

EAR Committee

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To: EAR Committee
Cc: Tara Owens-Miller; Brianne Savage; Karla Peters; Mia Louis
Subject: EAR-46

Dear Mr. Guzman and members of the EAR committee,

I read with interest the editorial in Sunday's paper regarding Kanaha Beach Park. As a CORA operator, a nearly 30 year frequenter of Kanaha Beach Park, as well as founder of Spreckelsville Beach Restoration Foundation, and a huge proponent of dune preservation and restoration, I am very interested in the renovation plans. How may I see a complete copy of EAR - 46? I can't seem to find it on the County website.

I am also quite curious about a couple comments in your editorial. While I would be alarmed if it were true, I am not aware of any paving (unpermitted or permitted) of any dunes at Kanaha. Where would that have been? Vehicle access to the dunes has not been allowed since the early 1990s. Where and how did the panel assert that this has happened? The statements asserting crushing of native vegetation and pollution from oil are also quite dubious. Have these assertions been validated?

You mentioned the one small dune restoration project that successfully rebuilt the tsunami damage of the dune at central Kanaha. That has been a model project and well supported and maintained by the recreational enthusiasts that frequent that area of Kanaha. I have long advocated for more dune restoration in other areas of Kanaha especially at Uppers where the sand has blown inland and buried the ADA sidewalk. I also advocated for sand back passing at lower Kanaha when the Waste Water Treatment Facility revetment project was under review. It is true that the dunes at Kanaha have been degraded by anthropogenic effects and there is lots we can do to correct this *without restricting recreational access*.

The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to "Provide safe, satisfying and cost effective recreational opportunities for the residents of and visitors to Maui County". A *balanced* panel of experts should include those that hold dear the recreational opportunities that Kanaha provides. Per the mission statement, Parks are for people to recreate. With proper management and education the resource can flourish as well. I know that there is a small contingent who would like to exclude certain recreational activities entirely in the interest of preserving the plants. I would urge you to consider that the feral cats and chickens (who flourish there) are the undoing of the native species - not the people. Kanaha is a beloved and exceptional *recreational* resource and there are 1000s of reasons to ensure that capital improvements *enhance the recreational opportunities* for current and future generations..

Also, as you probably know, the walking tour of Kanaha Beach Park that was scheduled for August 21st by County of Maui Capital Improvements Project Coordinator Karla Peters, has been rescheduled to a yet-to-be-determined date in late September. I would like to request a deferral of further decision making until after we have a chance to conduct the walking tour.

In the meantime please consider scheduling another panel of experts that can testify to your committee about the exemplary recreational opportunities at Kanaha and the good work that these groups also do at the park.

Mahalo and aloha,

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