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NEW SOUTH MAUI REGIONAL PARK GRAND WAILEA TO CONSTRUCT

WAILEA, Maui, Hawai`i – Grand Wailea resort has volunteered to work with the County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation to construct an approximately 3,000 square playground in South Maui Regional Park.

The playground was originally included in the County's South Maui Regional Park master plan but funds were not immediately available to proceed with that portion of the project; thus, Grand Wailea agreed to "adopt" the playground project and had plans prepared. Upon approval of the playground design by the Parks Department, Grand Wailea will initiate construction of the playground. The regional park is located south of Lokelani Elementary School.

"Grand Wailea always tries to take an active role in the community," said Matt Bailey, managing director of the Grand Wailea. "We saw the South Maui playground project as one of great potential allowing us to provide a long-lasting 'gift' to the South Maui community which many of our employees, call home."

Grand Wailea also views the project as an opportunity to "team build" with its employees and will sponsor work days where employees can volunteer their time to prepare the grounds and construct the playground equipment.

"It will be a safe and fun place for our keiki and after it's built, we are fully committed to continued stewardship in the playground's maintenance."

Grand Wailea Resort met with the Parks Department to discuss the opportunity to provide improvements for recreational facilities in South Maui. Among the projects discussed was the installation of a playground at the County's regional park.

"We appreciate Grand Wailea 'stepping to the plate' and voluntarily agreeing to construct the South Maui playground. This project is a great example of a public-private partnership working together to benefit the South Maui community," said Tamara Horcajo, director of Parks and Recreation for the County of Maui.

Grand Wailea, opened in 1991, is the largest employer in Maui County. It became part of The Waldorf Astoria Collection in 2007. For more information about Grand Wailea, call 808.875.1234 or visit www.grandwailea.com.

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