

Executive Director's Report

*Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission Meeting
September 3, 2026*

Budget, Finance, and Funding

FY26 end of Year Expenditure Report and Budget Variance: See attached.

Variances:

1. Commission Program/Non-Personnel Cost: Significantly lower than budgeted due to increased use of telecommunications for Commission meetings and less travel.
2. Administration Program/Non-Personnel Cost: Office electrical use has significantly been reduced with the replacement of the office air conditioning units. Additionally, office lease payments were withheld in FY26 due to ownership change in office property resulting in a new lease needing to be renegotiated.
3. Ocean Program/Personnel Cost: Higher than budgeted due to a two-month delay in transferring the existing Ocean Resource Specialist II to Logistic Specialist. This is also reflected in the Operations Program/Personnel Cost being lower than budgeted.
4. Restoration Program/Non-Personnel Cost: Significantly lower than budgeted due to the delay in the start of the DOH 6 grant and delays in getting a new grant funded Natural Resource Specialist II on payroll.

Plans, Policies and Procedures

Long-range Scheduling: See the attached long-range schedule.

Highlights: An additional December 2026 access is scheduled to complete the Honokanai'a mua work. PKO access dates for CY2027 have been added to the long-range schedule.

Administration, Staffing and Personnel

Commissioner Status Update: Commissioner Pescaia's term expired on June 30, 2025, but she was still able to serve as a holdover until the end of the 2026 legislative session and seek another appointment to a final two-year term. Boards and Commissions Office was notified of Commissioner Pescaia's decision not to seek an additional term which then resulted in the appointment and confirmation of her PKO replacement Kaipulaumakani Keala.

Commissioner Keala was appointed and confirmed for a four-year term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030.

KIRC Staff Status Update:

New Hire Natural Resource Specialist II (NRS II): This position is funded by the DOH 6 grant. The KIRC staff hired Lilia Davis as NRS II. Lilia is a Maui resident and graduated from Kamehameha Schools-Maui and the UH-Mānoa with a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM). Her start date is September 17, 2026.

New Two (2) Natural Resource Specialist III: The Maui County Nāulu Cloud Bridge Grant includes funds for two (2) new NRS III positions. The KIRC staff is currently getting the authorization to create two new positions and to recruit and hire.

Public Information, Outreach and Government Relations

Legislative Update: See attached legislative matrix. HB1800 HD1 SD1 CD1 became the State Budget as Act 175. The initial bill and HD 1 amendment did not include any changes for the KIRC. The SD1 amendment incorporated Senator McKelvey's senatorial CIP request and added \$600,000 in CIP funds for the KIRC's boathouse expansion project but also reduced general fund allotments for all state agencies based upon their last five-year general fund balances. Since the KIRC routinely seeks to leave no general fund unspent, our reduction was not as significant as other agencies.

Upon notification of the additional CIP funds in the SD1 amendment, the KIRC staff conducted a letter campaign to the Finance Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as the House Members of the conference committee requesting their support for the Senate Amendment. The measure passed without the addition of the KIRC's CIP funds but did maintain the general reduction for all agencies.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Committee on Military Leased Lands: The KIRC hosted the OHA committee members and OHA Chair, Kai Kahele, on an overnight visit to Kaho'olawe from August 10 to 11, 2026. Along with the committee members, representatives from the PKO also participated to provide information on Kaho'olawe's transfer, cleanup and long-term restoration and restrictions.

Maui Council Committee on Agriculture, Diversification, Environment and Public Transportation (ADEPT): The KIRC will be hosting an ADEPT Committee visit from October 1 to 2, 2026 to show the members the new projects areas being restored under the committee's Nāulu Cloud Bridge Restoration Project. This overnigher was originally planned for February 2026 but was canceled due to the impact of the kona low storms. The focus of this site visit will be to brief the committee on the new work areas being restored under Maui County's \$500,000 grant funding.

Capital Improvement, Reserve Operations and Logistics

Update on Base Camp Capital Improvement Project: Currently Dawson has four tasks under this project:

Task 1: Roof repairs and elastomeric coating: This project was completed in April 2025.

Task 2: Replace potable water distribution system: All the materials are on island. The old shower trailer was disconnected and removed, old potable water distribution lines were removed from the reverse osmosis unit, and new main distribution lines were installed. Piping for the rest of the installation has been laid out and should be installed during the September 2026 access.

