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# Makawao Solar Pi'iholo Solar

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# AGENDA

- 1. Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative
- 2. What is Community Solar
- 3. Makawao Pi'iholo Project Details
- 4. How do I qualify for the program



Natural Energy Laboratory Of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) Kona, HI 2003

# Hawaii's Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI)

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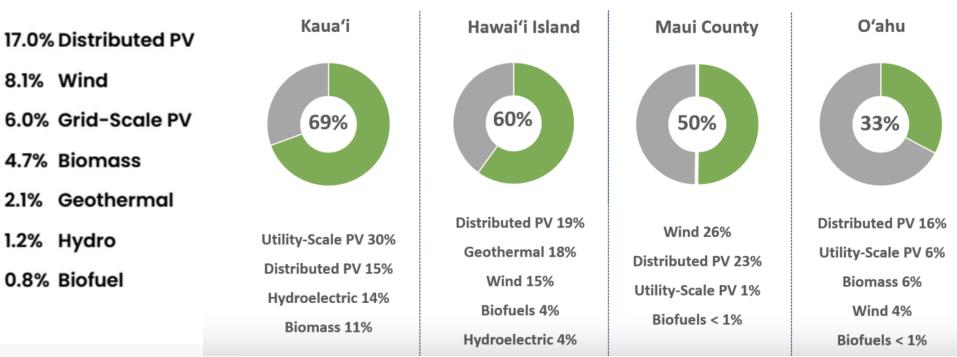
The Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative renewed Hawai'i's commitment to setting bold clean energy goals that include achieving the nation's first-ever 100 percent renewable portfolio standard (RPS) by the year 2045.

### **STATEWIDE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY SALES, 2021**

Renewable

40%

fuel energy resources.



### **2021 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO, BASED ON ELECTRICITY SALES**

Non-

Renewable 60%

### Each island operates a stand-alone grid with a unique portfolio of renewable and fossil

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### We are working to replace this...







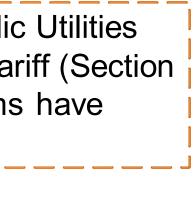


# **HECO Low-to-Moderate Income Community Based Renewable Energy "Shared Solar" Program**

In 2015, Act 100 of the Hawai'i State Legislature directed the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish a "community-based renewable energy" tariff (Section 269-27.4, Hawai'i Revised Statutes). The details of the tariffs and programs have been (and are being) developed under PUC Docket No. 2015-0389.

On March 17, 2022, Hawaiian Electric issued a Request for Proposals for Community-Based Renewable Energy Projects for Low-And Moderate-Income customers for the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii

On November 22, 2022, Hawaiian Electric awarded Nexamp 7 solar projects to benefit low- and moderate-income customers on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii Island



# **Community Solar (CBRE) Community Benefits:**



Allows renters, non-profits and other community members to benefit from shared solar energy systems.

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### **Locally-Produced Clean Energy** Local solar and storage systems Contributes to Hawaii's 100% renewables goal Mitigates impacts of climate change

- Increases grid stability  $\bullet$

### **Lower Energy Costs for Residents**

- Savings for local households
- Savings for non-profit or public entities  $\bullet$
- Only Maui County households can enroll
- Job opportunities for residents

# **Nexamp #1 Company in Community Solar**

We believe that access to affordable, clean energy is a right, not a privilege. Nexamp is lowering barriers and unlocking energy savings for communities from Maui to Massachusetts.

Nexamp is committed to making solar energy accessible and bring energy cost savings to local residents.

- We're building the future of energy so it's clean, simple, ulletand accessible for everyone.
- We own, operate, and maintain all of our solar and ulletstorage projects.
- Our mission is to ensure equity, accessibility, and • transparency through a vertically integrated model.

Nexamp Named #1 Community Solar Company by Solar Power World Magazine https://www.nexamp.com/article/nexamp-named-1community-solar-company-by-solar-power-world-magazine



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# **Community Solar**

Community solar unlocks energy bill savings through local solar energy projects. Instead of putting solar on their roof, participants "subscribe" to a shared solar energy system and receive savings on their energy bill.

