



HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

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TOWN HALL MEETING FOR ALA WAI FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

HONOLULU – The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction, in partnership with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, have scheduled a town hall meeting on the Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Project.

The meeting will be held at Mānoa Valley District Park, Gymnasium No. 1, on Tuesday, March 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The presentation portion of the program will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., with a question and answer session to follow.

The agenda will consist of presentations about the need for resiliency on the island of O'ahu in the face of climate change, emergency preparedness, and an update on the project.

Members of the public who have questions about the Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Project, or want to find out more information, are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to enter the gymnasium and free parking is available at Mānoa Valley District Park.

If you require special assistance, auxiliary aid and/or service to participate in this town hall meeting (i.e. sign language interpreter; interpreter for language other than English, or wheelchair accessibility), please contact James Kurata of DLNR at least four days prior to Tuesday, March 19 by calling (808) 587-0227.

For questions or comments about the Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Project, please contact the United States Army Corps of Engineers at (808) 835-4026, or email at AlaWaiFloodProject@usace.army.mil. Information about the project is also available at the following website: https://www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Civil-Works-Projects/Ala-Wai-Flood-Risk-Management-Project/

Background

The Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Project completed the Feasibility Stage in December 2017 when the Chief of Engineers for the US Army Corps of Engineers submitted the Chief's Report to Congress. The Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement was signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works in September of 2018 and was transmitted to the state of Hawaii for adoption. The Project was funded for Construction by the Bi-Partisan Budget Act of 2018 under the Long-term Disaster Recovery Investment Program with an authorized cost of \$345,076,000. The program allows for single phase design and construction, as well as a deferred payment option to expedite funding and execution of projects.

The team is currently in the early stages of Exploration and Survey to refine data gathered during the Feasibility phase, and to develop the feasibility designs into full designs.

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