

Executive Director's Report

*Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission Meeting
November 21, 2019*

Budget, Finance, and Funding

FY19 Expenditure Report and Budget Variance: The FY2019 End of Year Expenditure and Budget Variance Reports to be presented at the Commission meeting.

Plans, Policies and Procedures

Long-range Scheduling: See the attached long-range schedule.

Administration, Staffing and Personnel

Commissioner Status Update: We have recently received an update from the Governor's Office on Boards and Commission that the following letters have been written by the Governor:

- Appointment of Josh Kaakua to KIRC Chairperson
- Appointment of PKO representative Mikiala Pescaia as Interim KIRC Commissioner

Saumalu Mataafa has been appointed as the Maui County representative as Interim KIRC Commissioner.

Additionally, they have received a letter from OHA requesting the reappointment of Trustee Hulu Lindsey as a KIRC Commissioner. They are planning to submit this letter during the next legislative session.

KIRC Staff Status Update: *Cultural Resource Project Coordinator:* The Cultural Resource Project Coordinator position is still currently vacant. We had received a few applicants and interviewed one potential candidate. Sitting on the interview panel was M. Nahoopii (ED), D. Tokishi (ORPM) and Commissioner Holt. The candidate was offered the position but declined the offer.

Administrative Officer: The Administrative Officer (AO) position is currently vacant. As required in the Governor's Budget directives, we submitted a request to the Governor to fill the AO position immediately after the last commission meeting. The Governor's approval was received on October 21, 2019. Interviews are being scheduled for November 26, 2019.

Capital Improvement, Reserve Operations and Logistics

Kīhei Biosecurity Nursery: RIM, the design contractor, has completed the conceptual designs for the Kīhei Biosecurity Nursery. This project was funded as part of the Native Dryland Forest CIP project as a means to provide seedlings for future plantings. The three-building facility will be located between the current boathouse and South Kīhei Road and consist of a work shed, a mist house to propagate new seedlings and a grow house with the capacity to hold three months' worth of young plants ready for out planting on island. See the attached conceptual drawing.

Native Dryland Forest CIP Project Update: We have completed the first year's planting in the project area of 100 acres and are preparing for the second-year planting efforts. We are also planning to encumber the remainder of the CIP funds to allow for a third year of the project at a reduced level. More details regarding the project can be found in the Restoration Program update.

Government Relations

Legislative Site Visits: Staff hosted Representative Ryan Yamane, Chairperson House Water & Land Committee, and Representative Lynne De Coite on the August Access for an overnight site visit. They were both very impressed by the work of the Native Dryland CIP Project and the improvements made to the Honokanai'a Base Camp.

STATE FUNDED PROJECTS

IN PROGRESS:

Project: Dryland Forest Reforestation

Funder: State of Hawai'i CIP (Capital Improvement Funds)

Term: 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2019 (\$3,000,000; \$1.5M for FY19)

Notes: See ED CIP Update.

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

COMPLETED:

Project: KIRC Virtual Museum Web Interface and Mobile App

Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services

Term: 8/1/2016 - 7/31/2019 (\$49,976)

Notes: Expanded collection, improved mobile app, updated living library software; new release of app on both android and iOS as of July 2019; improvement of Living Library web interface still in progress

Project: Learning 'Āina Through Kaho'olawe and Arts Integration

Funder: Department of Commerce / NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training (BWET) Program

Term: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2019 (\$79,333.40)

Notes: Final report submitted to NOAA, October 2019

Project: Reducing Excessive Sedimentation and Habitat Restoration in the Hakioawa Watershed of Kaho'olawe

Funder: Hawai'i State Department of Health

Term: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019 (\$49,586.34)

Notes: Final Report submitted to DOH in September 2019

IN PROGRESS:

Project: KIRC Virtual Museum Stage 3: Collaborations and Special Collections

Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services

Term: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2020 (\$75,000)

Notes: Awarded to rehouse Navy collection and expand Living Library

Project: Marine Science Education and Training from a Hawaiian Perspective on Kaho'olawe: A Pilot Program for Maui Youth

Funder: NOAA Marine Education and Training Mini-Grant Program

Term: 11/1/2019 - 10/31/2020 (\$15,000)

Notes: Ocean team has met with Maui High School Marine Science Faculty and is developing the curriculum map, including scope and sequence



AWARDED:

Project: Marine Debris Removal from Kanapou on Kaho'olawe

Funder: NOAA / The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Fishing for Energy 2019 Initiative

Term: 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2021 (\$76,025)

Notes: In negotiation regarding final award amount and expected project outcomes

UNDER REVIEW:

Project: Kihei Propagation Facility and Nursery Construction

Funder: Department of the Interior / US Fish and Wildlife Service

Term: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022

Notes: Submitted; in conversation with DOFAW partners regarding possible collaboration in sharing of Sec 6 funding