

Notes from Kaua`i Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Community Meetings

Meeting 1: Kapa`a (for the communities from Puhi-Lihue to Kapa'a-Kealia)

Monday 1/12/15 @ the Kapa`a Neighborhood Center

- Importance on raising awareness of hazard zones, preparedness and response measures;
- A need for more public events and information dissemination;
- Desire to engage in community resilience planning

Meeting 2: Kōloa (for the communities of Koloa to Kalaheo): Tuesday 1/13/15 @ the

Kōloa Neighborhood Center

- Top concerns (KCC VC & Local Artisan) are multi-hazard (overlapping) risks and contingency planning;
- Need for more sheltering, KCC as an untapped resource

Meeting 3: Kekaha (for the communities from Hanapepe Ele`ele to Kekaha)

Wednesday 1/14/15 @ the Kekaha Neighborhood Center

- Top areas of concern amongst participants (residents--FF, community activist, private sector, government employees):
 - Tsunami evacuation zone covering much of housing and community areas—and lack of clear evacuation routes (mapped) and staging areas with facilities for parking cars, staging, post-disaster staging as needed
 - 3 schools, church St. Teresa and around 50 homes within an area known to be highly environmentally contaminated from the sugar mill, dumping and abandoned chemicals and paint, and pesticides for years (high mercury content in water, soils, air); could've gotten Superfund but State for some reason didn't have them apply for it; DOH has come and done tests and done community meetings but nothing has happened yet; concerns about environmental toxins leading to cancer, poisoned fish and other health hazards
 - Landfill is near homes, schools, etc.

Meeting 4: Kīlauea (for communities from Anahola to Ha'ena)

Thursday 1/15/15 @ the Kīlauea Neighborhood Center

- Participants: Environmental health deputy director (past), Aqua Engineering, community leaders, a visitor/tourist, residents, BOD of Kilauea Neighborhood Association; Hanalei to Ha'ena Community Disaster Resilience community leaders
- Focused on updating the Hanalei to Ha'ena Community Disaster Resilience Plan

- There is a need for community disaster Go-Kits for deployment at strategic staging points;
- Support to include the Hanalei to Ha'ena Community Disaster Resilience Plan as a Case Study Best Practice in the KC Plan Update
- **Top Challenges with fostering community resilience:**
 - Traffic: too many cars (some vacation rentals have 2 cars); traffic control problems causing blockage; looking for local traffic control through local residents trained in traffic flagging (e.g. when there is rainfall and visitors mass exodus and clog exit)
 - Need clearer evacuation planning countywide including considerations for road slope, composite (material) width, etc. to understand capacity for evacuation
 - Remaining Illegal TVR's have been locally identified and many are trying to now apply for permits as B&B's, continued issues with their contributions to increased traffic/# cars, pressure on infrastructure and wastewater system, etc.
- Potential urgent care center can support
- Role of PMRF in high traffic area control
- Monitoring of Public Health issues like infectious disease outbreaks
- Roles of military? Local businesses with kuleana?