

Hurricane Hilda Update

Tropical Storm Hilda continues to weaken. As of 5am Wednesday, August 12, National Weather Service update, Hilda was approximately 255 miles SE of Hilo with sustained winds at about 45 mph moving NW at 5 mph. At the 8am intermediate update, Hilda was nearly stationary, moving at just 1 mph. At this time, the tropical storm watch, high surf warning, and flash flood watch all remain in effect.

The likelihood of tropical storm force winds has reduced to less than 8%, and the forecast is for winds in the 20-30 mph range with higher gusts on the higher elevations. Hilda is forecast to become a tropical depression by Thursday and dissipate by early Friday. The center point of closest approach is estimated at 4pm Thursday afternoon.

Surf is being reported in the 8-12 foot range in some areas and the high surf warning is in effect thru Thursday. All ports remain open and the Captain of the Ports indicated that they do not anticipate closing any of the harbors to commercial activity as they had indicated yesterday.

The most significant threat with this system remains the anticipated heavy rains. Rain is still being forecast in the 6-12 inch range with local showers to 18 inches possible on east and southeast facing slopes. The flash flood watch remains in effect until Saturday morning.

Latest Design Renderings For The Kona Judiciary Complex







Technology Makes Voter Registration Easier

The State of Hawai'i Elections Office has worked with Counties to develop online voter registration. Online voter registration is a new service which can be accessed through the Office of Elections website: www.elections.hawaii.gov/voter-registration The Legislature continues to support legislation and funding to remove barriers to voter registration.

West Hawai'i Governor's Office New Location

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Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Schedules Public Sessions On Proposed Sale Of Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI)

PUC will begin hosting seven public listening sessions in September for residents to comment on the proposed \$4.3 billion dollar sale of HEI to NextEra Inc. The public listening sessions will be held from the beginning of September through the end of October. Two sessions are scheduled for Hawai'i Island.

Nextera Public Listening Sessions

Hawai'i Island

Hilo

- Hilo High School Cafeteria
- Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Kona

- Kealakehe High School Cafeteria
- Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m.

A separate set of hearings will be held for the 28 official "intervenors," or groups participating in the PUC review process at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. The hearings will be held November 30 through December 3, December 7 through 11, and December 14 through 16. The intervenors, HEI and NextEra will be able to testify at these hearings and have the opportunity to voice their opinions. The public is allowed to attend but not speak at the hearings unless a party involved asks for a closed meeting. PUC is expected to make a decision by June.

For more information, go to

http://www.staradvertiser.com/businesspremium/20150806_puc_sets_public_sessions_on_proposed_sale_of_hei.html?id=320864201

Informational Meetings On Preliminary FEMA Flood Maps For Hawai'i County

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is nearing the end of a multi-year effort to update and modernize the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Hawai'i County. These maps can help residents make informed decisions about flood risk, flood insurance options and flood protection measures.

The maps will be available for viewing beginning August 14 at the Hawai'i County Department of Public Works Engineering Offices at either **101 Pauahi St., Suite 7 in Hilo, (808)961-8327, or 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Building D, 1st floor of the West Hawai'i's Civic Center in Kona (808) 323-4850**. To view online, use the State of Hawai'i's Flood Hazard Assessment Tool (FHAT) at <http://gis.hawaiiinfip.org/fhat> To learn how to view the preliminary maps using FHAT, click on the tutorial link provided on the Hawai'i National Flood Insurance Program website www.hawaiiinfip.org

Personnel from FEMA, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Hawai'i County will be available to answer questions, concerns, and provide information on the mapping timeline and appeals process. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Hilo

Monday, August 17, 2015

Aupuni Center (101 Pauahi Street, Hilo 96720)

Doors open 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. presentation 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Kona

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

West Hawai'i Civic Center (75-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Bldg. G, Kailua Kona 96740)

Doors open 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. presentation 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

If there is anything that Representative Cindy Evans can help you with, please feel free to contact our office at 808-586-8510 or email her at repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov If you would like to be taken off this list please let me know at t.perez@capitol.hawaii.gov

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