- ✓ No installation required ✓ No upfront cost ✓ No credit checks
- ✓ No long-term contracts
- ✓ Renters can join
- ✓ Save 10-15% off MECO Bill



### MAUI BENEFITS FROM SHARED SOLAR

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# Nexamp Awards

Island	Project	Megawatt Capacit
Oahu	<u>Kaukonahua Solar</u>	6 MW (Solar Only)
Maui	<u>Līpoa Solar</u>	3 MW + Battery
Maui	<u>Makawao Solar</u>	2.5 MW + Battery
Maui	<u>Pi'iholo Road Solar</u>	2.5 MW + Battery
Hawaii Island	<u>Kalaoa Solar A</u>	3 MW + Battery
Hawaii Island	<u>Kalaoa Solar B</u>	3 MW + Battery
Hawaii Island	<u>Naalehu Solar</u>	3 MW + Battery



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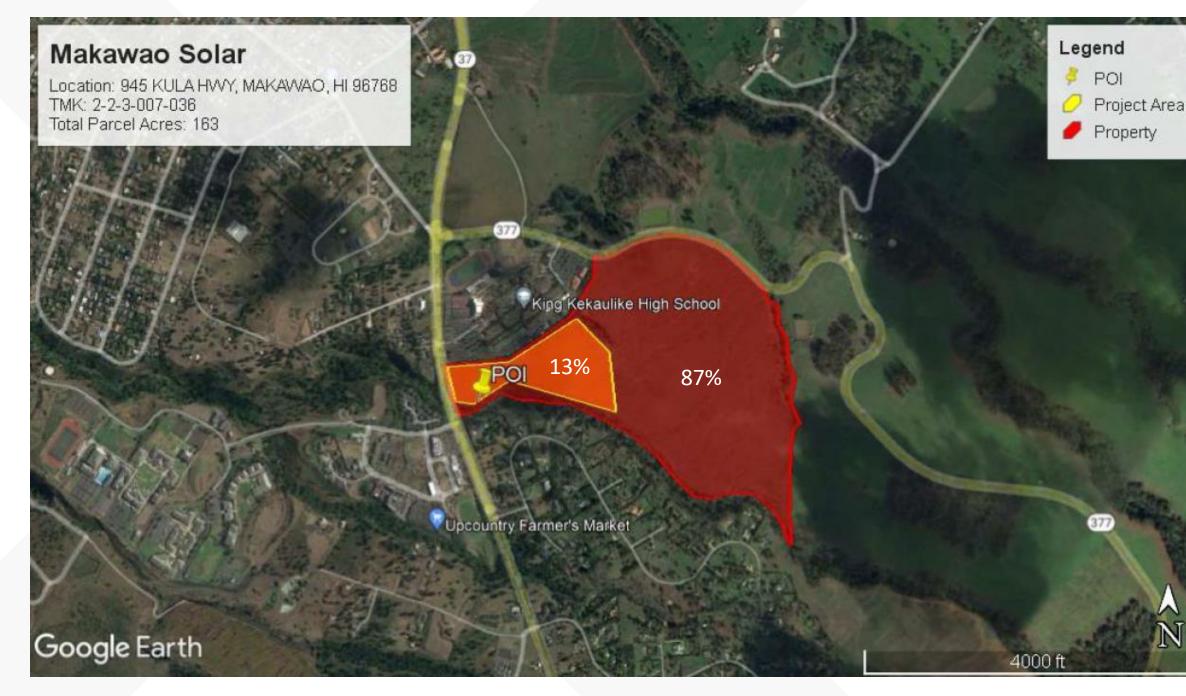


# Makawao Solar

- Location: Off Haleakala Hwy adjacent to King Kekaulike HS
- PV 2.5 MW AC + 2.7 MW Battery
- Energy bill savings for County residents
- The project has the capacity to service up to 800 homes
- Estimated date of program commencement 2026



