

DRAFT Puna Community Development Plan Action Committee Fact Sheet February 2011

Since its inaugural meeting on November 20, 2009 (more than 14 months after adoption of the PCDP), Action Committee members have met monthly as a whole and as Subcommittee members at scheduled meetings. **The AC appreciates suggestions for encouraging continued participation by individuals involved with implementing the Plan and to increase communication with others, including community associations and organizations in the most isolated communities.**

The AC intends to augment County website postings, email blasts and the required annual report via additional communications, such as this Fact Sheet, with those community groups.

We invite community organizations and individuals to help us implement the priorities we have identified (with mass transit at the top of the list for 2011) and to organize PCDP-related activities. The AC is especially interested in improving its process for identifying and facilitating community-initiated priorities.

Action Committee Priorities, Accomplishments, Resources

1. At regularly scheduled meetings, the Action Committee reviews the priority list approved on September 16, 2010, and receives reports on the status of Work Plans being developed for the prioritized Actions.
2. The AC spent several months considering and developing community-based recommendations to amendments proposed by County Council members in Bill 194 and others proposed by the community.
3. Based on the three main themes of the PCDP, the AC has established three subcommittees to manage the implementation activities for prioritized Actions.
 - A. Transportation Subcommittee priorities include several Actions pertaining to the mass transit system and operations, including preparation of a County-wide Transit Master Plan (#1), hubs for mass transit (#2), and getting the PMAR on the STIP and funded for planning (#5).
 - B. Mālama I Ka 'Āina Subcommittee priorities include upgrading waste water disposal facilities (#3) and creating the Biosphere Reserve Buffer Zone for the greater Volcano area (#4).
 - C. Managing Growth Subcommittee prioritized development of effective ways to implement the Village Center concept.

Community-Initiated Priorities

Community members and organization representatives are encouraged to attend AC meetings and provide testimony prior to AC consideration of an agenda item or during the period allotted for "Public Testimony." The AC also encourages community members and organizations to participate on subcommittees and specific Action Task Groups to make sure their individual issues and concerns are considered. In order for the implementation of any Action to be fully realized, it is also important for community members and organizations to participate on the subcommittees and Action Task Groups in identifying and completing the necessary tasks.

Action Task Force (ATF) Activities for Work Plan Management

1. Identify tasks and timelines
2. Assign and follow through on tasks that can be completed by community members.
3. Identify appropriate stakeholders and organize community outreach.
4. Draft written requests and communications for needed information and/or collaboration to appropriate government agencies and private sector organizations for approval by the Subcommittee and AC.
5. Facilitate information flow between the Action Committee, Subcommittee, and community outreach partners.
6. Maintain a record of challenges, referrals, progress, and accomplishments through regular updating of the Work Plan.

Sample Activities by Community Associations, Individuals

- Attend Action Committee meetings and network with other community attendees
- Seek input and participation with subdivision residents at association meetings, at social gathering, in local stores
- Place the PCDP AC on the agenda of community meetings (associations, “roads groups,” neighborhood watch) to identify local Action priorities and implementation activities
- Place informative items and solicit opinions related to PCDP AC priorities in newsletters, on websites, via list serves, electronic and physical bulletin boards
- Report on PCDP and AC activities at general Puna or County meetings, volunteer association meetings, social gatherings, etc
- Support legislation related to PCDP activities via email, website postings, written testimony to County Council and/or State Legislature members

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Visit the website for information about:

- AC letters of support and testimony for PCDP-related legislation and activities
- Advocacy and outreach
- Model for Community Involvement: Kapoho Wastewater Upgrades project
- Protocols for Implementing PCDP Actions via Work Plans
- Summary of the top five prioritized PDCP Actions
- Progress Report