

1 SOUTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
2 ACTION COMMITTEE
3 COUNTY OF HAWAII

4 FINAL MINUTES
5 October 28, 2024

6 **CALL TO ORDER**

7 Chair Tristie Licoan called the South Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP) Action
8 Committee (AC) to order at 5:09 p.m. A quorum was established with six members in attendance.
9 This meeting was held in person at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Kūhiō Hale in
10 Waimea.

11 The full YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:
12 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3n4QFopMDmU>

13 **ROLL CALL**

14 Members Present (in person): Tristie Licoan (Chair), Scott Nagata (Vice-Chair), Julia Alos,
15 William Sanborn, and Pete Hendricks

16 Members Present (via Zoom): Ruth Smith and Kevin McLaughlin

17 Members Absent: Karen Anderson

18 County Staff Present (in person): Maryam Palma, Jessica Lahip, and Janice Hata

19 There were approximately twenty-three members of the public in attendance (seventeen in person
20 and five via Zoom).

21 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 3:05]

22 Committee member Julia Alos moved to approve the June 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair
23 Scott Nagata seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the amendment to correct
24 Mr. Nagata's name on line 70.

25 Committee member Alos moved to approve the September 23, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair
26 Nagata seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with amendments to change "name
27 unknown" to "Pua Case" on line 60 and to "Lloyd Case" on line 61.

28 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 6:10]

29 There were no public comments at this time.

30 **BUSINESS**

31 **1. Final Draft General Plan 2045** – Discussion and decision making on submitting
32 testimony to the Leeward Planning Commission regarding the Draft General Plan.

33 This item was called to order 5:18 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 8:10 & 1:34:45]

34 Committee member Ruth Smith noted that in the Waikoloa Village Plan section, items 2.1 and 3.1
35 should be struck out from Communication No. 2024-03.

36 Committee member Smith moved to submit Communication No. 2024-03 (as amended) and
37 Communication No. 2019-10 regarding the General Plan, to the Leeward Planning Commission.
38 Planning Department staff will prepare a cover letter to accompany these communications, which
39 will collectively be forwarded the to the Leeward Planning Commission. The motion was seconded
40 by Chair Tristie Licoan and passed unanimously.

41 Committee member Julia Alos also noted that the County Council needs to lead in working with
42 the community to complete action priorities in the South Kohala CDP document.

43 Jojo Tanimoto testimony [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 18:55*]

44 This item closed at 5:32 p.m.

45 **2. Water Resources Permitted Interaction Group (P.I.G.)** – Discussion and decision-making
46 on whether to form a Permitted Interaction Group regarding community concerns related to
47 water resources available for the area as noted in the South Kohala Community Development
48 Plan.

49 This item was called to order at 5:32 p.m. [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 23:28*]

50 Vice-Chair Nagata opened the discussion, noting that concerns over the water situation in South
51 Kohala were raised at the last meeting. He mentioned efforts to reach out to the Department of
52 Water Supply (DWS), but received no response so far, though outreach will continue.

53 Planner Maryam Palma briefed the Action Committee (AC) and the community on the setup of a
54 Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), consisting of 3-4 AC members to engage with community
55 partners without a set timeline. Decision-making on the report will occur at the third meeting after
56 the report is presented.

57 Vice-Chair Nagata moved to create the PIG., with committee member Alos seconding the
58 motion. However, the purpose and scope of the PIG. were not clearly defined at this time, so the
59 item was deferred to the next meeting.

60 Motion made by committee member Pete Hendricks, seconded by committee member William
61 Sanborn to defer this item to the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

62 James Kong testimony [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 34:15*]

63 Jojo Tanimoto testimony [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 35:24*]

64 Momi Naughton testimony [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 37:53*]

65 Maulili Dickson testimony [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 41:55*]

66 Edith Kawai testimony [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 46:20*]

67 Owana Wilcox [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 49:13*]

68 Jojo Tanimoto testimony [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 50:31*]

69 James Hustace [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 52:14*]

70 Maulili Dickson [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 53:13]
 71 Momi Naughton testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 54:13]
 72 James Hustace testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 55:33]
 73 Edith Kawai [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 56:35]
 74 James Kong testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 57:44]
 75 Momi Naughton testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 58:12]
 76 This item closed at 6:37 p.m.

77 **3. Industries Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)** – Discussion and decision-making on
 78 whether to form a Permitted Interaction Group to find ways to support budding industries in
 79 the region in alignment with the South Kohala Community Development Plan.

80 This item was called to order at 6:37 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:28:20]
 81 Committee member Alos made a motion to defer item to the next meeting. The motion was
 82 seconded by committee member Pete Hendricks. The motion passed unanimously. This item was
 83 deferred to the next meeting.

84 This item closed at 6:42 p.m.

85 **PROPOSED NEW BUSINESS** [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:47:22]
 86 Committee members discussed adding the following items to the next meeting’s agenda.

- 87 • Water Resources Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)
- 88 • Industries Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)
- 89 • Communication No. 2019-10 Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)

90 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:48:35]
 91 • The Planning Department is currently seeking applicants for the South Kohala Action
 92 Committee and is requesting assistance to get the word out to interested community
 93 members. The application can be found on the Mayor’s office website at:
 94 <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application>

95 **ADJOURNMENT**
 96 Chair Licoan adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

97 These minutes and all related documents are available in the Planning Department’s South Kohala
 98 Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the County of Hawai‘i [Public](#)
 99 [Documents Repository](#). These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department
 100 by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiicounty.gov.