# **Project Location**



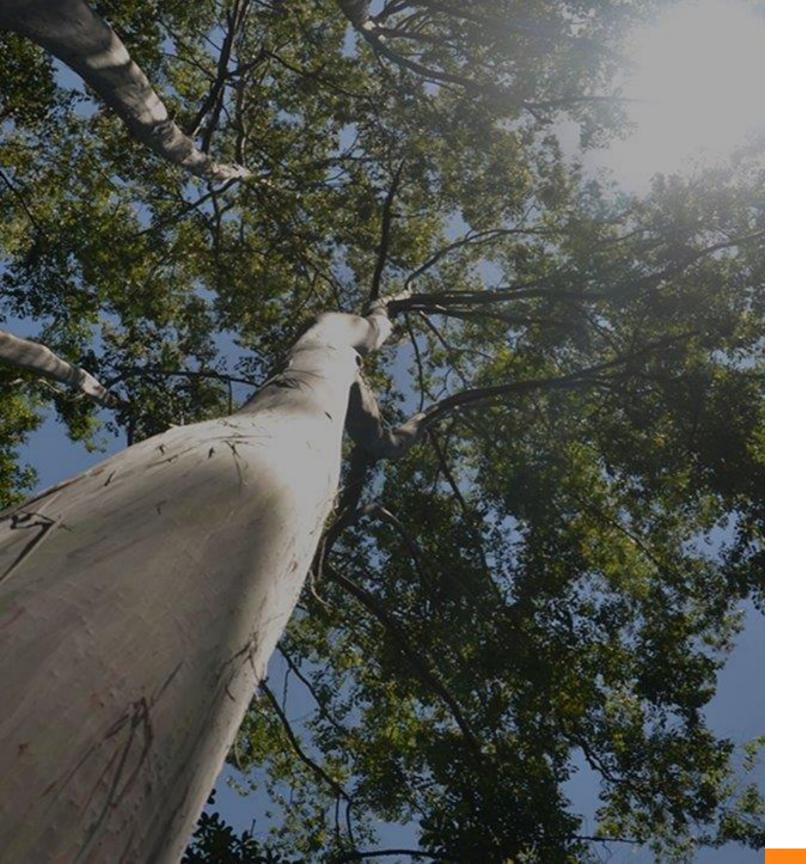
MAKAWAO SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

### **Total TMK Acreage** 163 ACRES

Solar Acreage 21 ACRES

### Agriculture Acreage 142 ACRES



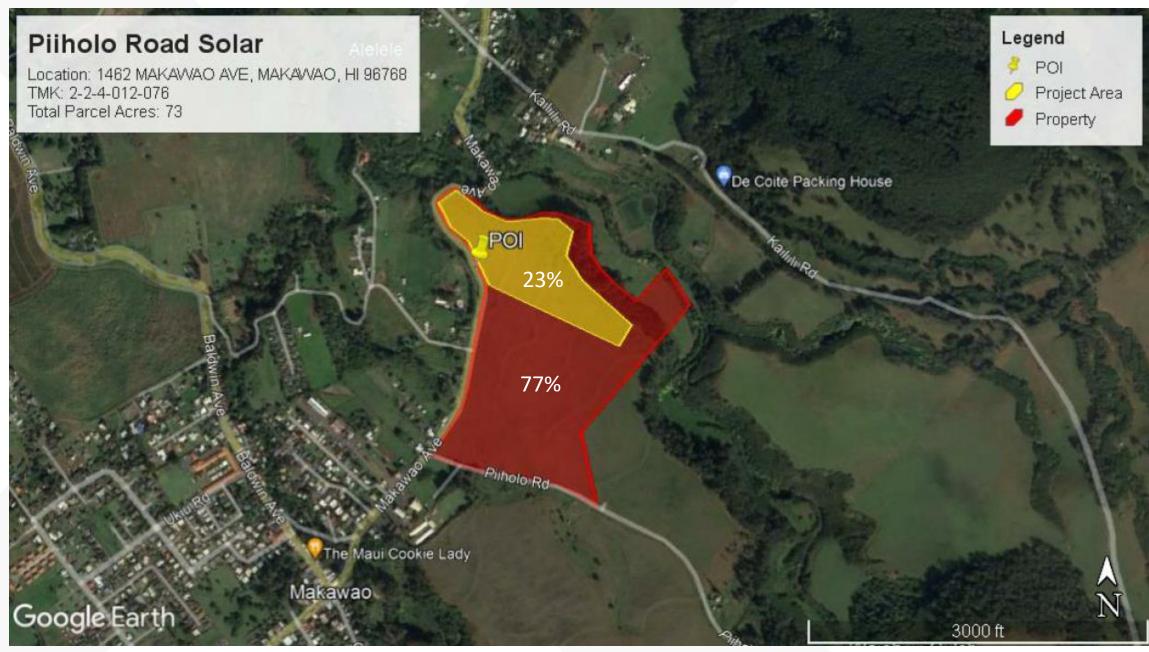


# **Pi'iholo Solar**

- Location: Corner of Makawao Avenue and Pi'iholo Road
- PV 2.5 MW AC + 2.7 MW Battery
- Energy bill savings for County residents
- The project has the capacity to service up to 800 homes
- Estimated date of program commencement 2026

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# **Project Location**



### PI'IHOLO SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

### **Total TMK Acreage** 73 ACRES

Solar Acreage 17 ACRES

Agriculture Acreage 56 ACRES



# **Energy Storage Safety**

Fire is a risk with grid-scale electrical equipment, with Lithium-ion Energy Storage being included. Nexamp selects its energy storage technology and designs its projects with safety as its core design principle.

