

# Kūihelani Solar Phase 2





August 27, 2024



### Agenda

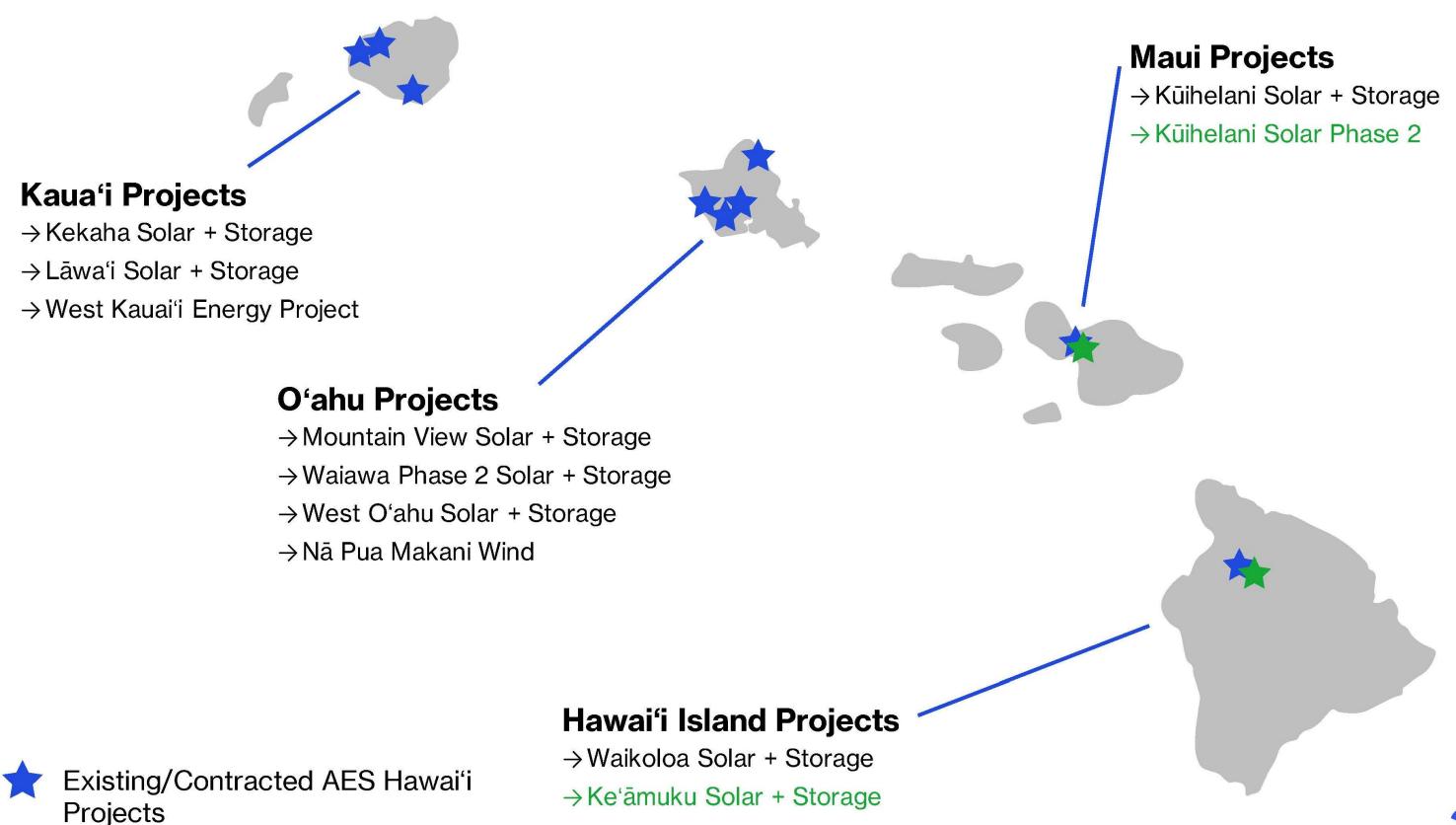
- → Meeting Recorded
- → Project Specifications
- → Benefits & Preliminary Feedback
- → Anticipated Timeline
- → Studies and Design Considerations
- → Community Benefits
- → 30-Day Comment Period September 26, 2024
- $\rightarrow$  Q&A -
  - Chat Function
  - Raise Hand to Appear on Camera



