



DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

Ka 'Ōhana Mālama Kumuwaiwai 'Ōiwi | Ke Kalana O Maui

ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

In 2022, Maui County residents voted to amend the Maui County Charter establishing a new Department of 'Ōiwi Resources.

Effective July 1, 2024, "There shall be a Department of 'Ōiwi Resources consisting of a Director of 'Ōiwi Resources and the necessary staff."

The director of the new department, "shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council," with qualifications including:

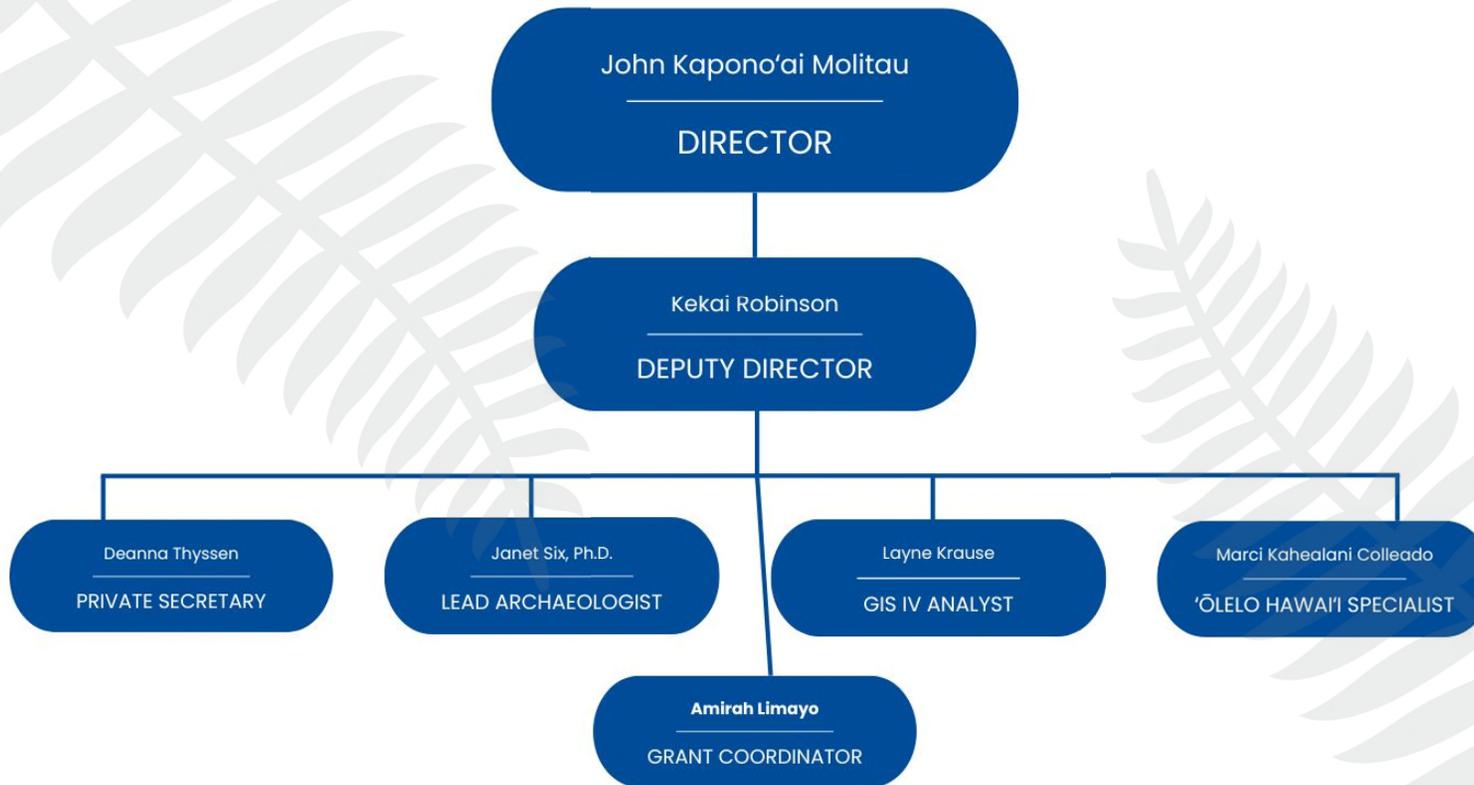
- experience in native Hawaiian cultural resource management
- experience in native Hawaiian cultural practices in the county
- proficiency in Hawaiian language
- five years of leadership experience

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- Native Hawaiian Cultural Resource Management
- Native Hawaiian Cultural Protocol
- Proficient In ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i
- Leadership Experience



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FY2025



FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

Although the functions of the *department* are not clarified in the charter, the powers, duties, and function of the *director* are:

