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MEMO TO: KIRC Commissioners

FROM: Kuiokalani Gapero, Cultural Resource Project Coordinator

SUBJECT: Request by the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana to approve newly proposed Stewardship Activities

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Pursuant to HAR §13-261-13, approve the proposed access dates for the 2013 year requested by the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana. Pursuant to HRS §6K-6(1), approve the amendment of Objective 2.5 to the FY09-13 Cultural Restoration Action Plan and defer the proposed Ka‘apuni Kaulona activity for further discussion.

BACKGROUND & SUMMARY:

The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (‘Ohana), requested to add under the Cultural Restoration Action Plan FY09-13, Strategic Goal #2: To develop and implement a culturally appropriate five year plan to assess and stabilize cultural sites, archaeological sites and burial sites, and provide for appropriate access and cultural practices:

Objective 2.5: Provide for the implementation of Kukulu Ke Ea A Kanaloa, Cultural Plan

Facilitate and support activities and training:

1. Papahulilani: Lololo, Hankaulike, ‘Aha Ho‘ohanohano, ‘Ike Hawai‘i
 - a. Piko o Ka Honua and Nā Ao Polohiwa (Sun Observations)
 - b. **Kilohoku and Kilo Pae Honua (Wordly and Celestial Observations)**
2. Papahulihonua: Lololo, Hanakaulike, ‘Aha Ho‘ohanohano, ‘Ike Hawai‘i
 - a. Ala Loa (Long Path)
 - b. **Ka‘apuni Kaulona (Circumnavigating Observation)**
3. Papahanaumoku: Lololo, Hanakaulike, ‘Aha Ho‘ohanohano, ‘Ike Hawai‘i
 - a. Mālama Iwi Kūpuna (Burials)
 - b. Mālama Wahi Pana (Archaeological Sites)

I have discussed the proposed activities with the ‘Ohana. I agree that Item 1.b. (Kilohoku and Kilo Pae Honua) should be included in Objective 2.5 of the FY09-13 Cultural Restoration Action Plan. More discussion is needed on Item 2.b. (Ka‘apuni Kaulona) before it is included in Objective 2.5

The current FY09-13 Strategic Plan will end next year. The ‘Ohana will have the opportunity to include Item 2.b. at that time.

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The 'Ohana has also requested that the following proposed activities and dates for 2013 be approved:

Jan 17-21: Makahiki Prep

Feb 2-6: Closing Makahiki Ceremony

Mar 19-22: Piko o Wākea

Mar 20-27:

Apr 25-28:

May 23-27:

Jun 20-24: Ke Ala Polohiwa a Kāne

Jun 20-23:

Jun 27-30: Hawaiian Canoe Club

July 4-6: Lee/Kuloloio 'Ohana

Aug 8-11:

Sep 11-15:

Sep 17-20 *or* 20-24: Piko o Wākea

Oct: Ka Holo Ka Lani (TBD)

Oct: 10-13:

Nov: Opening Makahiki (TBD)

Dec 19-22: Ke Ala Polohiwa a Kanaloa

METHODS & DISCUSSION:

The two activities that need further clarification are:

1) **Kilohōkū and Kilo Pae Honua** - Observations would be conducted at night and at pre-dawn at key points on the island, such as at the Kuhike'e Navigators Platform; Moa'ulaiki; Pu'u Moiwī; Piko O Wākea; Pōkāneloa and Hālonā. It would require Access Guides to be driving from Honokanai'a in the pre-dawn hours to observe the sunrise at all observation points and could include an overnight stay, with no night-time movement.

2) **Ka'apuni Kaulona**- the purpose would be to observe the health of the marine resources around the island; changes in the topography, including erosion or landslides at different points around the island; observation of the condition of cultural sites at various points around the island.

The KIRC Culture Program has an approved budget for Cultural Integration & Training. The proposed Kilohōkū and Kilo Pae Honua activities may be considered a KIRC sponsored and approved activity, if it meets the needs and requirements of the KIRC Culture Program. Further discussion and review is needed for the proposed Ka'apuni Kaulona.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Pursuant HRS §6K-6(1), the KIRC shall establish criteria, policies, and controls for permissible uses within the island reserve.

Pursuant HRS §6K-6(5), the KIRC may enter into curator or stewardship agreements with appropriate Hawaiian organizations such as the 'Ohana.

Pursuant to HAR §13-261-13, the KIRC will allow activities for the preservation and practice of all rights customarily and traditionally exercised by native Hawaiians for cultural and subsistence purposes; allow activities which are educational and which relate to native Hawaiian cultural practices or to the natural or cultural resources of The Reserve.

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