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JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 2008 NEWSLETTER

Please note: The Sierra Club Maui Group Board of Directors election takes place in October.
New board members will serve a two year term beginning January 1, 2007.
To nominate yourself or nominate another person, please contact Ann Fielding at 572-8437.

MAUI GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Give us a call and let us know your thoughts.
Sierra Club members are invited to attend our monthly meetings.
Please call Bob Babson at to learn where and when the next meeting is.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

By Lance Holter

RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENTRENCHED THINKING OR NEW ENERGY SOLUTIONS!

I'm sitting here today looking at my electric bill, a year ago I was paying 27 cents a kilowatt hour (KWH) and today I'm paying 35 cents per KWH, that's a 30 per cent increase in a year. I know we're all being pinched by the cost of imported oil these days but now we see here a clear example of how the chicken comes home to roost. Why have we not incorporated enough well known nationally used renewable energy solutions here in Hawaii to provide relief? Who is to blame? What's the solution?

Lack of motivation and entrenchment, that's what we see in Hawaii. Where's the motivation for solutions if the utility can continue to use liquid fuels (in our case diesel fuel for the electric generators) and just pass the increasing cost of petroleum on to the consumer. This diesel power electric generation is an example of entrenched ideas of producing energy; we on Maui now see a little wave energy, a successful wind power plant and some photo voltaic (PV) panels coming on line but where is the big idea?

Maui Electric's and Hawaii Electric's idea are to partner and build two 100 million gallon imported palm oil refineries (the largest in North America). But wait a minute are we not already importing oil to Hawaii and are we not already slaves to the spiraling cost of imported oil? In the last 18 months palm oil has risen 300% and futures 72% in six months. Electric plants on the mainland and in Europe are changing their business plans, deciding against using bio-diesel to generate electricity, because of the price of palm oil and soybean oil has climbed so steeply making the plants commercially unviable, according to the Wall Street Journal, April 30,

2008. This entrenched thinking in Hawaii keeps us locked into an idea quickly losing support elsewhere in the world. So in Hawaii the utility can just pass the extra costs on to you and me, no worries just suck it up Brah.

So what are our energy choices? We in Hawaii live in the Saudi Arabia of energy - it's the sun. Solar power in the world is a 38 Billion dollar industry and growing in revenues. Recently, the LA Times reported that Southern California Edison negotiated a power purchase agreement for 245 megawatts of electricity eventually producing enough electricity by 2013 for 160,000 homes from two square miles of concentrated thermal solar on seven plants in the desert outside of Lancaster. The system is using a tower with a boiler on top. A field of mirrors focus thermal heat rays on the boiler making steam and thus running an electric turbine generator. Edison is also working on an \$875 million project to put 65 million square feet of PV on California's commercial buildings and roofs. California plans and anticipates reaching 20% of their power from re-newables by 2010 and currently buys 90% of the solar electricity produced in the US.

In Nevada 40 Miles south of Las Vegas a solar utility plant, Nevada Solar One, has been up and running for a year producing 64 MW of Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) from parabolic mirrors focusing rays on a continuous tube containing a fluid heating it to 600 degrees and running it thru a water boiler pushing a steam turbine to produce electricity. In Mesa Arizona, Arizona Power (www.APS.com) and Solana reached an agreement for 280 MGW of CSP, at a cost of 17 cents per KWH, by the year 2011 with a unique storage system combining molten salt in large vats to store the heat and produce electricity 24 hours day and night.

On the Federal and State level the biggest obstacle, after entrenched thinking, is the lack of long term investment tax credits. Financial institutions will not finance projects with short term investment credits. It takes four to seven years to plan, permit, and finance and construct utility-scale solar projects. Congress and the Legislature must and can immediately create an eight year tax credit extension period and thus support this emerging, successful, innovative and creative renewable energy solution.

I think it is time our Hawaii Utilities combine learning and information collection site visits with our Legislators to see for themselves the workings of these new successful solar technologies. Sometimes political will can overcome entrenched thinking and let the light shine.



UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

North Shore Heritage Park: One step closer to a reality. Lands have been identified for protection in the draft Maui Island 2030 Plan (MIP). This plan will set growth boundaries for the next 20 years. Proposed park lands include the current Baldwin Beach Park, Lime Kiln site (Kapuka'ula), undeveloped lands makai of the golf course and lands mauka of Hana Hwy in the flood plain, as well as a mauka expansion of Ho'okipa Park Lands. Citizens need to keep pushing for the park and the addition of a greenway corridor (mauka of Hana Hwy) connecting Baldwin and Ho'okipa. The 2030 MIP will be reviewed and voted on by the County Council in 2009. Support candidates who support the park. Check out MIP maps at:

www.co.maui.hi.us/departments/Planning/gp2030/index.htm. Please let your support for the Park be heard during the General Plan review process. To receive alerts sign up at Sierra Club Maui webpage. For more information, please see: www.northshorepark.org.

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Pali to Puamana Parkway: The concept of a parkway makai of any realigned Honoapiilani Hwy route is supported in the 2030 MIP. However, a community Task Force advising the state DOT on realignment options for Honoapiilani Hwy between Ma'alaea and Launiupoko was recently told that the Federal funding for any "bypass" road could be jeopardized unless the plan includes six lanes of traffic capacity at full build out (2050). The route of the proposed road or roads is still under discussion. Will we need 3 lanes in each direction? Committee members questioned the effect of rising fuel costs on projected 20-30 year vehicle use levels and asked that proposed mass transit corridors be included in the plan. If you have input about the highway "realignment," contact public interest rep on the advisory committee, Lucienne de Naie at laluz@maui.net.

East Maui Streams: Over 100 citizens attended a State Water Commission fact finding meeting April 10th urging the Commission staff to immediately act on a 7 year old citizen petition to amend (increase) stream flows in 27 East Maui streams. Sierra Club submitted comments supporting restored stream flows.

'Iao & Waihe'e Stream Restoration: The State PUC heard from scores of citizens on May 14 asking that Wailuku Water Co and Wailuku Water Distribution Co. be denied permission to operate as a public utility distributing the waters from Na Wai Eha streams. Sierra Club submitted comments supporting deferment of the issue by PUC until the permitting system for the stream waters is put in place. Na Wai Eha streams were designated for management by the state earlier this year, and such designation requires all users must apply for permits.

Sustainable Energy: Good bills passed the legislature. More efforts are underway through Sierra Club's Sea Change Hawaii campaign to boost energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. Sierra Club activists continue to monitor all plans to help shape a viable local renewable energy future for Maui. For more information: www.HawaiiBioFuel.org.

Plastic Bag Ban: Local natural foods stores have committed to switch to bio-degradable plastic bags but a Maui County bill requiring businesses with annual gross sales over \$250,000 to provide compostable plastic bags, paper bags or reusable bags to customers has hit resistance from big retailers. It will be heard again before the year's end. Tired of plastic bags in our ocean? Let the county council know you support laws that help Maui transition to less use of plastic bags and then only compostable bags. Testimony can be sent to: county.council@mauicounty.us.

Superferry Update: The Hawaii Superferry and the state are appealing Judge Cardoza's decision to award Sierra Club and its allies court costs for a portion of their legal expenses incurred during legal challenges to require an EIS. Considerable public input has been given during the EIS process. To uphold the rule of law, Sierra Club and its allies appealed Judge Cardoza's decision to lift his original restraining order and allow the ferry to sail before the environmental review process was complete. The allies believe that the action taken by the legislature to create a special exemption for the ferry violated the state's constitution. For updates please go to: www.SaveKahuluiharbor.com.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): Kilakila o Haleakala, a citizen's group urging an alternative site for the 14 story energy hog telescope, expect the project's final EIS to be released in June. A recent panel discussion on the topic co-sponsored by Maui Group is being aired on Akaku. For more info, go to: www.kilakilahaleakala.org.

