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CHAIR'S REPORT
PROPOSED INTERNATIONALIZATION OF KAHULUI AIRPORT
By Lance Holter

Recently the Department of Transportation held a public meeting for lengthening the two runways at the Kahului Airport, as well as, the Maui Hotel Association calling upon its members to organize while also calling for the internationalization of Kahului airport, this despite 39 empty bays there and airline bankruptcies. We all know that our environment is our economy and this is the draw which brings visitors from all over the world using our existing facilities. Visitors don't come to Maui for the airport; they come for

the natural wonders. We have seen an invasion of new alien species in the last five years. The stinging little fire ants, Varroa bee mite, Coqui frogs and the Gall wasp to name a few recent arrivals. So far, with the exception of the Coqui tree frog and Gall wasp, we have been able to contain the spread of some invasive species from Oahu and the Big Island with their international airports. I have been asked why the Sierra Club is concerned about the Airport expansion and I hope this December 29, 2004 Maui News Essay by Greg Wescott can give you some answers of why our environment is worth protecting- because it's the economy stupid!

**Hawaii's Ineffective Quarantines Approach Environmental Suicide
A Viewpoint by Greg Wescott**

It's a beautiful day at Papara, Tahiti. Birds sing above the roar of waves on the distant reef. Pure white fairy terns glide across a cloudless blue sky, and in the shade of the trees that grow from the shore to the mountains a light rain is falling – a light rain is always falling. The rain began in 1999 with the arrival of a new bug that Tahitians call the pissing fly. It's a big insect with a voracious appetite for plant liquids and it carries an incurable, fatal plant disease. This insect, also called the Glassy Winged Sharpshooter, is now on Oahu.

As a farmer, I fear what the Sharpshooter could do to my livelihood and to the life of the islands. To learn more I called two experts. Dr. Charles Garnier is with the Tahiti Department of Agriculture. He told me that the insect came to Tahiti from California and quickly spread to the islands of Mo'orea, Huahine, Ra'iata and Borabora. "It attaches itself to the branches of trees, sucks out the tree's liquid, takes the nutrients it needs and pisses out the rest." What trees are affected? "It attacks and weakens all trees." Fruit trees? Forest trees? "All trees – papaya trees shrivel, Noni bear only a few fruit." Is the Sharpshooter in Tahiti infected with disease? "We don't know yet."

In Southern California, the Sharpshooter is a major threat to agriculture. Since its arrival in 1990, it has caused millions of dollars in damage. California has enacted quarantines to confine the Sharpshooter to infected counties. Neighboring states have imposed emergency restrictions on California's agricultural products. In June, \$36 million in federal funds was authorized to deal with the problem.

I spoke to University of California at Riverside entomologist Dr. Mark Hoddle, who works with the Sharpshooter in Tahiti and California. I asked him about the so-called Sharpshooter rain. "Stand under an infested tree and you're wet in a short while – parked cars look like they have been in a car wash. Really, the Sharpshooter attacks all plants with green leaves. In Tahiti I found it in high numbers from the shore to the tops of the highest peaks. Tests in California citrus orchards have recovered 3,000 to 7,000 sharpshooters per tree. But the real threat is the disease they spread. The Sharpshooter is the vector of the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa*, which blocks the xylem – the water- and nutrient-conducting vessels of plants. The bacterium is native to South America but is common on cultivated ornamental plants so, most likely, it is already in Hawaii. My fear is that the Sharpshooter will carry *X. fastidiosa* into native Hawaiian forests where the plants may have no resistance. The disease would not manifest itself for a few years, then an epidemic could occur."

The Sharpshooter is only on Oahu. It can fly just a mile, so it can't reach the other islands on its own. Right now when the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and Department of Transportation should be doing everything possible to confine the sharpshooter to Oahu, it's business as usual. There are no interisland inspections, no public awareness campaigns and uninspected passengers, baggage and cargo come directly to Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii every day from Sharpshooter-infested Los Angeles and San Diego.