1. Be the administrative head of the department
2. Collaborate with the Mayor, the executive branch, and the council to ensure proper management of 'ōiwi resources throughout Maui County
3. Design and implement programs to care for and develop 'ōiwi resources
4. Guide the county in the correct usage of the Hawaiian language, including place names, and the integration of Hawaiian language in county functions
5. Promote healthy ecosystems through natural-cultural resources regeneration, protection, and sustainable utilization
6. Advise state and federal agencies on all programs and projects that affect 'ōiwi resources in Maui County
7. Report to the Mayor and Council annually on the county's overall performance in meeting 'Ōiwi Resources objectives and any issues that could be addressed by ordinance
8. Perform other duties and functions as assigned by the Mayor or Managing Director

ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT

- SETTLE INTO THE SPACE
- ENVISION THE FRAMEWORK
- SET GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- HIRE STAFF TO ACHIEVE GOALS

CARE FOR 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

- DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO HELP CARE FOR 'ŌIWI RESOURCES COUNTYWIDE
- ADVOCATE FOR LEGISLATION THAT CARES FOR 'ŌIWI RESOURCES
- EMPOWER CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS
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HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE

- GUIDE THE COUNTY IN CORRECT USAGE OF HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE
- CORRECT USAGE OF PLACE NAMES
- INTEGRATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE INTO COUNTY FUNCTIONS

COLLABORATION

- SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVE GOALS
- SUPPORT COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS AS APPROPRIATE
- BUILD INTERDEPARTMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS
- ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- ENGAGE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

DO'ŌR FUNCTIONS

PLANNING

- GENERAL PLAN REVISIONS, LONG-RANGE PLANNING, CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
- COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAYOR
- GET DHHL INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW
- PLANNING COMMITTEE EX OFFICIO RESOURCE

HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

- PROMOTE HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS
- CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES FOR HOLISTIC REGENERATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
- PROTECT NATURAL CULTURAL RESOURCES
- RIGHTS OF NATURE ADVOCACY

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- SERVE AS A CULTURAL RESOURCE FOR COUNTY PROGRAMS
- PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AREAS OF MAUI
- PROVIDE CULTURAL EDUCATION, TRAINING, GUIDANCE TO COUNTY AND COMMUNITY

PRESERVATION & PROTECTION

- WAHI KUPAPA'U
- WAHI PANA
- REPOSITORY FOR CULTURAL ARTIFACTS
- SAFEGUARD HERITAGE
- NATURAL CULTURAL SPACES AND SPECIES

**KA 'OIHANA
KUMUWAIWAI
'ŌIWI**

DEPARTMENT OF
'ŌIWI RESOURCES

COUNTY OF MAUI

KĪPUKA DIVISION

Hālau Lahaina molale malu i ka 'ulu

Safeguard and steward lands of concentrated natural and cultural importance to ensure enduring access to healthy natural resources and spaces where our community may thrive.

KUMUWAIOLA DIVISION

He 'iewe ia 'ā he 'iewe ka moku

Champion and preserve the life-giving, life-sustaining elements of the natural world by defending and amplifying the conditions essential to healthy ecocultural landscapes and vibrant native cultural resources.

PAI KA LEO DIVISION

'O waha lau ali'i, 'o kāhi i waiho ai ka hua 'ōlelo

Revitalize the use of Hawaiian language in government and in our community in sincerity and fidelity to both official languages of Hawai'i - English and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.



KĪPUKA DIVISION - 'ŌIWI STRONGHOLDS

MANA'O: Kīpuka: a calm place in high seas; a deep place of sanctuary in a shoal; a break in the clouds; an oasis in a lava bed that houses new growth; a clearing in the forest.

MISSION: Safeguard and steward lands of concentrated natural and cultural importance to ensure enduring access to healthy natural resources and spaces where our community may thrive.

GOALS: Moku'ula/Mokuhinia, Hālau of 'Ōiwi Arts, Loko O Nalehu, Mapūlehu, Kaulahao, Hāmākuapoko Kai, Ho'okipa, Open Spaces, 'Āina for Natural-Cultural Resources, Wahi Pana Designation for County Lands (Parks), Cultural Heritage Center (In Conjunction with Artifacts Repository), Hybrid Cultural-Archeological Monitoring Certification, Annual County CIP Review, Annual GET DHHL Infrastructure Review and Recommendations, Maui Planning Commission Ex Officio, Department of 'Ōiwi Resources Countywide Advisory



KUMUWAIOLA DIVISION - 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

MANA'O: Kumuwaiola: a watercourse or stream; the source of life; the fountain of all creation.

MISSION: Champion and preserve the life-giving, life-sustaining elements of the natural world by defending and amplifying the conditions essential to ecocultural landscapes and vital native cultural resources.

