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HĀLĀWAI PAPA ALAKA'I KŪIKAWĀ O KE KE'ENA KULEANA HO'OKIPA O HAWAI'I SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY

<u>HĀLĀWAI HŌ'EA KINO A KELEKA'A'IKE</u> HYBRID IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING

PŌʻAHĀ, 15 IUNE 2023, 9:30 AM THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 AT 9:30 AM

Kikowaena Hālāwai O Hawai'i Papahele Hoʻokū Kaʻa | Lumi Nui A 1801 Alaākea Kalākaua Honolulu. Hawai'i 96815 **Hawai**'i Convention Center

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Papa Kumumanaʻo AGENDA

- 1. Hoʻomaka Call to Order
- 2. Kikolā

Roll Call to Announce Name of Participating Board Members and to Identify Who Else is Present with Board Member if Location is Nonpublic

- 3. Wehena
 - **Opening Cultural Protocol**
- 4. 'Āpono Mo'olelo Hālāwai
 Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- 5. Hōʻike A Ka Luna Kūʻai Mokuʻāina
 Update by State Chief Procurement Officer, Bonnie Kahakui, on HTA's
 Procurements for RFP 23-02 (Canada Brand Management & Marketing), RFP 23-03
 (US Brand Management & Marketing), and RFP 23-08 (Support Services for Destination Stewardship)
- 6. Hō'ike'ike, Kūkā, A Ho'oholo No Nā Hana Kāko'o Mālama 'Āina Ho'okipa Presentation, Discussion and/or Action on the Hawaiian Islands Stewardship Activities Under the Support Services for Destination Stewardship Contract for the Initial Contract Period 2023-2024
- 7. Hō'ike'ike, Kūkā, A Ho'oholo No Nā Hana A Hawai'i Tourism United States
 Presentation, Discussion and/or Action on Hawai'i Tourism United States'
 Activities Under the Brand Management & Marketing Services Contract and HTA's
 2023-2024 Brand Marketing Plans for the United States Market
- 8. Hō'ike'ike, Kūkā, A Ho'oholo No Nā Hana A Hawai'i Tourism Canada
 Presentation, Discussion and/or Action on Hawai'i Tourism Canada's Activities
 Under the Brand Management & Marketing Services Contract and HTA's 2023-2024
 Brand Marketing Plans for the Canada Market
- 9. Hō'ike'ike, Kūkā, A Ho'oholo No Ke Noi Makahiki Kālā 2024
 Presentation, Discussion and/or Action on an Update on HTA's FY24 Funding
 Request
- 10. Hōʻikeʻike, Kūkā, A Hana No Ka Pelekikena A Luna Hoʻokele***

 Presentation, Discussion and/or Action Regarding President & Chief Executive
 Officer John De Fries***
- 11. Hoʻokuʻu

 Adjournment

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*** 'Aha Hoʻokō: Ua hiki i ka Papa Alakaʻi ke mālama i kekahi hālāwai kūhelu i kū i ka Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes (HRS) § 92-4. E mālama ʻia kēia hālāwai kūhelu nei ma lalo o ka § 92-5 (a)(4), § 92-5 (a)(8) and §201B-4(a)(2) no ka pono o ko ka Papa Alakaʻi kūkā a hoʻoholo ʻana i nā nīnūnē a nīnau i pili i ko ka Papa Alakaʻi kuleana me ko ka Papa Alakaʻi loio. He hālāwai kūhelu kēia i ʻole paulele ʻia ka ʻikepili a i mea hoʻi e mālama kūpono ai i ko Hawaiʻi ʻano, he wahi i kipa mau ʻia e nā malihini.

*** Executive Session: The Board may conduct an executive session closed to the public pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 92-4. The executive session will be conducted pursuant to HRS § 92-5 (a) (2), § 92-5 (a) (4), § 92-5 (a) (8) and §201B-4(a) (2) for the purpose of consulting with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities; to consider hiring and evaluation of officers or employees, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved; and to discuss information that must be kept confidential to protect Hawai'i's competitive advantage as a visitor destination.

Ma lalo o ka māhele 531.5 o ka Budgetary Control Accounting Manual, Mokuʻāina ʻo Hawaiʻi, he māhele ka ʻaina awakea o ka hālāwai. E mau ana ka hālāwai ma loko nō o ka ʻai ʻana, ʻaʻole hoʻi ia he wā hoʻomalolo.

Pursuant to Section 531.5, of the Budgetary Control Accounting Manual, State of Hawai'i, lunch is served as an integral part of the meeting, while the meeting continues in session, and not during a break.

Inā he lawelawe a mea like paha e pono ai ke kīnānā, e hoʻokaʻaʻike aku me Carole Hagihara-Loo ma (808)-973-2289 a ma ka leka uila <u>carole@gohta.net</u> e like me ka wikiwiki i hiki, ʻaʻole hoʻi a ma ʻō aku o ka ʻekolu lā ma mua o ka hālāwai. Inā ʻike ʻia he noi i ka lā ma mua o ka hālāwai, e hoʻāʻo mākou e ʻimi i ka lawelawe a mea like paha, ʻaʻole naʻe hoʻi e hiki ke hoʻohiki ʻia ke kō o ua noi lā. Ua noa pū kēia hoʻolaha ma nā kino ʻokoʻa e laʻa ke kope paʻi nui, Braille, a kope uila pū ma ke noi.

