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January 9, 2022 Menehune Road Update

As of Jan. 8, this daily newsletter will be posted online at www.kauai.gov/kema. Click on the blue button at the top of the page labeled "Waimea Valley Rockslide.

HAZARD NOTICE

Large, loose boulders continue to fall onto the roadway below. Please DO NOT cross the rockfall site at any time. Doing so could result in severe injury or death.

Road Closure and Slope Stabilization

Rock scaling work began today, which includes forcing loose rocks off the slope onto the roadway below. A protective layer of rock remains on the roadway to safeguard the Department of Water's 10-inch waterline.

Contractors will continue the first phase of rock scaling work through Monday. Starting Tuesday, contractors will temporarily suspend rock scaling work to focus on securing the Waimea Bridge from further damage. This is expected to take roughly four days, from Tuesday through Friday. Slope stabilization will continue once the bridge is secure.

Menehune Road is expected to remain fully closed for roughly three weeks, until the slope above the roadway can be stabilized and is deemed safe for passing. Contractors are working seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the slope is stabilized.

Waimea Swinging Bridge

Contractors continue to assess damage to Waimea Swinging Bridge. However, repair work to the bridge cannot begin until the slope is stabilized. Given the historic nature of the bridge, we expect this to be a long-term repair project.

We realize this pedestrian bridge is an important point of access to our Makaweli residents and we will continue to work with residents on continued needs. Makaweli residents requiring assistance are urged to contact KEMA at numbers listed below.

Emergency Access Route

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has opened an alternate emergency access route from Waimea Canyon Drive, known as Panini Road. The Panini Road access is limited to emergency responders only until further notice as DLNR continues to

improve the roadway for local access. Any emergency supplies or resources over this roadway must be coordinated through KEMA for transport.

Panini Road will be opened on a limited basis to residents and responders as soon as it is deemed safe. An updated timeline on limited local access is expected early next week.

Utilities

All utilities in the area have been restored, including power, water, phone and cable/internet services.

As a reminder, with internet service restored, this daily newsletter will be available online. To view, visit www.kauai.gov/kema and click on the blue button at the top of the page labeled "Waimea Valley Rockslide."

Wellness Checks and Needs Assessments

KEMA continues to coordinate door-to-door wellness checks to residents along Menehune Road and on the Makaweli-side of the river. The wellness team is being led by our Waimea Fire Station and Community Liaison Kaina Makua of Kumano I Ke Ala community non-profit.

Several community partners have donated food, pet food and other supplies. We thank all of our donors for their generosity! If you have any need during the road closure please relay that information to our wellness team and KEMA will coordinate delivery. All contact numbers are included below.

Kupuna Care

The county's Agency on Elderly Affairs is conducting wellness checks specifically for kupuna in the area, age 60 and older. If you have a kupuna that has not yet been contacted by the Agency on Elderly Affairs, please contact their office at (808) 241-4470.

The Elderly Affairs team is expected to conduct door-to-door outreach with kupuna care packages on Tuesday, January 11.

Refuse Service

Refuse collection will be on Tuesday, January 11. Residents are asked to leave their bagged trash in their refuse carts on Monday, January 10 for early-morning pickup on Tuesday. Refuse collection will be limited to bagged household waste only.

To ensure efficient pickup, please double bag your household trash and place in your County issued refuse carts. Bulky items, green waste, and loose trash will not be collected at this time.

Postal Service

We continue to work with USPS officials to establish mail service. Updates will be provided once confirmed.

School/Education Needs:

Families with school-aged children who have limited internet access were provided MiFi devices by DOE to assist children with distance learning options during the road closure. If you have a school-aged child who needs assistance with distance learning options, please contact KEMA at the number below.

Important Contacts:

- If you require assistance during work hours, you may call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) at 808-241-1800.
- For kupuna assistance, please contact the Agency on Elderly Affairs at (808) 241-4470.
- If after working hours, call Kaua'i Police Dispatch at 808-241-1711.
- If this is an emergency and you require immediate assistance, call 911.