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### AES Hawai'i's Statewide Presence



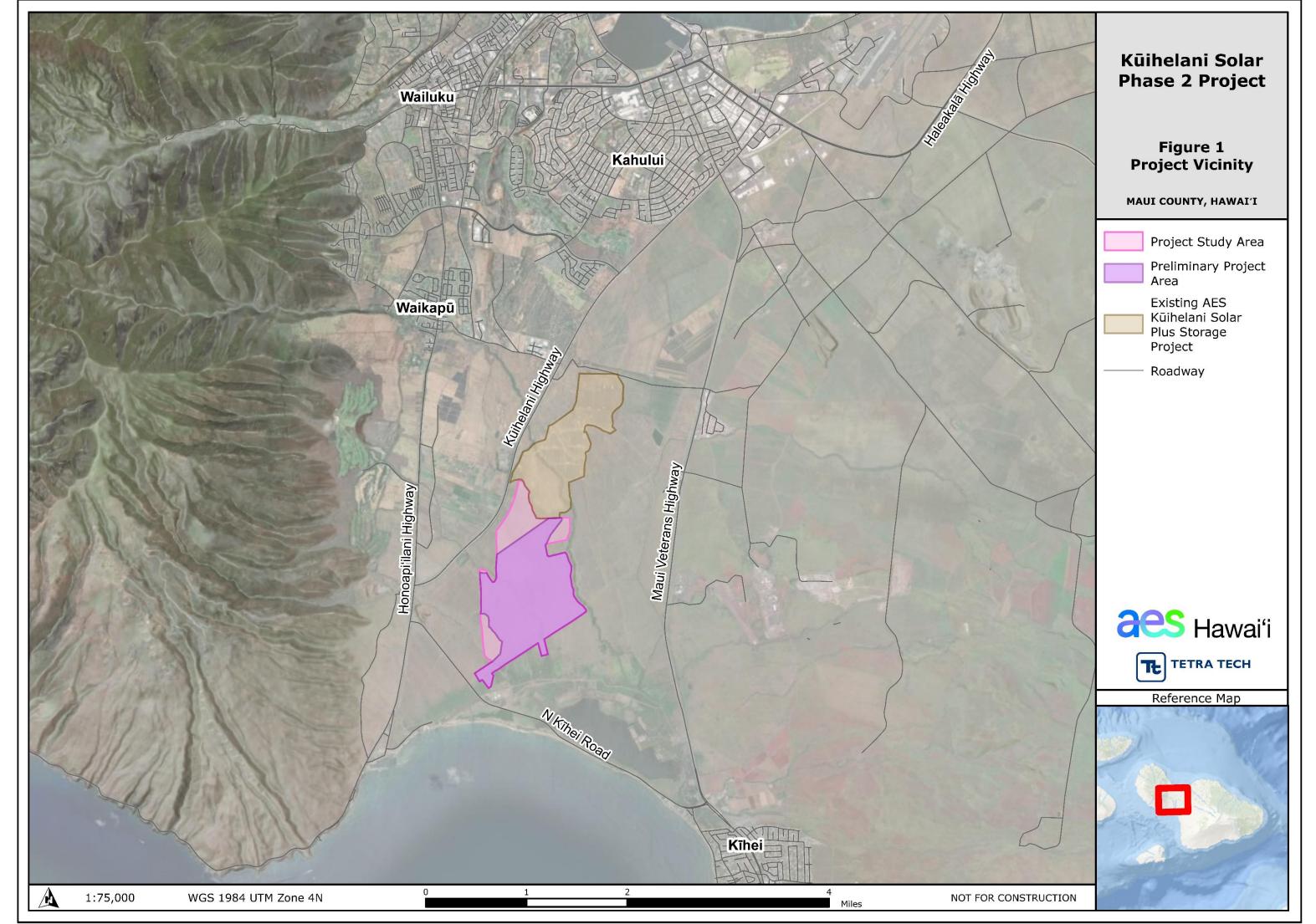


Stage 3 Awarded AES Hawai'i Projects

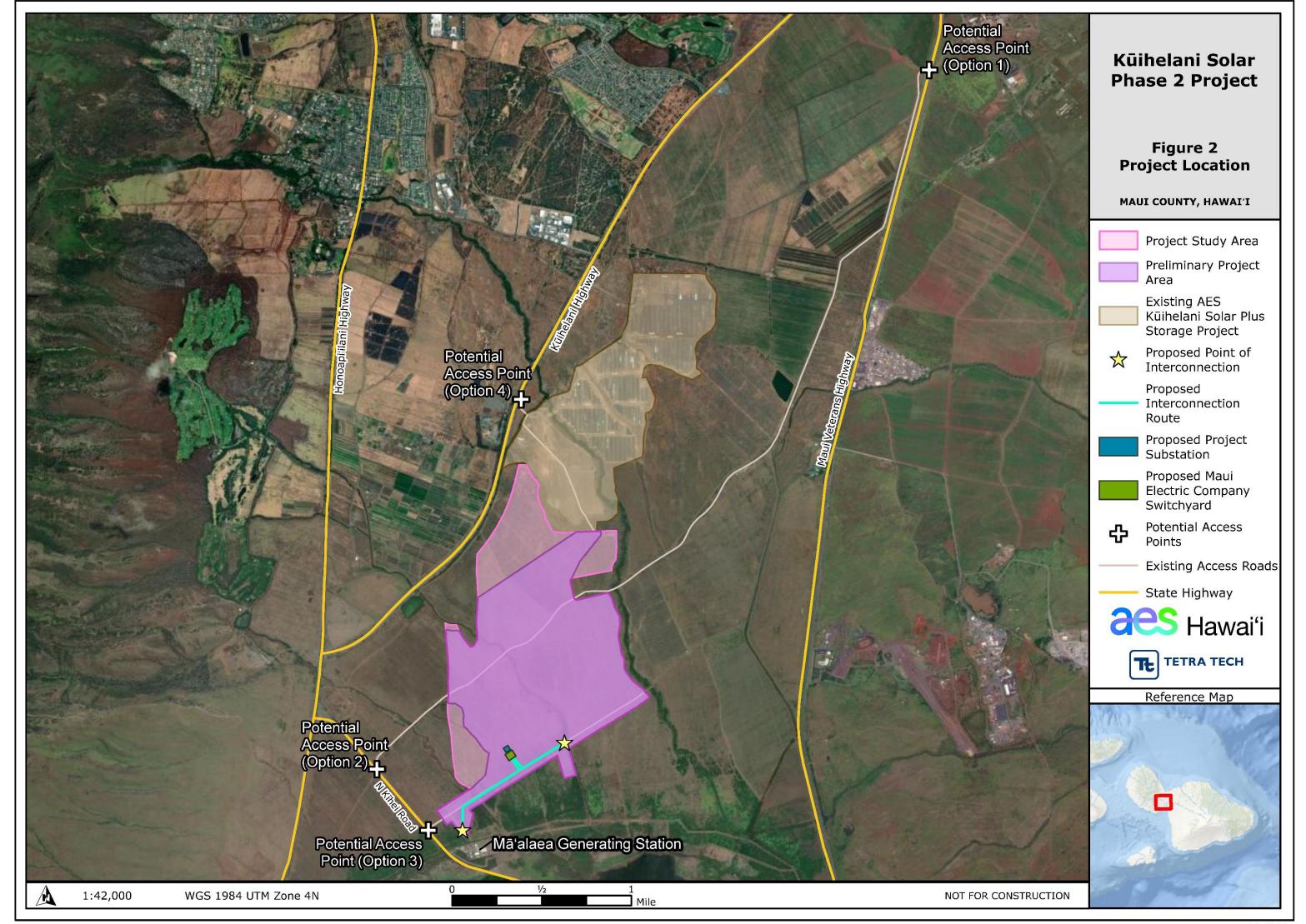
# Project Specifications

- → 40 MWac Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Array
- → 160 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- → Landowner: Mahi Pono
  - ~730 acres Study Area
  - ~575 acres Preliminary Project Area
- → 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
- → 2027 Guaranteed Commercial Operations Date (GCOD)
- Decommissioning
- → Primary Approvals:
  - PUC/HECO PPA
  - Maui County Special Use Permit Planning Commission
  - State Special Use Permit State Land Use Commission

