MINUTES (DRAFT)
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
HAWAI‘I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DATE: November 4, 2015
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Mr. Kamana‘o Mills called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Kalani Akana (Office of Hawaiian Affairs), Marques Marzan (Bernice P. Bishop Museum), Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources), Kamana‘o Mills (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands), Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai‘i) – Note – 5 members present

- Mr. Leo Asuncion arrived at 2:00 pm. – Note – 6 members present
- Mr. Kamana‘o Mills left at 2:10 pm. – Note – 5 members present
- Mr. Kalani Akana left at 2:35 pm. – Note – 4 members present

ABSENT: Ryan Morales (Land Survey Division)

STAFF: Joan Delos Santos (Office of Planning), Debra Mendes (Office of Planning)

ADVISORS: Naomi Losch, Renee Louis

GUESTS: Summer Kupau-Odo (Earth Justice), Regina Hilo, (DLNR, State Historic Preservation Division), Hinano Rodrigues (DLNR Historic Preservation Division)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 27, July 15, and August 19, 2015

Ms. McEldowny informed board members that the meeting minutes of the May 27, July 15, August 19 and September 16 meetings had not yet been completed. The board deferred
AGENDA ITEM 3: Update on Status of Request to Change Name of downstream portion 'Īao Stream to Wailuku River

a) Ms. Delos Santos reminded the board and guests that the US Board, since the request had been significantly modified, suggested that the Hawai'i Board send notification of changes to all interested parties to be sure that there were no objections to the changed application. Letters and/or emails were sent to anyone who submitted written (via postal letter or email) or verbal testimony on the case, informing them of the change and inviting them to submit any additional comments. Only one response was received, which was from EarthJustice, and was in support of the change to the application and of the revised stream extent to which the name change would apply. Ms. Delos Santos forwarded the communication to the US Board.

b) Ms. Summer Kupau-Odo of EarthJustice provided oral comments to the Board in support of the amended name change request.

c) Ms. Delos Santos notified the US Board that there had been no comments in opposition received, and so the U.S. Board informed Ms. Delos Santos that the name change would be placed on either the November 12, 2015 or December 10, 2015 US Board docket. A decision by the US Board can be expected shortly after that.

d) The US Board will inform Ms. Delos Santos of the outcome of the US Board vote.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Update on status of board approval to recognize ‘Ohe-o-Kapo as a variant name to 'Ohe'o Gulch (feature ID 362741)

Ms. Delos Santos informed the board that the variant name request had been submitted to the US Board, along with a notification of the citation used and an excerpt from the draft September 16, 2015 meeting minutes. She showed the Board and guests that the addition of the variant name to the US geographic names information system had already been added to the national database and was noted in the online record for ‘Ohe‘o Gulch.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Continued review of Maui Island place names for spelling and diacritical marks

Board members reviewed 27 names. Of those, 1 was determined to be non-Hawaiian, 4 were determined to require more research, 10 names were corrected, 11 names were determined to be already correct in the
GNIS and it was found that one name was no longer in the database – Office of Planning will follow up with the US Board for more information. Name decisions are shown on the following page. (Secretary will fill in details).

Ms. Silva requested that sources listed in the HBGN Style Guide be obtained or purchased for reference during meetings. Mr. Asuncion said that funds may be available, and that the Office of Planning would look into sources and costs for those items and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Akana announced that Mr. Kamoa Quitevas of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has offered the services of some of his staff to assist the Board in conducting research on those names requiring more research. Ms. Delos Santos will extract those names when the Board has finished with Maui and forward the data to him.
Names reviewed and decisions:

Of note:

Palauea Beach: PNH has name as Palauea Beach. HPN (Clark) has Palauʻea. Ms. Rodrigues is familiar with area, and has only heard the beach referred to as Palauea. Decision to keep name as is, unless requested by public, in which case, will consider submitting Palauʻea Beach as a variant name.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Adjourn

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, at the Office of Planning Conference Room. Mr. Leo Asuncion adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.