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INFORMATION PROGRAM  
for  
DESIGNATING GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE SUBZONES  
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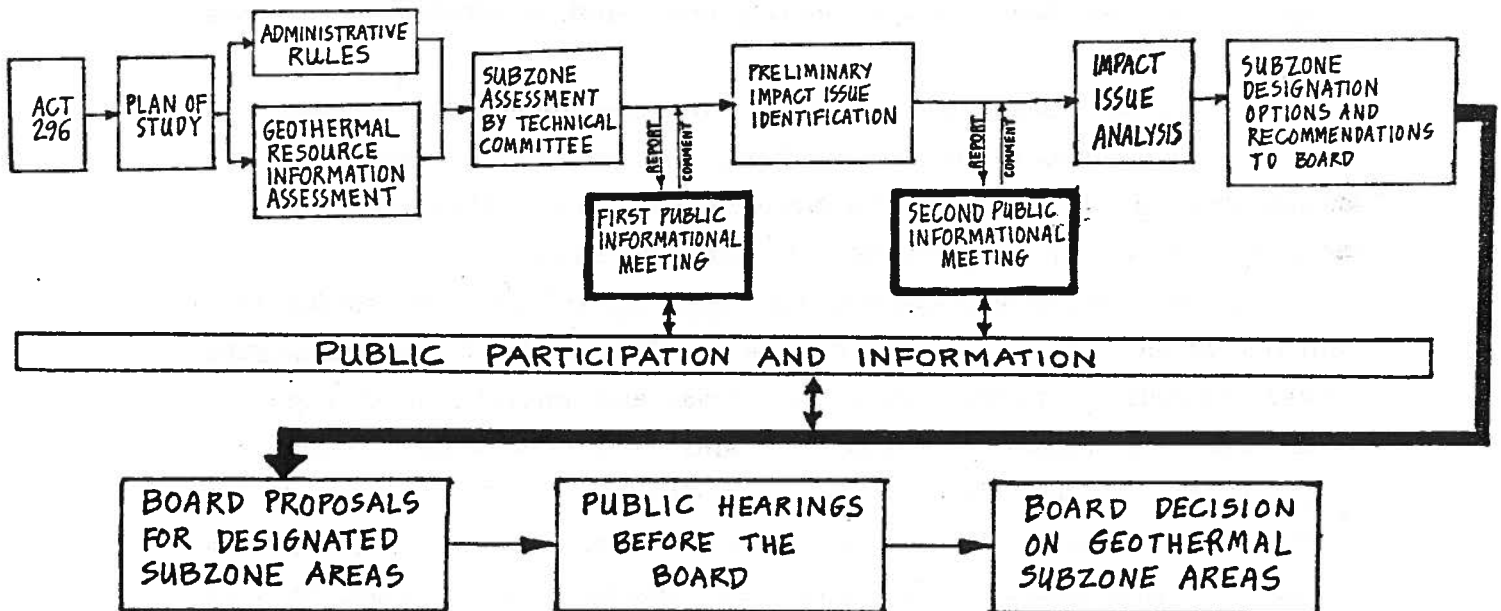
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## INTRODUCTION

In the process of designating geothermal subzone areas, the Department of Land and Natural Resources invites the participation of the general public. Towards this end, a local public participation and information program is being organized.

A series of two informational meetings are planned. The objective of the first meeting is to report the most likely locations of geothermal resources and to open lines of communication between the public and the Department. The second meeting will focus on identification of impact issues. Public comment will be solicited at both meetings. The flow diagram below shows how the public informational meetings fit into the subzone designation process.

Throughout the process, from the enactment of Act 296, SLH 1983 to the final decision of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, public participation has been and will be solicited from various interested parties to assist the Department and the Board.



## OBJECTIVE

These public informational meetings are being organized in an effort to ensure that all pertinent facts and issues are considered at an early stage and throughout the subzone designation process.

## PARTICIPATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAM

The Plan of Study, the proposed administrative rules, and the assessment of available technical information are, for the most part, completed. A technical advisory committee, comprised of geothermal resource system experts, has been organized and will soon be reviewing available information and identifying preliminary geothermal areas. The first informational meeting will be held after this task has been finalized.

Individuals from the Department and the technical committee will discuss their subzone findings to the public at the first meeting. An explanation of the basis for the preliminary subzone identifications will be presented and public comments will be solicited.

