

ADEPT Committee

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Subject: FW: Kula Kai wetlands (Waipuilani and Kulanihakoi Gulch and Waipuilani Beach Reserve)

Brandi Corpuz.

Sent this to committee members of the committee. This is great to be shared in our Granicus system for the community.

Thank you Brandi.

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Aloha Councilwoman Yuki Lei Sugimuri,

As you requested I would like to provide you with the TMKs and associated numbers I spoke about in my presentation on Thursday concerning Resolution 23-146.

The TMKs are as follows;

Kulanihakoi Gulch tax map key # 8,9,91.

8. (2) 3-9-001:162 Peter Savio Growth Kenolio

9. (2)3-9-001:164 Peter Savio Growth Kenolio

91. (2)3-9-062:019 Peter Savio Growth Kenolio

These parcels are undeveloped and are the wetlands that are in the most urgent need of protection. Property owner has caused damage and received violations of their permit.

Waipuilani Gulch tax map key #6,89,90

6. (2)3-9-001:007 Peter Savio Kihei Wailani

89. (2)3-9-058:061 Savio Growth

90. (2)3-9-059:001 Savio Growth

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The Waipuilani Beach Reserve tax map key
#34,35,40,42,48,50,51,54,55,56,57,58,68.

These TMK are currently owned by the State and have been in limbo for a long time. The reason for us wanting the Conservation Planning Committee to make a recommendation about this Beach Reserve is because these lands especially #34, #35 have had very little oversight from the State and they are a valuable part of our Kula Kai wetlands system. This beach reserve is the very last defense to retain and filter water before all the mud, silt and debris goes straight into the ocean below.

It is our hope that once these lands are transferred to the County, then we can have continuity and protections of these resources from one government entity. As it stands now the state owns this part of the beach reserve and the county owns most of the rest. #34 and 35 has been set to be transferred for more than a decade as an easement for Parks and Rec and the rest of these Beach Reserve lands have been waiting to be transferred to the County from 2018-19.

Some property owners along the State and County owned Beach Reserve parcels have a habit of just doing whatever they want on these valued wetlands. Things like planting non-native plants and trees, opening up the sand dune plug to let the wetlands drain into the ocean and building on top of the dunes are just a few of what I have witnessed. These actions could cause further damages to our fragile ecosystem.

It is our sincere belief that the CPC can make a recommendation for the entire Waipuilani/Government Beach Reserve to be owned by the County so that it can be managed properly with one owner and an aina-minded restoration and protective plan.

I appreciate your support and inquiry for further information about these very important wetlands of Kula Kai. I do believe that all of our proposed wetlands are important to map and to be looked at by the CPC for recommendations.

The Gulches I have listed were recommended to this County Council, Mayor Bissen, Mayor Victorino and South Maui CPAC by myself, the Wetlands Hui, Kelly King, Kihei Community Association, Sierra Club and many other community members and Local organizations.

The acquisition and protections of these Gulches were also supported by Jordan Molina (Public Works/ CPC) in a meeting concerning our wetlands protections.

Please help us protect our wetlands and vote to send these valuable resources to the Conservation Planning Committee for a closer look and recommendations.

Sincerely, Brandi Corpuz
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