Task 3: Install AC units: Both split systems were installed and tested during the September 2025 access. The air handler unit was moved into the KIRC staff hut for better airflow in the building. This task is complete.

Task 4: Building painting: The paint was received and was able to be shipped to Base Camp during the January 2026 access. The initial plan was to start painting during the access, but there was a delay due to weather conditions. This task has since been completed.

Task 5: Transformer Replacement. This is a new task to use the remaining CIP funds in this appropriation. Five Base Camp transformers will be replaced due to end-of-life cycle and extreme weathering. All are 3-phase, 480V transformers rated between 74 and 150 KVA. Specifications for new transformers have been developed and parts are on order. Expected completion time is February 2027 or sooner depending upon delivery and transport of materials to Kaho'olawe.

Task 6: Gutter and Water Storage. This is also a new task utilizing the contingency funding remaining in the contract. Gutters will be installed on Huts 10 and 14 and runoff directed into two, on-island 2,500-gallon tanks. Gutter materials are currently being ordered with installation planned from October to December 2026. Procurement and transport of new water storage tanks are planned from November 2026 to January 2027.

Update on Kihei Boathouse Expansion: KIRC staff was informed by NOAA Sanctuary staff that all expenses for the Kihei Boathouse Expansion project needed to be billed before July 2027. The original scope of the project included the two expansion wings on the boathouse, an adjacent pavilion with attached comfort station. This project would have required a Special Management Area (Major) permit and based upon latest planning delays due to the increased planning department workload from the Lahaina rebuild, this project could not be completed in the timeframe specified by NOAA.

The KIRC staff looked at reducing the scope to just the two expansion wings on the boathouse thereby reducing the permit requirement to an SMA (Minor) permit which could be completed just inside of the required time limit. The original intent of the project was to offer NOAA a long-term housing agreement for their boat in exchange for building an adjacent pavilion and bathroom facility for the boathouse. Since the state CIP funding for the additional work was not approved in the FY28 State Budget and an SMA (Major) permit would not allow construction to be completed with the reimbursement time limit, it was decided to abandon the project and return the funding back to NOAA. No funding was used for the conceptual designs as additional FY27 general funds from the State Parks Division were used to pay for the conceptual design.

New Honokanai'a Water Catchment Projects: The KIRC will be building a series of water catchments in Base Camp under various funding opportunities. All the water collected will be used for Honokanai'a coastal restoration efforts and for Base Camp landscaping and irrigation. The first one is funded by the DLNR's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) FY27 special funds. A contract was awarded and encumbered to build a 60'x 24' water catchment and storage tank in the Honokanai'a Base Camp to collect and store water for coastal irrigation projects. The catchment will serve a double purpose. By being built over the existing fuel storage and transfer station in camp, it will create a covered storage area to stage vehicles between island accesses, protect the fueling equipment from sun and other weather damage as well as create a covered area to refuel and conduct basic maintenance on small vehicles.

The second project is included in the CIP grant described above.

Honokanai'a Communication Tower Rebuild: During the Spring 2026 kona low storms, the on-island communication tower located outside of Base Camp was struck by lightning and fried all the electronic components and antenna array. Through a combination of using the remaining contingency funds from the FY26 communications contract, schedule work in the new FY27 contract and last-minute general funds from State Parks, KIRC staff were able to award contracts to replace all the equipment and antenna array. We are currently waiting for all the parts to be delivered and shipped out to island before repairs can take place. Meanwhile, the KIRC communications contractor, Harmer Communication Inc., was able to partially restore internet connection to the camp and generator shed to conduct repairs on the photovoltaic storage system.

Honokanai'a Photovoltaic System Repairs and Upgrade: The current PV system is currently under repair due to a burned-out inverter in the battery storage system and long-standing trouble with the PEMS units that control the charging of the battery banks. The KIRC has been able to work with a consultant that decommissioned another system on the mainland and has donated all the working components and spares to the KIRC to repair our system. Once the components are shipped to island and installed, further repairs can be evaluated and complete system repairs conducted. The PV systems consist of ground mounted PV panels that produce DC power to two cabinets that convert the DC to AC power and distribute it to the Base Camp grid and charge the battery. The PV panels are producing DC power to the cabinets, but the power is not being converted due to a melted inverter in PEMS 2 and internal temperature control issues in PEMS 1. AC distribution within base camp is also working fine and is distributing AC power from the backup diesel generator which is resulting in increased diesel fuel use in camp, increased number of fuel runs and reduction in cargo capacity by the 'Ōhua. This is delaying the KIRC's and Base Camp's ability to complete multiple on-island projects as material and equipment are stockpiled at the Kīhei Boathouse awaiting transport to Honokanai'a.

