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Navy to host public informational meeting July 19 on proposed Kalaeloa Renewable Energy Park

(PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM) - The public is invited to attend a public informational meeting sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii on Tuesday, July 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hale Pono`i Building at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands facility, 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway.

Topics for the meeting include an administrative history of Kalaeloa land conveyances to Ford Island Ventures, a National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process overview, a National Environmental Policy Act process overview, and an introduction to the proposed Kalaeloa Renewable Energy Park.

Ford Island Ventures is proposing to develop a photovoltaic array at Ewa Field. The 5-megawatt solar array can power up to 5,000 homes and consists of approximately 21,000 PV panels installed on a low-profile modular racking system. The Navy supports this project as a way to highlight and protect the historic runway while serving as an important renewable energy source.

The meeting consists of an informational open house from 6 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a public meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Representatives from the Navy, Ford Island Ventures and Hawaii Community Development Authority will be available to answer questions.

A comment form link and additional information are available at the Navy Region Hawaii website, www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii. The public may also submit questions and comments to cnrh.pao@navy.mil.

(Note: Media wishing to cover the event should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2926 by noon, Tuesday, July 19.)

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