The second public informational meeting will be used to identify subzone impact issues. The Department will identify issues relating to power utilization, geologic hazards, social and environmental impacts, land use compatibility, economics, and other possible impacts as required by section 205(b) of Act 296, SLH 1983. The public will be invited to comment on the issues presented and to identify any omitted concerns. Information gathered at this meeting will be used by the Department in analyzing impacts and making subzone recommendations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

## LOGISTICS

As specified in the Plan of Study, public participation and information meetings will be held in communities located in close proximity to identified geothermal resource areas. Preliminary analysis on work completed to date indicate that the East Rift Zone on Hawaii and Haleakala's Southwest Rift Zone on Maui is the most likely areas having geothermal resources available for electrical power generation. As such, public information meetings are described further for these two areas.

### Hawaii County

Most people interested in participating will be those residing in the Hilo, Puna, and Volcano areas. A meeting site in the Pahoia area is being considered because of its central location and close proximity to existing geothermal resources. Two buildings in that area are appropriate for public meetings: (1) the Pahoia Community Center, maintained by the County Parks and Recreation Department, and (2) the cafeteria at the Pahoia Elementary and High School. The Community Center will hold about 100 people and has good acoustics. The school cafeteria can accommodate over 300 people, but acoustics are not as good.

Other meeting sites to be considered include the Campus Center at the University of Hawaii Hilo Campus, the County Council Room in Hilo, and the Hawaii Volcano Observatory auditorium at the Kilauea Volcanoes National Park.

### Maui County

A meeting site in Kihei should be convenient to most area residents since it is almost midway between the rift zone and Wailuku. The Kihei School cafetorium can hold over 200 people. Other sites include the Kahului Public Library and the Maui Community College in Kahului.

## ORGANIZATIONS

To ensure full public participation the time, place, and purpose of the meetings will be announced with newspaper publications, radio announcements, and letter invitations. Letters will be mailed to the various local community, business, labor, and government representatives. The following is a preliminary list of organizations to be contacted.

### Both Hawaii County and Maui County Meetings

Barnwell Industries, Inc.

Dillingham Corp.

Dames and Moore

Geothermal Exploration and Development Corporation

Hawaii State Governmental Units:

Office of the Governor

Attorney General's Office

Department of Health

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Department of Planning and Economic Development

Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Office of Hawaiian Home Lands

President of the State Senate

Speaker of the State House of Representatives

Hawaiian Electric Company

Mid-Pacific Geothermal, Inc.

State Agricultural, Business, and Labor Associations

Thermal Power Company

True Energy Company

University of Hawaii:

Botany Department

Environmental Center

Hawaii Institute of Geophysics

Sociology Department

United States Department of Energy - Hawaii Office

Hawaii County Meetings

Amfac Sugar Company  
Audubon Society - Hawaii County  
Campbell Estate  
Congress of Hawaiian People  
Council of Communities  
County Agriculture, Business, and Labor Groups  
Hawaii County Chamber of Commerce  
Hawaii County Government:  
    Mayor's Office  
    Managing Director's Office  
    County Council  
    Department of Planning  
    Department of Public Works  
    Department of Research and Development  
    Department of Water Supply  
    Hawaii County Redevelopment Agency  
Hawaii County Labor Council  
Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers - Hawaii Co.  
Hawaii Volcano Observatory  
Hawaii Electric Light Company  
Leilani Estates  
Native Hawaiian Self-Sufficiency Institute  
Pahoa Community Association  
Puna Speaks Organization  
Puna Hui Ohana  
Sierra Club of Hawaii County  
Volcano Community Association  
Volcanoes National Park



Maui County Meetings

County Agriculture, Business, and Labor Groups  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers - Maui Chapter  
Kahului Business and Professional Association  
Kihei Community Association  
Kihei-Wailea Rotary Club  
Lokahi Pacific  
Maui Board of Economic Development  
Maui Business and Professional Women's Club  
Maui County Chamber of Commerce  
Maui Contractors Association  
Maui County Government:  
    Mayor's Office  
    Managing Director's Office  
    County Council  
    Department of Human Concerns  
    Department of Planning  
    Department of Public Works  
    Department of Water Supply  
Maui Economic Opportunity  
Maui Electric Company  
Maui Farmers Cooperative Exchange  
Maui Outdoor Circle  
Maui Portuguese Chamber of Commerce  
Maui Puerto Rican Association  
Maui Vegetable Growers Cooperative  
Sierra Club of Maui County  
Ulupalakua Ranch