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SIERRA CLUB, MAUI GROUP **JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 2009 NEWSLETTER**

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

1. Due to the recession, donations have declined. Therefore, to save money, we are no longer going to mail the Sierra Club, Maui Group newsletter, but instead we are going to combine our Maui Group newsletter with the Hawaii Chapter "Malama" newsletter which is mailed to all members in Hawaii. Please read the Maui Group section of the Malama newsletter.

2. We will still prepare the Maui Group newsletter as always and post it on our website for all to read. Please go to our website at www.mauisierraclub.org and click on:

a. "Newsletters" to get the latest newsletter.

b. "Hikes and Activities" to get the latest Hikes and Activities with all updates.

c. "Join Our Email List" to receive action alerts regarding environmental issues and how you can help. We will also send you an action alert when the latest newsletter has been posted to the website. This email action alert system is for members and non-members. So everyone, please feel free to sign up. Also, when you receive an action alert, please feel free to forward it to your friends. We are trying to reach as many environmentalists as possible.

3. The Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter also has an email Action Alert for members and non-members to sign up for statewide environmental issues. Please go to www.hi.sierraclub.org and click on Action Alerts to sign up. If you are a member, please also sign up for "Email My Newsletter."

4. To further save money, we have cancelled our old telephone number (579-9802) and have replaced it with 206 426-5535. The new number is free. When you call the 206 number, you will be asked to leave a message. This message is then recorded into an audio file and automatically instantly emailed to our webmaster who listens to it and forwards it to the member of the Board of Directors best able to answer your question. This person will then call you to discuss the matter. You may also call us directly if you wish. Please see list below.

5. The Sierra Club Maui Group Board of Directors election takes place in October. New board members will serve a two year term beginning January 1, 2010. To nominate yourself or nominate another person, please contact Bob Babson at 874-1166.

MAUI GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Give us a call and let us know your thoughts.

Sierra Club members are invited to attend our monthly meetings.

Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to learn where and when the next meeting is and to add an agenda item you want to discuss.

CHAIR'S REPORT
HAWAII TESTING GROUND FOR OPEN OCEAN AQUACULTURE
By Rob Parsons, Conservation Chair, Maui Group

Hawaii is rapidly gaining popularity with high tech and commercial ventures seeking to raise seafood in open ocean aquaculture fish pen operations, even as state hatchery restocking programs are facing cuts. Hawaii's cultural history includes elaborate historic coastal fishponds, skillfully created with stacked rocks that withstood tides and waves, and found nowhere else in the Pacific islands. Modern aquaculture has graduated from onshore tanks that re-circulate seawater, to open ocean fish pens, capable of holding hundreds of thousands of fish.

But, while a promising alternative to vastly depleted fish stocks in our oceans, these operations present an array of real and potential environmental impacts (including disease, parasites, pollution, predators, and more) and economic challenges. Two existing businesses are in the process of modification and expansion, hoping to return profits to their investors. Cates International, raising *moi* off Ewa Beach for the past eight years, was bought by Steve Case's Grove Farm two years ago, and now operates as Hukilau Foods. They recently issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) seeking approvals to double their ocean lease size from 28 to 61 acres, and quadruple their annual production from 1.2 to 5 million pounds.

Kona Blue Water Farms recently received a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) from their revised supplemental DEA for new pens, and flexibility to raise new species in addition to their trademarked "Kona Kampachi," locally known as *kahala*, or amber-jack.

Two new businesses are also looking to test the waters, both looking to locate off the Big Island's Kohala Coast. Hawaii Oceanic Technologies, Inc. (HOTI) is proposing to raise ahi in submerged, untethered cages that would maintain their positions within a 247-acre ocean lease site by means of Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion technology, similar to that used by some offshore oil rigs. Their goal is to raise 6,000-12,000 tons yearly in twelve Oceansphere cages, nearly three miles from shore. Target markets are Japan and the Mainland, with a small portion of the product to remain in Hawaii. Sierra Club-Maui Group posed a number of questions in official comments to HOTI's Draft EIS, including the source and content of imported fish food, management plans for sharks, marine mammals, and endangered species, overall sustainability, and lack of public outreach for such an enormous project (proposed production 20 times greater than Kona Blue).

Another venture, Indigo Seafoods, LLC hopes to raise *moi* and other species in ten cages a half-mile off of Black Point, just north of Kawaihae Harbor. Representatives are meeting with area residents and organizations, and haven't yet released environmental studies or applications.

After going through the Chapter 343 environmental review process, aquaculture operations must also obtain ocean lease and Conservation District Use Permits from the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Ongoing monitoring is a must, as broad impacts of these large ventures are, as yet, undetermined.

Meanwhile, the Department of Land and Natural Resources announced they are cutting programs for artificial reefs and restocking native fish species, including *moi*, *opakapaka* and *ulua*. Cutting these programs will pare the Division of Aquatic Resources budget by \$500,000, but also means the state will forfeit three times that amount in matching federal funds.



GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Kathy McDuff

April is always a great month for Maui Group activities. On April 4 we had a booth at the first annual More Fish in the Sea event at Maui Community College. Sierra Club member Hannah Bernard, President of Hawaii Wildlife Fund, was the coordinator of the event, aimed at raising awareness to help bring back the health of shore waters around Maui. On April 18, we had a table at the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens Earth Day celebration and plant sale, enjoying wonderful Hawaiian music and ono local food. On April 22 we celebrated John Muir's birthday with cake at the showing of The Waterfront, a film about water privatization. On April 24, we had a table at the East Maui Taro Festival in Maui, providing educational material and getting all our conservation and environmental petitions signed. On April 25 we participated in Community Work Day's cleanup and we had lots of hikes throughout the month, including at Sliding Sands trail in Haleakala National Park. We are currently working on many projects, including reviewing the Supplemental Draft EIS for the proposed ATST telescope on the sacred summit of Haleakala. We are providing written and oral comments on this proposed project.

UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

By Lucienne de Naie

North Shore Heritage Park: Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. recently got State Land Use Commission approval to designate 27,000 acres of Maui land as "Important AG Land (IAL). Left off were hundreds of acres A&B owns along Hana Hwy, from Spreckelsville to Maliko Gulch. Some of these are lands envisioned for future expansion of Baldwin Beach Park and Hookipa Park. What happens next? The Maui Island Plan (MIP) update process will decide whether lands are set aside for parks and greenways. Maui Planning Commission discusses the Maui island Plan first and third Tuesday of each month until Oct 31. Public testimony is taken at every meeting. Written comments can be sent to: generalplan2030@maui.co.hi.us. See Maui Sierra Club website for more details.

Pali to Puamana Parkway: Another great concept to support in the MIP process. MIP policies support the 8 mile parkway makai of any realigned Honoapiilani Hwy route. The Planning Director's Urban Growth Boundary maps also leave open space for the future parks, but they need your support. Write to the MIP comment address above or attend the Planning Commission meeting in West Maui on August 4 1pm to 8pm Lahaina Civic Center.

East Maui Streams: Citizens asked for increased flows in 28 East Maui streams in a 2001 petition. A settlement was reached in Sept 2008 for 8 of those streams and more water is flowing and making increased kalo cultivation possible. A ruling on increased flows in the remaining 20 streams is expected by November. Sierra Club Maui member Neola Caveny and supporter Lori Grace of Shangri-la Farm Center in Huelo have given outstanding support to this effort to restore flows in East Maui streams. Mahalo to both of them.

'Iao & Waihe'e Stream Restoration: Maui Group submitted comments on the proposed Waiale water treatment plant located next to the Maui correctional center. The plant is a partnership between A&B and Maui County using Iao & Waihee stream waters. Of concern is the lack of analyses of the plant's operational costs, cost and availability of stream water, energy use and public safety. A decision to settle legal challenges filed by Hui o Na Wai Eha and Maui Tomorrow on the amount of water that should be returned to Na Wai Eha (Waikapu to Waihee) streams has been postponed to later in 2009.

Sustainable Energy: A number of new energy policies were recently passed by the legislature, with more before the Public Utilities Commission. More information: www.hi.sierraclub.org

Superferry Update: Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that Act 2, which was passed to allow the Superferry to operate without environmental review being completed, was unconstitutional. The Superferry recently auctioned off its equipment and declared bankruptcy.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): An EIS has been issued for the telescope project. Haleakala was recently recognized internationally as one of Earth's sacred sites. Telescope issues include use of ceded lands, huge size and energy uses, effects of blasting a 70 ft deep foundation hole in Haleakala, long term community benefits, connection to military activities and lack of appropriate respect for an internationally recognized sacred site. For more info, go to www.kilakilahaleakala.org.

Honolua Bay Development: Updated discussions between Maui County and Maui Land and Pine have not been publicly reported and ML&P has undergone several recent leadership changes. 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.

Wailea 670: Sierra Club Maui sent comments on both the Wailea 670 EIS preparation notice and Cultural Resource Plan consultation survey. Maui Group will continue to track the EIS process to press for preservation for the whole southern 200 acres of Wailea 670 due to the extraordinary amount of native plants still surviving there.

Makena Resort Rezoning: Makena Resort's Maluaka condo project is amending its SMA to reduce its footprint from 69 three to five thousand sq ft condo units to 15 luxury homes in 14 buildings. Other portions of the project may also be adjusted. Maui Group will offer comment to support the restoration of the traditional coastal fishing trail in the project area. For updates on future hearings and actions go to www.savemakena.org.

Food Security: Several community garden projects are underway in Haiku and other areas. Is your neighborhood forming a community garden? Post an update to the new action-oriented blog hosted by Sierra Club board member Rob Parsons. Check it out: www.mauifoodsecurity.com.



Who Will Defend Our Environment?

THE SIERRA CLUB WILL!
And you can too, become a member now!

