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WAIKOLOA MANEUVER AREA RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE

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What is the WMA Restoration Advisory Board?

Restoration Advisory Boards, commonly called RABs, are established in communities located near Formerly Used Defense Sites with environmental cleanup activities. RABs are local boards designed to provide a forum for effective two-way communication between the community and the Department of Defense about work and plans at nearby cleanup sites.

The RAB is solely advisory in nature. By definition, a RAB may only address issues associated with environmental restoration activities. The WMA RAB endeavors to bring together community members who reflect the diverse interests of the local area, enabling the sharing of information, concerns and values between the community and the Corps.

What do Restoration Advisory Board members do?

WMA Restoration Advisory Board members work cooperatively with each other to ensure the efficient and

effective use of time and resources. Specific responsibilities may include the following:

- Commenting to the Corps and regulatory agencies on environmental restoration activities
- Attending semi-annual Restoration Advisory Board public meetings
- Encouraging community involvement
- Reviewing and evaluating technical documents

The WMA Restoration Advisory Board provides valuable input to the Corps, but it is not a decision-making body and does not direct the Corps' work.

Who and how many may serve on the WMA Restoration Advisory Board?

The WMA Restoration Advisory Board consists of individuals from the community who are affected by the environmental restoration activities because they live and/or work near the



Members of the Waikoloa Maneuver Area Restoration Advisory Board participate in the fall 2023 meeting, which was conducted Oct. 24 in Waimea on the Island of Hawaii.

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WMA. The WMA RAB typically consists of eight to 12 members; however, the number of members is unique to each RAB. Anyone who owns property, lives or works near the WMA Formerly Used Defense Site may apply for membership. Membership aims to reflect all segments of the community and may include representatives from, but not limited to, the following groups:

- Federal, state and local government agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Property and business owners
- School districts
- Community, religious, civic and/or professional organizations
- Residents

It is not necessary to serve on the WMA Restoration Advisory Board in order to participate in the environmental restoration process. Interested members of the community can be included on mailing lists and may attend all WMA Restoration Advisory Board meetings in addition to other community meetings held throughout the restoration process. Technical documents will be made available to the public, and the public will be able to comment on them at community meetings or at WMA Restoration Advisory Board meetings during a time set aside for public comments and input.

How is the WMA Restoration Advisory Board organized?

When the WMA RAB was first established, an independent selection panel made up of community members sought out potential RAB members representing a diverse audience. The selection panel evaluated all applicants to develop a slate of applicants for nomination to the WMA RAB. (Throughout the life of the RAB, new RAB applicants are evaluated, nominated and elected for addition by existing RAB members.)

RAB community members elect one of their members to serve as the RAB community co-chair, along with a government co-chair representative from the Corps. The initial WMA RAB co-chairs worked with the board members to develop a RAB Charter containing the board's mission statement and standard operating procedures, which covered membership roles and responsibilities, membership terms (two years) and the establishment of a semi-annual meeting schedule.

Meetings are held at convenient times and locations and are open to the public.

The Corps does not provide compensation to board members, nor does it pay travel expenses for board members; however, it is responsible for the administrative operations and costs associated with the board.

Are Restoration Advisory Boards able to receive training or assistance to understand the technical documents?

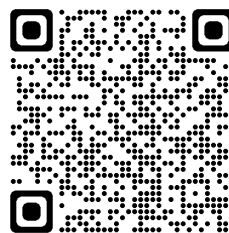
A Technical Assistance for Public Participation program provides members with access to independent technical support in interpreting scientific and engineering issues related to the restoration activities at the Formerly Used Defense Sites. Eligible projects may include the following:

- Interpreting technical documents
- Assessing technologies
- Interpreting health and safety information
- Training

More Information

Learn more by calling the WMA program manager at 808-835-4079 or by emailing WMAUXOInfo@usace.army.mil.

Additionally, the Waikoloa Maneuver Area FUDS webpage features the **WMA RAB Charter** and the **Department of Defense RAB Rule Handbook**. Both of these items can be found by using the QR code below.



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Munitions are dangerous and may not be easily recognizable. Never touch, move or disturb munitions or suspected munitions.

Recognize – when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous.

Retreat – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Report – call 911 and advise police of what you saw and where you saw it.