### **Nexamp Safety Measures**:

### Selecting Equipment Manufacturers with proven safety and performance track records

### Adhering to Energy Storage industry best practices

- NFPA 855 (2023) Energy Storage Best Practice Guide referenced by state fire codes across the U.S. ۲
- Certifications and testing: UL 9540A and UL 9540 •
- Hazard Mitigation Analysis: Used to determine the risk associated with a project and design mitigations that • reduce those risks
- Emergency Response Plan: Comprehensive (site-specific) guidance on emergency response protocols for all project stakeholders

### **First responder training:**

Nexamp meets with Maui Fire Dept prior to the construction of the energy storage system and then annually to update fire safety plan.

### Wild-fire protection by design:

• Vegetation control, adequate spacing and setbacks, electrical isolation, etc.

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# **Participant Eligibility**

Subscriptions for Nexamp's Community Solar project will be reserved exclusively for low and middle-income (LMI) households in Maui County.

Community Solar is designed to lower energy costs for everyday Hawai'ians.

Refer to Hawaiian Electric's MECO Rule 29 and Appendices for eligibility and qualification information.

### **General Eligibility**

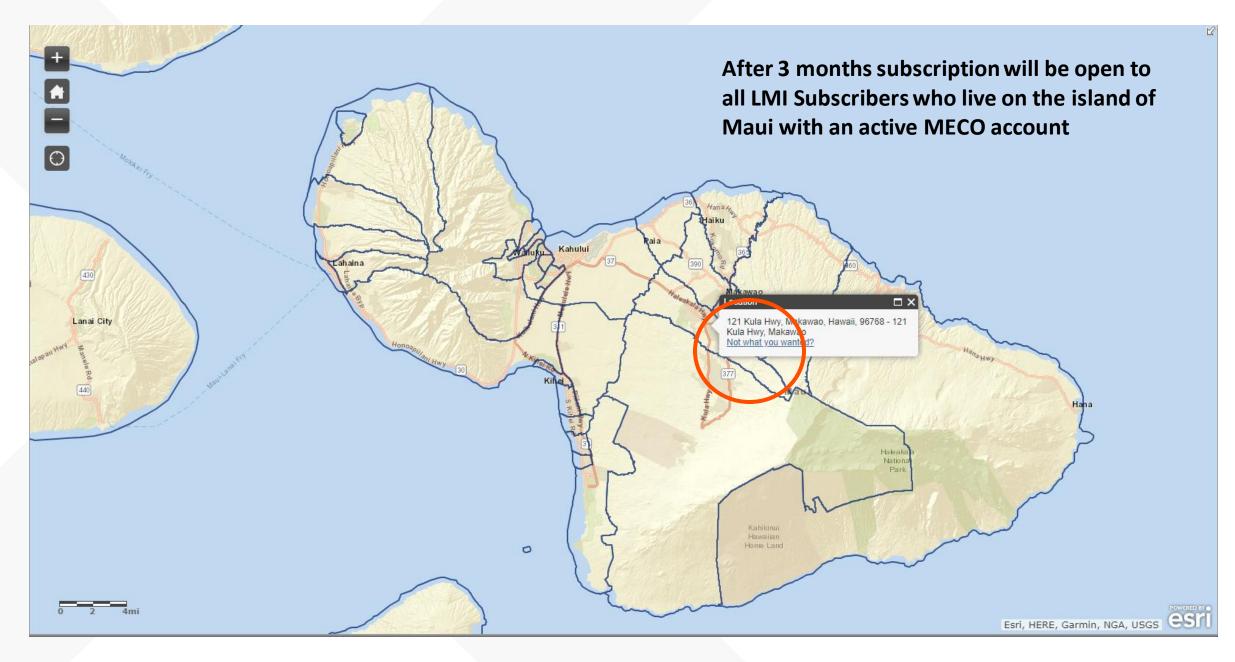
- Must be a HECO residential customer  $\bullet$
- Must reside in Maui County  $\bullet$
- Must earn less than program income low-toulletmoderate ("LMI") income limits
- About 1,000 households can enroll in the ulletproject.