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E like nō me ka 'ōlelo o ke Kānāwai Hawai'i i ho'oholo 'ia māhele 92-32.7, 'a'ole e mālama ana ke Ke'ena Kuleana Ho'okipa o Hawai'i i kekahi wahi ka'awale no ka lehulehu a lālā papa alaka'i e nānā a e komo ai i ka hālāwai ma ka ho'ohana i ka 'enehana komo hālāwai, no ka mea, hiki nō i ka po'e o ka lehulehu a lālā papa alaka'i ke nānā a komo pū ma ka hālāwai hō'ea kino.

In accordance with HRS section 92-3.7, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority will not establish a remote viewing area for members of the public and board members to view and participate in meetings held using interactive conference technology (ICT) because there will be an in-person option for members of the public and board member to view and participate in the meeting.

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Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Special Board Meeting



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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid In-Person & Virtual Meeting

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:	George Kam (Chair), Mike White (Vice- Chair), David Arakawa, Dylan Ching (Zoom), Keone Downing, Mahina Duarte, Stephanie Iona, James McCully, Sherry Menor- McNamara, Ben Rafter, Sig Zane (Zoom)
MEMBER NOT PRESENT:	Kimberly Agas
HTA STAFF PRESENT:	John De Fries, Daniel Nāhoʻopiʻi, Kalani Kaʻanāʻanā, Isaac Choy, Caroline Anderson, Ilihia Gionson, Jadie Goo, Maka Casson- Fisher, Carole Hagihara, Talon Kishi
GUESTS:	Laci Goshi, Jennifer Chun, Erin Khan, Nathan Kam, Patrick Dugan, Kylie Butts, John Monahan, Jeffrey Eslinger, Lei-Ann Field, Kara Imai, Sterling Wong, Teri Orton, Mari Tait, Brian Dunkel, Andrew Gomes, Daryl Huff, Jessica Lani Rich, Bobbie Okamoto
LEGAL COUNSEL:	John Cole

1. Call to Order

Chair Kam called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call to Announce Name of Participating Board Members and to Identify Who Else is Present with Board Member if Location is Nonpublic

Mr. Gionson did the roll call, and all members were confirmed in attendance except for Ms. Agas, who was excused. Members who attended via Zoom were by themselves.

3. Opening Cultural Protocol

Mr. Casson-Fisher did the opening cultural protocol, a mele written by Edith Kanaka'ole "E Hō Mai."

Chair Kam said agenda item 4 – Report of the legislative permitted interaction group on the 2023 legislative session – would be postponed to the May 25th regular Board meeting. Chair Kam asked for a motion to change the meeting agenda. Mr. McCully made the motion, and Mr. White seconded. Chair Gionson did a roll call, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kam asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the personnel and budgets. Mr. White made the motion, and Mr. McCully seconded. Chair Gionson did a roll call, and the motion passed unanimously. The people attending the Executive Sessions were all the Board members and Mr. De Fries only. All other HTA staff members and the public are excused from the meeting room.

[Executive Session]

4. Report of the Legislative Permitted Interaction Group on the 2023 Legislative Session

Mr. Cole said that in the Executive Session, they had some follow-up on personnel issues, some of which were addressed in the March 30 BOD meeting. They also discussed budget matters in the current situation with the legislation budget bill and processes they made need to go through for budgeting purposes.

5. Discussion and/or Action Regarding the HTA FY 2023 and FY 2024 Budget***

Mr. Nāho'opi'i said there was no follow-up action for that item.

6. Update on RFP 23-03 US Brand Management and Marketing***

Mr. Kaʻanāʻanā said they issued addendum 6 to RFP 23-03, which extended the notice of award to May 22. Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi said the staff is requesting a motion to approve RFP 23-03 funding at the base amount stated in the RFP. Mr. White made a motion, and Ms. Duarte seconded. Mr. Arakawa asked if the amounts were approved prior, and if the contracts said they were subject to funding, and Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi confirmed this. Mr. Gionson did the roll call, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on RFP 23-08 Destination Stewardship***

Ms. Anderson reported that the staff issued addendum number 3, extending the RFP notice of the award to May 22. Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi said the staff would like to request a motion to approve RFP 23-08 destination stewardship funding at the base amount stated in the RFP. Mr. White made a motion, and Mr. McCully seconded. Mr. Arakawa asked if the amounts were previously approved, and he wanted to clarify that all the contracts were subject to funding. Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi confirmed that as correct. Mr. Gionson did the roll call, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Update of Any Other Active or Planned Solicitations in FY 2023***

Mr. Ka'anā'anā said the RFP 23-02 for the Canada MMA, addendum 2 was also issued, extending the notice of award date to May 22. There were no questions. Mr. Nāho'opi'i said the staff requested a motion to approve RFP 23-02 funding at the base amount stated in the RFP.

Mr. White made a motion, and Mr. Ching seconded. Mr. Arakawa asked if the amounts were previously approved and wanted to clarify that all the contracts were subject to funding. Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi confirmed that as correct.

Mr. Gionson did the roll call, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Kam said there was testimony from Ms. Lani Rich, on behalf of VASH (Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i). VASH helps visitors in crisis. Since the Board was addressing the tourism budget, she said the VASH budget was cut, and she asked the Board if they could restore it to the original budget as it was for the last couple of years. The reason is that Hawai'i is about culture; part of that culture is love and kindness. Love and kindness also extend when visitors come to Hawai'i. She said Dr. Tarlow, a tourism expert, praised Hawai'i and the HTA because internationally, Hawai'i is the only state with a modern program that takes care of their tourists when something happens or if they suffer a loss. Hawai'i is internationally renowned for this. She mentioned a few incidents where VASH helped make a difference. She shared a testimony of one of their visitors whose wife was assaulted. She said they take a negative situation and give their aloha and love. Ms. Lani Rich played the video testimony from the husband. She also showed some newspaper clippings, including the article titled, "Visitor Society comforts family of hiking victim." She elaborated on the article. She said they will continue to take care of their visitors. She closed off by inviting everyone in the room to join her when she helped the next visitor. She said she would not abandon the visitors.

