

STATE OF HAWAI'I  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

September 11, 2015

Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND AMEND CONTRACT(S) FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, KŌKUA KALIHI VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES, ON THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS TMKS: (1) 1-4-014:001; (1) 1-4-014:026; & (1) 1-4-016:003 IN KALIHI VALLEY, O'AHU**

AND

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION TO CHAPTER 343, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

During the Regular Session of 2014, the Twenty-seventh Legislature authorized funds to Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services (KKV), a nonprofit organization, for a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) located on the Division of State Parks (DSP) TMKs: (1) 1-4-014:001; (1) 1-4-014:026; & (1) 1-4-016:003 in Kalihi Valley, O'ahu. General obligation bond funds for \$195,000 were appropriated by Act 122, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2014, for construction for the repavement of parking lot and driveway of the ACCESS Center at Ho'oulu 'Āina in the Kalihi Valley Nature Preserve owned by the DSP. Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services has a lease agreement with the DSP to operate and manage this park area.

Formed in 1972 as a 501(c)(3) organization by community leaders in response to an absence of accessible and appropriate health services for Kalihi Valley's large Asian and Pacific Island immigrant population, KKV provides residents of Kalihi Valley with a broad array of comprehensive and holistic health care, including clinical, preventive, mental health, and a

variety of related social services. Each year, the organization engages over 7,000 volunteers through four program areas: Koa 'Āina (Native Reforestation), Hoa 'Āina (Community Access), Mahi 'Āina (Community Food Production), and Lohe 'Āina (Cultural Preservation). The increased demands for these programs and outreach administered by KKV have deteriorated existing parking and driveway components of Ho'oulu 'Āina. The parking and driveway improvements are necessary to improve access to the organization's facilities and programs and ensure the safety of persons and property of the lessee and users of this park.

REMARKS:

This project qualifies as a grant, pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). As the expending agency, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife must develop the contractual documents and specifications necessary to implement the CIP, including deliverable items, payment dates, and adherence to all applicable laws. The parking and driveway improvements include paving an existing unpaved parking area having a capacity of no more than 20 cars and repairing and maintaining existing unpaved driveways, including the management of surface water runoff.

CHAPTER 343, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, and Section 11-200-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources as approved by the Environmental Council on June 5, 2015, paving an existing unpaved parking area and repairing and maintaining existing unpaved driveways on DSP land in Kalihi Valley by KKV is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to the exemption classes listed in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

- 1) Declares, after considering the potential effects of the proposed project as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this CIP will likely have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment; and
- 2) Delegates authority to the Chairperson to sign, execute, and amend contract(s) for this CIP to KKV subject to release of funds, the availability of funds, and approval by the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully Submitted,



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GALEN KAWAKAMI, Acting Administrator  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

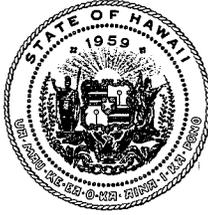
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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**DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION**

from the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and Chapter 11-200, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR)

**Project Title:** Capital Improvements at Ho'oulu 'Āina, the Kalihi Valley Nature Preserve

**Project Description:** During the Regular Session of 2014, the Twenty-seventh Legislature authorized funds to Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, a nonprofit organization, for a Capital Improvement Project located on the Division of State Parks TMKs: (1) 1-4-014:001; (1) 1-4-014:026; & (1) 1-4-016:003 in Kalihi Valley, O'ahu. General obligation bond funds for \$195,000 were appropriated by Act 122, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2014, for construction for the repavement of parking lot and driveway of the ACCESS Center at Ho'oulu 'Āina in the Kalihi Valley Nature Preserve owned by the Division of State Parks. Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services has a lease agreement with the Division of State Parks to operate and manage this park area. Parking and driveway improvements include paving an existing unpaved parking area having a capacity of no more than 20 cars and repairing and maintaining existing unpaved driveways, including the management of surface water runoff. The increased demands for the programs and outreach administered by Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services have deteriorated existing parking and driveway components of Ho'oulu 'Āina. The parking and driveway improvements are necessary to improve access to the organization's facilities and programs and ensure the safety of persons and property of the lessee and users of this park.

**Consulted Parties:** A copy of the board submittal, including this attachment, in draft form was transmitted to the Division of State Parks, Engineering Division, and Land Division from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for review and comment. There were no comments submitted to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife relating to the declaration of exemption from the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR.

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class 1: Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

**Exempt Item Number:** 31

**Exempt Item Description:** Repair and maintenance of existing roadways, roadways shoulders, road structures and signage, parking areas, walkways, bikeways, multi-use pathways, driveways, and boat launch ramps (includes grading, resurfacing, infilling, sealing, grooving, cleaning, chipping, painting and patching).

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class 2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structure and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

**Exempt Item Number:** 21

**Exempt Item Description:** Replacement or reconstruction of existing roadways, roadway shoulders, road structures and signage, parking areas, walkways, bikeways, multi-use pathways, driveways, and boat launch ramps.

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class 4: Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

**Exempt Item Number:** 14

**Exempt Item Description:** Minor ground adjustments (e.g., grading, grubbing, cutting, or filling) that do not require grading permits.

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class 4: Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

**Exempt Item Number:** 17

**Exempt Item Description:** Management of surface water runoff, including installation of minor drainage ditches and implementation of other stormwater best management practices and low impact development techniques (e.g., bioretention areas, permeable pavers, etc.).

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class 6: Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

**Exempt Item Number:** 9

**Exempt Item Description:** Construction of interior roadways, driveways, parking areas, sidewalks, pathways, aisles, curbs, gutters, and other similar items on state lands.

**Date of Agency Exemption List:** June 5, 2015

*I have considered the potential effects of the above listed project as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR. I declare that this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment under the above exemption classes.*

  
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SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

8/25/15  
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Date

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