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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 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 Halewau 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.maui.coastallandtrust.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.

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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 please go to www.mauiculturalallands.org. To confirm date and place to meet, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Project Malama Kaheawa-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 replant 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 14 more turbines are planned. Bring your camera, lunch, water and suntan lotion. For more information please go to www.mauiculturalallands.org. To confirm date and place to meet, 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.

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 activities 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. THE WAIVER MUST BE BROUGHT ON THE HIKE AND SHOWN TO THE HIKE LEADER.

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, and be a Sierra Club member. CPR and First Aid classes are 2 hours each and are offered by Kaiser (phone 243-6484) each month for \$20 each and we will reimburse you for the \$40 when you lead your first hike. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 for more information.

JUNE HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

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 Karen@RedwoodGames.com 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.

JULY HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, July 11: Upper Waikamoi Trail/Makawao Forest hike. Six mile moderate round trip through koa and 'ohi'a forest to reservoir. Meet 8:30 am at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center near Bank of Hawaii to carpool to top of Olinda Road where the hike begins. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (SEE ABOVE). MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE. Limit 18. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Saturday, July 18: Community Work Day cleanup: "Litter Bugs Me!" 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.

Thursday, July 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 Karen@RedwoodGames.com to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

Sunday, July 26: Hike up Kaupo trail up to Haleakala National Park. Enjoy the magnificent natural beauty. The views of the ocean and mountains just get better and better and if we are lucky we will see the Big Island in the distance. Trail starts at 1,500' and we'll hike up to about 4,000' and then have lunch. This is a difficult trail and you should wear hiking boots that support your ankles. Seven miles round trip all day hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and sunscreen. Meet at 8:00 am at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center in front of Bank of Hawaii to carpool. Limit 12. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register.

AUGUST HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 9: Drive out to Keanae and hike Piinaau Road up the beautiful Keanae Valley. The area is also known as the Koolau Gap because lava from Haleakala used to flow down through this valley to the sea in ancient times. Meet at 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center to carpool. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water and sun screen. Limit 18. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (SEE ABOVE). MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Friday, August 14: Come spend an evening with astronomer Harriet Witt. This is a tentative date. Please check our web site and click on Hikes and Activities for exact date, time and place to meet. For additional details, please call Lucienne de Naie at 214-0147.

Saturday, August 15: Hike Skyline Trail above Poli Poli. Meet at Pukalani Shopping Center near Bank of Hawaii at 8:30 am to carpool. We drive up to Poli Poli State Park and then hike up the Mamane Trail to Skyline Trail. We have lunch above the timber line with fabulous views. Approximately 6 miles roundtrip. Bring lunch, sun screen and water. Limit 18. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Thursday, August 27, 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.

SEPTEMBER HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 6: Makapipi trail hike. Moderate 4 mile hike. Explore historic Ko'olau Ditch from Makapipi to Kopili'ula Stream. Scenic vistas, pools, waterfalls and native plant life. During the hike we must cross several bridges with no hand rails which is a little scary. So if heights bother you, we recommend not coming on this hike. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (SEE ABOVE). MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE. Meet at 8:00 am at the Haiku Community Center. Limit 18. Leader: Bob Babson. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Saturday, September 12: Hike from Haleakala National Park Kipahulu visitor Center (seven pools) 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 8:30 am at the Pukalani Shopping Center near the Bank of Hawaii to carpool via the scenic backside of Maui through Ulupalakua and Kaupo. Limit 12. Hike Leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Please call Mitch at 875-4970 to register.

Saturday, September 19: From La Perouse Bay, hike south along the coast on the Kings Highway to Kanaio - 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. 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 further south than our regular La Perouse Bay hike.

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Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Saturday, September 19: Community Work Day cleanup: "Get the Drift and Bag It!" 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.

Thursday, September 24, 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.

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.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation to the Sierra Club Foundation, please make your check out to the "Sierra Club Foundation, Maui Group Account," and mail it to 85 Second Street, Suite 750, San Francisco, CA 94105. Your donation will be used here on Maui to protect the environment for future generations. The Sierra Club Foundation is a 501c3 organization and is active in environmental education and the enforcement of environmental laws to protect our environment. Its federal tax ID # is 94-6069890 for your tax records. The Sierra Club Foundation will send you a letter meeting all IRS donation requirements for your tax records. If you would like to mention us in your will, your IRA and/or your 401k, just say: "Sierra Club Foundation, Maui Group Account" and include the Federal ID # above. For more information, please go to www.tscf.org.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving and want to change your address for the Sierra Club, please send old and new addresses and a Sierra Club address label (if you have it) to Sierra Club Member Services, P.O. Box 52968, Boulder, CO 80328-2968, or call (415) 977-5653, or email the information to address.changes@sierraclub.org. This one notification will change your address for all newsletters and magazines including the national Sierra Club magazine, the Hawaii Chapter newsletter "Malama" and the Maui Group newsletter.