

MEETING: Hawaii Island Noise Concerns – Roundtable

DATE: October 11, 2018

TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm

LOCATION: Hilo International Airport Training Room

FACILITATOR: Daryl Fujita – State of Hawaii –DOT Acting General Aviation Officer

IN ATTENDANCE: Daryl Fujita – State DOT

Steven Santiago – Assistant District Manager, Hilo International Airport

Alex Tamoria – Admin Services Officer

Gina Iopa – Business Services Supervisor, Hilo International Airport

Eric Lincoln and Paul Morris – Hawaii Helicopter Association

Patrick Kahawaiolaa – President of Keaukaha Community Association

Alan Okinaka – Community Representative

1. Welcome and Introduction of Attendees – conducted by Facilitator

2. Discussed Ground Rules – conducted by Facilitator

To be courteous and respectful to all attendees allowing each person time to talk, ask and answer questions etc.

3. Purpose of Roundtable – conducted by Facilitator and Alex Tamoria

Discussion on how to improve helicopter operations to help with noise concerns from neighborhood communities and public of Hawaii Island. The hope is to solve on a local level.

Recap of some concerns brought up at August 14, 2018 Hawaii Island Noise Concerns Meeting, held at Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo Hawaii.

4. Roundtable discussion – All parties willing to discuss further and work on local solution by identifying realistic solutions to helicopter noise in Hawaii Island local communities.

Community Members asked specific questions about helicopter/aircraft design and possibility of making them quieter. Flight Operations and flight paths for passenger travel was discussed in with detail to required aircraft height off ground and flight patterns made to avoid neighborhood communities. By-laws discussed; the by-laws are a work in progress. Also discussed was the communities concern on the frequency of flights and early morning operations.

Community Representatives were provided with two websites to address helicopter Noise through called in or online complaint process.

<https://hawaiihelicopterassociation.org/> (808) 639-5566 (Local Association)

<https://www.planenoise.com/> (Complaint Tracking Site)

5. Closing Remarks – Facilitator DOT Rep stated they were pleased with open and respectful communication between Hawaii Helicopter Association and Community Representatives. All parties willing to discuss further and work on local solution by identifying realistic solutions to helicopter noise in Hawaii Island local communities.

6. Next Meeting – pending date

G. Iopa 10/29/18

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