



# Save Honolua News

Revitalize the health of the Honolua Ahupua'a through community-based management utilizing Hawaiian values and practices.

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## 1 YEAR!!!

It all started around a picnic table after a Maui General Plan meeting on February 24, 2007 when a group of concerned citizens came together with a common idea to Save Honolua. Days later, what was to be a small organizational discussion, exploded into a huge community meeting. It had begun. Since then we have seen nearly 40 public meetings, hundreds attending rallies, \$1 million, TV shows, concerts, and involvement from the Mayor, county council, and state representatives. Happy birthday SHC and thank you community for a great year. As we begin our 2nd year, we focus on the preservation/ management plan for Honolua and working with the land owner to Save Honolua.



## State Bills for Honolua

The state is ready to get involved in the effort to save Honolua. Last year we saw the Maui County Council step up to the plate and offer one million dollars for the future acquisition of Lipoa point and surrounding lands. Now the state legislature has House Bill 3262 and Senate Bill 2817 submitted by West Maui's Angus McKelvey and Roz Baker, proposing specific committees to look into the management and acquisition of this area. While we appreciate the involvement and support from state lawmakers, we felt that there needed to be some amendments to the bills. It has been a busy month of communicating with our State Leaders in the House and Senate. As of print time for this newsletter, the outcome of these bills is uncertain.

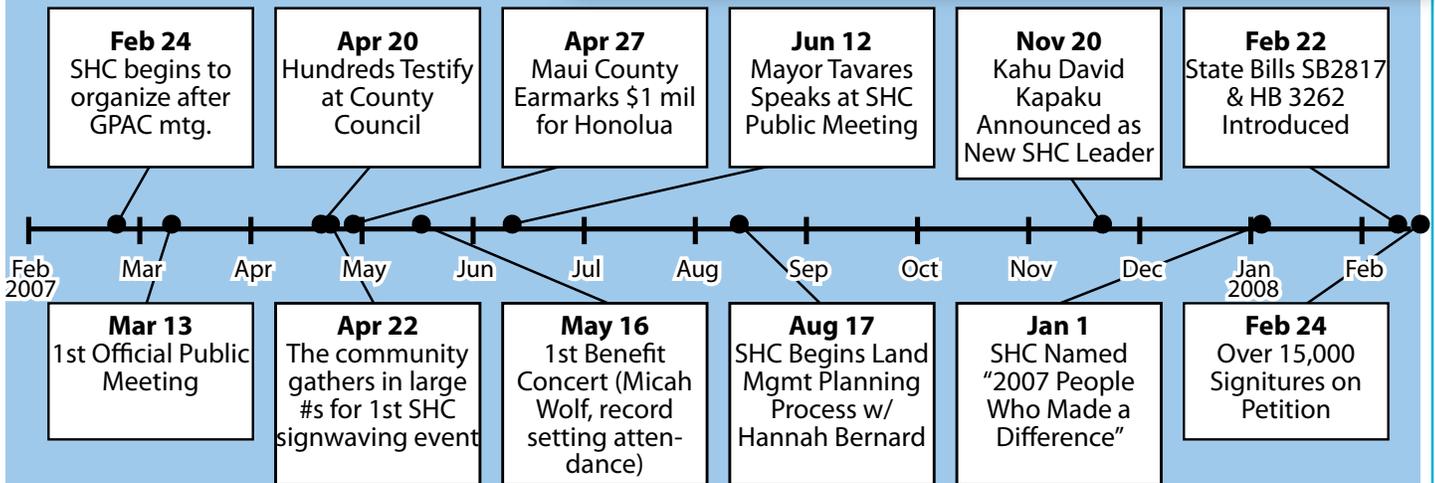
The great thing about the state's wanting to get involved is--more stakeholders wanting to protect this valuable treasure. Now it is up to all of us to work together to come up with a consensus. The coalition would like maximum community input in the management plan process, however we believe the health of the area is the final decision maker. Any action or plan endorsed would have to be in line with the health of the area.



Roz Baker



Angus McKelvey



## Editorial



Tamara Paltin

Aloha and Welcome to the third edition of our monthly newsletter. This month we have been reflecting on how it all began one year ago. It has been a whirlwind journey. We have accomplished so much in the last year, actually getting the landowner to pull inappropriate plans for Honolua and listen to community input. In Maui this is a monumental accomplishment. There have been ups and downs, victories and renewed efforts but through it all we have persevered and our resolve has grown. People who were once strangers living in the same city are now old friends and in the process of saving Honolua we begin to save ourselves. Doing what is pono, allows us to emphasize what is good within ourselves and working together towards solutions and strategies can be applied in all other areas of life. For our second year in action, we would like to move forward with the management plan involving as much of the community as possible and maintain the level of awareness and involvement.

