kinolau of Kanaloa being restored it can happen. Others would come with their resources and share kuleana. Where the KIRC finds itself short on resources it should put the call out and others may come. This was bigger than the KIRC, the ‘Ohana and everyone present. Everyone needed to step up and start doing something.

Commissioner Holt stated the additional value of this process was that it brought to the broader audience the understanding that it is ongoing and even if money runs out there are still things that have to happen. Many people are saying these things have to happen. The Commission needs to present this for everyone to see the value of the plan. The value will remain even if legislators change every two years. She saw the importance of this strategic plan in order to give voice to all the other things this group, as well as each of us individually, feels must move forward.

Mr. Enomoto agreed that the work would continue. It does not matter who was there or whether there was money. The Commission should not feel down because things are going to happen. People are going to go to island because they have to.

Chair McLean commented she had reviewed the logic framework a few times during its evolution and thought there should be more behind the relationship between the Kīhei site and Kaho‘olawe and how they are connected. The Commission had briefly discussed a few times commercial use on Kaho‘olawe and the general consensus was the Commission did not want to see that. The Legislature was still looking at the KIRC to have some sort of method to generate revenue. The Commission could look at sustainability; not just for sustainability’s sake and not just for cultural reasons but also economic reasons. The development of the Kīhei site would be an opportunity for revenue generation for Kaho‘olawe. The Legislature had brought this issue up repeatedly. She commented this was a great effort.

Mr. Enomoto thanked her and stated it was a work in progress. There were things that needed greater explanation such as building the Kīhei site, etc.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated the first public session would be held on July 23 at the State Capitol and would be hosted by Senator Maile Shimabukuro.

Mr. Enomoto noted the WG was following the developments regarding governance and was trying to fit into that process. The WG identified Kaho‘olawe as a place where conversations could happen and be a “neutral” place where the Hawaiian community could be honest and open in an environment where it was not encumbered

by other agendas, especially since Kaho‘olawe would potentially be one of the first lands conveyed to that new entity.

Commissioner Baker asked where the Makahiki and Kane ceremonies fit in. Mr. Enomoto responded they are embedded in the plan but was not explicit. It was in the idea of continuing cultural practices and relationship to place. The WG struggled to pick one column to place certain activities such as Makahiki, the Rain Ceremony, etc.

Commissioner Aluli commented at the beginning there were mo‘olono; it was a sort of school and trying to elevate the knowledge; thinking of mo‘o papa to learn all those practices and share. The idea was to keep it open to other generations who want to come and establish a school. He was excited about the implementation of the plan.

Chair McLean noted that the two previous strategic plans had long lists of objectives. She wanted to know if there was a way to combine some of the plan’s projects in terms of presentation and make them look more achievable. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the WG had been working with Ms. Mahi on determining the tasks in these categories which could be achievable by the end of 2026.

Mr. Enomoto commented that the plan seemed overwhelming at first. The hope was that the KIRC and the ‘Ohana could see themselves in it with other organizations as well. The challenge of implementing the plan would be getting all those entities to see themselves in it and commit to some of those activities. It would take leadership from the Commission, the ‘Ohana and others to make it happen. He did not know how it would turn out.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i added the activities would evolve as people commit. Mr. Enomoto commented the WG still had to figure out the governance around which some of those decisions would get made. He felt if the will was there to commit to the vision other things would follow.

Chair McLean appreciated his optimism. She stated she had seen some of these things in previous plans but they did not get done when the KIRC had millions of dollars. She was not saying they should not be in there; they should be. However, she wanted to see these things accomplished. Mr. Enomoto stated he shared some of her anxiety but there was a need to move forward.

Commissioner Aluli commented the feasibility study will show what could be done. Hopefully as more people participate more things could be done.

Commissioner Holt stated she believed if items keep showing up in every plan that is the challenge. Two things which are intermingled are reestablishing the life of a people and the life of the island. No where else are people trying to restore both in one place. If the same things keep showing up in the plans that means it is important. We still have to keep reminding ourselves that they are important. We take one activity and there could be twenty years of work and it could cost millions of dollars but we cannot give up. The Commission was left with \$1 million for next year but it is a voice of the people of our state and our lahui who are saying this is important.

Individually it is each of our kuleana and that is the story that has to go out. Overall these years how many hundreds of people have touched Kaho‘olawe? How many kids have grown up on Kaho‘olawe who now are educated and have jobs who could be helpful and do not realize they could be helpful? Plans are only as good as implementation. Commissioner Holt thanked Mr. Enomoto for the plan, the words, and the passion because without those things the KIRC would have to pull up the tent and go home. She believed everyone who was sitting at that table felt the passion as well. She offered to speak at any place. She stated her on-the-ground involvement has diminished over time because of the time her body tells her she can give or not give. If she can give her words and her passion on this side of the water she should and she committed to that.