K-1 Road Repair Above K-1/K-2 Intersection: about a one-mile stretch of K-1 road below LZ-1 (Lelehune) has up to four feet of rutting and loss of road surface making this area impassable for KIRC vehicles. A temporary bypass to the north of the road was established to allow vehicle traffic to Luamakika and Wailuna planting areas. Currently the KIRC repairs are limited to volunteers filling and placing gravel bags in the ruts, but the overall scale and scope is too big for the KIRC to complete on its own. This project has been submitted to DLNR Engineering for technical support and FEMA funding. A construction consultant has been contracted with State Parks funds through DLNR Engineering to conduct site visits to inspect the damage, evaluate the KIRC's on-island equipment and fill materials reserves and to develop a plan to make repairs and improvements. Recommendations for follow-up equipment purchases and construction efforts will be part of this plan.

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					FY26 Approved	Expended to Date	\$ Balance	% Expended to Date	1st Qtr FY26	2nd Qtr FY26	3rd Qtr FY26	4th Qtr FY26	Total FY26
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT / RESTORATION PROGRAM													
Equipment and Supplies					\$15,000.00	13851.44	\$ 1,148.56	92%	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,004.89	\$ 10,046.55	\$ 13,851.44
DOH 6- Expected FY26													
Labor/Personnel Services													
Labor KIR Specialist II 1 Year					\$ 23,669.90	\$ -	\$ 23,669.90	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Labor/Personnel Services					\$ 23,669.90	\$ 21,616.23	\$ 2,053.67	91%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,444.80	\$ 17,171.43	\$ 21,616.23
Total Materials & Supplies					\$ 25,000.00	\$ 3,632.09	\$ 21,367.91	15%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,632.09	\$ -	\$ 3,632.09
Other Direct Costs Printing					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL DOH 6 Grant					\$ 48,669.90	\$ 25,248.32	\$ 23,421.58	52%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,076.89	\$ 17,171.43	\$ 25,248.32
Sustainability Grant Kealialalo Wetlands Restoration							\$ -						\$ -
Labor					\$ -	\$ 8,552.79	\$ (8,552.79)	0%	\$ -		\$ 625.40	\$ 7,927.39	\$ 8,552.79
Soil Amendments					\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Supplies					\$ 31,540.00	\$ -	\$ 31,540.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment													
Electric Rotary Digging Hammer					\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Steel Handle Digging Bar					\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Electric Pruner					\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Metal Detector					\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Sustainability Grant Kealialalo Wetlands					\$ 113,051.00	\$ 1,025.53	\$ 112,025.47	1%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,025.53	\$ 1,025.53
RESTORATION PERSONNEL BALANCE					\$ 221,928.00	\$ 187,136.10	\$ 34,791.90	84%	\$ 54,328.37	\$ 54,327.36	\$ 49,259.40	\$ 29,220.97	\$ 187,136.10
TOTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM					\$398,648.90	\$ 236,471.54	\$ 162,177.36	59%	\$ 54,328.37	\$ 56,521.95	\$ 60,229.35	\$ 65,391.87	\$ 236,471.54
					FY26 Approved	Expended to Date	\$ Balance		1st Qtr FY26	2nd Qtr FY26	3rd Qtr FY26	4th Qtr FY26	Total FY26
CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT / CULTURE & EDUCATION PROGRAM													
SITE STABILIZATION / RESTORATION / MONITORING													
TOTAL SITE STABILIZATION WORK					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,578.52	\$ 7,421.48	63%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,578.52	\$ 12,578.52
CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER/CULTURAL INTEGRATION (Kihei)													
TOTAL CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
KAHOLO KA LANI PLANTING CEREMONY													
TOTAL KAHOLO KA LANI CEREMONY					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CULTURAL PROGRAM PERSONNEL BALANCE					\$ 62,000.00	\$ 34,002.64	\$ 27,997.36	55%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,001.60	\$ 17,001.04	\$ 34,002.64
TOTAL CULTURAL PROGRAM					\$ 82,000.00	\$ 46,581.16	\$ 35,418.84	57%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,001.60	\$ 29,579.56	\$ 46,581.16
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FY 2025					\$ 3,746,361.65	\$ 2,648,935.80	\$ 1,097,425.85	71%	\$ 617,421.01	\$ 572,746.51	\$ 596,535.05	\$ 862,233.22	\$ 2,648,935.80