Pumping Policy for Harbor Tour Boats: Congratulations to Mike Moran and the Pump don't Dump group for getting Ma'alaea harbor based boats to pump wastes, rather than dumping at sea. A recent donation from Dowling foundation will construct a pump out facility at Kihei boat ramp. Weigh in at: www.pumpedontdump.com.

Honolua Bay development: Maui Land and Pine representatives are in discussions with community groups about preservation of this historically and biologically important area. According to unconfirmed reports, discussions may involve creating conservation easements on the lands of Lipoa Point, Honolua Bay and mauka slopes in exchange for the right to increase density of use in adjoining Kapalua. For more updates go to: <http://www.savehonolua.org>.

South Maui Development: Judge Cardoza granted a preliminary injunction based on a complaint filed by five residents that the county council violated State Sunshine Laws by holding weeks of back-to-back meetings to discuss Wailea 670 with no public testimony on the new matters being brought up. The injunction halts further county action on processing permits for the 1,200 unit development because in the judge's words: "the plaintiffs are likely to prevail." A final ruling on the matter is expected in June. Maui Group and others have long advocated for the project to update its EIS to let policy makers know what is really planned to address the many unanswered concerns. It was recently announced that an updated EIS will be done. For updates on hearings and actions, go to: www.savemakena.org.

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Maui Island 2030 Plan: What's being planned for Maui's future? 40,000 new units on Maui? Where's the water and wastewater capacity? Will private sewer and water systems proposed be accountable and reliable? Should rural town areas (like Haiku, Pa'ia and Hana) remain undefined even though a new state law allows automatic conversion of a proportion of large Ag tracks to rural lots? These are some of the questions that the Draft MIP needs to answer. The Plan will be the law that shapes the future you and your family will live in. Is there Plan "B"? Public participation in the MIP is welcome and a small group format is used. Written comments are encouraged up to August 19, 2008. Go to: <http://www.co.maui.hi.us/departments/Planning/gp2030/index.htm>. Next MIP meetings: June 19 (5-9 pm) & 21 (10am-4pm) at King Kekaulike cafe, July 3 (5-9pm) at Kaunoa center, July 17 (5-9 pm) and July 19 (10am-4pm) at Kihei Community Center, August 7 (5-9 pm) at Kaunoa Center, August 21 (5-9pm) and Aug 23 (10am-4pm) at Lahaina location TBA, and September 4 (5-9pm) at Kaunoa Center. Meetings are subject to change.

MAUI GROUP HIKES, SERVICE TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Please be prepared for outings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Hiking boots are recommended and please trim your toenails. No kidding! Hiking can cause "tennis toe." A donation of \$5 (\$3 for Sierra Club members) is requested of hikers over age 14. Please register early. Pre-registration is required for some hikes. Call the hike leader number shown below. The East Maui Irrigation Company (EMI) allows us to hike across their land so long as each hiker has a waiver. An EMI waiver is ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED for EMI hikes (listed below). One waiver covers all EMI hikes for this quarter. Call in your waiver request to Jackie at 579-9516 well in advance and make an appointment with her for when you can sign it. Then go to EMI's Pa'ia office at 497 Baldwin Avenue to sign the waiver. Please be considerate of Jackie's time and pick up waiver 5 days in advance whenever possible. Then, please bring the waiver on the hike and show it to the hike leader and carry it with you during the hike. Also, please check our web site, www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui, and click on Hikes and Activities for additional hikes and outings and/or changes which we have added after this newsletter was published. Mahalo!