The \$800,000 Kahului Airport Pest Risk Assessment, the first scientific evaluation ever of the HDOA-HDOT quarantine system, revealed the magnitude of the threat of alien species at the airport and the failure of the current system. To protect Maui, it concluded, Kahului Airport needed 19 full-time inspectors, three dogs and an air cargo inspection building. Two years later there are five full-time inspectors, no dogs and no inspection building and it's worse on the other islands. There has never been an alien species risk assessment of our harbors. Hawaii is committing environmental suicide. Two years ago I planted an orchard of citrus, mangoes and lychees. Walking among the beautiful young trees, I look up the slopes of Haleakala to the native forest and wonder who'll stop the rain?

Greg Westcott is a full-time farmer on windward Maui. For 15 years he has been an advocate for an effective quarantine system in Hawaii. Currently he is a representative to the Alien Species Action Team, a task force of federal and state agencies mandated to protect Maui.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Kathy McDuff

Maui Group had its annual meeting at the Kaunoa Senior Center on February 7th. Many Sierra Club members as well as community members were there to honor Lisa and Kiope Raymond as the awardees of the prestigious Onipa'a Award. This award is given for outstanding contributions to Maui and its environment over many years. Lisa, who is the Director of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

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and a long time protector of Native Hawaiian plants of Maui Nui, and Kiope, a well-known Hawaiian cultural practitioner and professor of Hawaiian studies and language at MCC who is working to protect sacred Haleakala, certainly deserved this honor. Those present were also fortunate to be able to hear County Planner Dave Michaelson speak about the ongoing General Plan for Maui County. Dave provided a great deal of important information on how the plan is progressing.

We had a service table at the annual Whale Festival on February 21st hosted by Pacific Whale Foundation in Kihei. Since our booth was immediately adjacent to the ocean, we had a front row view of the whales who showed up to put on a beautiful show, and we were able to get our sustainable energy information out to the general public. Lots of people dropped by our table to talk story about our ongoing projects and to educate themselves on the issues we are working on.

On March 14th, we held our annual plant sale fundraiser as part of the Ha'iku Ho'olaulea and Flower Festival at the Ha'iku Community Center. Fundraising is a really important issue this year for all non-profits, especially Maui Group Sierra Club. With the strained economy, funds have been very slow coming in so thank you to everyone who participated in this effort. We hope to continue to offer our educational programs, such as the recent one on alternative energy, and to continue our service events throughout the year. If you have not yet donated to Maui Group this year, we would deeply appreciate your consideration on our behalf.

UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

By Lucienne de Naie

North Shore Heritage Park: Join the fun for Earth Day on April 19th for a photo shoot around the North Shore Park mural. Support the Maui Island Plan (MIP) maps adopted by the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) in late February. These maps include several hundred acres of present and future park/open space makai of existing homes and golf course from Baby Beach (Wawau) to Baldwin Beach Park and makai of Hana Hwy from the existing Baldwin Park to the Paia Youth & Cultural Center. Also included, thanks to public support was land mauka of Hana Hwy to help protect the coastal lands from flooding and runoff. A large expansion of Ho'okipa Park was also proposed. Now the MIP and its maps go to the Maui Planning commission for review and public hearings. To receive alerts sign up at www.mauierraclub.org. Also, please see www.northshorepark.org.

Pali to Puamana Parkway: The dream of an 8 mile parkway makai of any realigned Honoapiilani Hwy route is supported in MIP policies, but the county must negotiate with landowners to secure the makai lands. The proposed Olowalu Village development is proposing hundreds of new houses from the existing Honoapiilani Hwy to the future bypass with a park near Camp Pecusa between the proposed bypass and the existing coastal road. Citizen input to support the parkway can be offered to the Maui Planning Commission.

East Maui Streams: Water has begun to flow regularly in a few East Maui streams after a Sept 2008 settlement of a 7 year old citizen petition to amend (increase) stream flows in 27 East Maui streams. Sierra Club Maui continues to support restored flows in more Maui streams.

