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## WMA Restoration Advisory Board meeting scheduled May 23

**FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii**, (May 18, 2023) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), managing restoration efforts at the Former Waikoloa Maneuver Area (WMA), South Kohala, Island of Hawaii, will provide a status update regarding ongoing environmental investigations and restoration activities at the next WMA Restoration Advisory Board meeting, or RAB:

Tuesday, May 23, 5-6:30 p.m. Parker School Theater, Room 12 (65-1224 Lindsey Rd, Waimea, HI 96743)

The public is invited to attend **in-person or via Webex**. The twice-yearly RAB meetings are hosted by USACE and intended to involve the community in the restoration decision-making process for the former Waikoloa Maneuver Area.

"The RAB is an important tool to help expand public understanding about the Corp's work and remediation process at the WMA," said David Griffin, WMA Program Manager. "We encourage community to attend and stay engaged with us and with our state and federal partners, until this mission is complete."

## View or download the meeting agenda here:

www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/FUDS/Waikoloa.aspx

## To attend online:

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The WMA RAB meeting will be recorded and posted to the project website.

The USACE Honolulu District executes the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Hawaii program which is dedicated to protecting human health and the environment by investigating and cleaning up past DoD activities. Safety is the top priority. To learn more about FUDS projects in Hawaii, go to www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/FUDS/

**BACKGROUND:** The Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the DoD. Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) are real property that were under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense and owned by, leased by, or otherwise possessed by the United States and were transferred from Department of Defense control prior to October 17, 1986.USACE Honolulu District is coordinating closely with the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) as projects are being addressed in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).