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## Fall Community Meeting October 9, 2007, Kapa'a Middle School Cafeteria

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### Participants

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Following a brief presentation of the draft plan, participants were asked to join a small “break-out group” for discussion. Each group was asked to first offer comments about the draft plan goals, strategic actions and indicators. They were asked to identify what they saw as positives – things that they thought were especially important or on point; things they thought were negatives – things they didn’t agree with or didn’t understand; and things they thought were missing. The groups were then asked to give comments on the draft implementation and accountability plan. They were asked specifically to comment on what they saw as the strengths of the proposed sustainability council; what they saw as weaknesses of the proposed sustainability council and how they might be addressed; and any other general comments they might have about the plan for implementation and accountability. Their input will be considered by the H2050 Sustainability Task Force as it revises the draft H2050 Sustainability Plan.

The goals in the draft plan are:

- Goal I – A Way of Life
- Goal II – The Economy
- Goal III – Environment and Natural Resources
- Goal IV – Community and Social Well Being
- Goal V – Kanaka Maoli Culture and Island Values



## GROUP 1

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### ➤ Discussion: Plan goals, strategic actions and indicators

#### What are the positives – things that are really important or on point?

- Good work by Task Force.
- Good to focus on sustainability.

#### What are the negatives – things that you don't agree with or don't understand?

- Need culture of cooperation v. competition. Need to emphasize cooperation in business and government (i.e. handling the Superferry). Role of Sustainability Council = cooperation with community.
- No sense of urgency in plan leads to falling of attendance at meetings.
- Things in plan recreate wheel – we need initiatives that move us forward.
- Goal I
  - Is a strength but need to show “how”.
  - What do we want to sustain?
  - Idea: H2050 to talk to KPAA to match Kaua‘i Indicators Project (structure, data, information available) to quantify goals.
  - “Gas consumption” could be an indicator.
- Goal II
  - Why “must” we sustain military and tourism?
  - Sustainability is adjusting to changes.
  - Plan pacifies people holding on to status quo.
  - “Global” does not = sustainability.
  - Is the U.S. sustainable?
  - Plan needs to focus on developing internal economies.
  - How does Sustainability Council increase consumption of local foods?
- Goal III
  - Really support “ahupua`a” model. Actual integration into a process. Can current processes support this?
- Goal III
  - “Reduction and reusing” need to be emphasized (other 2 R’s).
  - No sense of urgency, need more initiative.
  - SA #5: “Encourage” too vague; perhaps “mandate”
  - All should be “mandate”.
  - Need leadership to emphasize urgency.
  - Emphasize the urgency, vision and process.
- Goal IV
  - Aging population – no indicator?
  - This goal needs to be #1 as it starts with people.



- Start with people.
- Sustainability starts with individual action.
- More emphasis on “housing.” How many farmers living on the land? Need to live where we work.
- Another strategy – Carpooling. Better urban/city planning.
- Goal V
  - How to keep Hawaiians strong within U.S.
  - A Hawaiian on every board and commission.
  - Plan needs to properly portray Native Hawaiians.

**What do you think is missing from this section of the plan that is critical?**

- Don't need a plan, just direction.
- Need numbers in goals – What do we want? Range of what is good and bad?
- Needs Governor's drive.



➤ **Discussion: Concept of Sustainability Council**

What do you see as the strengths of the proposed Sustainability Council?

- Good to be in this office as it is independent of politics.

What are the shortcomings or weaknesses?

- A lot of responsibility on the Sustainability Council.
- Sustainability Council has strong political ties – many appointments.
- How is Auditor’s Office going to implement?
- Another process to select members independent of politics.
- No confidence in Governor appointing.
- Need County Sustainability Councils, separate from Statewide Sustainability Council.
- Members need knowledge and track record of sustainability.
- Need mandatory training or curriculum for members.
- Decision making process needs to protect minority; not just “majority rules.”
- Process needs to be cooperative.
- Council is not “empowered” to move things.
- Need island/county voices to be heard – NI boards/councils.
- Diversity of island/community needs to be taken into account.
- Sustainability Council needs to prioritize plan, timeline and phase in
- Plan has no priorities, timeline, # goals
- Enforcement?

Other comments about the sustainability council?

None

How can we engage the general public in taking action to promote Hawaii’s sustainability?