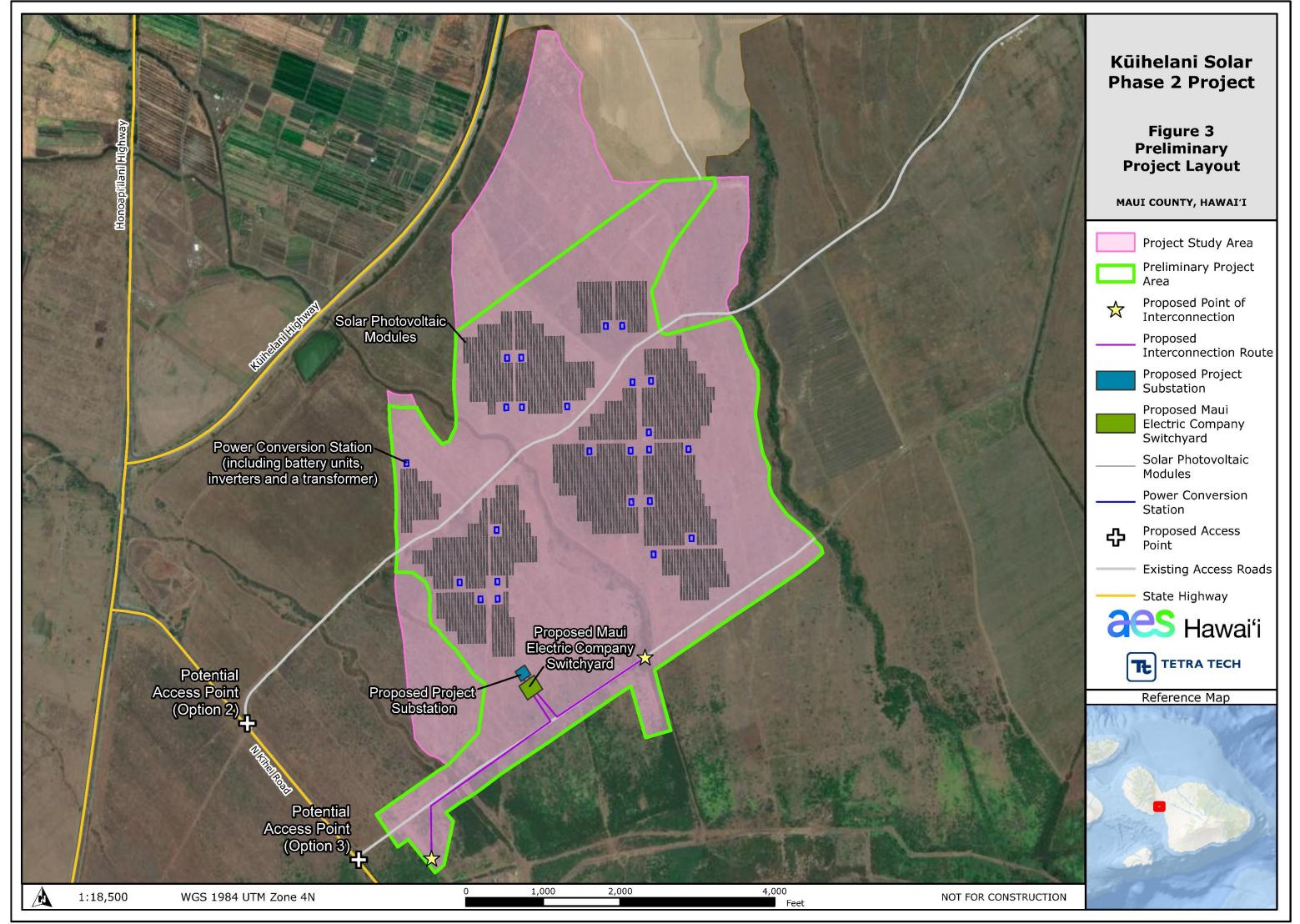














# Representative Photos of Equipment



Solar Panels



Battery
Energy
Storage
System

# Representative Photos of Equipment





# Kūihelani Solar + Storage











# Project Benefits & Preliminary Feedback







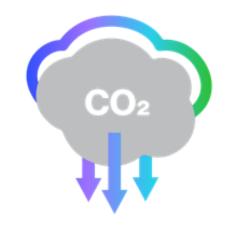
## Project Benefits - Environmental



~ 10% of Maui's energy needs\*



~ 18,425 homes powered annually\*



4.3M barrels of oil avoided\*

\*Subject to Change



## Project Benefits - Economic



### ~\$209 million to the economy\*

> Direct, indirect, and induced economic activity



~1,300 jobs\*

Direct, indirect, and induced full-time-equivalent (FTE) jobs

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## Project Benefits - Cost



Low, stable price



Supports sunsetting of traditional fossil fuel plants and grid modernization



## Pre-Award Public Sentiment Survey

- 359 Maui Residents
  - Survey conducted from February March 2022
  - Margin of error +/- 5.8 % points, 95% confidence interval.
- 70% Support, 16% neutral, 7% opposed, 7% don't know
- Top Reasons
  - Reduces costs of electricity



Cuts down on fossil fuel use



Good for the environment or climate & community





### Anticipated Project Timeline

Q1 2024 - Q1 2026

Project design and engineering

Q1 - Q3 2025

PUC PPA review and approval

Q3 2024 - Q3 2026

Agency consultation, approvals, and permitting

 $Q3\ 2026 - 2027$ 

Construction and commissioning

2027 Operation

Proposed commercial operation date





# Studies and Design Considerations







ACS Hawai'i

# Cultural and Archaeological Studies



- → Literature Review and Field Investigation (LRFI) Completed
- → Cultural Impact Assessment In process
  - Consultation
    - Lineal and cultural descendants
    - Kūpuna, kama'āina, cultural practitioners
    - Community groups
- → Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS) In process
- → Archaeological Monitoring Plan



### Kūihelani Solar Phase 2

# Compatible Agriculture







### Partnering with Local Agricultural Operators

- Partnering with Agricultural Experts and Consultants
- Local Farmers/Ranchers
- No-Cost Land Lease
- Financial Support

### **Balancing Resources**

Limiting Water Use

### Potential Agricultural Activities

- Grazing
- Honey Production
- Limited Cultivation

# Achieving Hawai'i and Maui Agriculture and Energy Goals Together

Landowner + Developer + Local Ag Partners



# Traffic Study



- → Traffic Study Traffic Impact Analysis Report (TIAR) in process
- → Construction Traffic Best Management Practices
  - Deliveries During Off-Peak Hours
  - Construction Traffic Management Plan
  - Multiple Access Points
- → Minimal new traffic once operational
  - 4-5 Vehicles/Day

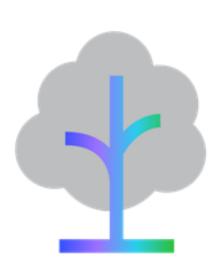
# Wildfire Mitigation



- → Clearance Zones
- → Vegetation Management
- → Fire Breaks
- → Innovative Fire Suppression and Alarm Technology
- → Emergency Response Plans
- → Multiple Access Points Including Emergency
- → County Fire Codes and State Regulations
  - Engagement with the local fire department and emergency response agencies throughout permitting, construction and operations
  - Project plans are reviewed by county fire officials prior to permit approvals



### Visual Simulations



- Representative simulations from publicly accessible viewpoints
- → Focal length to simulate view from naked eye
- → Photograph taken from human-scale height
- → Glint/Glare analysis





**VISUAL SIMULATIONS** 10% Rev. Design 1

Maalahi Street



VICINITY MAP

#### **Photograph Information**

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Simulated Conditions
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Kuiheilani Highway



