
Kūihelani Solar Phase 2

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Cultural and historic resources

AES Hawai'i is deeply committed to engaging with the community early and often throughout the project's lifespan.

AES Hawai'i takes the Archaeological and Cultural Resources review very seriously. As we have done for all Hawai'i projects previously developed or currently in development, this project will undergo extensive Archaeological and Cultural reviews to gain a comprehensive understanding of the land and any potential impacts resulting from the proposed development.

To the extent practicable, all steps will be taken to carefully record, avoid, and/or mitigate impacts to archeological and cultural resources. Past practices that may be utilized for this project include but are not limited to: hiring local on-island firms to perform an Archaeological Inventory Survey Report (AIS), Ka Pa'akai Analysis, Cultural Literature Review, Archeological Literature Review and Field Inspection Report and Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA). These initiatives will often include interviews and consultation with lineal and cultural descendants, kupuna, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), agencies and area cultural leaders, and presentations to interested groups and parties.

AES Hawai'i has engaged a local archeological firm and cultural consultancy to conduct early-stage initial analysis that identifies:

- valued cultural, historical, or natural resources in the area in question, including the extent to which traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights are exercised in the area;
- the extent to which those resources – including traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights – will be affected or impaired by the proposed action; and
- the feasible action, if any, to be taken to reasonably protect any identified cultural, historical, or natural resources in the area in question, and the reasonable protection of traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights in the affected area.

AES Hawai'i has also engaged the firm to perform an Archaeological Literature Review and Field Inspection Report (LRFI) for the proposed Project area.

In addition, the firm will conduct a preliminary cultural review and Cultural Literature Review (CLR) to understand and anticipate potential cultural resource impacts.

LRFI Findings Summary

The LRFI investigation was conducted – through historical, cultural, and archaeological background research and field inspection of the Project area.

The results of the LRFI recommend an AIS be conducted. AES Hawai'i is in the process of conducting the AIS.

Ka Pa'akai Analysis

AES Hawai'i is committed to conducting a Ka Pa'akai Analysis. In addition, AES Hawai'i will consult with SHPD to determine whether a CIA is warranted based on the results of the CLR and Ka Pa'akai Analysis.

* Subject to change based on further analysis.