None

➤ **Calabash:**

- Title - “State of Hawaii” No okina
- Breakout questions by county.
- All islands are different; how to honor the differences? i.e. Urban vs. rural population differences.
- Emphasize people not superstructure.
- HI2050 conference did not practice sustainability (food & supplies).
- Plan too general, hard to get arms around, not specific enough.
- Plan for Sustainability Council needs another level – more local.



## GROUP 2

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### ➤ Discussion: Plan goals, strategic actions and indicators

#### What are the positives – things that are really important or on point?

- Goal I
  - Indicator – degree of recycling. How comprehensive?
  - Establish baseline.
  - Encourage recycling contradicts lessening fossil fuel. Should eliminate sale of styrofoam, plastics etc.
  - What are some of the real sacrifices - good practices vs. continuing level of convenience? How do we make that transition as painless as possible? How do we create this sense of urgency such that it becomes a way of life?

#### What are the negatives – things that you don't agree with or don't understand?

- Goal II
  - Strategy 2 -Disagree why are military and construction industry lumped with agriculture (is one sustainable)?
  - Suggest a strategy to hold government to a higher standard, regarding developing and utilizing sustainability standards.
  - Visitor industry very distinct & different from real estate industry.
- Goal III – Pre-cycle instead of re-cycle
- Goal IV
  - Strategy I – 140% too low; increase to 160% or 180%.
  - Strategy I – Increasing HS graduation rates does not necessarily lead to participation across spectrum – pre-K to HS.
- Goal V
  - Kanaka Maoli should be first goal.
  - Classes on core values vs. language only, i.e. kukakuka (talk story, negotiate)

#### What do you think is missing from this section of the plan that is critical?

- Goal III
  - Question: Where is waste to energy in this plan? For community discussion, is this sustainability?
  - Increase capture of surface water and decrease discharge of surface water into ocean and loss from evaporation.



➤ **Discussion: Concept of Sustainability Council**

What do you see as the strengths of the proposed Sustainability Council?

Good concept

What are the shortcomings or weaknesses?

- 15 too small; suggest 21.
- Why are 9 public members appointed by the Governor?
- Should be publicly elected. Suggest: OHA=3; Each County, 3=12; Governor=6 totaling 21.

Other comments about the sustainability council?

None

How can we engage the general public in taking action to promote Hawaii's sustainability?

- Government PR thru Hō'ike etc. (public funded election)
- Improve life skill training and exposure to students at an early age.

➤ **Calabash:**

- Motto – Keiki o ka 'Āina.
- Cohesion - Can divided Governor and Legislature move forward on this?
- Timing very important in articulating vision for the general plan.
- Each county should be able to expand accordingly to its local desires, needs.
- What is the definition of “sustainability...a review...promotion” for participants first time to these meetings
- Mix media presentation to promote in the community.
- What is the mechanism to get from strategy to indicators? (What are the “action steps”).
- Some indicators contradict each other
- Is this plan mandatory?



## ➤ Comment Sheets

### Comments on Goals, Strategic Actions, and Indicators

- Under goal 3 section 2 (conserve water). Reduce water loss to evaporation (shading with trees) or improve groundwater surface runoff via tree planning i.e. planting shade tolerant trees (i.e. mango) in haolekoa forests. A large percentage of potential water is lost to evaporation and we should encourage tree planting by both individuals and government to improve watershed function in alien forests. The conditions are right for this. It has to do with ecological succession early colonization species should be replaced by shade tolerant, slower growing, harder wood trees. The Early Colonizers are already in place.
- Start with schools being sustainable bio-tech? Sustainable tech business promotion why? Tourism limited to certain water usage. Pre-cycling? Recycling goes against your lessening of fossil fuels goal. How much power (say) do people (communities) have in their community.

### Comments on Ensuring Implementation and Accountability

- Is 2050 optional or mandatory for all communities? Legislative commission.

### Additional Comments

- Don't you think there should be a push to make Hawai'i 2050 to everyone. How about tee shirts with the Hawai'i 2050 logo and "Hawai'i now and in the future." Why don't we have a Hawai'i Day for Hawaii 2050? "What we do today is what will be tomorrow." Should there be a suggestion box for Hawai'i 2050?
- Should Hawai'i 2050 consider a global conference on sustainable systems? Should Hawai'i 2050 motto be "Keiki o ka 'āina"?