GOALS: Nature's Rights Advocacy, Amplifying the Voice of the Elements, Support Hawaiian Cultural Practitioners, Cultural Resources Inventory, Revitalizing Past Cultural Resources, Extending Potential Future Cultural Resources, Cultural Overlay Mapping, Artifacts Repository and Preservation, Disaster Recovery Support for Natural-Cultural Resources, Holistic Approach to Sustainability and Resiliency, Protective Legislation for Natural-Cultural Elements and Healthy Environments, Iwi Kūpuna Training for County Employees, Hawaiian Culture/Language Education for County Employees and Maui Community



PAI KA LEO DIVISION - 'ŌIWI VOICES

MANA'O: Pai Ka Leo: to empower and uplift native Hawaiian voices; to activate and engage in Hawaiian language.

MISSION: To revive and reinvigorate the use of Hawaiian language in government and in our larger community in sincerity and fidelity to both official languages of Hawai'i - English and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

GOALS: Bilingual Hawaiian Government, Translation of Official Government Documents, Educational Workshops in Hawaiian Culture and Hawaiian Language for Maui County Employees, Educational Workshops and Resources in Hawaiian Culture and Hawaiian Language for the Maui Nui Community, Recognize Hawaiian Cultural Events, Historical Remembrances, and Hawaiian Cultural Dates of Importance, Hawaiian Cultural Resources and Informational Databases, Research and Audit of Cultural Impact Surveys

'OIHANA KUMUWAIWAI MĀLAMA 'ŌIWI DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE



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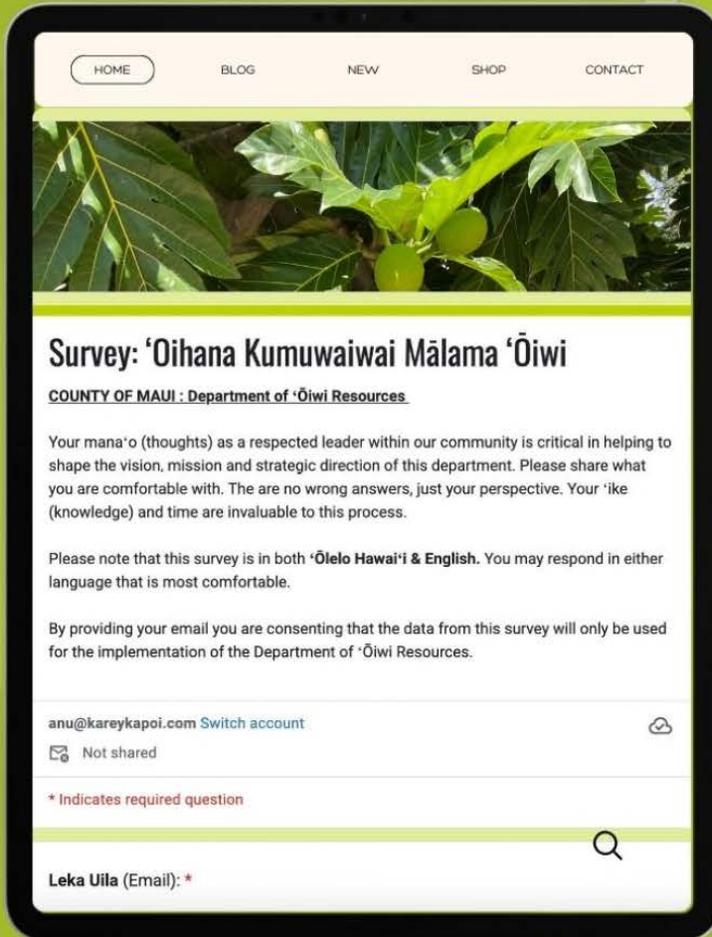


Pono Fernandez



Isaiah Souza

KAREY  KAPOI



SURVEY/INTERVIEWS



COUNCIL MEMBERS,
COUNTY
STAFF/DIRECTORS,
COMMUNITY LEADERS
CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS
& DEVELOPERS

UPCOMING FOCUS
GROUPS:

- KUMU HULA
- LAHAINA
- STATE/FEDERAL LEADERS

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LINK TO SURVEY



PLEASE SHARE YOUR MO'OLELO AND MANA'O WITH US.

TIMELINE

PEPELUALI

ANALYZING AND INTERPRET FEEDBACK

- Close survey END-February
- Complete one-on-one interviews.
- Identify 3-5 Strategic Priorities.
- First Draft of Strategic Plan

MALAKI

REFINE PLAN AND BEGIN GRAPHIC DESIGN

- Work with Department to finalize draft.
- Execute graphic design

Leah Santos - Graphic Designer



'APELILA

EVALUATION PROCESS

- Develop an evaluation process monitor and track progress of Strategic Plan
- Continued review, discuss and revise the draft
- Produce and submit final Strategic Plan with associated support documents.

