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Aloha,

Several of our hui members received an email from Omidyar's Hawaii Dairy Farms last Friday. In addition to their standard PR assertions like the claim that their industrial dairy operation at Maha`ulepu would "improve water quality" (a claim for which there is absolutely no scientific support... 62,000 lbs of liquid manure daily "has to go somewhere" and degradation/water pollution is far more likely), Amy Hennessey also wrote a paragraph on:

"What's Next for Hawaii Dairy Farms"

Lastly, I'm sure like many residents, you're interested in the status of Hawaii Dairy Farms. The Hawaii Dairy Farms project continues to wait for guidance from the State on how to proceed with the environmental review process and satisfy regulatory requirements. The project is not dead but we cannot move forward without a clear path from the State."

Needless to say, there was more than one member very concerned about what the State was doing to provide a "clear path" to help HDF move forward. You will be relieved to know that a recent email exchange with DOH, prompted by Amy's claim, was answered by Keith Kawaoka, Deputy Director for Environmental Health Administration, just yesterday. In his response, Mr. Kawaoka confirmed "...that the Department of Health has not been conducting an environmental review on the Dairy project since the FEIS withdrawal in February 2017..." More importantly, he confirmed that the State, DOH as the receiving authority, is waiting for HDF, who may or may not decide to proceed, to submit a new Draft EIS. Such a submission would start a new public comment period.

You may wonder what you can do to help? There is no question that the findings of significant environmental impact, discovered by experts for both FOM and Omidyar, establish that any land application of animal waste would be detrimental for Maha`ulepu, as confirmed by the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service, a division of the US Department of Agriculture). We need to reach the Omidyars. If they have a sincere interest in helping Kauai, we need them to know that proceeding at Maha`ulepu will not be helpful to Kauai. Please help us gather as many signatures on our [Petition to Pam and Pierre Omidyar](#). Share this news letter with everyone you know. Help us carry our Petition to your social media contacts. In working with Care2, we found it is one of the better petition services as it doesn't result in a lot junk mail. The few emails that it may generate are related to environmental issues like ours.

The other interesting item found in the Hawaii Dairy Farms email last week, was their dissatisfaction with recent media coverage, including a recent TGI article:

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Telephone survey connected to Mahaulepu dairy

http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/telephone-survey-connected-to-mahaulepu-dairy/article_9f8b4ca2-19cd-5d0f-ad8c-bbb008392386.html

Let's do our best to discourage the Omidyars from starting a new EIS process. Sign the Petition and feel free to leave a comment for the Omidyars. **SHARE THIS EMAIL.** (Facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc...) [Petition](#)

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