

RE: Director's Report Supplemental #3
Zoning Amendment ZA-2017-03
South Kaua'i Community Plan

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

APPLICANT: County of Kaua'i

Additional Findings

Based on the testimony received and the discussion with the Planning Commission during the public hearing for ZA-2017-03, staff recommends the following revisions to the Departmental Draft of the General Plan Update outlined in Exhibit 1.

Recommendation

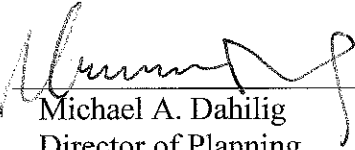
Based on the foregoing and the initial Director's Report, it is hereby recommended that the revisions to the General Plan Update codified in Exhibit 1 be approved.

Exhibits

1. Proposed Revisions #1 to the General Plan Update (Departmental Draft)
2. New Testimony Received
 - a. Sherwood Conant
 - b. Marj Dente

By: 
Marie Williams, Planner

Transmitted to the Commission:

By: 
Michael A. Dahilig
Director of Planning

Date: 3/10/17

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EXHIBIT 1

Proposed Revisions #1 (Objectives) to
the General Plan Update –Departmental
Draft

In Chapter 2, add an objective statement to each sub-section. The purpose of the objective is to succinctly articulate how the General Plan's policies guide each topic's implementation actions. Policy alignment will be illustrated through the use of policy icons. In this matrix, policies are identified through the policy number as shown in Chapter 1 and below with the policy headings:

1. Manage Growth to Preserve Rural Character
2. Provide Local Housing
3. Recognize the Identity of Kaua'i's Individual Towns and Districts
4. Design Healthy and Complete Neighborhoods
5. Make Strategic Infrastructure Investments
6. Reduce The Cost of Living
7. Build A Balanced Transportation System
8. Address Wailua-Kapa'a Traffic
9. Protect Kaua'i's Scenic Beauty
10. Uphold Kauai as a Unique Visitor Destination
11. Help Business Thrive
12. Help Agricultural Lands Be Productive
13. Protect Our Watersheds
14. Complete Kauai's Shift to Clean Energy
15. Prepare for Climate Change
16. Respect Native Hawaiian Rights and Wahi Pana
17. Protect Access to Kaua'i's Treasured Places
18. Nurture Our Keiki
19. Honor Our Kūpuna
20. Communicate with Aloha

Page	Revision
Page 2-5	<p>In the subsection entitled "Upper Watershed", add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To conserve the upper watershed and restore native habitat and forested areas.</u></p> <p><u>Policy Alignment: 13, 17</u></p>
Page 2-7	<p>In the subsection entitled "Fresh Water Resources", add the following text to the introduction:</p>

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	<p><u>Objective: To protect, restore and enhance freshwater resources to support aquatic, environmental, and cultural resources.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 13, 16, 17</u></p>
Page 2-12	<p>In the subsection entitled “Coastal Areas and Shorelines”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To preserve and protect sandy beaches and public access to the shoreline.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 13, 17</u></p>
Page 2-18	<p>In the subsection entitled “Threatened and Endangered Species”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To protect the flora and fauna unique to Kaua'i and Hawai'i and to mitigate the impact of invasive species.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 13</u></p>
Page 2-25	<p>In the subsection entitled “Affordable Housing”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To increase housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income households.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 2, 6</u></p>
Page 2-28	<p>In the subsection entitled “Infill Housing”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To support mixed use, higher density, and walkable development in existing towns.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9</u></p>
Page 2-30	<p>In the subsection entitled “New Communities”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To develop compact, walkable communities consistent with the Future Land Use Map.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9</u></p>
Page 2-32	<p>In the subsection entitled “Agricultural Worker Housing”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To expand housing opportunities for workers on farms.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 2, 6, 12</u></p>

Page 2-33	<p>In the subsection entitled “Hawaiian Homelands”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To support the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in their mission to provide housing to their beneficiaries.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 2, 16</u></p>
Page 2-34	<p>In the subsection entitled “Elderly Housing and Assisted Living Facilities”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To accommodate the needs of an aging population through age-friendly community design and assisted living facilities.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 2, 16, 19</u></p>
Page 2-36	<p>In the subsection entitled “The Houseless Population”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To reduce Kaua'i's population of those houseless and at risk for houselessness.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 2, 6</u></p>
Page 2-38	<p>In the subsection entitled “Impact of Resort Uses on Housing Inventory”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To reduce the impact of resort uses on communities outside the Visitor Destination Area.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 2, 3, 10</u></p>
Page 2-41	<p>In the subsection entitled “General Transportation”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To increase the efficiency of Kaua'i's multimodal transportation system and serve the needs of all users.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 6, 7, 8</u></p>
Page 2-44	<p>In the subsection entitled “County Roads”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To provide a safe and accessible County road network that supports the Future Land Use Map.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 18, 19</u></p>
Page 2-46	<p>In the subsection entitled “Transit Program”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To increase transit use and make bus service convenient and accessible to all.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 18, 19</u></p>

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Page 2-48	<p>In the subsection entitled “Pedestrian Program”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To provide connected and convenient pedestrian facilities in communities.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 18, 19</u></p>
Page 2-49	<p>In the subsection entitled “Bicycle Program”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To create connected and safe bicycle networks that accommodate all riders.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 18, 19</u></p>
Page 2-51	<p>In the subsection entitled “Parking Management”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To implement parking strategies that support community needs.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 4, 5, 7, 11</u></p>
Page 2-55	<p>In the subsection entitled “ Domestic Water”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To ensure water infrastructure is planned to accommodate domestic needs and protect the public trust.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 13, 16</u></p>
Page 2-58	<p>In the subsection entitled “Wastewater, Septic Systems, and Cesspools”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To mitigate the impact to Kaua’i’s fresh and ocean waters from wastewater.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 2, 5, 13</u></p>
Page 2-61	<p>In the subsection entitled “Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To provide environmentally-sound waste disposal and collection services.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 13</u></p>
Page 2-65	<p>In the subsection entitled “Airports and Harbors”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To support the modernization and user-friendliness of Kaua’i’s airports and harbors.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 13</u></p>