'Iao & Waihe'e Stream Restoration: Plans for a proposed water treatment plant (a partnership between A&B and Maui County) using Iao & Waihee stream waters, have been put on hold. In the first half of 2009 a decision is expected to settle legal challenges filed by Hui o Na Wai Eha and Maui Tomorrow on the amount of water that should be returned to the streams. The State PUC also put off a decision on granting Wailuku Water Delivery Co (formerly Wailuku Ag Co) a license to operate a water utility.

Sustainable Energy: Sierra Club activists are pursuing renewable technologies, more energy efficient operations at homes and businesses and laws that support renewable technologies. Check our Sierra Club's Sea Change Hawaii campaign to boost energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions at www.seachangehawaii.org. Sierra Club activists continue to monitor all plans to help shape a viable local renewable energy future for Maui. For more information: www.HawaiiBioFuel.org.

Superferry Update: The superferry Draft EIS was issued and Maui Group and many others offered numerous comments. Concerns about Maui sea life being shipped to O'ahu and other unresolved issues continue. For updates go to www.SaveKahuluiharbor.com.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): Members of Kilakila o Haleakala, a citizen's group urging an alternative site for the 14 story energy hog telescope have been joined by native Hawaiian environmental alliance Kahea and several other groups in questioning the benefits of the telescope plan. Some federal agencies have questions as well. Haleakala was recently recognized internationally as one of Earth's sacred sites. Telescope issues include use of ceded lands, huge size and energy uses of the project and lack of appropriate respect for an internationally recognized sacred site. For more info, go to www.kilakilahaleakala.org.

Honolua Bay development: Discussions between Maui County and Maui Land and Pine continue. The goal is a permanent conservation easement on the lands of Lipoa Point, Honolua Bay and valley. ML&P is asking to add a 60 room hotel and TVR use to around 600 luxury units in the adjoining Kapalua Mauka development. For more updates, go to www.savehonolua.org.

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Wailea 670: The 1400 unit Wailea 670 development has issued an EIS preparation notice which doesn't discuss the endangered species of a native moth and a number of rare plants found on the site. Disappointedly, a habitat preserve area of only 22 acres is being proposed, although native plants now cover an area many times that size. Other questions remain unanswered about water supply, drainage, traffic and emergency access. Comments can be sent in until April 8th. Go to [http://oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov/Shared%20Documents/EA and EIS Online Library/Maui/2000s/2009-03-08-MA-EISPN-Honuauia.pdf](http://oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov/Shared%20Documents/EA%20and%20EIS%20Online%20Library/Maui/2000s/2009-03-08-MA-EISPN-Honuauia.pdf). Maui Group supports preservation for the whole southern 200 acres of Wailea 670 due to the extraordinary amount of native plants still surviving there.

Makena Resort Rezoning: The economy appears to be downsizing plans for hundreds of luxury condos and homes in Makena. One project, Maluaka, has been withdrawn from realty sales sites and reportedly downsized from 69 three to five thousand sq ft condo units to 13 individual luxury homes. Other portions of the project may also be adjusted. The public comment process will continue with Special Management Area Review in 2009. For updates on hearings and actions on either project, go to www.savemakena.org.

Food Security: Sustainable life styles, home and community gardens, energy updates, a local economy and lots more are being discussed on a lively new action-oriented blog hosted by Sierra Club board member Rob Parsons. Check it out: www.mauifoodsecurity.com.

ENERGY & GLOBAL WARMING

By Daniel Grantham

Science confirms what many have intuited; that life creates life - that life is ultimately a cooperative process, not a competitive one. It has taken life billions of years to clear the air of poisons, supply oxygen, buffer the acid waters, remove global warming gases and build the kind of complex, interdependent ecology of species that allows us to survive on what would otherwise seem like a very hostile, toxic world.