Mr. White thanked VASH as he said they had been amazing at helping visitors, etc. He said the surviving spouse or family of the victims always leave feeling loved and all their needs are taken care of. He thanked Ms. Lani Rich. Chair Kam thanked Ms. Lani Rich as well.

9. Discussion and Action on the Creation of a Governance Study Permitted Interactive Group for the Purpose of Developing the Governance, Strategic Organization, and Business Review Process Study

Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi said that at the previous meeting in April, the Board approved a motion to have the staff move forward with a governance strategic organization design and business process review study. The staff recommends that the Board form a permitted interaction group to assist in developing a plan of action for the study. The group will allow selecting Board members to meet to discuss the governance study outside sunshine requirements. They can also talk to others outside the Board to gather information. They will then present back to the Board their findings. At the third meeting, the Board can take additional action: the presentation of the RFP or the scope of work for the RFP, which the Board can then approve.

Mr. Arakawa said that for the proposed deliverables, Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi could consider identifying other government agencies, such as sister state agencies, federal and county agencies that the HTA needs to work with, so the destination management and branding efforts can benefit from working with the government agencies. He said they should also identify stakeholders in the industry and get their input. He said they could also have a standing agenda item where the departments can give presentations related to what they are doing for tourism. He said DOT and DLNR were a part of the HTA Board at one time. The last session, DBEDT also became part of the HTA Board. He asked Chair Kam to extend an invitation to the various departments that the HTA works with.

Mr. Nāhoʻopiʻi said the staff requested a motion to create a governance study permitted interaction group. Chair Kam made a motion, and Mr. McCully seconded. Mr. Gionson did the roll call, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Action on the Assignment of Board Members to the Governance Study Permitted Interactive Group. This Agenda Item is Dependent on the Approval of the Creation of the Governance Study Permitted Interaction Group.

Chair Kam said the agenda item is dependent on the approval of the creation of the governance study permitted interaction group. He recommended that they have Ms. Iona as the chair, Ms. Duarte as a vice-chair, Mr. McCully, Mr. White, Mr. Downing, and himself on the PIG. Mr. Arakawa said he would be willing to serve.

Chair Kam asked for a motion. Mr. White made a motion, and Mr. McCully seconded. Mr. Gionson did the roll call, and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Chair Kam made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Kam adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheillane Reyes

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Recorder

Presentation, Discussion and/or Action on Hawai'i Tourism United States' Activities Under the Brand Management & Marketing Services Contract and HTA's 2023-2024 Brand Marketing Plans for the United States Market



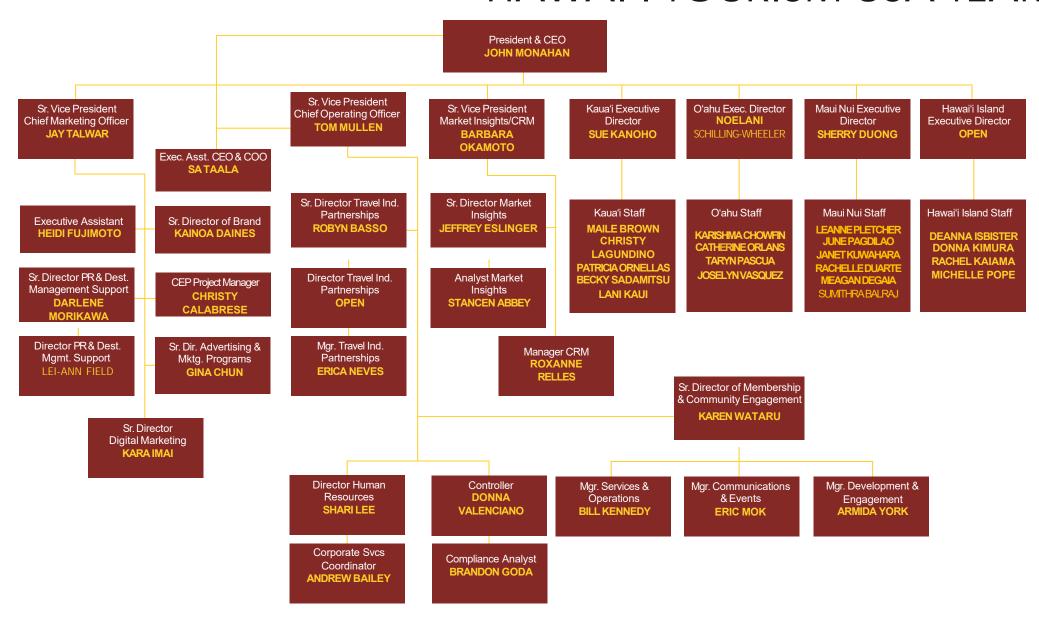
Brand Marketing Plan (BMP)

July 2023 - December 2024

6.15.2023

Jay Talwar
Chief Marketing Officer, Senior Vice President

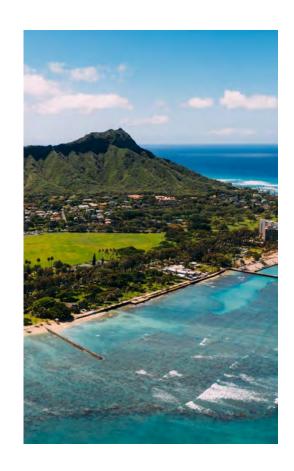
HAWAI'I TOURISM USA TEAM



MARKET SITUATION

MARKET SITUATION HAWAI'I FORECAST AND PERFORMANCE

- DBEDT estimates that Hawai'i's real gross domestic product (GDP) will increase by 1.8 percent in 2023. The forecast then projects 2.0 percent growth in 2024, 1.9 percent in 2025, and 1.8 percent in 2026.
- Hawai'i will welcome an estimated 9.9 million visitors in 2023, an increase of 7.2 percent from the 2022 level. Visitor arrivals are projected to increase to 10.2 million in 2024, 10.4 million in 2025, and 10.6 million in 2026. Visitor spending is estimated to increase 9.3 percent in 2023. The forecast then projects an increase of 4.3 percent in 2024, 3.5 percent in 2025, and 3.3 percent in 2026.