Chair McLean asked for any comments from the public. No public comments were made.

B. Executive Director's Report

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained that the expenditure report was included in the Commission packet and reported a slight variance in the budget. The Culture Program had exceeded the expected expenditure for this time period which was 83% of its total budget. It was currently at 88%. Staff projected it will end \$7,000-\$10,000 over budget. This was mostly because the current budget did not reflect the grants that it had received. Staff did not have time at the last Commission meeting to make budget adjustments for those grants. Staff's focus for this meeting was on developing the FY15 budget. Staff did not expect to be over budget overall. The Culture Program was expected to be over budget by 10%. This was because of the HTA and Hui Kāpehe programs. It was all reimbursable funding.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported the KIRC had been awarded a grant of \$25,000 from Maui County for “Honokanai‘a PV System 2.” Staff was still planning the project. Either the current system will be expanded to include more huts or the base camp staff hut will be taken off line. The grant requests for Pōkāneloa Restoration (OHA) and “Documenting Kaho‘olawe” (Native Hawaiian Museum Services) area were still pending.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i noted the long range schedule was included in the Commission packet. The administrative rule change was submitted to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board for review and staff was waiting for a response. Once that is received the KIRC will request permission from the Governor to conduct public hearings.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported the OHA seat was currently vacant. Staff had reminded OHA they needed to send a recommendation to Boards and Commissions so that the Governor could appoint a new representative to the Commission.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained there was a legislative summary in the Executive Director's Report. There were two bills related to the Conveyance Tax. Both bills had triple

referrals. They crossed over and were changed when they reached the Senate. They made it out of the conferences but died on the last day.

Commissioner Aluli asked why they died. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained there were a lot of bills. Commissioner Aila added the Legislature had placed a self-imposed deadline, stuck to it and ran out of time. Chair McLean asked if it was possible for any funding bill to get passed early in the session or did they have to wait until the end of the session. Commissioner Aila explained the Legislature waits until the big price ticket items such as salaries are factored in as well as the report from the Council of Revenue. He thought ED Nāho‘opi‘i did an outstanding job keeping the bill alive until the very last minute which was no easy task. ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported there was a last minute CIP request by Senator English for renewable energy. It was approved in the amount of \$2.5 million for a renewable energy conservation project for Honokanai‘a for FY15. ED Nāho‘opi‘i had spoken to DLNR Engineering. Budget and Finance has to create the accounts to receive this money. In July the engineering staff will be able to submit the request. Once the funds are released staff could determine how the funds should be utilized. Commissioner Holt asked ED Nāho‘opi‘i if he anticipated the Governor would sit on the funds. He responded he did not think so. Commissioner Baker asked how much power would be generated by this renewable energy and what percentage of Base Camp would be off the grid. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the whole camp. There would be no generator running except as a back up.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported Hakioawa Shelter repairs had been completed since the last Commission meeting. The gutter was taken off, repaired and put back up. The proper pitch was established and more brackets and screws were put on it. He had heard the tank on that side was full. A drainage system needed to be considered. Tubes of sealant were left behind because not all of the holes could be located.

There have been problems with the main generator at Base Camp. The windings have been rusting because of salt air and rain coming into the building. The building needed to be sealed. The backup generator was not working. A rental generator was taken to island which cost a lot of money. The repair would have taken 2-3 weeks because the inside coils would have to have been rewound. Staff discovered that an entire generator end could be purchased and was available. Staff decided to buy a new generator end, have it shipped to the KIRC and return the rental. It was cheaper than rewinding the coils and continuing to use the rental. The generator was now working but there was no backup. Staff was still determining if the back up could be fixed. One option was to purchase the exact same generator as the back up and to cannabilize the parts.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the YCC accesses started this week. Senator Maile Shimabukuro would be going to island this weekend with the interns from the UH Maui Marine Options Program. Strategic Focus Group students who designed critical thinking projects as part of focus group sessions would also be going to island next week to look at the projects they built and determine if their modelings worked. Commissioner Aluli asked who Keiki O Kanaloa were. ED Nāho‘opi‘i i responded the Mar family, who would be doing volunteer work over the weekend.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i announced there would be a fundraiser at Maui Nui Botanical Garden on Saturday, October 18. Flyers would be sent out as the date gets closer. Access guide training would be conducted at the end of July.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked for an update on the Kīhei Executive Order. Chair McLean stated she still needed to follow up on land use issues. ED Nāho‘opi‘i was to follow up on the request to modify the Executor Order. Commissioner Aluli asked if there was still a problem with the homeless. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded not any more because the bush was being cleared through Kako‘o ia Kaho‘olawe community cleanup days.

