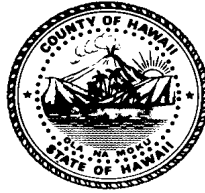


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following matters to be considered by the South Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 92-3.7 and 92-7, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). This meeting will be held in-person at the location listed in this notice and by Interactive Conference Technology (ICT) through Zoom.

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025

TIME: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Waikōloa Village Association Community Room
68-1792 Melia Street
Waikōloa Village, HI 96738

ZOOM: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/RevCbk1RRP2OC8kXwARqLw>

INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE TECHNOLOGY (ICT): A meeting held by ICT shall be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication when audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with all members participating in the meeting or with the in-person location identified in this notice. The meeting may reconvene when either audiovisual communication is restored, or audio-only communication is established after an unsuccessful attempt to restore audiovisual communication. If it is not possible to reconvene the meeting as provided in this subsection within 30 minutes after an interruption to communication, the meeting will be automatically terminated.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The public may provide oral testimony at the meeting by joining Zoom or attending in-person at the physical location listed above. Although not required, to register in advance for oral testimony please contact staff at cdp@hawaiicounty.gov or (808) 961-8288. Pursuant to Section 92-3, HRS, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so either at the time the committee takes public statements on the agenda, or at the time the specific agenda item is called. Please note that public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item. In addition, although not required, to ensure timely delivery of written testimony to committee members, it is requested that written testimony be submitted by 4:30 p.m. at least two business days prior to the meeting via email to cdp@hawaiicounty.gov. When submitting written testimony, please specify for which agenda item written testimony is being submitted. All written testimony will be a part of the public record.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – The Committee will consider approving the draft minutes from the January 16, 2025 meeting.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS: Pursuant to Section 92-3, HRS, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so now, or at the time the specific agenda item is called. Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item.

IV. BUSINESS

1. **Puakō Sewer Project Update** – Committee member Karen Anderson will provide an update on the Puakō Sewer Project, with potential committee decision-making.
2. **Waimea Water Resources Community Meeting Update** – Vice-Chair Scott Nagata will report on the Waimea Water Resources Community Meetings held on January 22, 2025 and April 30, 2025 with potential committee decision-making.
3. **Kailapa Firewise Evacuation Plan Update** – Committee member Jojo Tanimoto will provide an update on the Kailapa Community Meeting held on December 27, 2024, with potential committee decision-making.

V. PROPOSED NEW BUSINESS – Committee members will discuss potential agenda items for the next meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mahalo to Pete Hendricks for his time, dedication, and service to the community and the South Kohala CDP Action Committee.
- Council Member James Hustace will provide updates related to the South Kohala Community Development Plan.
- Jeff Darrow has been confirmed as the new Director of the Planning Department as of January 22, 2025.
- A Joint Action Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs meeting was held on February 13, 2025.
- SB869, relating to Community Outreach Boards, has been passed by the full Senate and is awaiting signature by the Governor.
- Environmental Notice Regarding Pololū Trailhead Management Plan:
https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/The_Environmental_Notice/2025-03-23-TEN.pdf
- The Planning Department is seeking applicants for the South Kohala Action Committee and requests assistance in spreading the word to interested community members. The application is available on the Mayor's Office website:
<https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application>
For inquiries, contact Micah Alameda, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, at Micah.Alameda@hawaiicounty.gov or (808) 961-8211.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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The purpose of the public hearings is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the above items. A person desiring to submit oral or written testimony may indicate their name and whether the testimony is on their behalf or as a representative of an organization or individual. Written testimony can be submitted via email or hard copy. Hard copies should include an original and nine copies and be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. two business days prior to the meeting.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service, other reasonable modification, or language interpretation to access this meeting please contact the Planning Department at (808) 961-8288 or cdp@hawaiicounty.gov as soon as possible, but no later than five business days prior to the meeting date, to arrange for accommodations. If a response is received after the five-business days deadline, we will try to obtain the auxiliary aid/service or accommodation, but we cannot guarantee that the request will be fulfilled. “Other reasonable modification” refers to communication methods or devices for people with disabilities who are mentally and/or physically challenged. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawai‘i County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist. (Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawai‘i County Code). A lobbyist means, “any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$275 in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials.” (Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawai‘i County Code). Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720.

SOUTH KOHALA CDP ACTION COMMITTEE
TRISTIE LICOAN, Chair

Meeting Packet QR Code:



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

4 DRAFT MINUTES
5 January 16, 2025

6 **CALL TO ORDER**

7 Vice Chair Scott Nagata 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 Waikōloa Village Association Community Room.

10 The full YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:

11 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5PLVE14p8M>

12 **ROLL CALL**

13 Members Present (in person): Scott Nagata (Vice-Chair), Julia Alos, William Sanborn, and Karen
14 Anderson

15 Members Present (via Zoom): Ruth Smith and Tristie Licoan (Chair)

16 Members Absent: Kevin McLaughlin and Peter Hendricks

17 County Staff Present (in person): Maryam Palma and Jessica Lahip

18 There were approximately fourteen members of the public in attendance (eleven in person and
19 three via Zoom).

20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:50]

21 Chair Licoan moved to approve the October 28, 2024 meeting minutes. Committee member Smith
22 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

23 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:41]

24 Jojo Tanimoto provided testimony. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 4:00]

25 **BUSINESS**

26 **1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair** – Discussion and potential action to elect a Chair and Vice-
27 Chair for the South Kohala CDP Action Committee for 2025.

