# Executive Director's Report

Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission Meeting July 1, 2022

# **Budget, Finance, and Funding**

FY22 Expenditure Report and Budget Variance: See attached.

## Plans, Policies and Procedures

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

## Administration, Staffing and Personnel

**Commissioner Status Update:** None

## **KIRC Staff Status Update:**

<u>Ocean Program</u>: The Ocean Program is currently interviewing to fill two Ocean Resource Specialist II positions. The first position is the general funded, full-time position that is currently vacant upon the departure of Courtney Kerr. Courtney departed the KIRC in April 2022 to move to Hawai'i Island. The second position is the grant funded, two-year, temporary US Fish and Wildlife's National Coastal Wetland Conservation (CWC) Grant funded position.

<u>New Staff Positions</u>: Two new general funded, permanent positions were authorized by the legislature in HB1600. We had asked for one Cultural Resource Specialist II position and the House Finance Committee expanded it to two new positions. One position is a Cultural Resource Specialist III position to replace the Culture Resource Project Specialist that was eliminated last year.

For the second position, staff is planning to redescribe and restore the Operations Manager position previously eliminated when KIRC personnel were converted from trust to general funds. The Operations Manager will manage the Reserve Operations personnel, manage all logistics and oversee all boat, vehicle, equipment and base camp operations and maintenance programs. Staff is planning to promote from within the current KIRC staff.

# **Capital Improvement, Reserve Operations and Logistics**

**Base Camp CIP Projects:** HB1600 also authorized \$500,000 in CIP funding for on-island base camp improvements. Staff is currently working on a list of projects for a CIP construction solicitation that would include the following improvements:

- New roofing on all camp buildings except for Hut 10, the dining hall and the galley that have been recently replaced. This project will include gutters and relocating water tanks currently on island to expand the rainwater catchment system in camp.
- Replacement of the current freshwater distribution piping system in camp. The current piping is a mishmash of various piping sizes and added on as the camp was built and expanded. All the old piping and replaced with standard piping and valves.
- Replacement of current camp boardwalks with a rot resistant, composite-based material. The current boardwalk has been deteriorating for years and has become a trip hazard.

- Replacement of current window-mounted air-conditioners and heat pumps. Current window AC units are in the KIRC and Base Camp staff huts. These would be replaced with wall-mounted, high efficiency split AC units that are properly sized for the buildings and located to maximize efficiency. These wall units would be tied to high efficiency heat pumps that would significantly reduce energy consumption.
- Replacement of the LZ-1 shelter. The current shelter would either be replaced with a new shelter, or an additional shelter would be installed at LZ-1 for volunteer use. The current shelter was built in the later `80's and is severely deteriorating. The shelter is used by volunteers and the PKO to escape the sun during their lunch breaks as well as to store water for PKO volunteers on their hikes to Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Iki.

#### **Government Relations**

House Finance Members Access: During the May 2022 access, staff had planned to host four members of the House Finance Committee and their staff for a regular four-day access coordinated by Representative Amy Perusso. The original group included Representatives Perusso, Gandagan, Kapela and Clark, but due to the increase in the Omicron virus variant, only Perusso and staff were able to make it. Plans have already been made to schedule another House Finance Committee trip immediately after the legislative session ends in 2023.

Senate Ways and Means Committee Access: Staff is currently coordinating an overnight access for members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee for August. The plan is to open the base camp the day before bringing the senators over on 'Ōhua. The first day will be spent on a walking tour of the camp, to explain the upgrades planned with the new CIP funding. After lunch the group will head mauka to show the committee the desolate hard pan and the various restoration efforts being implemented. Lastly, the group will tour the current upland infrastructure including roads, water catchment, tanks and irrigation systems. The group will return to Maui via 'Ōhua the following morning.