Earth's incredibly rich and generous environment has allowed our leaders the luxury of pursuing a competitive dream of "progress" by indulging in excessive consumption of the planet's accumulated savings; we have cut deeply into the principle, the natural ecological capital that created those savings. Just as our banks need a bailout from the greed that gambled away money savings, so does wildlife, forests, water, air, oceans and mineral resources need a rescue from the beating they are taking. We need to restore perspective and balance. The diminishment and extinction of fellow species should remind us that we ourselves are not immune; the example of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) shows us we are living beyond sustainability leads.

According to Wikipedia, one gallon of regular gasoline is the result of time, heat and pressure working on 98 tons of ancient organic matter deposited on the ocean floor. The total fossil fuel used in 1997 is the result of 422 years of all the plant matter that grew on all the land and all the oceans of the ancient earth. Burning fossil fuels produces about 21.3 billion tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year; natural processes can probably only absorb about half that amount. This is not a sustainable activity. It is certain to end in disaster if not altered. The Sierra Club and many others recommend a rapid change from excess and waste to efficiency, conservation and use of solar, wind, wave and other renewable energy projects on a massive scale. Not only will it create jobs, converting free energy to electricity is like growing money on trees.

The international internet television station at www.suprememasterTV.com is dedicated to bringing us a further warning: the speed of melting icecaps and glaciers is faster than would be expected from CO₂. Methane (CH₄), a greenhouse gas with over 20 times the global warming potential of CO₂, appears to be responsible for short term warming that has begun thawing the enormous reservoirs of methane hydrate ice found in ocean sediments, arctic lakes and permafrost regions. 2008 research in the Siberian Arctic showed millions of tons of methane being released.

A 2006 United Nations report called "Livestock's long shadow" reported that sector generates more greenhouse gas emissions than the transport sector. Considering human related gases, it identified meat and dairy production as responsible for 9% of CO₂, 65% of nitrous oxide (296 times more warming than CO₂), 37% of methane, and 64% of acid rain causing ammonia. It also noted livestock as a major cause of deforestation, land degradation, water pollution and degeneration of coral reefs and marine biodiversity.

The Solution? Get your protein from vegetables!

E-CYCLING

Now Maui residents can e-cycle their televisions, computers, and related electronic equipment such as copiers, fax machines, cell phones and office equipment with circuit boards year-round at Habitat for Humanity's twice-a-week e-cycling program. Tuesdays from 9-2 and Saturdays from 9-12, go to 970 Lower Main in Wailuku to e-cycle the above items. This new program is largely funded by Maui County grant funds. Where possible, computers are refurbished and made available to organizations and individuals. If they can't be refurbished, they are sent to the mainland to be safely disassembled and recycled. Please call 573-4018 for more

information.

CONTINUOUS SPECIAL SERVICE EVENTS

Maui Coastal Land Trust Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Restoration: Be a part of restoring an ancient fish pond and other sites which have a major cultural significance and participate in a remarkable learning experience. Every Friday, 8 am to noon. No need to register, just show up. Go to Waihe'e and turn toward the ocean on Halewaiu Road. Turn left onto the dirt road marked "Maui Coastal Land Trust" and park at the parking lot overlooking the ocean. This area is called "Roundtable." For more information, please call Scott Fisher at the Maui Coastal Land Trust at 808 244-5263 and/or go to: www.mauicoastallandtrust.org and click on Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands. MCLT also offers a free guided walk of the Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Call 244-5263 for more information and to make a reservation. Spots fill up quickly, so call early. The MCLT is a 501c3 charitable organization. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Project Malama Honokowai: This is a service trip and you will be helping in an archaeological stabilization, reforestation and education project known as Project Malama Honokowai. Every Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. A very special experience! Simply meet at 9:00 am at the intersection of Honoapiilani Highway (between mile marker 25 and 26) and Pu'ukoli'i Road at the "Sugar Cane Train" station parking lot in Ka'anapali. You don't have to register - just show up. In the mountain valley above is a three mile long valley with significant archaeological ruins where an estimated 600 ancient Hawaiian families once lived. For more information and to confirm the date, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Project Malama Hanaula: Help reforest the area around and above the Kaheawa Wind Farm above Ma'alaea. Meet every Sunday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Park in the public parking lot near Carl's Jr. Restaurant at Ma'alaea. Carl's Jr. is located next to the gas station at the stop light. Then carpool 2,000' up to the wind farm where the view is incredible. Help remove alien species and re-plant endemic plants and learn about the area and the wind farm. The wind farm currently consists of 20 1.5 MW turbines and provides 9% of the electricity for Maui and 18 more turbines are planned. Bring your camera, lunch, water and suntan lotion. For more information and to confirm the date, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085. Also, please go to www.kaheawa.com. No registration is necessary - just show up. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Malama Makena: First Saturday of each month, Save Makena www.savemakena.org sponsors a cleanup effort in or around Makena State Park. Call Angie Hoffman - for details on meeting time and place. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Community Work Day Cleanups: If you know places that need to be cleaned up and would like to organize it with friends or an organization you belong to, you can call Community Work Day at 877-2524 and they will provide you with trash bags, advertise your location in the newspaper to get more volunteers to help you, and coordinate having a truck come out and pick up all the trash you bag and leave along the roadside. Community Work Day is a 501c3 charitable organization and organizes these clean ups state-wide five times a year. They are truly a wonderful organization!! For more information please go to www.cwdhawaii.org. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

