DESECRATION IN KONA

1250 Oceanside is a 1,550 acre golf-course and luxury home development in Kealakekua:

• The developer polluted Kona’s pristine waters and reefs with muddy, chemical-laden runoff in violation of clean water laws. The court imposed a permanent injunction on any further water pollution.
• The developer destroyed portions of the 1000-year old Ala Loa trail.
• 1250 Oceanside destroyed and desecrated thousands of graves. The developers illegally placed our ancestors in ziploc bags and improper storage containers.
• The desecrations were so bad that major investor Japan Airlines pulled out of the project.

Puʻu Ohau: Sacred Burial Ground of Our Ancestors

• Puʻu Ohau is a very significant burial site for aliʻi. Kamaeokalani, the grandmother of King Kalākaua and Queen Liliʻuokalani is buried there.
• In 1999, the Hawaiʻi Island Burial Council determined that the entire puʻu is the burial site and recommended building a 6 foot protective rock wall around the base of the Puʻu. The state and the developer agreed. But four years later, there is no wall.
• In January 2003, Peter Young, then acting director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, reneged on the previous agreement and allowed the developer to build up to the 120-foot elevation of the Puʻu.
• 1250 Oceanside has already desecrated the flank of the Puʻu with its golf course, and now plans to build multimillion dollar homes on the hill itself.

The Vigil for Puʻu Ohau

• On August 29 - 31, 2003, ‘ohana from all over the Hawaiian islands gathered to pay homage to Puʻu Ohau. A 24-hour peaceful cultural protocol was held, with prayers given every hour.
• A Lei of Protection: Red ti plants were planted around the base and a guardian kiʻi named Oküahuʻula was erected and consecrated on the Puʻu. Cultural access and religious practices are protected by the law.

Desecration and Harassment

• Kiʻi Stolen: On September 2, Queen Liliʻuokalani’s birthday, 1250 Oceanside committed deliberate and criminal desecration of the Puʻu. They tore out ti plants, removed the Hawaiian flag and stole Oküahuʻula. Desecrations of cemeteries and places of worship, like the vandalism of Punchbowl Cemetery in 1997 and the recent arson of First Christian Church, are serious criminal offenses.
• Throughout the vigil, 1250 Oceanside harassed and spied upon vigil participants. At one point family members confronted a 1250 Oceanside staff and an armed police officer because of their threatening surveillance activities which interfered with religious practices.

Kūʻē! Take a Stand to Defend our ‘Āina and Restore Ea!

• Call DLNR Chair Peter Young at (808) 587-0400 and demand that he reinstate an immediate cease and desist order on 1250 Oceanside Partners from accessing the Puʻu and seek aggressive prosecution of these violations.
• Call Governor Lingle at (808) 586-0034 and urge her to revoke all permits for 1250 Oceanside due to their criminal conduct in collusion with state and county offices.
• Other direct actions are being planned.

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Aia i hea i ke kiʻi Okūahuʻula?