Hāna Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Community Meeting Notes

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Question & Answer Session / Collaborative Discussion Notes

- Are these dots known as a specific address?
    - Yes, they are associated with specific addresses / properties.
- What size is needed for nature based solutions?
- Has there been any commitment to a decentralized system on these sites?
    - It may be too early, once the community decides on a path forward, a more robust conversation can be held to see what is available.
- Is it possible to combine a septic system with a separate system?
- What is the cost, who is paying for it (individual homeowner vs. communities), and where is funding to support that?
- What is the status of working with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands?
    - We are looking to meet with them to touch base before the June 4th meeting and hopefully have a representative join.
- At this stage, it would be beneficial to see the cost. (Figures or $,$$, $$$ examples)
    - Adding funding examples that match each option, example: if homeowner burden is heavy show options for funding that could offset costs
- Working with nonprofits like Habitat and nonprofits to apply for and source funding (grants) to have this paid for
- Do you know if 1A&1B options address drugs and PFAs?
    - Regulations from the EPA are being rolled back. It is typically something you monitor instead of treating.
- Do we have any info on:
    - economic advantages for the types of Wastewater Treatment Plant selected?
    - 30 year outlook of a selected Wastewater Treatment Plant pertaining to the Aina of Hana?
    - 30 year Outlook of a septic system?
    - If a septic system is selected, what are the obstacles for the homeowner if they choose to add additional dwelling structures?
- Would it be possible to reduce cost by purchasing land closer to the wastewater sources, to reduce the cost of installing sewer lines?
        - Yes, but I need to check with the contractor. Need to look at other conflicting utilities

    - Is it possible to directional drill with the small diameter force main, and is there room within the right of way to limit trenching outside of the roadway on the shoulder?
- I think it would also be helpful for residents to know what kind of disruption they should expect during installation for each kind of alternative solution. And as a community that may want to consider a community solution, what staffing and technical expertise would be needed to run a community system?