MAUI GROUP HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Please be prepared for outings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Hiking boots are recommended and please trim your toenails. No kidding! Hiking can cause "tennis toe." A donation of \$5 (\$3 for Sierra Club members) is requested of hikers over age 14. Please register early. Pre-registration is required for some hikes. Call the hike leader number shown below. Also, please check our web site, www.mauisierraclub.org, and click on Hikes and Activities for additional hikes and outings and/or changes which we have added after this newsletter was published. Mahalo!

The East Maui Irrigation Company (EMI) allows us to hike across their land so long as each hiker has a waiver. An EMI WAIVER IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED FOR EMI HIKES (listed below). One waiver covers all EMI hikes for this quarter. Call in your waiver request to Jackie at 579-9516 well in advance and make an appointment with her for when you can sign it. Then go to EMI's Pa'ia office at 497 Baldwin Avenue to sign the waiver. Please be considerate of Jackie's time and pick up waiver 5 days in advance whenever possible. Then, please bring the waiver on the hike and show it to the hike leader and carry it with you during the hike.

We need more hike leaders. It lots of fun. You pick the hikes. To be a hike leader, you need to read a 100 page book published by the Sierra Club on hiking, be certified in CPR and First Aid (each is a 2 hour class offered by Kaiser (phone 243-6484) each month for \$20 each), and be a member of the Sierra Club. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 for more information.

MARCH HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, March 21: From La Perouse Bay, hike south on the Kings Highway to Kanaio - one of the most remote and beautiful areas on Maui - like going back five hundred years in time. Visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and

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archeological sites along the way. We actually walk off the recent lava flow onto the ancient shoreline where we explore further south. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. 8 mile roundtrip all day hike. This hike goes about 2 miles further than our regular La Perouse Bay hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Thursday, March 26: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Flatbread Company upstairs in the Board Room, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at _____ to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

APRIL HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 4: More Fish in the Seal • E Ola ke Kai, E Ola Kakou, A Common Vision – A Shared Kuleana, 2 pm to 10 pm at Maui Community College near the Pilana Building. A consortium of Community groups, non-profit organizations, foundations and businesses including: The Maui Group Sierra Club, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, Kai Makana, Maui Tomorrow, Maui Community College's Sustainability Club, MauiFEST Hawaii, Harold KL Castle Foundation and many more are sponsoring the "More Fish in the Sea" Conference. The event is open to all. More Fish in the Sea will raise awareness and launch actions that help bring back the health of near shore waters around Maui and, yes, encourage More Fish in the Sea. The event includes bands, speakers, keiki activities, action groups, discussion groups, games, films, food, and restoration of key sites. Speakers include: Uncle Mac PoePoe – Traditional Fishery Management at Mo'omomi, Donna Kahakui, renown paddler, EPA special agent and founder of Kai Makana, Iokepa Nae'ole, and many more. We are an island people dependent on the ocean. Our ocean is in trouble and we can help make it better. Working together and separately in our own way, all of us can assist in the revitalization of the health and beauty of our ocean. For more information see www.MoreFishHawaii.com or contact the Hawai'i Wildlife Fund at 575-2046 or 280-8124. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Saturday, April 11: Wailua Iki Water Hike: Six mile moderate uphill hike above Hana Highway through beautiful forest on windy jeep road. Pools, waterfalls and lush plant life. Bring sturdy shoes, bathing suit, sunscreen, lunch and water. Meet 8:30 am at Haiku Community Center (Hana Highway at mm 11.6). EMI WAIVER REQUIRED – PLEASE SEE ABOVE. Limit: 18. Leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Please call Mitch at 875-4970 to register.