28 This item was called to order 5:21 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 11:49 & 1:34:45]

29 Committee member Sanborn made a motion to nominate Chair Licoan for Chairperson 2025. The
30 motion was seconded by committee member Alos. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Licoan
31 accepted the role of Chair for 2025.

32 Chair Licoan made a motion to nominate Vice-Chair Nagata for Vice-Chairperson 2025. The
33 motion was seconded by committee member Anderson. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-
34 Chair Nagata accepted the position of Vice-Chair for 2025.

35 This item closed at 5:25 p.m.

2. Testimony at State Legislature Regarding HRS 92 (Sunshine Law) – Presentation by Nancy Pисicchio regarding a drafted bill being introduced to the Legislative Session that could provide Sunshine Law flexibility for CDP Action Committees. Followed by discussion and decision-making to provide testimony to the Legislature.

This item was called to order at 5:25 p.m. [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 16:00 & 1:08:05*]

Nancy Pисicchio from the Kona CDP Action Committee discussed challenges posed by Chapter 92 ("Sunshine Law") on the action committees, which need more flexibility for community interaction. She highlighted past legislative amendments (Chapter 92.81-92.83) and ongoing efforts, led by Senator Dru Kanuha, to further amend the law to improve flexibility and engagement for neighborhood boards and other counties.

John Pelletier from the Kona CDP Action Committee emphasized the proposed benefits, including allowing public input on non-agenda items, holding meetings without a quorum (no decisions made), and enhancing community outreach.

Committee member Anderson inquired about opposition to the bill, to which Nancy responded that she knows of no opposition but noted some defensiveness about the Sunshine Law's quorum rules. She offered to provide updates on the bill's posting.

Committee member Sandborn moved to submit written testimony in support of replicating what the Kona CDP Action Committee already voted to submit and that the South Kohala CDP Action Committee will be updated with the bill numbers once it is released. The motion is seconded by Committee member Alos and passed unanimously.

This item closed at 5:47 p.m.

PROPOSED NEW BUSINESS [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 37:50*]

- Update on Puakō Sewer project
- Water Resources for Waimea (PIG)
- Update on PONC applications in Waimea
- County water flooding study presentation
- Kailapa Fire Wise evacuation plan
- Update on Sunshine Law bill

Edith Kawai and her husband, Maulili Dixon, from the Hawaiian Civic Club board invited everyone to a water meeting focused on respecting and managing water resources. The County Department of Water Supply (DWS) will host an informational presentation with a Q&A session on January 22nd, from 5 to 7 p.m., aiming to address community needs. [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 39:02*]

ANNOUNCEMENTS [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 49:30*]

- Community Meeting: Overview of Waimea County Water. Co-sponsored by Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club and Mauna Kea Education and Awareness:
 - Presentation and Q&A by County DWS
 - Date: January 22, 2025 at 5-7 p.m.
 - Venue: Mana Christian Ohana Kahilu Town Hall

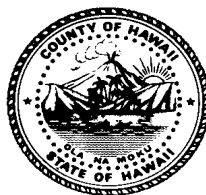
- Kailapa Talk Story Meeting was held on December 27, 2024. The meeting was hosted by Senator Tim Richards and Civil Defense Administrator Talmadge Magno at the Kailapa Community Center to discuss critical topics such as water resources for Kawaihae and the development of an emergency road.
- The Planning Department is currently seeking applicants for the South Kohala Action Committee and is requesting assistance to get the word out to interested community members. The application can be found on the Mayor's office website at: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application>
- The Environmental Notice Waikoloa Drive/Paniolo Avenue Roundabout – Final EA (FONSI):
- Vice-Chair Nagata shared that he attended the South Kohala Traffic Committee meeting, where the State Transportation Department announced that the Waiaka roundabout project is in its final stages. They plan to begin construction in the next couple of months, so preparations for traffic disruptions in the area are expected soon. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:03:35]
https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/The_Environmental_Notice/2025-01-08-TEN.pdf
- The 2025 tentative meeting dates for the South Kohala CDP AC have been issued (See Communication No. 2024-09).
- Committee member Alos, shared the Cherry Blossom Festival in Waimea will be held on February 1, 2025 and the Wiliwili Festival will be held on February 8, 2025 in Waikōloa. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:07:29]
- A community member shared that the Makahiki Festival is also on February 8, 2025. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:07:45]

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Nagata adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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February 19, 2025

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of SB869 SD1: RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS.

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

I am Tristie Licoan and chair of the South Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee. I am writing to ask for your support of SB869 SD1: RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS. On January 16, 2025, the South Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee voted unanimously to support this measure.

Since the creation of the County of Hawaii’s advisory CDP Action Committee Program in 2009 we have had to convene our meetings under the strict regulatory Sunshine Law requirements required of all decision-making bodies, such as the County Council.

HB686 proposes to make minor updates to Part VII Chapter 92.81 related to Neighborhood Boards. In addition, SB869 SD1 proposes the adoption of a new state-wide generic definition for community outreach boards under 92-2 HRS.

The South Kohala CDP Action Committee believes the passage of SB869 SD1 will greatly increase the ability of all Hawai‘i County’s CDP Action Committees to better serve our communities and encourage public participation in local government.

Mahalo,


Tristie Licoan (Feb 19, 2025 08:09 HST)

Tristie Licoan, Chair
South Kohala CDP Action Committee

