

WHAT DO PEOPLE DO WHEN THEY'RE NOT WORKING?



FISHING

Second highest count with most doing it for subsistence



GROWING

Most popular activity, with majority growing plants for subsistence.



GOLF

Not quite as popular as other activities.



PADDLING

Third highest count with most people participating for fun and recreation.



HULA

As popular as hunting, with most doing it for fun, recreation, and culture



SURFING

As popular as hula, with most doing it for fun and recreation



HUNTING

Third most popular activity - mostly for subsistence

MOLOKAI COMMUNITY PLAN OPEN HOUSE 1 SUMMARY

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The kick-off open house for the Molokai Community Plan was held on Saturday, June 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Kaunakakai Elementary School cafeteria.

More than 40 residents attended the open house, which was organized to solicit and record as many comments as people were willing to offer. Participants could visit five "stations" in the room. Some displayed information about Molokai while others asked visitors to write comments in response to specific questions. The responses are summarized in this brochure - a more detailed list of responses will be published as a separate report.

A highlight of the event was Lono, who offered a number of songs that created the perfect atmosphere for the open house. In addition to music, open house guests were treated to ono (and homemade) chili and rice prepared by Stan Ka'ahanui. County staff and residents appreciated both the music and food, which gave a real Molokai touch to the event.

Along with the county's planners, the open house was staffed with several volunteers - see box at right. This group of Molokai residents attended a short training session on Friday night, then helped at the stations for the four hours on Saturday - a big mahalo to them all!

The results of the open house - along with other information - will be used to refine the list of issues, problems, and opportunities that will be addressed in the next step of the planning process.



MAHALO TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & DONORS!

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- LORI BUCHANAN
 - STEVE CHAIKIN
 - KATHRYN MAHEALANI DAVIS
 - STANLEY KA'AHANUI
 - RUSSELL KALLSTROM
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What's Next?

The next two community workshops are tentatively scheduled in the morning on **Saturday, October 2** and **Saturday, October 16** at Mitchell Pauole Center. Details are still being worked out but please save the dates!

For More Information

Contact the Long Range Division at 808 - 270 - 7214.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

ISSUES

ECONOMY

- Encourage a real diversification of the economy, especially with jobs that meet the needs of local residents, such as agriculture and “green” jobs.
- Recharge the economy with cheaper agricultural water rates and more interisland travel options.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Improve public infrastructure by upgrading the airport, bus system, recycling system, and consolidate the water system.

HOUSING

- Create a diverse and affordable mix of housing for residents.

DEVELOPMENT

- Control new development and reuse existing structures.
- Ensure that new development “fits” into the island.

ENVIRONMENT

- Protect the island and its watersheds, fishponds, and reefs. Promote more renewable energy - especially solar -- and support agriculture.

TOURISM

- Support eco-tourism, agri-tourism, and cultural tourism.

PROBLEMS & OPPORTUNITIES

PROBLEMS

- Major problems on Molokai stem from environmental degradation, erosion, and flooding.
- Dust storms generated from bare soils at Monsanto properties.
- Less dependence on Young Bros. and improvements needed at the airport.
- Kaluakoi Hotel is deteriorating.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Use existing agricultural lands and resources for activities that protect natural resources and create jobs.
- Use ag lands for bio-fuels or food crops for human or animal feed.
- Enhance watersheds and arid areas to prevent erosion and create jobs.

HOUSING

- Limit the size of new houses to fit in the local, rural style.
- Provide assisted - care housing for seniors.
- Renovate existing hotels before building new ones.
- Provide more affordable housing and land - low loan rates for locals.

CULTURAL

- Celebrate the island’s heritage through a variety of events and programs.
- Express Molokai’s Hawaiian culture through the arts, music, dance, theater, and community events.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Maintain and improve the basic infrastructure of the island.
- Keep the level of infrastructure at a level that’s appropriate - no street lights and no multi-lane roads.
- Use abandoned houses and hotels before building any more.
- Plant trees along main street in Kaunakakai.

ECONOMY

- Diversify Molokai’s economy with jobs in eco-tourism and agriculture.
- Promote renewable energy for residences to enable people to live off the grid.

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

ENVIRONMENT

- Protect Molokai’s environmental health through a variety of measures including:
 - replanting native forests;
 - protecting wetlands;
 - increasing recycling and composting;
 - promoting solar and wind energy;
 - implementing the East End Policy Plan; and
 - discouraging the expansion of GMO.

EDUCATION

- The island’s educational system should support industries that are relevant to Molokai, such as the “green economy”, agriculture, and vocational training.
- Expand the public library.
- Maintain the school year as a year-round program.

OTHER

- Promote more solar power in Kaunakakai
- Form a County of Molokai

THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE AND THE NEXT IS A SUMMARY OF ALL OF THE COMMENTS THAT WERE RECORDED AT THE OPEN HOUSE.

A COMPLETE AND MORE DETAILED LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN LATE-AUGUST ON THE COUNTY’S WEB SITE. YOU CAN ALSO CALL 808- 270- 7214 TO GET A HARD COPY .

WHAT WORKS ON MOLOKAI NOW?

People have a closer understanding of each other compared to other communities

Smiles, trust, aloha, live and let live

Tutus

Love of land and the ocean

various small town communities across the island

Molokaian taking care of Molokai works

Open space

Many people are close and related - strong community values

Local representation to lead discussion

