



Friends of NELHA

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Friends of NELHA Launches Exceptional Energy Lecture Series January 8 Event Features Sierra Club's Robert Harris

Kailua-Kona, HI—Friends of NELHA (FON) will host the first in a series of lectures about energy at the NELHA Gateway Visitor Center on Wednesday, January 8. The first speaker in the series will be Robert D. Harris, Director of the Sierra Club's Hawaii Chapter. His topic, "Electricity: Generation, Transmission, Distributed Generation, Smart Grid/Micro Grid," includes case studies on maximum photovoltaic penetration on grids in other locations. The Exceptional Energy Lecture Series event will start at 5:30 pm and admission is free.

Robert Harris was raised in Kailua, Oahu and earned a BA in chemistry and environmental science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He also received a JD degree from the UH William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to working for the Sierra Club, Robert was an attorney with Damon, Key, Kupchak, Hastert, with a specific interest in environmental law and land use. He litigated and counseled clients with CERCLA, Underground Storage Tanks, the Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Air Act. Harris also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Simeon Acoba, Jr. at the Hawaii Supreme Court, as an adjunct Professor at the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law and as a Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

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The Sierra Club is on the forefront of environmental and energy policy including its successful advocacy for Hawaii's renewable portfolio standards and recent on-bill financing program. The Sierra Club consists of over 12,000 grassroots members and supporters throughout the State of Hawaii.

The Exceptional Energy Lecture Series consists of five lectures on energy issues. The series is sponsored in part by the Hawaii Energy Resource Center, a component of the County of Hawaii's Department of Research and Development.

Call FON at 808.329.8073 for more information on the Exceptional Energy Lecture Series.

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ABOUT FRIENDS OF NELHA

Friends of NELHA is a nonprofit organization founded in 2001 to provide education and outreach for green technology, particularly with respect to programs at Keahole Point, where NELHA is recognized worldwide as a unique and innovative ocean research, business, and technology park. FON offers public presentations and tours on weekday mornings demonstrating responsible use of renewable resources for energy, aquaculture, and related purposes.