KIRC Operations Calendar

		Holidays/Events	Base Camp	Ocean	Operations	Restoration	Culture	PKO	Other	KIRC Base	Comments
3-MONTHS	September 2026										
	31-Aug	6-Sep									DARK
	7-Sep	13-Sep	Labor, Mon Sep 7	Mob (W)	Staff			Mua (12) F-M	Open	Ross	
	14-Sep	20-Sep		Helo Extract (F)		Kai Kanani Transport		West Maui (16) Kai Kanani (12) M-Th			
	21-Sep	27-Sep						Ala Loa (Ahupu) Th-Su			
	28-Sep	4-Oct		Mob (W)		Maui Council (Th-F)		HIDOE Ho`akea (15) F-M	Open		DARK
	October 2026										
	5-Oct	11-Oct		Helo Extract (F)	Staff		Rain Ceremony (12) M-Th				
	12-Oct	18-Oct						Lua Access (Hakioawa) Th-Su	Open	Ashley	DARK
	19-Oct	25-Oct							Open	Dean	DARK
	26-Oct	1-Nov									DARK
6-MONTHS	November 2026										
	2-Nov	8-Nov	Elections, Tue Nov 3	Mob (W)					Open		
	9-Nov	15-Nov	Veteran, Wed Nov 11	Helo Extract (F)	Staff			Trilogy (15) F-M			
	16-Nov	22-Nov						West Maui (15) M-Th			
	23-Nov	29-Nov	Thankgiving, Thu Nov 26								
	December 2026										
	30-Nov	6-Dec		Mob (W)	Staff	DLNR Chair (Th-F)		Kelly (10), West Maui (10) F-M			
	7-Dec	13-Dec		Helo Extract (F)				FHB (12) M-Th			
	14-Dec	20-Dec		Mob (Th)		Kai Kanani Transport (F,M)		Kua (10) Th-M, Mua Project(40) F-M			
	21-Dec	27-Dec	Christmas, Fri Dec 25	Extract (M)					Open		DARK
	28-Dec	3-Jan	New Years, Fri Jan 1								DARK
9-MONTHS	January 2027										
	4-Jan	10-Jan									DARK
	11-Jan	17-Jan		Mob (W)				Palikapu (10) Moolono (4) F-M			
	18-Jan	24-Jan	Martin Luther King, Mon Jan 18	Helo Extract (F)	Staff			Honolulu BWS (12)			
	25-Jan	31-Jan									
	February 2027										
	1-Feb	7-Feb									DARK
	8-Feb	14-Feb		Mob (W)				Four Season (15) F-M			
	15-Feb	21-Feb	Presidents, Mon Feb 18	Helo Extract (F)	Staff			Maui Waldorf (12) M-Th			
	22-Feb	28-Feb						Ala Loa (Th-Su)			DARK
	March 2027										
	1-Mar	7-Mar									DARK
12-MONTHS	8-Mar	14-Mar									DARK
	15-Mar	21-Mar		Mob (W)				Milliani HS (15) F-M			
	22-Mar	28-Mar	Kuhio/Good Friday, Fri Mar 26	Helo Extract (F)	Staff			Nalu Studies (12) M-Th			
	29-Mar	4-Apr									DARK
	April 2027										
	5-Apr	11-Apr									DARK
	12-Apr	18-Apr		Mob (W)	Staff			Volcano Charter (15) F-M			
	19-Apr	25-Apr		Helo Extract (F)				Restoration (12) M-Th			
	26-Apr	2-May									DARK
	May 2027										
	3-May	9-May									
	10-May	16-May									
	17-May	23-May									
	24-May	30-May						Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
	June 2027										
	31-May	6-Jun	Memorial, Mon May 31								
	7-Jun	13-Jun	Kamehameha, Fri Jun 11								
	14-Jun	20-Jun						Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
	21-Jun	27-Jun									
	28-Jun	4-Jul						Ala Loa (Sa-Tu)			
	July 2027										
	5-Jul	11-Jul	Fourth of July, Mon Jul 5								
	12-Jul	18-Jul									
	19-Jul	25-Jul						Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
	26-Jul	1-Aug									
	August 2027										
	2-Aug	8-Aug									
	9-Aug	15-Aug									
	16-Aug	22-Aug	Statehood, Fri Aug 20					Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
	23-Aug	29-Aug									
	September 2027										
	30-Aug	5-Sep									
	6-Sep	12-Sep	Labor, Mon Sep 6								
	13-Sep	19-Sep									
	20-Sep	26-Sep						Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
	27-Sep	3-Oct						Ala Loa (Th-Su)			
	October 2027										
	4-Oct	10-Oct									
	11-Oct	17-Oct									
	18-Oct	24-Oct						Ho`oloa Aina (Th-Su) Hakioawa			
	25-Oct	31-Oct									
	November 2027										
	1-Nov	7-Nov									
	8-Nov	14-Nov									
	15-Nov	21-Nov									
	22-Nov	28-Nov									
	December 2027										
	29-Nov	5-Dec									
	6-Dec	12-Dec									
	13-Dec	19-Dec									
	20-Dec	26-Dec									
	27-Dec	2-Jan									
								Ho`oloa Aina (Tu-Th) Hakioawa			

