



# WAIMEA VALLEY

HI'IPAKA LLC

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## HI'IPAKA LLC ANNOUNCES CHANGE

Hi'ipaka LLC, the entity that manages Waimea Valley, O'ahu, announced today that Gary Gill will be leaving his position as Executive Director.

Hi'ipaka LLC manager Clyde Nāmu'o said that "We very much appreciate Gary's service at Waimea. He has led in a very critical time and we wish him all the best."

Gary Gill said "I continue to believe in Hi'ipaka's vision for Waimea and am pleased and proud of the progress we have made during my tenure. I wish the best for Hi'ipaka and the hard working staff in the Valley as they move forward to fulfill that vision."

Gary's employment with Waimea began last year as OHA announced its creation of Hi'ipaka LLC to run Waimea. A former Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Gary has worked for various public and private agencies over his career.

The Hi'ipaka LLC managers announced that a search for a permanent director will begin immediately.

Said Nāmu'o, "To ensure that the operation continues to move forward and to provide leadership during this transition period, we have appointed Gail Ann Chew to serve as interim executive director." During her 14 years with the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau, Chew developed the organization's strategic partnership division, was responsible for corporate communications, and created award-winning promotions and successful relationships with global brands. As a business consultant, she continues to provide management, communication, and coordination services to organizations locally and nationally. Chew has worked with Gill on Waimea Valley operations since December.

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Hi'ipaka LLC, a Hawai'i limited liability company, was established in 2007 by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Its mission is: E mālama a e ho'omau i nā waiwai kanaka, mo'omeheu, a kūlohelohe o Waimea, O'ahu no kēlā hanauna, kēia hanauna ma o ka ho'ona'auao a me ka ho'okahu'ana (to preserve and perpetuate the human, cultural, and natural resources of Waimea, O'ahu for generations through education and stewardship).