# KIRC Calendar FY 2022

			Holidays/Events	Base Camp	Ocean	Operations	Restoration	Culture	PKO	Other	KIRC Base	Comments
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3-MONTHS	6-Jun		Memorial, Mon May 30 Kamehameha, Fri Jun 10	Extract (F)			Hariona (10) M-111		Limu Hui (TH-Su)		Lyman	DARK
	13-Jun	19-Jun			Moorings		Wailea CC (10) F-M	Observation (Sa)	Hakioawa (Th-Su)		Carmela	
	20-Jun			Helo Extract (F)	Staff (2)		Grace Bible (10) M-Th	1/ N/ N = 0	Hakioawa (Su-Th)		Maggie	DADK
	27-Jun	3-Jul					July 2022	Kanu Wa`a- F-Su	HCC-Ahupu (Th-Su)		Paul	DARK
	4-Jul	10-Jul	Independence, Mon Jul 4				001y 2022		Ala Loa (Th- Su) Ahupu		Jamie	DARK
		17-Jul	·	Mob (W)			Papio (12) F-M	Mo`okiha (F-Su)	Hakioawa (Th-Su)		Matt	
		24-Jul 31-Jul		Helo Extract (F)			PAF Nalu Studies (13) M-F				Cassie	DARK
	25-Jui	3 1-Jul					August 2022					DAKK
												DARK
		14-Aug		Mob (W)	Staff (3)		Kula Kamali`i o Hanaiaulu (12) F-M		Hakioawa (Th-Su)		Lyman	
	22-Aug		Statehood, Fri Aug 19	Helo Extract (F)			Archaeology Training (12) M-Th Possible Sen Dela Cruz (Tu-Th)		Ala Loa (Th-Su)		Dean	DARK
	29-Aug			Helo Mob/EXT (Tu/Th)			WAM Overnight (15) W-Th				Carmela	Dittit
							September 2022					
			Labor Day, Mon Sep 5				Kanapou Tu-F		Hakioawa (Th-Su)			DARK DARK
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	26-Sep			Mob (W)			PKO Ed (12) F-M		Piko o Wakea (Th-Su)		Matt	
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	17-Oct			Mob (W)			Kaholokalani (12) F-M	Trilogy (Sa)				
	24-Oct	30-Oct		Helo Extract (F)	Staff (3)		Kanapou (6) M-Th					
	31-Oct	6-Nov		Mob (W)	<u> </u>		November 2022 Four Season (12) F-M	Ι	Opening Makahiki (F-Tu)			
				Helo Extract (F)	Staff (3)		MOC (12) M-Th		Ala Loa - Ahupu (Th-Su)			
	14-Nov	20-Nov					· /					DARK
	21-Nov	27-Nov	Thanksgiving, Thu Nov 24				December 2022					DARK
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	5-Dec	11-Dec		Mob (W)	Staff (3)		Lahainaluna (12) F-M		Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
		18-Dec		Helo Extract (F)			KS Kapalama Art (12) M-Th					DADK
	19-Dec		Christmas Obs, Mon Dec 26									DARK DARK
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	2-Jan		New Years Obs, Mon Jan 2	NA 1 (NA)			(40) 5 14	DI (0) 5 M	Hakioawa (Th-Su)			DARK
		15-Jan 22-Jan		Mob (W) Helo Extract (F)	Staff (3)		Mo`olono Access (12) F-M BioChar (12) M-Th	Photog (3) F-M				
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	13-Feb	19-Feb		Mob (W)			Na Koa Sailing Canoe (12) F-M		Closing Makahiki (W-M)			
	20-Feb	26-Feb	President, Mon Feb 20	Helo Extract (F)	Staff (3)		Kapa Sun Gear (12) M-Th					
	27-Feb	5-Mar					March 2023					DARK
		12-Mar		Mob (W)			Waldorf (12) F-M					DARK
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	3-Apr		Good Friday, Fri Apr 7									
		16-Apr 23-Apr			Staff (3)		King Kekaulike Facility (12) F-M		Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
	24-Apr				- (0)		Musician (12) M-Th		The state of the s			
	4.11	7					May 2023					
		7-May 14-May		Mob (W)			Matt Teho (12) F-M					
	15-May			Helo Extract (F)	Staff (3)		House Legs (15) M- Th					
	22-May	28-May							Hakioawa (Th-M)			
	29-May	4-Jun	Memorial, Mon May 29				June 2023					
	5-Jun	11-Jun					Outile 2020					
	12-Jun	18-Jun	Kamehameha, Mon Jun 12				Wailuku Troop 40 (15) F-M					
		25-Jun					Ke Ala Polahiwa (12) M-Th		HCC (Th-Su)			
	26-Jun	2-Jul					July 2023					
	3-Jul		Independence, Tue Jul 4									
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		23-Jul 30-Jul		Helo Extract (F)	Staff (3)		Grace Bible (15) M-Th					
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	31-Jul											
	7-Aug 14-Aug	13-Aug							Hakioawa (Th-Su)			
	21-Aug								Tranioawa (TII-Ou)			