STATUS OF BILLS RELATING TO KAHO`OLAWÉ
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE – 2026 REGULAR SESSION

September 3, 2026

KAHO`OLAWÉ RELATED BILLS

HB1800 Relating to State Budget

Submitted by: NAKAMURA

Description: Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

CD1: KIRC operating budget reduced by \$45,017

Funding for Boathouse expansion did not make final budget

SD1: Reduced operating funds for all departments including KIRC

Senate added \$600,000 for Boathouse Expansion

HD1: No changes for KIRC

Status: Measure Passed as Act 175

01/26/26 Referred to FIN

01/23/26 Introduced and Passed First Reading

03/11/26 Hearing by FIN, Measure passed with amendments, referred to WAM

04/08/26 Hearing by WAM, measure passed with amendments

04/30/26 Conference Committee recommend measure pass with CD1

06.26/26 Measure signed as Act 175

SB2500 Relating to State Budget

Submitted by: KOUCHI

Description: Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Impact: No increases for KIRC

Status: Measure did not receive hearings

01/23/26 Introduced and Passed First Reading

01/28/26 Referred to WAM

HB2538 Relating to CIP for Benefit of the 11th Representative District

Submitted by: AMATO

Description: Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the eleventh representative district.

Impact: Includes KIRC's \$4.25M CIP request for Kihei Ops Center and \$600K for Boathouse

Status: Measure not heard by FIN

01/28/26 Introduced and passed first reading

02/02/26 Referred to FIN

SB3314 Relating to CIP for Benefit of the 6th Senatorial District

Submitted by: MCKELVEY

Description: Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the 6th senatorial district.

Impact: Includes KIRC's \$4.25M CIP request for Kihei Ops Center and \$600K for Boathouse

Status: Measure was incorporated into HB1800 SD 1

01/30/26 Introduced and passed first reading

02/02/26 Referred to WAM

OTHER BILLS

SB143 Relating to Special Number Plates

Submitted by: KEOHOKALOLE, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, RHOADS, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA

Description: Authorizes the issuance of special number plates to recognize the island of Kaho'olawe.

Impact: PKO bill for special license plate

Status: Measure did not receive hearings

12/08/25 Carried over to 2026 Regular Session

01/21/26 Re-Referred to WLA, WAM

COMMISSIONER CONFIRMATION BILLS

GM738 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAIPULAUMAKANIOLONO KEALA, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

Status: Nominee confirmed

03/10/26 GM received as referred to WLA

03/18/26 Hearing by WLA, recommendation of WLA is to ADVISE AND CONSENT

04/24/26 Hearing by full Senate, Measure passed Ayes 24, Noes 0