Saturday, April 18, 9 am to 3 pm: Earth Day celebration and plant sale at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, 150 Kanaloa Avenue, Kahului. This will be the seventh annual Earth Day Celebration! Sierra Club Maui will be among the educational booths focusing on conservation of Hawai'i's environment, native species and the beautiful culture. Experience old Hawai'i by participating in Hawaiian cultural activities. Enjoy the 'ono food and great Hawaiian music. Free admission and free parking. Bring the family for a fun, hands-on learning experience! This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, April 19: Earth Day will be celebrated at Baldwin Beach from 10 am until sunset. The Earth Day Festival is a community celebration to raise awareness and promote environmental sustainability on the planet and here on Maui. There will be two stages – one for music and one for speakers. Non-profit tables will be under the pavilion and environmentally friendly vendors will be located in the parking lot behind the pavilion. A large photo/painting of the proposed North Shore Heritage Park will be available so that all those there can have a group photo taken in front of it to be shown to county council to show support for the North Shore Park.

Thursday, April 23, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at the Flatbread Company "Board Room" upstairs, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at _____ to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26: 17th Annual East Maui Taro Festival in Hana. Come visit the Sierra Club info booth. Concerts, musicals, plays, performing arts, cultural and Hawaiian food & beverage. A wonderful festival. For more information, please go to www.tarofestival.org. Please come and enjoy. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Saturday, April 25: Community Work Day cleanup: "Keep the Hawaiian Islands Beautiful." Please call CWD at 877-2524 to find the cleanup nearest to you or watch for the listing of all cleanup locations in the Maui News. Mahalo for helping keep Maui beautiful! This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, April 26: Haleakala National Park, hike in Sliding Sands trail and hike out Halemau'u Trail. Explore the crater and enjoy the absolutely breathtaking scenery. Bring your camera! Strenuous, high elevation 11 mile all day hike. Must be in good condition. Dress warm, rain gear, hiking boots, bring lunch & water. Meet 7:30 am Bank of Hawaii, Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center to carpool to the top where the hike begins. Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 12. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

MAY HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 3: Hamakuapoko coastline historical tour. Learn about the proposed North Shore Greenway, connecting Baldwin Park and Hookipa Park. Walk the moku (traditional district) of Hamakuapoko from its beginning at Kailua Gulch (entrance to Baldwin Beach Park) to end (Maliko Gulch) and learn about the rich history of this region from ancient Hawaiian battlegrounds and heiau sites to 20th century sugar plantations. Approx. 4 mile hike will follow shoreline when possible, but will also involve some roadside walking. Meet 9am at Maliko Gulch overlook (Paia side of Gulch). Vehicles will be left at both ends of route. Limit 15. Leader: Local historic researcher, Lucienne de Naie. To register: laluz@maui.net or 572-8331.