MARKET SITUATION HAWAI'I FORECAST AND PERFORMANCE

ACTUAL AND FORECAST OF K	EY ECONOMIC IN	IDICATORS	FOR HAWA	AII: 2022 TO	2026	
	2021	2022 1	2023	2024	2025	2026
Economic Indicators	icators Actual		Forecast			
Total population (thousands) ²	1,447	1,440	1,439	1,439	1,441	1,443
Visitor arrivals (thousands) 3	6,778	9,248	9,914	10,179	10,398	10,561
Visitor days (thousands) ³	65,312	85,265	88,633	91,027	92,364	93,348
Visitor expenditures (million dollars) 3	13,154	19,329	21,119	22,038	22,820	23,565

MARKET SITUATION OUTBOUND TRAVEL / TRAVEL SENTIMENT

Summer Travel Outlook in the United States is strong. (U.S. Travel Association)

- Over a quarter of Americans plan to increase the amount they are spending on leisure travel in the next three months (26%) up from 19% in Q1.
- Just over half of all Americans (53%) and 81% of leisure travelers have travel planned in the next six months.
- Six in 10 Americans (60%) agree that taking time off to travel is more important than ever— significantly higher than in Q1 (35%).
- Over half of Americans (52%) say they would travel more for leisure in the next six months if the travel experience was not as much of a hassle, significantly more than Q1 (29%)

MARKET SITUATION U.S. TRANS-PACIFIC AIR SEAT SYNOPSIS

	# of SEATS 2019	# of SEATS 2022	# of SEATS 2023P	% Change 23/19	% Change 23/22
Oʻahu	4,962,887	5,581,303	5,689,133	14.6%	1.9%
Maui	2,668,370	3,158,201	2,899,422	8.7%	-8.2%
Kona	1,104,675	1,312,548	1,300,989	17.8%	-0.9%
<u>Kauaʻi</u>	962,986	1,147,751	997,781	3.6%	-13.1%
Hilo	47,872	47,433	1,162	-97.6%	-97.6%
Total	9,746,790	11,247,236	10,888,487	11.7%	-3.2%

Seats Reflect Capacity Only - Not Load Factor

MARKET SITUATION BOOKING PACE



- Q1 performed fairly well, but demand for Q2 and beyond is slowing down.
- Increase in last-minute bookings (within 2-3 months).
- Revenue is performing well due to increases in ADR, up again this year between 10-20 percent.
- Hawai'i continues to lose ground against Mexico and the Caribbean, and demand for Europe is very strong which exceeds in room nights and revenue.
- 2024 business is coming in slower than last year for Q1. Maui and O'ahu are performing better than Kaua'i and Island of Hawai'i.

MARKET SITUATION COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE



Tourism destinations around the globe are back marketing to U.S. travelers:

- South African Tourism's North America team's focus is on American travelers motivated by exploring new cultures, history, and beautiful scenery. They are called Adventurous Trendsetters, who financially prioritize making long haul, expensive trips and are willing to pay more for truly unforgettable brands and experiences.
- Discover Puerto Rico is taking a multipronged approach to promoting the island, hosting several major tourism events this year and continuing with a Live Boricua campaign that highlights Puerto Rico's unique attributes and identity. Future booking pace is up as airlines are bullish about bringing new routes to Puerto Rico.

OBJECTIVE

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Objective

To change the invitation to visit from "come, play on our islands" to an invitation that:

- Targets mindful travelers
- Educates them on the beauty of our culture
- Shapes their behavior once they visit



TARGET AUDIENCE

TARGET AUDIENCE THE MINDFUL HAWAI'I TARGET TRAVELER



The Service-Minded

Values making a difference in the world and is likely to seek a Hawai'i experience punctuated by voluntourism.



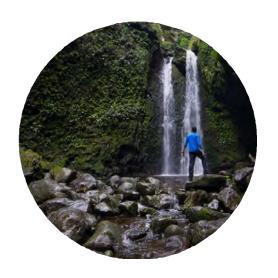
The Culturally Curious

Has a deep interest in learning about other cultures and is likely to seek a visit to Hawai'i that immerses them in local community and cuisine.



The Eco-Conscious

Prioritizes care for the planet and is likely to seek a visit to Hawai'i that favors eco- friendly, sustainable experiences.



The Unobtrusive Explorer

Enjoys adventurous new experiences and is likely to seek a visit to Hawai'i centering on once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, or the great outdoors.

CORE BRANDING MESSAGE

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Mālama Hawai'i

2023 BMP JULY - DECEMBER

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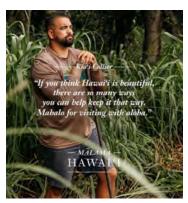
Paid Media

(Considered List)

- Digital and Paid Media
- Paid Social Media









































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Social Media











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BMP UPDATE

Consumer Direct

- Newsletters
- Special Offers
- GoHawaii app









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Public Relations

- Hot 100 List
- Proactive Outreach
- U.S. Media Blitz L.A.
- Media Hosting





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How to Have a More Thoughtful Visit to Hawaii, According to Hawaiian Natives



As Hawaiians work to make tourism more enriching and more sustainable for locals and visitors alike, a T+L contributor meets the cultural ambassadors dedicated to sharing their aloha.

