

KULA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The vision of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community.

The specific purpose of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kula, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.

Resolution on GMOs - Genetically Modified Organisms

Whereas, GMOs are being grown in Maui County, and other areas throughout the state, the nation, and the world; and

Whereas, GMOs have the proven potential to reduce dependence of chemical applications in agriculture; and

Whereas, GMOs have the proven potential to increase the world's food supply; and

Whereas, the methodology of GMO development varies on a case-by-case basis; and

Whereas, the cumulative, long term effects of specific GMOs in specific settings remain under investigation; and

Whereas, concerns have been raised about the possible effects of GMOs on the food supply and the health of the citizens; and

Whereas, there have been reports in Maui and in other areas of adverse health reactions possibly attributable to cultivation of GMO crops; now

Therefore, be it resolved, it is the position of the Kula Community Association Board of Directors that regulation of GMOs and research on GMOs should be encouraged; and

Be it further resolved, the Kula Community Association Board of Directors supports the establishment of independent GMO Oversight boards at the local level to monitor the use of GMOs and their short and long term effects; and

Be it further resolved that such Oversight Boards shall be comprised of representatives of various stakeholders and affected parties.