Saturday, May 9: Papa'aea Reservoir Trail. Moderate uphill 5 mile hike above Hana Highway in lush East Maui watershed. Eat lunch at a beautiful pool with waterfall. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED – PLEASE SEE ABOVE. Bring lunch, water and bathing suit. Meet at the Haiku Community Center (Hana Highway at mm 11.6) at 8:30 am. Limit 18. Leader: Bob Babson. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Thursday, May 28, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at the Flatbread Company "Board Room" upstairs, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

Sunday, May 31: Hike from Haleakala National Park Kipahulu visitor Center up the Pipiwai Trail through beautiful grasslands and bamboo forest to 400' Waimoku Falls. At end of hike swim in pools near visitor center. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and bathing suit. Park entrance fee is \$10/car. Meet 8:00 am Haiku Community Center to carpool. Limit 12. Hike Leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Please call Mitch at 875-4970 to register.

JUNE HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 6: National Trails Day hike and trail clearing at Uaoa Bay. Help maintain traditional access to one of the North Shore's most beautiful bays. Jungle adventure hike with swim in sheltered ocean pool at the end. Must be able to go up and down steep grade. Bring loppers, sickles, gloves, small saws, swimwear and lunch. Meet 9am @ Maui Grown Market (Hana Hwy & Ulumalu Rd.). Limit 12. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. To register: laluz@maui.net or 572-8331.

Saturday, June 13: Wahinepe'e hike. Spectacular hike in East Maui watershed above the Hana Highway through beautiful forest with waterfalls and pools. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED – PLEASE SEE ABOVE. Six miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, camera and bathing suit. Meet 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center (Hana Highway @ mm 11.6). Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Monday, June 22: Ancient Fish ponds of Honua'ula (Keoneoio- Makena Landing region) - tour and hike. Learn more about how Hawaiians of the last 7 centuries or more have utilized the natural features of South Maui's rugged coastline to cultivate a steady supply of food. Tour will visit 5 fishpond areas with two stops and will involve a hike of around 2 miles over varied terrain. Bring water, lunch or snacks and bathing suit if you wish to enjoy an after hike swim. Meet at 9am at public parking lot across from Keawalai Church in Makena. Limit 15. Leader: Lucienne de Naie with kanaka maoli cultural resource guide. To register: laluz@maui.net or 572-8331.

Thursday, June 25, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at the Flatbread Company "Board Room" upstairs, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at _____ to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

Sunday, June 28: Hike south from La Perouse Bay on the Kings Highway to one of the most remote and beautiful areas on Maui. Visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and archeological sites along the way. Then hike further south to beautiful sandy beach where we will swim and have lunch. Bring swimsuit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. 6 mile roundtrip all day hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join the national Sierra Club or renew your membership, please go to www.sierraclub.org and click on "Join or Give." When you join the national Sierra Club, you automatically also join both the Hawaii State Chapter and the Maui Group and receive the national Sierra Club magazine, the Hawaii Chapter newsletter "Malama" (to take care of) and the Maui Group newsletter. The national Sierra Club now has over 1,300,000 members nationwide and is a leading organization in the fight to preserve the environment and stop global warming for future generations to enjoy. Think what America would be like today if environmentalists had not fought to preserve it 20, 40 and 60+ years ago. Did you know that "Big Beach" almost became a hotel? But because of environmentalists in the early 1970's, it was bought by the state for future generations to enjoy forever!! Please tell your friends to join!! Anyone can join for as little as \$25.00 per year.

Also, whether you are a member or not, everyone is welcome to surf our national home page at www.sierraclub.org. It is highly informative of all the projects we are working on nationwide. Anyone can sign up for national Sierra Club email alerts of environmental actions the national Sierra Club is taking and how you can help by emailing your elected Senators and Representative asking them to vote for vital legislation that will preserve our environment. Please also surf our Hawaii Chapter home page for State of Hawaii environmental news at www.hi.sierraclub.org, and our Maui Group home page at www.mauisierraclub.org for Maui County environmental news.

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If you would like to make a donation to the "Sierra Club, Maui Group" which is not tax deductible but which will help us pay for our direct lobbying of government officials here on Maui to protect the environment, please make your check out to "Sierra Club, Maui Group" and mail it to POB 791180, Paia, HI 96779-1180. Mahalo! For more information about what we are doing, please go to www.mauisierraclub.org.

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