BMP UPDATE JULY - DECEMBER 2023

Travel Trade – Education

- Partnerships
 - Tourism Cares
- Wholesale, Consortia, Industry Events
- Consortia Programs
- Cooperative Programs
- Content Development
 - Educational Tools
 - agents.gohawaii.com refresh
- In-person & Virtual Education
 - HDS Multi-Island FAM
- Trade Paid Media
- Leisure Group Business





Hawaiian culture?



Hawai'i has for centuries been an archipelago filled with stories. And some of the oldest speak about the creation of this place by the Hawaiian goddess of fire, a deity best known throughout the islands today as Pele.

Fleeing long ago across the Pacific Ocean – running from a fight with her family – Pele stumbled on a chain of uninhabitable islands, made up then of nothing more than black rock at the time. Deciding one of those barren islands might be a good place to put down her own roots, Pele plunged her magic "6, or digging stick, into that barren rock, calling up her sacred fires and lava that burned deep within the earth and giving life to the island of Kaua'i.

But while Pele settled into her new home on Kaua'i, the old stories say her sister and a goddess of the sea, Nämakaokaha'i, also known as Nämaka, was in close pursuit and angry about how Pele left things with her family. A ferocious battle of fire and water ensued, and Pele was eventually forced to retreat to another barren rock in the uninhabited island chain, where she again plunged her magic $\Im \hat{\sigma}$ into the black rock and made a new home on what we know today as the island of O'ahu.











2023 JULY – DECEMBER BUDGET

Budget Category	Amount		
Consumer Direct	\$4,873,970		
Public Relations	\$548,380		
Travel Trade	\$788,650		
Research	\$50,000		
Admin	\$1,639,000		
Total:	\$7,900,000		

2024 BMP JANUARY - DECEMBER

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Support Local Initiative

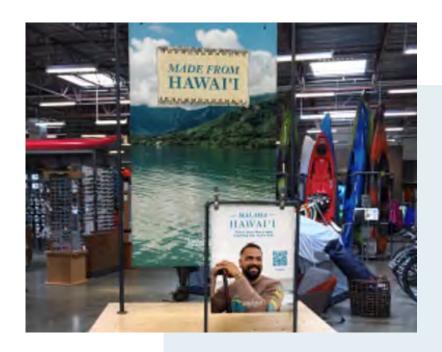
- Fashion
- Retail
- Music
- Ag Products





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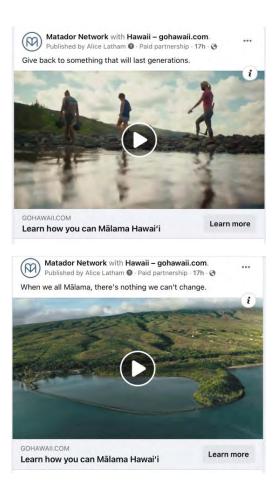
Brand Partnership



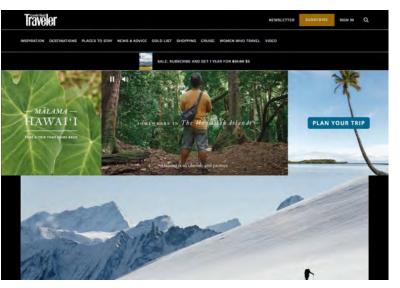
Paid Media

(Considered List)

- Digital and Paid Media
- Native Programs
- Social Media



BMP UPDATE































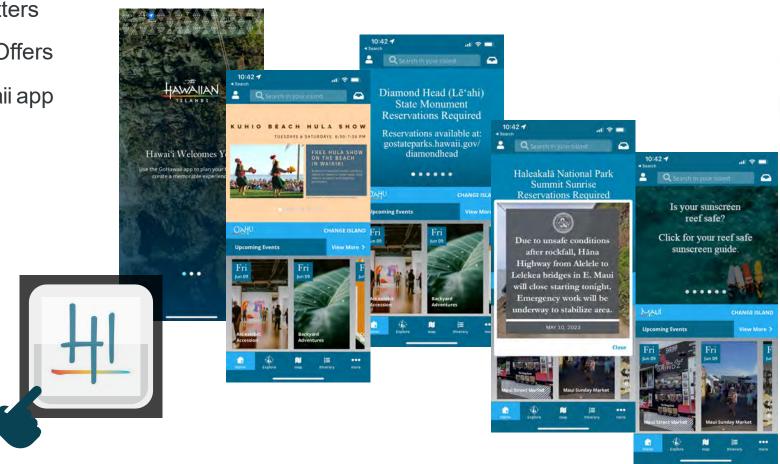






Consumer Direct

- Newsletters
- Special Offers
- GoHawaii app



BMP UPDATE



BMP UPDATE

Public Relations

- U.S. Media Blitz New York
- FestPac Press Trips
- Deeper storytelling in collaboration with Kilohana







Male members of Haiau Hi'iakainamakalehua practiced their hula kahiko (ancient hula) performance. They used dense, wooden sticks to amplify their chant. In the past, hula provided an opportunity for Hawaiian men to train for combat.

Preserving Hula, the Heartbeat of Hawaii

For 60 years, the Merrie Monarch Festival has contributed to the reclamation of Hawaiian culture, language and identity.

