

## AH Committee

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**To:** AH Committee  
**Cc:** Christi A. Keliikoa; Angela R. Lucero  
**Subject:** AH-17(12) Presentation by DHHL on Opportunities in Affordable Housing  
**Attachments:** MemoDHHL.pdf; DHHL Honokowai - Aila.Matsunaga.pdf

Hello AH Committee,

I hope this email finds you well. Please find the attached informational documents related to AH-17(12).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

Tamara

August 19, 2020

MEMO TO: AH-17(12)

FROM: TAMARA PALTIN  
Councilmember

**SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT  
RELATING TO PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN  
HOME LANDS ON OPPORTUNITIES IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING (AH-  
17(12))**

The attached informational document pertaining to Item AH-17(12)  
on the Committee's agenda.

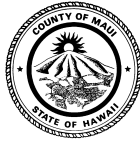
Attachment

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**SUBJECT: Presentation by the Department of Hawaiian Home  
Lands on Opportunities in Affordable Housing  
(AH-17(12))**

Aloha mai e William a me Stewart,

I recently inquired with Commissioner Awo and Blossom Feiteira on the progress of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) project for agricultural lots in Honokowai.

As a follow up those brief conversations, I'd like to add the following, as my overall understanding of upcoming DHHL projects.

According to the DHHL online list of applicants for Maui (up to December 31, 2018), there are 4,709 persons on the Agricultural list, as well as 3,819 persons on the Residential list.

Also, the 2004 DHHL Maui Island Plan states, "Baseline data and analysis indicate that the 777-acre tract has approximately 500 acres of suitable land for homestead development, and could accommodate the (proposed) 411 residential units."

In 2018, DHHL reported it would start the master planning process for lands in Honokowai (see attachment). During that year, a consultation with beneficiaries to discuss water availability and usage, resulted in a report to the Hawaiian Homes Commission that concluded there is sufficient water for development in Honokowai, as well as for a build-out of Leiali'i I-B.

Then, the 2020 beneficiary consultation report stated that Honokowai may accommodate an array of single-family, multi-family, ½-acre community subsistence, or individual one acre lots. Other reports also indicate that there will be 250 homes in the Leiali'i Phase 2 project. In addition to those, there are plans of neighboring developments – Pulelehua, Ka'anapali 2020, and Ka'anapali Coffee Farms. Therefore, the earliest development of Honokowai for its most ample inventory is highly desirable.

As such, I would like to support, urge, and encourage focused attention to the timeline of the Honokowai homestead community by proposing renewal of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' mid-1980s Accelerated Lease Awards Program to ensure that this project is realized earlier than the now-projected late 2023/early 2024. This achievement would free up many other homes throughout the County, as well as afford owners an affordable home in perpetuity.

With so many DHHL residential plans on the front burner, I also recommend that a beneficiary organization and/or a beneficiary nonprofit be considered to drive this West Maui initiative. For example, the Maui-Lana'i Mokupuni Council (a consortium of 17 homelands entities) and/or Pa'upena Community Development Corporation. Support of either or both of those entities would be appreciated, as they could potentially participate in funding efforts, especially with regards to Experimental & Development Funds available through the County.

Please call my office at (808) 270-5504 with any questions about these recommendations. Mahalo nui for your consideration in the effort to meet West Maui's urgent housing needs.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tamara D. M. Paltin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tamara" being the most prominent.

TAMARA PALTIN  
Councilmember

From Master Plan & Environmental Review (DHHL website):

Anticipated Timeframe	Honokōwai Development Schedule
Oct. 2019	Collection of pre-assessment consultation information
Oct. 2019-March 2020	Data collection for preparation of technical studies and Master plan concept
Feb. 2020	Beneficiary Consultation Meeting #2
Jan./Feb. 2020	Selection of Preferred Master Plan (MP)
Spring 2020	Beneficiary Consultation Meeting #3
Spring 2020	Presentation of Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and MP to the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC)
Spring 2020	Publish Draft EA in <a href="#">The Environmental Notice</a>
Summer 2020	Public comment period Draft EA (the comment period lasts for 30 days from the date the Draft EA is published in The Environmental Notice)
Fall 2020	Presentation of Final EA to HHC, request HHC approval
Fall 2020	Publish Final EA, <a href="#">The Environmental Notice</a>

From Beneficiary Consultation #2 (02/2020):

