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**LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
CONFIRMED AND BEGINNING DUTIES MAY 7, 2007**

HONOLULU – The newly-appointed members of the State Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission) will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007, in the Kalanimoku state office building at 1151 Punchbowl St., room 132.

The Commission is part of the Department of Land and Natural Resource's (DLNR) Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP), a state program that provides funding to state and county agencies and non-profit land conservation organizations to acquire property having natural or cultural resource value.

The lands may be acquired for the conservation of watersheds; coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access; habitat protection; cultural and historic sites; recreational and public hunting areas; parks; natural areas; agricultural production; and open spaces and scenic resources.

Members' first task will be to attend State Ethics and Sunshine Law training, and then consider how to best perform their responsibilities under the law.

The Commission's responsibilities include recommending to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) the acquisition of interests or rights in certain lands. They will also advise the department and the Land Board on proposals and grant requests to acquire any interest or rights in land having resource value to the State.

The Commission will meet later in May to review and discuss projects submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 application cycle that closed in October, 2006. The FY 2007 application cycle will provide approximately \$4.8 million in grants through a competitive process.

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The Commission will recommend projects for funding to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Projects are also subject to consultation with the Senate President and Speaker of the House, and the approvals of the Attorney General and the Governor.

“This Commission has a large role in the protection of resource lands for the benefit of the people of Hawai‘i,” said Allan Smith, DLNR interim chairperson. “It is heartening to have these very capable and esteemed members of the community serving on this Commission.”

As a group, the Commission members possess: Native Hawaiian cultural expertise; membership in land conservation organizations, agricultural associations, and environmental organizations; and five advanced degrees in scientific disciplines.

The newly confirmed members of the Commission include: Chairperson Dale Bonar, Maui; Carl Berg, Kaua‘i; Joan Canfield, O‘ahu; Charles Fletcher, O‘ahu; Herbert “Monty” Richards, Hawai‘i island; Robert Shallenberger, Hawai‘i Island; Wesley Kaiwi Nui Yoon, O‘ahu; and Karen G.S. Young, O‘ahu.

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