



Ready to Rise

Construction starts on Timbers Kauai \$140 million project

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NAWILIWILI — Tuesday was the real deal, said Gary Siracusa, director of construction for Hokualea Kauai, new owners of the former Kauai Lagoons.

“We’re turning the dirt,” Siracusa said. “We’re hurrying because the first new owners are scheduled to arrive in the summer 2017.”

The ground was being broken for the Timbers Kauai Ocean Club and residences, a \$140 million project which will cover nearly 20 acres overlooking Nawiliwili Bay, said Mike Cuthbertson, managing director at Hokualea.

“This is the first phase of Hokualea,” Cuthbertson said. “When the project is completed, it will offer 47 units spread out over three buildings. We’re looking at completion of this project in early 2017.”

The area overlooks Running Waters and the Ninini Point Lighthouse.

The basic footprints of the buildings were done before the project was shut down, Siracusa said.

The first building will have seven units, he said. The second building will house 14 units, and the remainder of the units being townhouse type in the third building.

A handful of people, including representatives of Poss Architecture and Planning and Layton Construction, wielded digging sticks to break through the overgrowth and soil under the guidance of Kahu Wayne Vidinha of Ke Akua Mana Church, who blessed and dedicated the project to Hokualea Kauai, a Timbers Resort.

“I was with the Marriott in a similar capacity,” Siracusa said. “We had to shut this project down when the economy turned bad. It is a good feeling to come back and bring this project to fruition. It’s closure.”



Donald Pacol of McClone Construction Company rips lumber for forms for the Timbers Kauai Ocean Club and Residences' second building, Tuesday afternoon at Nawiliwili.



Mike Cuthbertson, managing director for Hokuala, holds his digging stick while talking with Kahu Wayne Vidinha of Ke Akua Mana Church on Vidinha's path to fishing through the property, Tuesday during the blessing of work on the Timbers Kauai Ocean Club and Residences at Nawiliwili. In the background are views of Running Waters and the Ninini Point Lighthouse.



Gary Siracusa, the director of construction at Hokuala, right, chats with Jeff Griffin of Layton Construction, Chris Ridings and Curtis Vaughn of Poss Architecture, Tuesday at the site of the Timbers Kauai Ocean Club and Residences in Nawiliwili.



A view of Running Waters and the Ninini Point Lighthouse from the site of Timbers Kauai Ocean Club and Residences, Tuesday during the blessing of work on the \$140 million project which is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2017.



Mike Cuthbertson, managing director of Hokuala, Gary Siracusa, director of construction for Hokuala, Jeff Griffin of Layton Construction, Chris Ridings, Curtis Vaughn of Poss Architecture, and Chris Glosser, Project Superintendent, Layton Construction turn the soil at the site of the Timbers Kauai Ocean Club and Residences, Tuesday afternoon in Nawiliwili.