

As part of our continued engagement with the community, Kaheawa Wind 1 conducted an Open House on August 14, 2024 to share updates on the wind farm and invite the host community to participate in providing feedback and asking questions as the project progresses through the Stage 3 Award Group process from Hawaiian Electric.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

To promote the Informational Open House at the Maui Economic Development Center in Kīhei, Maui on August 14th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, several efforts were conducted to share the announcement.

# **CANVASSING**

Event flyers were posted in the community and commercial spaces around the project site, including but not limited to, Starbucks, Maui Ocean Center, throughout the Mā'alaea condominium buildings.

### **EARNED & PAID MEDIA**

The meeting announcement was distributed to statewide media outlets with Maui News publishing an online article on July 14th. A print advertisement was also published in the Maui News on Thursday, August 8th, and digital advertisements in Maui Now's online platforms ran for one week leading up the event.

# **EMAIL, TEXT, PHONE**

The invitation was also emailed to stakeholders and community members who opted in to receive news and updates from our website and other community events.

### **SURVEY**

An online survey was made available for public comment from July 8 through September 13, leading up to and after the Open House. At the close of the comment period, three responses were collected to identify and prioritize the aspects of the project and community benefits that were most important to the community.

#### **OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY**

At the Informational Open House, there were 24 people in attendance. After a short welcome from the meeting's organizers, guests had the opportunity to visit with Kaheawa Wind 1 team members who were positioned around the room at five informational stations. A project fact sheet was available to highlight the project scope and benefits, and comment cards were distributed around the room for participants to turn in.

The five informational stations were designed to share information on:

- 1. Project Description
- 2. Project Benefits
- 3. Community Engagement
- 4. Project Timeline
- 5. Environmental & Cultural Considerations

A copy of the presentation boards can be found in the Appendix.

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- Kīhei resident

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Five comment cards were collected at the Informational Open House. The comments and questions are summarized below.

- Has HECO committed to price reductions if Kaheawa Wind 1 produces cheaper electricity?
- Prioritize community projects focused on erosion control, fire hazard reduction, and native plant reintroduction.
- Maui Ocean Center would be interested in purchasing 1.5 MW 2 MW annually and supporting distributed energy infrastructure.
- Enjoyed learning about the project and would appreciate more education about how the turbines work and benefit the community's move to clean energy.
- Request to stop spraying invasive plants along the roadways to avoid harming native plant seedlings. There's a huge problem with thistle.
- A desire for mitigation efforts for invasive plant animal displacement of native wildlife, additional mitigation for hoary bat take, other compensatory measures for bat take and disruption, and finally, a commitment to the Makamaka'ole seabird conservation site.

Feedback from the online survey emphasized that the most important aspects of the project were the protection of native and endangered species, followed by the cost of energy, environmental stewardship, and community benefits. When asked what types of community benefits the community would be interested in, the survey respondents expressed a desire for environmental conservation projects, educational programs, local job opportunities, and infrastructure improvements. Two specific initiatives that respondents wanted to explore were investing in scholarships for students studying wind turbines and focusing on energy career paths. Finally, two respondents expressed that they would like Kaheawa Wind 1 to "take every measure to stop killing sea birds, native birds like nēnē and native bats" and "make the 'take' visible to the public and any mitigation you've done to provide a net benefit to those species."

Please see the Appendix for copies of the comment cards and survey responses.

#### **APPENDIX**

ATTACHMENT 1: OPEN HOUSE INVITATION



## Please join us for an open house and refreshments!

Located at Ukumehame above Mā'alaea Harbor. Kaheawa Wind was recently selected to the Final Award Group for the Stage 3 RFP from Hawaiian Electric to continue operations at the existing wind farm. To continue to serve the island of Maui with

local, clean energy, Kaheawa Wind 1 is hosting a community meeting to share information about the renewable energy project. Guests will have the opportunity to visit various informational booths and provide public comments.

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 RSVP:

Time:

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Malcolm Center

1305 N. Holopono St., Ste 5

Kīhei, HI 96753

Registration is requested, but not required. If you're unable to attend, we welcome you to complete our online survey at kaheawawind.com.

#### ATTACHMENT 2: OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION BOARDS



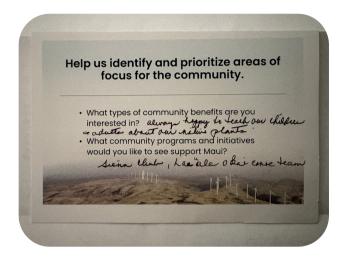


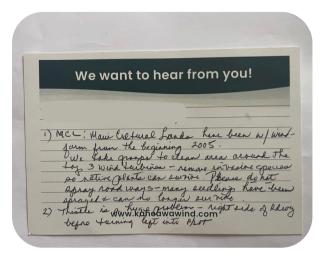






#### ATTACHMENT 3: COMMENT CARDS

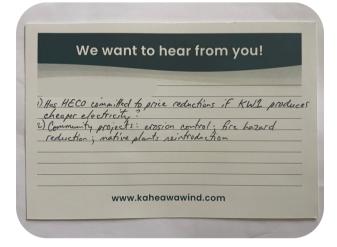




We want to hear from you!

We enjoyed learning about the K. Wind! More Education about how the turbines work and benefit the community's more to Clean energy would be great. Thanks!

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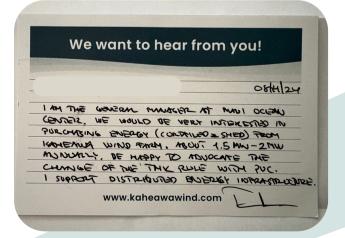
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3. Commitment to Makamaka of e seabird conservation site

4. Other www.kaheawawind.com
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### Kaheawa Wind Community Feedback

What aspects of the wind project are most important to you? Select all that apply.

Protection of native and endangered species

What types of community benefits are you interested in? Select all that apply.

Environmental conservation projects

What community programs and initiatives would you like to see supported on Maui?

I would like to see your company take every single measure possible to stop killing sea birds, native birds like nene and native bats.

How can the project best engage with the community?

take initiative to stop killing native wildlife

to publicly comment on?

Anything else you would like I would like to see your company take every single measure possible to stop killing sea birds, native birds like nene and native bats. Take bold initiative to stop killing native wildlife.

Your Name (optional)

Where are you from or currently reside?

Haiku



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What aspects of the wind project are most important to you? Select all that apply.

Environmental stewardship

Cost of energy

Community benefits

Protection of native and endangered species

What types of community benefits are you interested in? Select all that apply.

Educational programs

Environmental conservation projects

Local job opportunities

What community programs and initiatives would you like to see supported on Maui?

Educational outreach to give students a look at what career paths may be available in this field.

engage with the community? High Schools and community events

to publicly comment on?

Anything else you would like Its hard to find the amount of "take" that has occurred over the years. Make it visible to the public as well as any mitigation you've done to provide a "net benefit" to that species.

Your Name (optional)



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Cost of energy

Protection of native and endangered species

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Educational programs

Infrastructure improvements

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Perhaps a requirement of getting the scholarship would be to work in Hawaii on wind projects for a year or two after getting the degree to help pay back for their scholarship.

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