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## **Maui Electric hosts community workshop on proposing renewable energy projects for Moloka‘i**

**MOLOKA‘I, June 21, 2019** – Launching its efforts to seek proposals for potential renewable energy projects for Moloka‘i, Maui Electric Company will be hosting a **Community Workshop: Moloka‘i 100% Renewable Energy**. The workshop will be on **Thursday, July 11**, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the **Mitchell Pau‘ole Center**. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Maui Electric will provide an overview of their plans for procurement of renewable energy projects for Moloka‘i and allow participants to share their ideas and guidance for potential developers. During 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the workshop will focus on the request for proposal (RFP) process should a community group be interested in submitting a renewable energy project. Light refreshments will be served.

“In hearing from the Moloka‘i community and with approval from the Hawai‘i Public Utilities Commission (PUC), we plan to go out for bids for renewable energy projects later this year,” said Sharon Suzuki, president of Maui County and Hawai‘i Island Utilities. “We invite everyone to learn about the RFP process, see what parts of the island could potentially be suitable for different types of renewable energy projects, and hear how you can provide comments throughout this process.”

Since March 2017, Maui Electric has hosted more than 20 meetings with Moloka‘i residents, business owners, and students to discuss the island’s clean energy future. Held in various locations, including Ho‘olehua, Kaunakakai, Maunaloa and Kilohana, the sessions provided information about the island’s energy system and asked how residents envision sustainable energy for Moloka‘i.

From the community feedback collected at the community sessions, Maui Electric will be seeking diverse options for Moloka‘i to achieve 100 percent renewable energy, and possibly ahead of the rest of the state.

“As we start the largest procurement of renewable energy projects to power Moloka‘i, it’s important for as many people as possible to be part of the discussion at this critical juncture,” Suzuki said.

Maui Electric is taking a multi-pronged approach to reach the state’s mandated 100 percent clean energy goal. This includes continuous outreach and discussions with the community; alternative financing possibilities through available tax credits and third-party grants; innovative utility-sited solutions and new customer options to prepare the Moloka‘i grid to take on more renewable energy.

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