

**KNSA Report from the Turtle Bay Talk Story 3
June 14, 2011**

Aloha Ko'olauloa North Shore Alliance Supporter -

The latest in a series of community discussions involving the future of Turtle Bay Resort took place May 11 at Sunset Beach Elementary. KNSA would like to express our sincere appreciation to all community stakeholders who attended this important event, including all of the invited guests as well as Governor Neil Abercrombie, Cathleen Mattoon, Lee Sichter, Drew Stotesbury and Tim Vandever, who served as our panel of speakers. The forum allowed us to ask questions of Resort representatives, elected officials, and various experts and also present our own ideas for alternatives to development of rural lands.

In our estimation, the Talk Story achieved three main objectives:

- First, it detailed how the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process will unfold and how residents and visitors can comment on the draft document (anticipated to be released July 23rd) to find areas for improvement. Community members were advised that while input is crucial, in no way does an updated EIS mean that the resort is safe from the threat of more development.
- Second, Governor Abercrombie was reminded of the importance of State participation in a matter so vital to the future of our keiki. We are grateful for the Governor's offer of increased involvement and his acknowledgement of our community's passion for their environment. Attendees were also advised however, that continued involvement by everyone (not just government) is the key to a successful campaign for preservation at the resort.
- Last, the Talk Story served to show Replay Resorts that our community remains steadfast in its opposition to massive expansion at Turtle Bay. We continue to believe that significant development of this area is not sustainable either for the resort or our local communities, especially given pressures already being placed on Ko'olauloa and the North Shore by "Envision Laie" and other large-scale development proposals.

Drew Stotesbury and the development team at Turtle Bay will soon unveil their latest master plan for the resort, one which will become the defining plan for the SEIS. As Drew said on the evening of the Talk Story, this plan will include "significantly reduced densities" for future development on the property. He also explained that the SEIS analysis will involve an alternative plan that reflects "significant land preservation". We welcome this measure of commitment and remain hopeful that it will result in the permanent protection of all currently undeveloped lands mauka and makai of Turtle Bay Resort. We are committed to partnering with the team at Replay to make that vision a reality by providing input and alternatives from our community throughout this process.

The Alliance will continue to monitor revisions to the plan and act as a conduit for community concerns. We will keep you informed when the new resort master plan is unveiled and the SEIS process is set to begin. Until then, please stay involved and thanks again for all you do.

Sincerely,
Ko'olauloa North Shore Alliance