BMP UPDATE

Travel Trade - Education

- Partnerships
 - Tourism Cares Meaningful FAM
- Wholesale, Consortia, Industry Events
- Consortia Programs
 - New partner: The 1000
- Cooperative Programs
- Content Development
 - HDS Training Curriculum Update
- In-person & Virtual Education
- Trade Paid Media
- Leisure Group Business





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2024 JANUARY – DECEMBER BUDGET

Budget Category	Amount
Consumer Direct	\$8,644,840
Public Relations	\$1,123,600
Travel Trade	\$1,279,560
Research	\$100,000
Admin	\$3,077,000
Total:	\$14,225,000

MAHALO!

Presentation, Discussion and/or Action on Hawai'i Tourism Canada's Activities Under the Brand Management & Marketing Services Contract and HTA's 2023-2024 Brand Marketing Plans for the Canada Market



BRAND MARKETING PLAN (BMP)

JULY 2023 - DECEMBER 2024



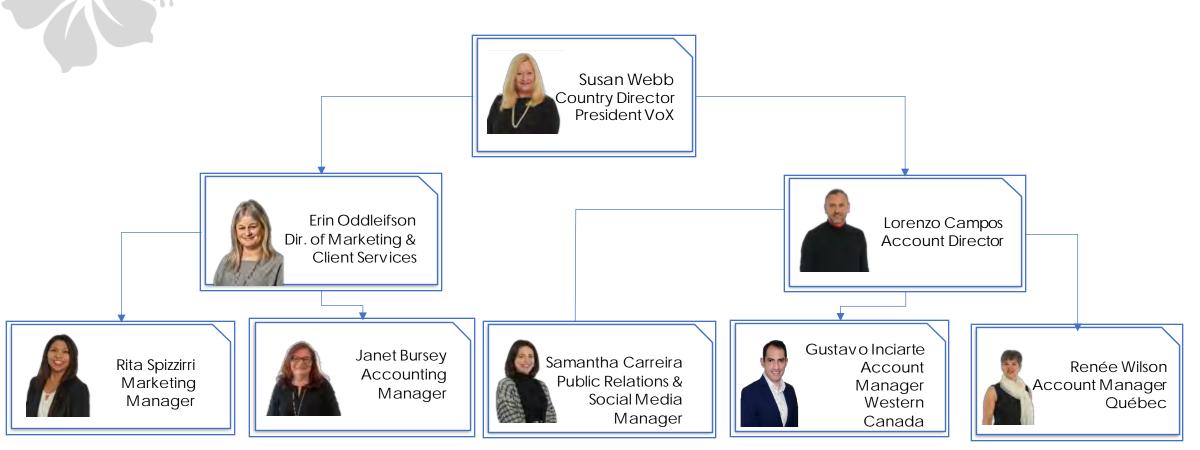
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HAWAI'I TOURISM CANADA TEAM

























MARKET SITUATION



CANADIAN MARKET SNAPSHOT

- o Consumer confidence high
- o Unemployment record low
- o Interest rate hike
- o CAD \$0.74 USD
- o Now 90% of 2019 outbound travel
- o 48% focus on sustainable travel
- o 57% vacation deprived (Gen Z 74%)
- o 72% prioritize travel
- o Cultural travel important
- o Wellness travel growing





OUTBOUND TRAVEL/TRAVEL SENTIMENT

Summer intentions Survey CBoC (May - October)

- o 70% planning leisure trip
- o 31% outbound

Trip motivators

- o Vacation experience 36%
- o Spending time with family/friends 34%
- o Favorable weather 28%

Outbound capacity May - October 2023 vs 2019

- o Asia Pacific 34%
- o Europe/UK 2 %
- o Caribbean/Mexico 2 %
- o USA 7%
- o Overall 8%





TRAVEL ZOO MEMBER SURVEY

Our members = your best guests



49% ages 45+, 51% ages 18-44



55% female, 45% male



99%

have valid passport compared to 42% of Canadian population



55% HHI of \$100K+ compared to 32% of Canadian population

* Google Analytics, average taken over November 2021 to October 2022 Sources: Travelzoo Travel Outlook 2023 member survey in Canada; survey tool Alchemer; October 2022; random selection; n=1,574

Top 3 activities on next vacation outside of Canada







81%

are open to new destinations and travel ideas

4 in 5

are hunting for travel deals to maximize their travel budget

80%

are **prioritizing leisure travel**, and view this as their most important discretionary spend

1 in 2

want to eat and shop local during their travels

50%

want to visit somewhere completely new

Source: Travelzoo Canada member survey; survey tool Alchemer; April 2023; n=1,976

Top 10 U.S. states Canadian members are most interested in

- 1 California
- 2 Florida
- 3 Hawaii
- 4 New York
- 5 Arizona
- 6 I am open to inspiration
- 7 Nevada
- 8 Washington
- 9 Alaska
- 10 Oregon

68%

are interested in travelling to the U.S. in the next 2 years, 14% are undecided

On their next U.S. vacation plan to stay



23% 46%

20%

8%

3-5 nights 5-7 nights 8-14 nights 15+ nights

On their next U.S. vacation plan to stay in paid accommodations

39% Chain hotel / boutique

24% Undecided / I'm not sure

22% Vacation rental home or time share (eg, Airbnb, VRBO)