## STATE FUNDED PROJECTS

#### **IN PROGRESS:**

Project: Hakioawa Watershed DOH 5 - Operations and Maintenance

Funder: Hawai'i State Department of Health Term: 3/29/2021 - 9/30/2022 (\$80,665.12)

Notes: Start date was pushed to FY22; new hire is working out well

#### **UNDER REVIEW:**

**Project**: Reducing Excessive Sedimentation and Habitat Restoration in

the Kamōhio Watershed of Kahoʻolawe Funder: Hawai'i State Department of Health

Term: 3 years

Notes: Submitted management plan to DOH for review and approval



# **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

#### **SUBMITTED / UNDER REVIEW:**

Project: Wildfire Fuel Management On Kaho'olawe

Funder: DOI Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance

**Program** 

**Term:** January 2022 - June 2024 (\$855,233)

Notes: Submitted 9/10/2021; assuming we were not awarded but

have not received an official notice

## **IN PROGRESS:**

**Project**: Feral Cat Eradication

Funder: America the Beautiful Program (NFWF) Term: January 2023 - December 2026 (~\$4 million)

Notes: Proposal due 7/21/22

Project: Kanaloa Conversations: The Kaho'olawe Podcast

Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities Term: May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2026 (~\$700,000)

Notes: Proposal due 8/10/22



#### **IN PROGRESS:**

Project: KIRC Virtual Museum Stage 3

Funder: IMLS, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services

Term: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2022 (\$75,000) Notes: In final stages of closeout

Project: Marine Debris Removal from Kanapou on Kaho'olawe Funder: NOAA / NFWF / Fishing for Energy 2019 Initiative

Term: 10/1/2019 - 12/30/2022 (\$76,025)

Notes: Final project activities scheduled for end of 2022

Project: Coastal and Upland Wetland Restoration on Kahoolawe, HI

Funder: NAWCA U.S. Small Grants **Term:** July 2021 - August 2023 (\$100,000) Notes: Work is continuing in project areas

**Project**: KIRC Live-Stream and VR Expedition Project

Funder: IMLS, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services

Term: August 2021 - July 2023 (\$98,405) Notes: Web page development in progress

Project: Enhancing Wetland Soils Using Biochar

Funder: Pacific Birds Joint Venture **Term**: August 2021 - July 2023 (\$10,000)

Notes: Soil samples from biochar plots are being analyzed

Project: Coastal Wetland Enhancement in Honokanai'a

Funder: USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Restoration Program

**Term:** January 2022 - December 2024 (~\$355,531) Notes: Work has begun in the project area

Project: Spreading Aloha 'Āina through Community Engagement

Funder: HTA Aloha 'Āina Program

Term: January 2022 - December 2022 (\$40,000)

**Notes:** Funded at half the request

Project: Going Mobile: Upgrading the Technological Infrastructure

of Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

**Funder**: IMLS, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services

**Term:** July 2022 - June 2024 (\$99,042)

Notes: Project funds hardware upgrade for KIRC offices