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Page 2-67	In the subsection entitled “Town Centers”, add the following text to the introduction:	<u>Objective: To develop town centers as attractive places to work, live, and play.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 13</u>
Page 2-69	In the subsection entitled “Parks”, add the following text to the introduction:	<u>Objective: To provide a variety of quality and accessible parks and recreational facilities.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 4, 18, 19</u>
Page 2-74	In the subsection entitled “Linear Parks and Trails”, add the following text to the introduction:	<u>Objective: To expand and improve access to Kaua'i's shared-use paths and trails.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 4, 7, 10, 17</u>
Page 2-75	In the subsection entitled “State Parks”, add the following text to the introduction:	<u>Objective: To improve the resident and visitor experience at Kaua'i's State Parks.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 9, 10, 17</u>
Page 2-79	In the subsection entitled “Tourism”, add the following text to the introduction:	<u>Objective: To focus new resort development in areas designated for visitor use.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 9, 10</u>
Page 2-86	In the subsection entitled “Agriculture”, add the following text to the introduction:	<u>Objective: To ensure the long-term viability and productivity of agricultural lands.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 9, 12</u>
Page 2-93	In the subsection entitled “Small Business and Promising Economic Sectors”, add the following text to the introduction:	

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	<p><u>Objective: To promote opportunities for small business and emerging economic sectors to thrive.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 6, 11, 12</u></p>
Page 2-98	<p>In the subsection entitled “Historic Buildings, Structures, and Places”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To preserve and enhance historic buildings, structures and places.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 3, 16</u></p>
Page 2-100	<p>In the subsection entitled “Cultural Sites and Resources”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To recognize and protect the resources and places important to Kaua’i’s history and people.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 3, 16, 17</u></p>
Page 2-102	<p>In the subsection entitled “Landmarks and Scenic Resources”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To preserve important landmarks and protect scenic resources.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 1, 3, 9, 16</u></p>
Page 2-107	<p>In the subsection entitled “Energy Sustainability”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To increase energy self-sufficiency and maintain a reliable, resilient and cost-efficient energy system.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 4, 7, 14</u></p>
Page 2-109	<p>In the subsection entitled “Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To acknowledge mankind’s contribution to global warming and reduce Kaua’i’s greenhouse gas emissions.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 14, 15</u></p>
Page 2-116	<p>In the subsection entitled “Police, Fire, Ocean Safety, and Emergency Services”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To ensure adequate coverage of public safety and emergency services as Kaua’i grows.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 15, 20</u></p>

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Page 2-118	<p>In the subsection entitled “Hazards Resiliency”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To ensure that Kaua‘i is prepared for natural disasters and other emergencies.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 15, 20</u></p>
Page 2-122	<p>In the subsection entitled “Global Warming and Climate Change Adaptation”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To prepare for the impacts of climate change on the natural and built environments.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 5, 15, 20</u></p>
Page 2-128	<p>In the subsection entitled “Social Equity”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To recognize and address inequities in health and well-being among Kaua‘i’s diverse ethnic, racial, and income groups.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 4, 6, 18, 19</u></p>
Page 2-134	<p>In the subsection entitled “Access to Quality Education and Training”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To support educational programs that foster cultural knowledge, employability, and civic participation of local residents.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 11, 18</u></p>
Page 2-137	<p>In the subsection entitled “Community Health”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To encourage healthy lifestyles and accessible health care.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 4, 18, 19</u></p>
Page 2-140	<p>In the subsection entitled “Access to Recreation and Subsistence Activities”, add the following text to the introduction:</p> <p><u>Objective: To actively protect and increase access to the places where recreational and subsistence activity occurs.</u> <u>Policy Alignment: 13, 16, 17</u></p>

EXHIBIT 2

Additional Public Testimony Received

Marisa Valenciano

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Kauai County General Plan
Subject: Enough

To whom this may concern: Kauai has been inundated by visitors. Time to think about locals who are stuck in traffic, and overcrowding at public facilities. No more hotels and large developments, fix our state and county roadways. Replace antiquated waste water treatment facilities, utilize waste. Especially keep roadsides clear and clean from waste and weed growth. I am a bicyclist and if I get injured or killed, the State and County will be sued for negligence. Use roundup already! Tourism is killing Kauai. Control it now. When the beauty and aloha spirit wane, no amount of money will bring it back. Now or never. Greed is stupidity, look at Oahu.

Keiki o kai aina-Sherwood Conant

Sent from my iPhone

Marisa Valenciano

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Kauai County General Plan
Subject: Kauai General Plan

TO; Planning Commission Members
From: Marj Dente
Date: March 13, 2017

I am unable to attend the March 14 meeting to ask my question.

Has the proposed Kauai General Plan document adequately identified and addressed the issue of protecting known and very often used surfing beaches on Kauai by the local residents?

Without total legal protection now and in years to come, these long time surfing spots could easily be taken over by unscrupulous beach front property owners, unjustly denying access to the sites.

All known surfing sites must be identified and adequately mapped and be part of the final plan.

Thank you for consideration of my request.

Marj Dente, long time resident property owner.

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