Non-profits, small businesses, and public entities can join given Nexamp approval.

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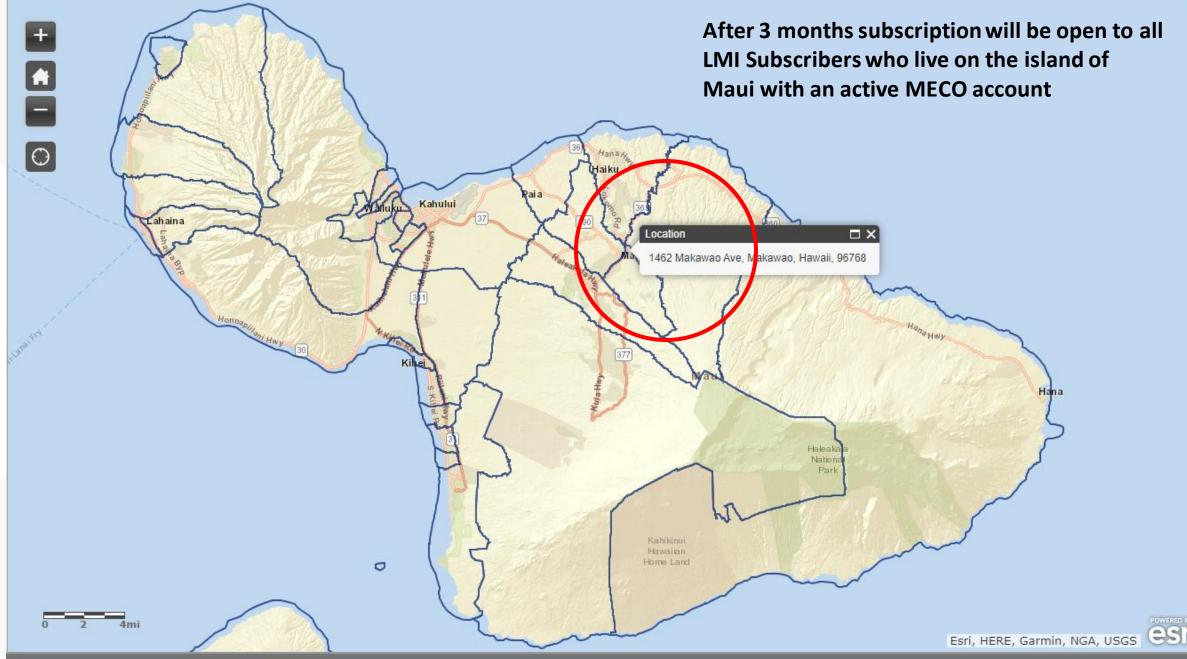
# Makawao Census Tracts – 3 Month Priority Subscription







# Pi'iholo Maui Census Tracts – 3 Month Priority Subscription





# **Participant Income Qualification**

Most local households meet income eligibility requirements.

### **Residential Income Qualification**

- 1. Household's income must meet program income limits
- 2. Participant in a qualified government assistance program
- 3. Qualifying low-income zip code, according to HECO

Verified through signed attestation of income, proof of participation in social benefit programs, or proof of residence in eligible zip code.

### Non-profit, Small Business, Public Entity

- 1. A city, county, state or federal governmental agency; or
- 2. An IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization; or
- 3. A participant in the Energy Advantage program within the Affordability and Accessibility program established by Hawaii Energy for certain small businesses

Non-residential entities must be approved by Nexamp.

### **2023 Eligible Income Limits**

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$64,900
2	\$74,150
3	\$83,400
4	\$92,650
5	\$100,100
6	\$107,500

MECO sets the income limits in Rule 29

Refer to Hawaiian Electric's MECO Rule 29 and Appendices for eligibility and qualification information.

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### **How to Enroll**

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Nexamp currently plans to start enrollment in midlate 2025. Households can enroll directly with Nexamp or through an online portal set up by HECO.

A three-month Priority Enrollment period will be available to households closest to the solar project.

Receive updates by following our website:

https://www.nexamp.com/makawao-solar

https://www.nexamp.com/piiholo-road-solar

- Nexamp will notify the community when ulletenrollment is open.
- Once the projects are built and online, the ulletsubscribers start receiving credits and savings!

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# Mahalo!

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