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STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

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ENTER INFORMATION IN THE FIELDS PROVIDED.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:

Malama O Puna

2. PERSON TO CONTACT:

Eileen O'Hara

3. CONTRACT NO.:

c 011357 Resolution 241-23

4. CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT: \$ 53,200.00

5. PROJECT NAME (same name used on contract):

Wai'ele Stewardship Plan

6. PROJECT PERIOD: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

7. PROGRESS REPORT PERIOD: July 1, 2023 - Feb. 1, 2024

8. PROJECT LOCATION (list all TMKs from the contract):

1-4-3:003 & 1-4-3:037

9. CERTIFICATION:

The Applicant certifies that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: Eileen O'Hara

TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: Executive Director

SIGNED: M. Eileen O'Hara
Eileen O'Hara

DATE: 02/15/2024

A. PROJECT OVERVIEW:

B. PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

C. PROJECT CHALLENGES

D. FUTURE PLANS RELATING TO THE PROJECT

E. PHOTOGRAPHS, MAPS, AND OTHER EXHIBITS *(These must be attached at the end of the report as a Word document. If you attach photos, be sure to caption each photo with a date and subject. If it is a group picture, please identify the group and date photo was taken. No need to name the individuals in the photo. There is no need for the same location maps that were attached in the original application. Maps can be sketches and/or drone photos illustrating before and after activities.)*

SECTION A – PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

With regard to accomplishments made on the six objectives listed above:

1) MOP was made to understand that the County would contract for an archaeology study. It was later discussed and MOP has applied for funds in the FY2024-25 Stewardship grant cycle to hire the consultant to conduct the study.

2) Between 11/14/23 and 2/1/24, contractors Jon Rathbun and William Stein conducted five visits to Wai'e. They worked to calibrate GPS and GIS information systems with vegetation communities, establishing and walking transects, investigating rare and unusual species, taking baseline data, and completing presence collections. A draft botanical survey has been written. This task is ahead of schedule

3) Between 8/16/23 and 2/6/24, contractor Diga Kern conducted regularly scheduled LFA testing and treatment every 6 weeks along the SW border and removed invasive trees to minimize tree-to-tree contact. On 12/26/23, a new incursion was found on the NE boundary with Kahuwai, near the "hau road." Recent testing (2/6) revealed extensive LFA incursion up to 40 feet across the barrier along 100 feet of the trail likely due to high winds. No organized work has happened with regard to invasive plant species since we have been waiting to consult with the botanists about any emergent problems with aggressive species. A patch of 'arthrostema', an aggressive invasive, was treated with herbicide by a volunteer as an in-kind donation.

4) A major volunteer beach cleanup event was held on 12/31/23. Working with Keone Kalawe, one of the members of the Steering Committee, and 27 volunteers mostly from the Koa'e Community Association volunteers to remove 1500lbs of trash. A short edited video of the event is available on MOPs YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPv9ugA9WJw>).

5) On 12/29/23, contractor Diga Kern was joined by a volunteer used chainsaw and hand tools to clear the trail for the marine debris removal event, also planting ten more donated red ti plants to improve the trail marking system. Using a compass, work was begun to break a new trail for the mauka section bringing the trail onto the new property boundaries. On 1/26, using GPS tools two more property pins were found. The County has indicated it will have its surveyor re-stake the property this year.

6) The three members of the steering committee, Keone Kalawe, Iopa Maunakea, and Leila Kealaoha met with the MOP treasurer and executive director for an initial visioning meeting to commence activities on the Wai'e. The steering committee also reviewed the FY 2024-25 submission and provided input. Keone also helped to supervise the marine debris clean-up and trail maintenance work.

SECTION C - FUTURE PLANS RELATING TO THE PROJECT

With regard to the projects stated objectives:

- 1) MOP pursued a bid from a local contractor to complete the archaeology study which was used to develop a stewardship grant application for FY 2024-25. The consultant will also provide a curriculum package to help train new and young volunteers in identification and preservation of culturally significant sites.
- 2) The final botanical study will include maps and possibly baseline data on QLB damage and outline of future lichen study. Category is expected to complete within budget and ahead of schedule, and with a solid and thorough study published.
- 3) In the remaining 4.5 months, the entire boundary of the Wai'ele will be tested for LFA and control work will be expedited on any currently unidentified incursions. This work shall be completed within budget and on schedule. Related new trail work will be done to provide access to all the boundary areas. Additional work on invasive plant species will be done as the botanical study wraps up.
- 4) A similar event will be held at the summer solstice in June to remove new accumulations.
- 5) Within the next month, a team of three contractors and one volunteer will spend a day exclusively on property boundary determination. This will be followed by two contractors working to break rough trails along all of the currently inaccessible boundaries, in order to facilitate LFA testing. At least one more main trail clearing will take place preceding the summer solstice marine debris removal. For signage, Keone Kalawe will be consulted in the development of a Wai'ele lands text/image, although procurement of all signage may not be possible until after the archaeological study is completed which is a year out.
- 6) The Steering Committee members will continue to meet with the MOP treasurer, executive director and coordinating contractor (Diga Kern). This group will continue to work on defining and articulating the roles of the Steering Committee member which is perceived as a hierarchy with lineal descendants at the top tier, with parcel owners in close proximity as a second tier and the rest of the community as the lowest tier. Protocols for assigning roles in the Steering Committee will be developed.

F. PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR CONTRACT NO.

(Use the table format below for details on your project's activities. Use more than 1 page, if needed. See examples in Instructions.)

Type of Activity	Completion Date and/or % Complete	Contractors/Collaborators

F. PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR CONTRACT NO. (Continued)

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G. PROJECT RECEIPTS (GRANT FUNDS ONLY) FOR CONTRACT NO.

(Please be prepared to provide documentation upon request to the Dept. of Finance.)

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H. IN-KIND SERVICES AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR CONTRACT NO.

(Use additional pages, if needed. See Instructions.)

Date	Activity	Person/Organization	# of Participants	Calculation of In-Kind Value	Other Resources
TOTAL OF IN-KIND VALUES AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR REPORTING PERIOD					

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I. EQUIPMENT INVENTORY $\geq$ \$1,000.00 (GRANT FUNDS ONLY) FOR CONTRACT NO.

(Attach copy of any warranty documents.)

Item Description	Cost	Purchase Date	Model/Serial No.	Location
TOTAL COST				