Commissioner Aluli asked for an update on the kanaloa plant. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded staff had not been out there since the last meeting. The plants on Maui are fine. Staff had not heard from Lyons about progress with the tissue culture. Commissioner Aluli asked if staff could check on the plant on island. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded he would check with the Restoration Program but it might be best to wait until after it rains. Commissioner Aluli asked if there is anything that could be done now. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded he was not sure what could be done. Commissioner Aluli stated whatever could be done should be done even it means having a special fundraiser. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded he did not think watering was the solution because it would require going weekly. Commissioner Aluli commented maybe something different should be done because there are people attached to that plant.

Chair McLean noted there had been a quarterly watering schedule for a while but she did not know if that stopped when the KIRC lost the helicopter provider. ED Nāho‘opi‘i commented staff was still able to do at least one watering in the summer. He added the biggest factor was the two year drought. The mice are also back. Staff tried using mechanical traps. Staff cannot use bait. Vice Chair Whitehead stated staff could use bait but a certified pesticide applicator was needed. There are a lot of options for pest control. She thought the KIRC dropped the ball and she did not know what could be done now. She asked if a small water system could be set up to allow for slow drip. Commissioner Baker suggested a shower bag with a slow drip nozzle on it.

Vice Chair Whitehead stated the last time it was checked it appeared to be dead. Chair McLean she thought that check was done from the air and not the ground. She suggested staff put together a timeline over the last couple of years of watering frequency. She also requested staff to develop and start implementing a plan to assess the plant by the next meeting.

C. Review Current Month's Expenditure Reports

Commissioner Aluli complimented staff on their fund-raising and grant efforts. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded those grant awards were mostly due to the increase in volunteer weekend accesses. However, due to budget constraints, staff will try to go to two open weeks per month and one weekend per month. An additional change was redistribution of staff's time to include multiple programs and administrative support in matching the grants particularly for the Hui Kāpehe Program.

Commissioner Baker asked what was Cultural Integration and Training. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained it involved integrating culture into how staff works. Additionally, KIRC CRPC Gapero and KIRC Volunteer Coordinator (VC) Evans were developing a curriculum for volunteers that specifies a learning objective from each of the programs. The plan would also include how to communicate those scientific and cultural principles. They were also developing training for the staff so they can implement some of those items. The idea was to present standardized information. This line item also included PKO stewardship items. It was all labor. Vice Chair Whitehead asked about the progress made on working more culture into the workplace. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded there was now cultural training for the staff. CRPC Gapero worked with staff on correct pronunciation of place names during the last staff meeting. Additionally, the staff visited the tapa exhibit at the MACC and discussed material culture from historical and cultural standpoints.

A member of the public asked if it was possible to use a drone rather than a helicopter to check on the status of the kanaloa plant. KIRC ORPM Tokishi explained one of the challenges would be the wind. Chair McLean commented she thought the first assessment needed to be done from the ground.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported a Lāna‘i side clivus in Hakioawa had to be secured. The berm had been moving inland and was starting to swallow the clivus since the removal of the kiawe. It was dug out and a wall was built but there was still enough pressure on the building so the door did not close. Staff would like to rebuild it. They would let the tank contents decompose a little bit more, empty it, rebuild the floor and put the structure back up. ED Nāho‘opi‘i stated Commissioner Baker would be notified of the time table.

VI. PROGRAM STATUS UPDATES

A. Status Update on current and planned Restoration Program Projects: Volunteer Accesses; DOH III project; Kaho‘olawe Seabird Restoration Project Steering Committee

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported the plants in the DOH III area are growing. Commissioner Baker asked how tall the plants are. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the plants in the crevasses are over a foot tall. Commissioner Baker asked about Kāneloa area. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded the plants in that area are sprouting and growing. Commissioner Baker commented it was an amazing germination. ED Nāho‘opi‘i noted the innovative use of erosion control barriers in which burlap bags were filled with shredded office paper mixed with wood chips and dirt. These were formed into long sausages. Soil was actually building behind them.

