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GRAND WAILEA INCORPORATES ENERGY EFFICIENT AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY

WAILEA, Maui, Hawai'i –Grand Wailea, a Waldorf Astoria Collection hotel is voluntarily incorporating measures to reduce water consumption and electricity use at the property. These measures speak to the overall goal of the Grand Wailea, a leading resort destination in the state, to embrace its ecological responsibility by focusing on the conservation of natural resources and green sustainability on a daily basis.

In 2008, the Maui Electric Company, Ltd. inducted the Grand Wailea into its "Energy Efficient Hall of Fame" for its strides in energy conservation – estimating Grand Wailea's savings at more than 11.5 million kilowatt hours annually, since implementing energy efficiency measures. Additionally, Grand Wailea received recognition from Energy Industries for its reduction in kilowatt hour usage via their Hawaii Green Business Award.

A number of energy saving features were introduced to the resort, including the upgrading to more efficient air conditioning systems, programmable thermostats, energy efficient lighting and higher efficiency motors for their water feature and pool systems. A Combined Heat and Power (CHP) or cogeneration system, which efficiently generates electricity and also utilizes the "waste" heat from the process to heat water used at the Spa Grande has been in use for a number of years.

Water conservation is also a key component of ongoing sustainability initiatives at the Grand Wailea. The resort voluntarily reduced its irrigation times for their landscaping saving approximately 4 million gallons of water per month. Landscape irrigation systems are also being retrofitted to low flow sprinkler heads or super efficient drip irrigation. Additionally, the laundry tunnel system recycles water and guests are provided the option to reuse their towels and linens, contributing to monthly water usage reduction at the Grand Wailea.

"Embracing a program of sustainability yields tremendous dividends for both the resort and community," said Matthew Bailey, managing director of Grand Wailea. "It also shows our commitment to 'being part of the solution. While 'sustainability' and 'green development' have become buzz words in the last couple of years, we are proud of the fact that our efforts go back many years and are part of our

daily thought processes. The importance of conserving our natural resources, especially in an island state, is essential and we fully intend to continue to look for opportunities and practices which will help us further our efforts.”

Other sustainability practices adopted by Grand Wailea include the use of local and organically grown produce and products, use of biodegradable plates made from sugar cane at the outdoor restaurants, utilizing green waste from the resort for compost and soil amendments around the property, and the use of timers and motions sensors to insure that lights and equipment are not accidentally left on.

Grand Wailea, opened in 1991, is the largest employer in Maui County. For more information about Grand Wailea, call 808.875.1234 or visit www.grandwailea.com.

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