CONTINUOUS SPECIAL SERVICE EVENTS

Maui Coastal Land Trust Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Restoration: Be a part of restoring an ancient fish pond and other sites which have a major cultural significance and participate in a remarkable learning experience. Every Friday, 8 am to noon. No need to register, just show up. Go to Waihe'e and turn toward the ocean on Halewaiu Road. Turn left onto the dirt road marked "Maui Coastal Land Trust" and park at the parking lot overlooking the ocean. This area is called "Roundtable." For more information, please call Scott Fisher at the Maui Coastal Land Trust at 808 244-5263 and/or go to: www.mauicoastallandtrust.org and click on Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands. MCLT also offers a free guided walk of the Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Call 244-5263 for more information and to make a reservation. Spots fill up quickly, so call early. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Project Malama Honokowai: This is a service trip and you will be helping in an archaeological stabilization, reforestation and education project known as Project Malama Honokowai. Every Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. A very special experience! Simply meet at 9:00 am at the intersection of Honoapiilani Highway (between mile marker 25 and 26) and Pu'ukoli'i Road at the "Sugar Cane Train" station parking lot in Ka'anapali. You don't have to register - just show up. In the mountain valley above is a three mile long valley with significant archaeological ruins where an estimated 600 ancient Hawaiian families once lived. For more information and to confirm the date, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Project Malama Hanaula: Help reforest the area around and above the Kaheawa Wind Farm above Ma'alaea. Meet every Sunday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Park in the public parking lot near Carl's Jr. Restaurant at Ma'alaea. Carl's Jr. is located next to the gas station at the stop light. Then carpool 2,000' up to the wind farm where the view is incredible. Help remove alien species and re-plant endemic plants and learn about the area and the wind farm. The wind farm currently consists of 20 1.5 MW turbines and provides 9% of the electricity for Maui and 18 more turbines are planned. Bring your camera, lunch, water and suntan lotion. For more information and to confirm the date, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085. Also, please go to www.kaheawa.com. No registration is necessary - just show up. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Malama Makena: First Saturday of each month, Save Makena www.savemakena.org sponsors a cleanup effort in or around Makena State Park. Call Angie Hoffman at 357- 3134 for details on meeting time and place.

Community Work Day Cleanups: If you know places that need to be cleaned up and would like to organize it with friends or an organization you belong to, you can call Community Work Day at 877-2524 and they will provide you with trash bags, advertise your location in the newspaper to get more volunteers to help you, and coordinate having a truck come out and pick up all the trash you bag and leave along the roadside. Community Work Day is a 501c3 charitable organization and organizes these clean ups state-wide five times a year. They are truly a wonderful organization!! For more information please go to www.cwdhawaii.org. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

JUNE HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 14: Hike south from La Perouse Bay on the Kings Highway to one of the most remote and beautiful areas on Maui. Visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and archeological sites along the way. Then hike further south to beautiful sandy beach where we will swim and have lunch. Bring swimsuit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. 6 mile roundtrip all day hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Sunday, June 22: Please join us on a very interesting and educational historical tour of Haiku. Visit a number of sites that were significant to the Hamakua Loa region and hear the story of each area, including a former sugar mill in Haiku town that is otherwise inaccessible. There will be two bus tours, one at 10 am and one at 1 pm, as well as a side trip to Coconut Grove. Lunch will be provided. The tour is sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Haiku Elementary School, on Pauwela Road near the Hana Highway. The Haiku Living Legacy Project is a 501c3 organization and a suggested donation of \$15 will be appreciated. Join us for this unique opportunity to visit places that are not open to the public and to hear talk story from local kupuna. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call Kathy McDuff to register at 572-5662.

Tuesday, June 24, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at the Flatbread Company "Board Room" upstairs, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to confirm meeting time and place.

Thursday, June 26: What's in my backyard? Invasive Plants/Animals of Paia/Haiku/Huelo, free, 6-8:30 p.m. Paia Community Center, Hana Hwy., Paia. Walk the neighborhood fieldtrip (workshop attendance a prerequisite) 28 June, 2-4 p.m. Paia Community Center, Hana Hwy., Paia. Please call Elizabeth Speith at office 808 984-3716 or cell 808 264-4757 for more information. This is sponsored by the USGS. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, June 29: Papa'aea Reservoir Trail. Moderate uphill 5 mile hike in lush East Maui watershed. Eat lunch at a beautiful pool with waterfall. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (see above). Bring lunch, water and bathing suit. Meet at the Haiku Community Center at 8:30 am. Limit 18. Leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

JULY HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 1: If you haven't already, please register to vote and/or update your current address with the County Clerk. The primary election is Saturday, September 20th and the general election is Tuesday, November 4th. Call the County Clerk's office at 270-7749 to register and/or change your address to your new address if it has changed since you last voted. Also, you can request an "Absentee Ballot" if you wish. If you don't like how things are, then make sure you vote. Mahalo for voting!!