‘ŌIWI FISCAL PRIORITIES FOR 2025

- I. Define and communicate to the community, as well as our local, state, and federal partners, our mission, vision, values, strategic goals, priorities, priority projects, objectives, and plans for the coming years.
- II. Establish the department, our office, staff, online presence, and educational outreach. This includes networking with community partners and organizations and meeting with all other County of Maui department heads, council members, boards and commissions to discuss our collaboration together and the needs of the community that we serve.
- III. **Advocate for the preservation and protection of ‘ōiwi resources countywide** by supporting native Hawaiian practitioners, natural cultural resource planning and implementation, hazard mitigation planning and implementation, contributing to disaster recovery efforts after the August 2023 wildfires, reinforcing bilingual government proceedings in Maui County, and offering authentic advice for government decision-makers from a Hawaiian cultural perspective.
- IV. **Generate, with prudent advice, a sound financial blueprint for the Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources** for the coming years. Solicit grant funds to support Maui County community projects and confer grant awards to community partners supporting work that aligns with the Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources’ strategy, mission, vision, values, goals and objectives.
- V. Participate in changes to legislation, laws, ordinances, commissions, boards, and councils that affect ‘ōiwi resources as outlined in Kīpuka, Kumuwaiola, and Pai Ka Leo divisions as described.

FY2026 BUDGET REQUEST

DIRECTOR

LEAD
ARCHAEOLOGIST

ASSISTANT
ARCHAEOLOGIST

GIS ANALYST IV
FIELD ARCHAEOLOGIST

CULTURAL-ARCHAEOLOGICAL
MONITOR/INTERNS

DEPUTY
DIRECTOR

PRIVATE
SECRETARY

GRANT
COORDINATOR

SECRETARY II

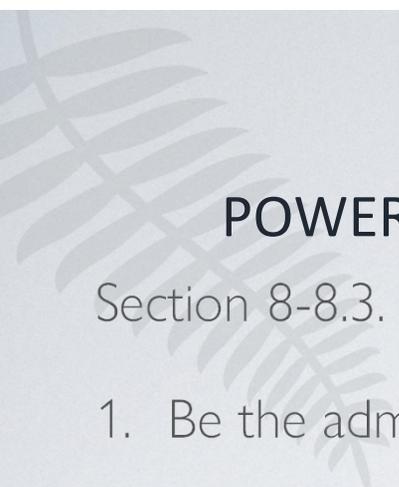
LEGISLATIVE
'ĀINA ADVOCATE

CHIEF HAWAIIAN
PRACTITIONER

'ŌLELO HAWAII
SPECIALIST

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SPECIALIST

INFORMATION
EDUCATION SPECIALIST



**MAUI COUNTY CHARTER, SECTION 8-8.3.
POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR**

Section 8-8.3. states that the Planning Director shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the Department of Planning.
 2. Serve as the chief planning officer of the county and as the technical advisor to the Mayor, Council, and Planning Commissions on all planning and related matters.
 3. Recommend revisions of the general plan at least every ten years to guide the development of the county, ***in collaboration with the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources.***
 4. Prepare, administer, and enforce long-range planning programs, ***in collaboration with the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources.***
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MAUI COUNTY CHARTER, SECTION 8-8.3. POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR

Section 8-8.3. continues,

5. Prepare, administer, and enforce a cultural resource management plan, ***in collaboration with the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources.***
6. Prepare, administer, and enforce zoning ordinances, zoning maps, and regulations and any amendments or modifications thereto.
7. Review the lists of proposed capital improvements projects contemplated by the county and recommend the order of their priority to the Mayor, ***in collaboration with the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources.***
8. Perform such other duties and functions as shall be required by law or shall be assigned by the Mayor. **(Amended July 1, 2024)**



MAUI COUNTY CHARTER, SECTION 8-8.4.
INITIAL PARAGRAPH, PLANNING COMMISSIONS

Section 8-8.4, effective July 1, 2024, shall read as follows:

Section 8-8.4. Planning Commissions. Each planning commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The members of each planning commission shall be residents of the island of the planning commission on which the member serves. The directors of the departments of ***‘Ōiwi Resources***, public works, environmental management, and water supply shall be non-voting ex-officio members of each commission. (Amended July 1, 2024)



KAA Committee

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Aloha KA'Ā committee,

Please find attached the powerpoint presentation for the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources.

Director Kumu Kaponō'ai Molitau and Deputy Director Kekai Robinson will be in the galley.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Happy Blessed New Year!

Mahalo Nui & I lā maika'i
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