## Last Public Meeting Summary

Due to a conflict in scheduling, Timmy Bailey and Uncle Les were unable to attend last month's public meeting. We did not panic or scramble for another speaker and it seemed like divine intervention when Maryanna Waldrop and representatives from her sixth grade class at Sacred Hearts school came wanting to learn more about what is going on at Honolua. We decided to have a question and answer session geared for the kids--Rachel and Kawika, both students of Ms. Waldrop. We were able to introduce new board member Silahis Taverna who will be leading the Fund-raising/Events committee and T-shirt sales and announce the new Vice President Tamara Paltin. The kids asked great questions, their point of view is refreshing and it was so great to see things from their perspective. They wanted to know what is going to be done about existing development and is there harmful runoff into a marine life conservation district? Would a reinstated Hawaiian government help the cause? What is the plan? What can we do, how can we help make a difference? These are a few of the questions these mature, thoughtful young adults were asking. Of course we don't have all the answers but we shared what we have learned thus far and discussed with them some strategies we are working on.

Having the kids come to the meeting and being able to focus on their input is just another aspect of the community management plan process. So many organizations are planning solely for future generations--doing it or saving it for the kids, but that is not the only thing that the Save Honolua Coalition intends. We believe Honolua must be saved because it is Honolua. Today's children are the present, living at the same time as adults and we must all come together--children, teenagers, adults, kupuna. We all have a responsibility to the present and to save Honolua. We have a responsibility to focus on Honolua and what

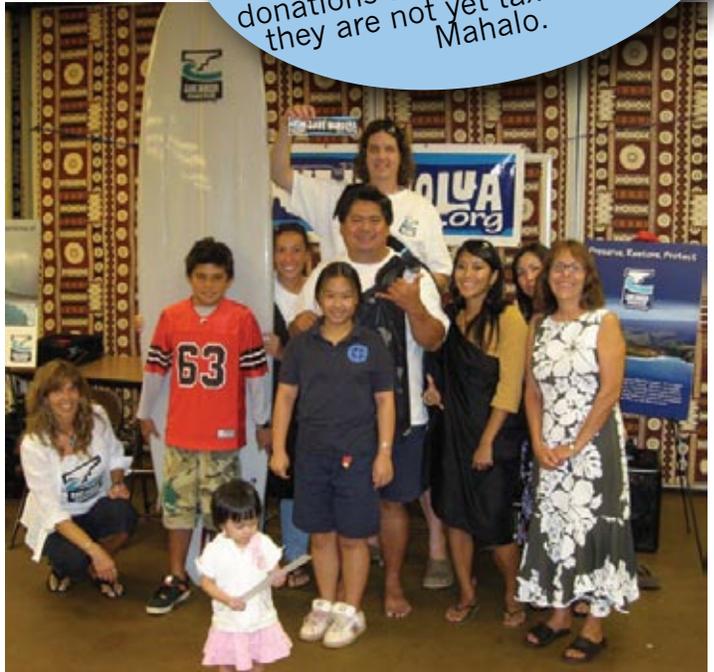
Honolua needs to return to a healthy ecosystem. With dedicated youth like Kawika and Rachel and talented educators like Maryanna Waldrop living here in West Maui, I am not afraid for the future of Honolua. As long as we remain committed to keeping the health of the ecosystem as a priority, Honolua will be saved.

## Mahalos

Our big mahalo goes to Sacred Hearts school students **Rachel** and **Kawika** as well as teacher **Maryanna Waldrop**. Your involvement is so important and brings joy. Also, thanks to all of you who came to visit us on Whale Day. We got lots of signatures and made some great contacts. And finally, we want to give a shout out to our sister **Angie Hoffman** of SaveMakena.org... you are a unifying force for the island and we appreciate you making SHC part of your plan.

## Donations

We rely on donations and t-shirt sales for all our operating costs. No one in SHC gets paid, but things like this newsletter, brochures, meeting space, etc all cost \$. Our tax exempt status is being processed so while donations are greatly appreciated, they are not yet tax deductible. Mahalo.



## Upcoming Events

### Public Meeting w/ Tony Gomes

Wednesday, March 12, 6:45pm  
Lahaina Civic Center

*Tony has extensive knowledge of Honolua and the surrounding areas. He will be talking story about his experience and giving us a review of Honolua.*

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