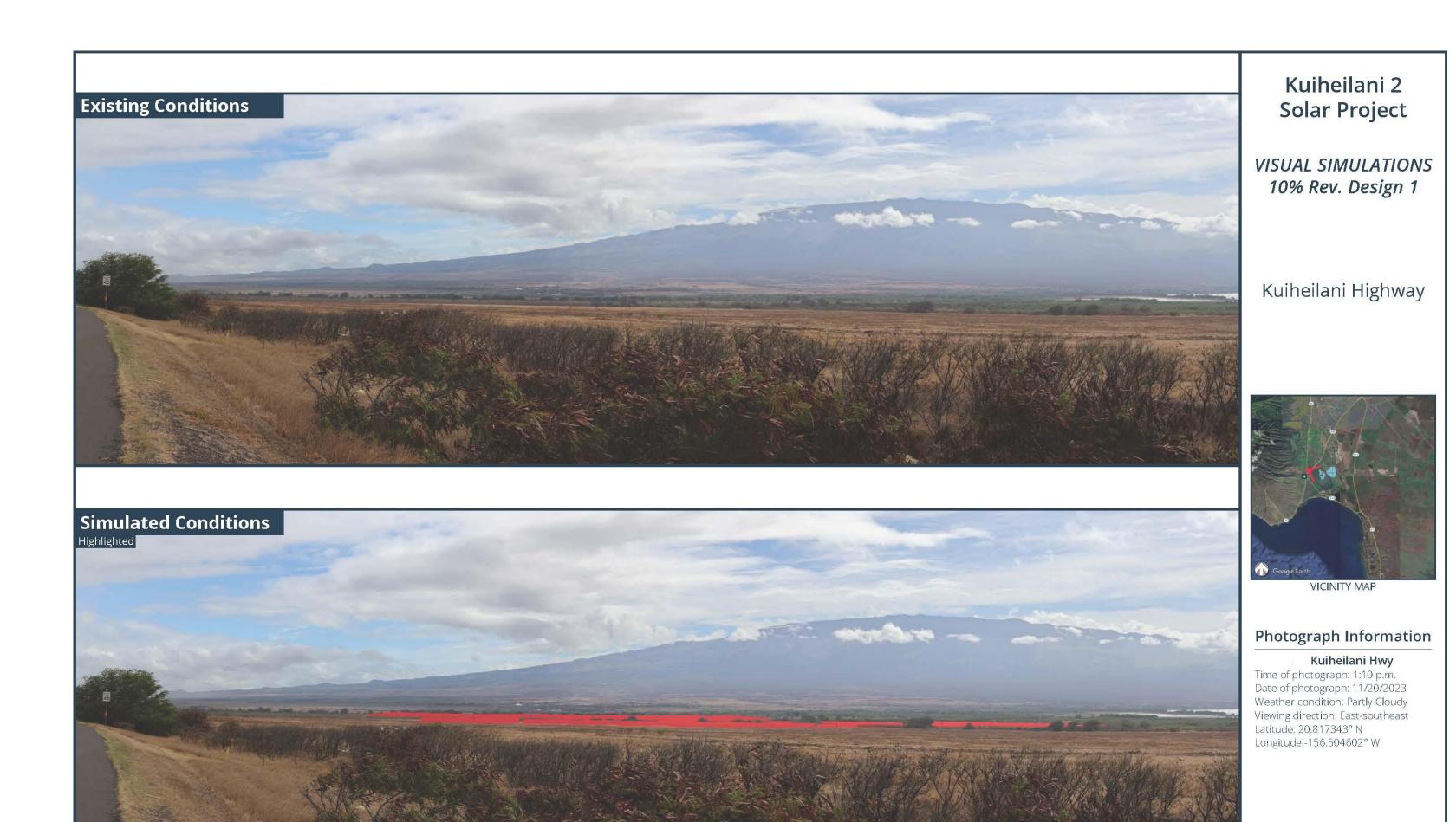
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Kuiheilani 2

Solar Project

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Maalea Harbor



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Kealia Boardwalk



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Views of the Project PV Arrays, Substation and Switchyard, shown overlaid in green,

are obstructed by foreground terrain and vegetation.

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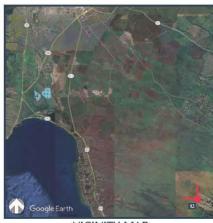






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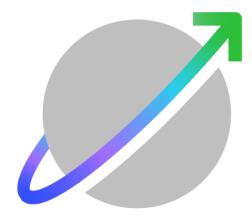






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# Supporting the Community







# Community Benefits Package (CBP)

- → 6 Months After Operation Date
- $\rightarrow$  \$120,000/year
- → 25 years PPA Duration
- → Community-Identified Beneficiaries
- → AES Hawai'i Foundation No-Cost Administration
- → Input Welcome



# Project Summary

- → 40MW solar PV + 160 MWh battery storage
- → 18,425 homes powered
- → ~10% of the island's energy needs
- → ~ 1,300+ jobs generated
- → ~\$209M+ in economic output
- → 25-year PPA term
- → 2027 online
- → \$120,000/year in Community Benefits
- → 70% support



### Feedback Welcome

- → 30-day comment period through September 26
- > Comments on overall project and design
- → Comments on community beneficiaries of CBP
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