10% Own vacation home / friend or family's home

5% All-inclusive resort



Monthly Canada Seats by Island 2023						
	DepCity	STATE	HNL	OGG	KOA	LIH
Jul	Vancouver	21,266	10,633	10,633		
Aug	Vancouver	21,266	10,633	10,633		
Sep	Vancouver	18,552	10,290	8,262		
Oct	Vancouver	22,330	11,662	9,460	860	348
Nov	Calgary	5,714	1,352	4,362		
	Vancouver	49,949	20,406	18,492	8,093	2,958
	Total	55,663	21,758	22,854	8,093	2,958
Dec	Calgary	12,412	5,170	6,720	522	
	Edmonton	1,740	522	1,218		
	Toronto	3,235	2,341	894		
	Vancouver	52,360	20,744	19,004	8,262	4,350
	Total	69,747	28,777	27,836	8,784	4,350





















AIR OVERVIEW - SEATS

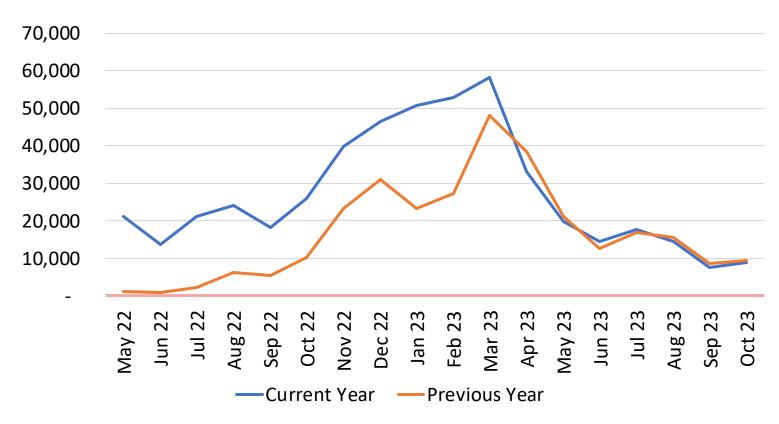
Monthly Canada Seats by Island 2024						
	DepCity	STATE	HNL	OGG	KOA	LIH
Jan	Calgary	10,912	3962	6254	696	
	Edmonton	1,566	696	870		
	Toronto	3,576	2384	1192		
	Vancouver	52,012	21092	19004	7914	4002
	Total	68,066	28,134	27,320	8,610	4,002
Feb	Calgary	11,114				
	Edmonton	1,392	696			
	Toronto	3,576	3278			
	Vancouver	49,452				3480
	Total	65,534	28,004	26,300	7,750	3,480
Mar	Calgary	13,748				
	Edmonton	1,740	870			
	Toronto	4,255		298		
	Vancouver	53,404		20570		
	Total	73,147	31,611	29,098	8,436	4,002
Apr	Calgary	7,106				
	Edmonton	696	348	348		
	Toronto					
	Vancouver	44,555				
	Total	52,357	22,976	21,810	6,353	1,218
May	Calgary					
	Edmonton					
	Toronto					
	Vancouver	18,731	10633			
	Total	18,731	10,633	8,098		

Source: DIIO Airline database, data pull as of 6-8-23, subject to change.

Arrivals in **Hawai'i** & outlook from Direct and Travel Agency booking for the past 12 months and the next 6 months

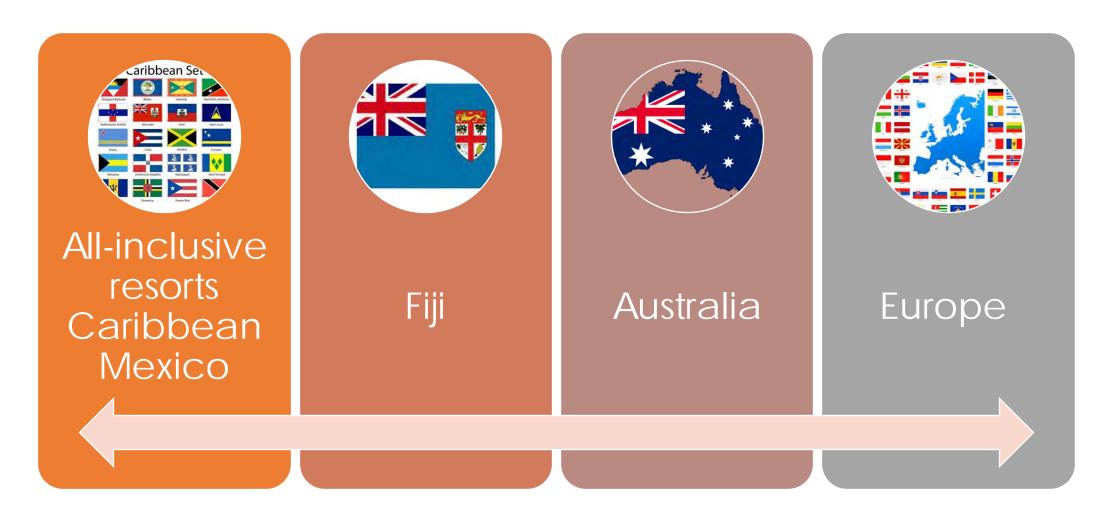
BOOKING PACE

AIR BOOKING TRENDS





COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE





CHANGING MEDIA LANDSCAPE

- o Newsroom shrinkage
- o Titles now only digital
- o Video rules
- o Rise in Micro Influencers
- o Blurring of paid/earned media
- Media consumption by consumers
- Travel review websites are top sources for travel planning
- Social media influencing travel decisions