B. Status Update on current Ocean Program Projects: NOAA Marine Debris Removal Grant; Training; Outreach; Interdepartmental Cooperation; Trolling Update 2010-2012

ORMP Tokishi explained a drone was used for aerial surveys prior to marine debris removal from Kanapou. Mr. Jeff Brink donated his time as well as his drone. They hiked down to Kanapou and did an aerial survey with the drone. The next day they hiked down to Hakioawa and did a joint cleanup with the PKO. Approximately two

tons of debris was cleaned out of 'Oawawahie. That was the cleanest he had ever seen 'Oawawahie prior to the cleanup. He was not sure why. A homemade raft style fish aggregation device (FAD) was discovered around the corner from Puhianenu. It was entangled on the reef bottom. It was cut, removed and brought back to Maui. There was no identification. Commissioner Aluli asked if staff had seen a lot of them. ORPM Tokishi they are becoming more prevalent throughout Maui County. They are controversial in the sense that people can utilize them for monetary gain. If other people start finding them they start taking what they feel is their resource and it becomes very heated.

Jet ski training was conducted with staff working with DAR. There was also operational and maintenance training. The Ocean Program also participated with the Culture Program in the UHMC career fair focusing on the Hui Kāpehe Program. Ocean Program staff worked in reconnaissance of debris off of Kanaio with Mr. Paul Sensano of DOBAR who clarified the debris was a 7700 pound fuel line manufactured by Bridgestone which was sold to a company in Japan. An attempt will be made in about a week to try to remove it with the KIRC staff and the 'Ohua.

Commissioner Aila explained Mr. Sensano was the new Boating District Manager on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i. He worked very well with the KIRC staff. He was also the diver in charge of the dive program for the Boating Division. Mr. Sensano stated over the last three to four years he had had the pleasure of working with the KIRC staff. They had been a blessing. They were very talented, very skilled individuals. They had done a lot of work together on the water deploying things that help DLNR in the long run. Keeping them on the job was important.

C. Status Update on current and planned Cultural Program Projects: Pōkāneloa Stone; Hui Kāpehe Program; Kīhei Trail and Nursery Project

ED Nāho'opi'i pointed out pictures of erosion controls swales and rock mounds with compost and plants growing within them. These will hopefully reduce the water flow going down into the ravine. The site stabilization plan was being reviewed by a volunteer archaeologist who was helping to edit it and format it for SHPD review.

Vice Chair Whitehead stated she thought the Commission requested a more detailed update about Pōkāneloa at the last meeting. She wanted to remind staff to re-read the approved May 2013 motion and make sure we were keeping to the timeline. In reading this update it did not seem like staff re-read it. Both stabilization plan and the relocation plan were supposed to be submitted to the Commission by November 2014. Those were supposed to be used by the Commission to help make the decision. It sounded like we were going to wait until November, make a decision and then start working on the relocation plan. ED Naho'opi'i stated he thought staff was working on the relocation plan. Vice Chair Whitehead responded at the last meeting there were too many questions to work on it; where the pōhaku was going to go. Vice Chair Whitehead felt staff was not on track. Commissioner Baker stated the minutes reflected relocation had to be part of the submitted plan or at least an option.

ED Nāho'opi'i pointed out photos from the Kīhei site included in the update. They are before and after photos. A lot of trash had been removed. The Commission

commented staff and volunteers had done a great job and wanted to know how long it took to clean the area. ED Nāho'opi'i said a couple of months.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI

ED Nāho'opi'i announced the KIRC received an award from KIPU as Site of the Year.

Commissioner Aluli announced he accompanied Mr. Steve Pedro on a helicopter access to Kūheia along with his daughter and two nieces. He got to hear about how the family was with their father (the last foreman) during every school holiday. Mr. Pedro knew where the ranch house was as well as all the cisterns. He submitted a drawing to the Navy of what the place looked like when he, his wife and brother came. He spoke about the haole house where the MacPhees and Baldwins would stay. It would be televised on the 'Olelo channel sometime. ED Nāho'opi'i noted the drawing was in the Task Order Report for Kūheia.

VIII. NEXT MEETINGS AND FOLLOW UPS

The following issues need to be addressed at the next meeting:

- 1) Pōkāneloa relocation plan
- 2) Simple timeline, current assessment, recovery plan for the kanaloa plant
- 3) Administrative access policy to add cultural practitioner notification when any marine mammal is found and there is no access request because the CWG may want to access the Reserve for cultural protocol
- 4) Kīhei EO update
- 5) 2016 demobilization plan as either a workshop or a discussion item on the agenda

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.