

## **First-of-its-Kind Waterfront Recreation and Entertainment Destination Begins Construction at Wai Kai in West Oahu**

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Ewa Beach, Hawaii (January 10, 2021) — Wai Kai Commercial Development, LLC today announced that construction is underway of the Wai Kai waterfront recreation and entertainment destination at Hoakalei Resort in Ewa Beach in West Oahu. Wai Kai will feature the world's largest deep-water standing surf wave, and access to an adjacent 52-acre recreational lagoon. It is anticipated to open in 2022.

“Wai Kai is destined to become a year-round active destination where residents and visitors will connect to the water, land and Hawaiian culture through first-of-its-kind attractions, signature events and the natural beauty of the nearby Pacific Ocean,” said Wai Kai Commercial's Director of Retail Development Larry Caster. “Wai Kai will have interactive and engaging experiences, along with great food, that you won't find anywhere else.”

One of those experiences is The LineUp at Wai Kai, a dynamic social and recreational hub of authentic waterman experiences headlined by the Wai Kai Wave, the world's largest deep-water standing surf wave at 100-foot wide. Powered by citywave®, the technology creates authentic surfing conditions with perfect endless and adjustable waves from 2-feet to head-high for all skill levels allowing the use of standard surfboards with fins for big carving turns and top-to-bottom surfing on its glassy wave face. The Wai Kai Wave was created in collaboration with Oahu's-own Shane Beschen (a partner in The LineUp at Wai Kai's operating company), X Games Gold Medalist and a former world #2 ranked surfer, and his young gun surfing son Noah.

“The surfing will be similar to Oahu's Waimea Bay river wave that flows periodically when the sand bar opens up after heavy rainfall periods – but on steroids,” said Shane. “Everything from high speed carving turns to sections for attacking the lip or doing airs are all possible here. It creates the perfect on-demand setup.”

Shane's son Noah is excited about having even bigger surf available at the Wai Kai Wave on Oahu. “I've been lucky to surf a few other smaller citywaves® around the world with my dad and I love how much time I get on the wave during each session,” said Noah. “I can really progress my surfing and can't wait to be flying down the line on the 100-foot version we'll have at the Wai Kai Wave.”

Major surf and waterman competitions are being planned for the Wai Kai Wave and Wai Kai Lagoon.

The Wai Kai Wave overlooks the 52-acre Wai Kai Lagoon, which will offer a sheltered area for stand up paddling, kayaks, guided outrigger canoes, and piloted electric boat cruises.

“Along a portion of the Lagoon waterfront will be restaurants, and areas for pop-up retail, events and recreation centered on fitness and wellness, families, arts and culture, and celebrations for every season,” said Caster. He highlighted that a large special events lawn area is envisioned to host farmers and makers markets, local arts and cultural activities, and music. There will be a Keiki play area, a parkour and fitness course, and speaker series, to name a few of the planned ongoing, weekly, monthly and seasonable activities and events.

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Also, within The LineUp will be the LookOut Bar and Restaurant with a front-row view of the surf action, a boardwalk café and bar overlooking the Wai Kai Lagoon, and unique retail geared to the waterman lifestyle.

The LineUp, including the Wai Kai Wave, will be managed by Surf Park Management. “Our team is excited to launch the most progressive facility in all of Hawaii for anyone who loves an active ocean lifestyle,” said Surf Park Management’s Skip Taylor. “To give the local community an amazing place to play and socialize as well as introduce active travelers to the waterman’s lifestyle is a super exciting opportunity.”

Layton Hawaii is the general contractor for the project, which encompasses nine acres. Site grading work is now underway.

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### **LINK TO IMAGES / VIDEO:**

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### **RENDERINGS:**

- 1) Wai Kai Aerial Day. Wai Kai will offer unique, interactive and engaging experiences, dining, events, music and festivals. Credit: Wai Kai Commercial Development, LLC
- 2) Wai Kai Wave Aerial. The LineUp at Wai Kai is headlined by the Wai Kai Wave, the world’s largest deep-water standing surf wave. Credit: Wai Kai Commercial Development, LLC
- 3) Wai Kai Wave Close-Up. The Wai Kai Wave will be a surf destination for locals and visitors, and for surf competitions, where spectators will be able to enjoy the action close-up. Credit: Wai Kai Commercial Development, LLC
- 4) Volleyball\_Activities. Wai Kai is destined to become an active year-round destination with signature events and activities centered on fitness and wellness, families, arts and culture, seasonal celebrations, and more. Credit: Wai Kai Commercial Development, LLC
- 5) Sandy Area at Lagoon's Edge. Wai Kai features a sandy area overlooking the 52-acre lagoon that will be used for stand up paddling, kayak, guided outrigger canoe, pedal boats and piloted electric boat cruises. Credit: Wai Kai Commercial Development, LLC

### **IMAGES:**

- 1) citywave® - Shane - Noa Fun (4): Body board fun - Shane Beschen (riding body board) and Noah Beschen (standing on dad’s back)
- 2) citywave® - Beginners: First time surfers using training pole, ideal for introducing first time surfers to a standing wave
- 3) citywave® - Bottom Turn (10): Bottom turn action shot (unknown surfer)
- 4) citywave® - Shane Beschen (41): Wai Kai Ambassador Shane Beschen making an aggressive carving turn

Legal disclaimer: The illustrations provided describe a vision for the Wai Kai, a retail, dining, and entertainment development that is subject to change without notice. It does not depict actual project improvements or activities that are currently available. The development and completion of all components of the project are subject to obtaining all governmental approvals of required entitlement permits and have not yet been constructed.

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