TARGET AUDIENCE



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High

spending

traveler



Experience Seekers

Mindful Travelers



Affluent Traveler

High value traveler

Lifetime value traveler



Snowbird/Retiree



Romance





AVID TRAVELERS CANADA



Age range 35-49

Income range\$100k+

Took an international trip in the last 12 months

Age range 64+ Incomerange \$100k+

Most recent visited destination Hawai'i





Age range 50-64

Incomerange \$150k+

Took an international trip in the last 12 months

Age range 35-64 Incomerange \$100k

Took an international vacation by air in the last 12 months





CORE BRANDING MESSAGE



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- Mālama is the overarching message
- Educating the visitor on the value of Aloha, Mālama, Kuleana & Ho'okipia
- Themes for the Messaging will be focused on culture, culinary, romance, wellness, outdoor adventure and family



2023 BMP JULY - DECEMBER





PR INITIATIVES 2023

- SITV Consumer Show in Montreal: November
 2023
- o Group Fam: early November 2023
 - o Two Islands (TBD)
 - o Theme: Hawai'i's Culinary Scene: From Farm to Table
- Discover America Media Day Toronto :
 October 26th
- Aloha Canada Media Interviews & Reception
 - Facilitate trade media and broadcast interviews in Toronto and Vancouver
 - o Host media reception in Vancouver





TRAVEL TRADE INITIATIVES 2023

- Air Canada Vacations' product launches across Canada September
- TravelBrands Agent Appreciation Events in Montréal/Toronto & digital version in Fall
- WestJet Vacations Expos in Toronto,
 Calgary and Vancouver inviting up to 10
 Hawai'i partners to work with the tour operator
- Aloha Canada October 16-20, 2023
 Three City: Toronto, Edmonton, Vancouver
- o Hawai'i Specialist Program promotion
- Spoiled Agent
- o Branch Up





ALOHA CANADA 2023

- o Oct 16 20
- o Toronto, Edmonton, Vancouver
- o Hawai'i & Canadian partners
- o Island Chapters
- o 3 major markets and on-line
- o Trade and PR
- o Cultural component
- o Destination Specialist Program
- o Promotional tools
- o Sustainable events
- Mālama, kuleana, aloha and hoʻokipa emphasis





SOCIAL MEDIA 2023

- Canada dedicated channels
- Canadian content creation
- Mālama messaging
- High consumer engagement
- Tracking
- Amplified brand messaging
- Island Chapter collaboration
- Amplify earned & owned channels





DIGITAL CAMPAIGNS 2023

- Advanced TV
 - o Connected TV
 - o CTV retargeting
 - Linear TV extension
- Broadcast Specialty Shows
- o Video Content
- o Digital Magazines
- Mālama messaging







BUDGET: JUL - DEC 2023

Budget Category	Amount
Consumer Direct	\$108,000
Public Relations	\$69,000
Travel Trade	\$135,000
Research	0
Admin	\$88,000
Total	\$400,000



2024 BMP JANUARY - DECEMBER





PR INITIATIVES 2024

- TMAC Conference: Spring 2024 (exact date and location TBD)
- o Group Fam: April 2024
 - o Exact dates tentative
 - o Two Islands (TBD)
 - o Theme: Arts and Culture: Hawai'i's past and future.
- o Lei Day Media Blitz: Month of May 2024
- o Discover America Media Day (Fall 2024)
- o Aloha Canada Media Interviews & Reception
 - Facilitate trade media and broadcast interviews in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver
 - o Host media reception in Toronto





TRAVEL TRADE INITIATIVES 2024

- o Group fam Spring 2024
 - o Two Islands (TBD)
- Virtuoso On Tour in Montréal, Vancouver and Toronto in the Spring
- Air Canada Vacations' product launches national
- TravelBrands Agent Appreciation Events in Montréal and Toronto and its digital version in the Fall
- WestJet Vacations Expos in Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver inviting up to 10 Hawai'i partners towork with the tour operator
- o Participation at IPW 2024
- o Travel Trade Magazine campaign
- o Ongoing webinars, training
- o Integrated cooperative campaigns

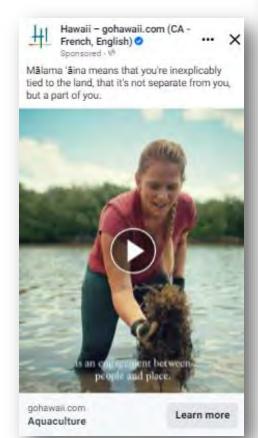


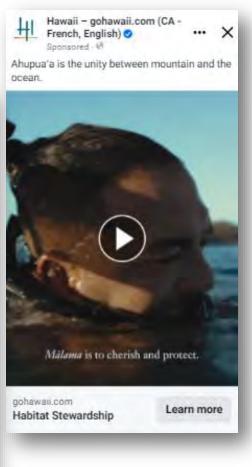


SOCIAL MEDIA 2024

Always on strategy

- Drive awareness and traffic to the <u>www.gohawaii.com/ca</u> website to educate consumers on Mālama Hawai'i / Kuleana DMAPs
- Encourage the download of the GoHawaii app
- All platforms will be supported (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)
- A total of 3 posts per week deployed across all platforms
- Source user-generated content based on the guidelines previously mentioned.
- Integrate the island chapters through Instagram and Facebook lives







OUT OF HOME 2024

- o Public Transit Activations & Takeovers
- o Digital billboards
- o Mālama messaging
- o Contesting
- Social engagement
- o Integrated campaigns
- o Call to action
- o Partnership opportunities





CIRQUE DU SOLEIL PARTNERSHIP 2024

- o VIP events @ Cirque HQ Montreal
- Activations
- o Branding
- o Partnership opportunities
- Marketing
- o PR, media and social
- o Contesting







BUDGET: JAN - DEC 2024

Budget Category	Amount
Consumer Direct	\$384,000
Public Relations	\$128,000
Travel Trade	\$268,000
Research	\$0
Admin	\$220,000
Total	\$1,000,000



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