Saturday, July 5: Upper Waikamoi trail/Makawao Forest hike. Six mile moderate round trip through koa and 'ohi'a forest to reservoir. Meet 8:30 am at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center near Bank of Hawaii to carpool to top of Olinda Road where the hike begins. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (see above). Limit 18. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Thursday, July 10, (tentative): What's in my backyard? Invasive plants/animals of Kipahulu, free, 6-8:00 p.m., Kipahulu Triangle Community Center, Kipahulu. Please call Elizabeth Speith at office 808 984-3716 or cell 808 264-4757 for more information. This is sponsored by the USGS. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, July 20: Drive out through Hana to Haleakala National Park Kipahulu visitor center and hike up the Pipiwai Trail through beautiful grasslands and bamboo forest to 400' Waimoku Falls. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Park entrance fee is \$10/car. Meet 8:00 am Haiku Community Center to carpool. Limit 12. Hike Leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Tuesday, July 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at the Flatbread Company "Board Room" upstairs, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to confirm meeting time and place.

Saturday, July 26, 8:30 am to noon: Community Work Day: Litter Bugs Me Cleanup! To volunteer, please call CWD at 877-2524 for the cleanup nearest you. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Tuesday, July 29: What's in my backyard? Invasive Plants/Animals of Central Maui, free, 6-8:30 p.m., Kahului Community Center, 275 Uhu St., Kahului. Walk the neighborhood fieldtrip (workshop attendance a prerequisite) 01 August, 10-12 p.m. Kahului Community Center. Please call Elizabeth Speith at office 808 984-3716 or cell 808 264-4757 for more information. This is sponsored by the USGS. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

AUGUST HIKES AND EVENTS

Saturday, August 2: Drive out to Keanae and hike Piinaau Road up the beautiful Keanae Valley. The area is also known as the Koolau Gap because lava from Haleakala used to flow down through this valley to the sea in ancient times. Meet at 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center to carpool. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water and sun screen. Limit 18. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (see above). Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Thursday, August 14: What's in my backyard? Invasive plants/animals of West Maui, free, 6-8:30 p.m., Lahaina Civic Center, 1840 Hono'apiilani Highway, Lahaina. Walk the neighborhood fieldtrip (workshop attendance a prerequisite) 17 August, 10-12 p.m. Lahaina Civic Center. Please call Elizabeth Speith at office 808 984-3716 or cell 808 264-4757 for more information. This is sponsored by the USGS. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, August 17: Hike Skyline Trail above Poli Poli. Meet at Pukalani Shopping Center near Bank of Hawaii at 8:30 am to carpool. We drive up to Poli Poli State Park and then hike up the Mamane Trail to Skyline Trail. We have lunch above the timber line with fabulous views. Approximately 6 miles roundtrip. Bring lunch, sun screen and water. Limit 18. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Tuesday, August 26, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at the Flatbread Company "Board Room" upstairs, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to confirm meeting time and place.

Saturday, August 30: Hike the Wailua Iki trail with lush plant life and have lunch and swim in a pool with a beautiful waterfall. Bring lunch, bathing suit, sun screen and water. Meet at 8:30 at the Haiku Community Center to carpool. Limit 18. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (see above). Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

SEPTEMBER HIKES AND EVENTS

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm: We will have our Red, White and Blue Picnic at the Amphitheatre in Keopuolani Park near Maui Nui Botanical Gardens on Kanaloa Avenue in Kahului. Every two years just before the primary elections, the Sierra Club has a picnic and invites all the candidates to come and speak. It is a family event that features musical performances, a silent auction, a food service area, awards, and information tents. A good time is had by all. Please plan on attending.

Saturday, September 13, 8:30 am to noon: Community Work Day: Get the drift and bag it! To volunteer, please call CWD at 877-2524 for the cleanup nearest you. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Saturday, September 20: Primary Election - Please vote!

Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at the Flatbread Company "Board Room" upstairs, 89 Hana Highway, Paia. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please call Bob at 874-1166 to confirm meeting time and place.

Sunday, September 28: From La Perouse Bay, hike south along the coast on the Kings Highway to Kanaio - one of the most remote and beautiful areas on Maui. Visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and archeological sites along the way. We actually walk off the recent lava flow onto the ancient shoreline where we explore further south. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. 8 mile roundtrip all day hike. This hike goes about 2 miles further south than our regular La Perouse Bay hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

INFORMATIVE WEB SITES

To contact your Federal officials, go to www.usa.gov

To contact your State officials, go to www.hawaii.gov

To contact all State Senators with one email, go to sens@capitol.hawaii.gov

To contact all State Representatives with one email, go to reps@capitol.hawaii.gov

To contact your County officials, go to www.county.maui.hi.us

All sites are very educational and contain lots of email addresses.

Let them know your thoughts on the issues!

They really do read their email and you can make a difference!!

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MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join the national Sierra Club or renew your membership, please go to www.sierraclub.org and click on "Join or Give." When you join the national Sierra Club, you automatically also join both the Hawaii Chapter and the Maui Group and receive the national Sierra Club magazine, the Hawaii Chapter newsletter and the Maui Group newsletter. The national Sierra Club now has over 1,300,000 members nationwide and is a leading organization in the fight to preserve the environment for future generations to enjoy. Think what America would be like today if environmentalists had not fought to preserve it 20, 40 and 60+ years ago. Did you know that "Big Beach" almost became a hotel? But because of environmentalists in the early 1970's, it was bought by the state for future generations to enjoy forever!! Please tell your friends to join!! Anyone can join for as little as \$25.00 per year.

Also, whether you are a member or not, everyone is welcome to surf our national home page at www.sierraclub.org. It is highly informative of all the projects we are working on. Anyone can sign up for email alerts of environmental actions the national Sierra Club is taking and how you can help by emailing your elected Senators and Representative asking them to vote for vital legislation that will preserve our environment.

DONATIONS

If you like the work we are doing and you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Sierra Club Foundation, please make your check out to the "Sierra Club Foundation, Maui Group Account," and mail it to 85 Second Street, Suite 750, San Francisco, CA 94105. Your donation will be used here on Maui to protect the environment for future generations. The Sierra Club Foundation is a 501c3 organization and is active in environmental education and the enforcement of environmental laws to protect our environment. Its federal tax ID # is 94-6069890 for your tax records. The Sierra Club Foundation will send you a letter meeting all IRS donation requirements for your tax records. For more information, please go to www.tscf.org.

If you would like to make a donation to the "Sierra Club, Maui Group" which is not tax deductible but which will help us pay for our direct lobbying of government officials here on Maui to protect the environment, please make your check out to "Sierra Club, Maui Group" and mail it to POB 791180, Paia, HI 96779-1180. Mahalo! For more information about what we are doing, please go to www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving and want to change your address for the Sierra Club, please send old and new addresses and a Sierra Club address label (if you have it) to Sierra Club Member Services, P.O. Box 52968, Boulder, CO 80328-2968, or call (415) 977-5653, or email the information to address.changes@sierraclub.org. This one notification will change your address for all newsletters and magazines including the national Sierra Club magazine, the Hawaii Chapter newsletter and the Maui Group newsletter.

SIGN UP FOR MAUI GROUP'S EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

Please go to www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui and click on "Join Our Email List." Simply put in your email address and we will send you emails alerting you of important news concerning the environment and activities where you can help to protect the environment of Maui for future generations to enjoy. Such activities could include rallies to attend, meetings to attend where you can testify, and vacancies on important environmental boards and commissions where you can volunteer to sign up to fill a position and be on the board or commission and represent the best interests of the environment and vote to protect it. This is a great way to be heard and make a difference.

Who Will Defend Our Environment?



THE SIERRA CLUB WILL!

And you can too, become a member now!

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