

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

March 24, 2016

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

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, HUI O LAKA DBA KÖKE'E NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM ON THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS TMK: (4) 1-4-01:13 IN KÖKE'E STATE PARK, KAUA'I

AND

REQUEST APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION TO CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BACKGROUND

During the Regular Session of 2013, the Legislature authorized funds to Hui o Laka dba Kōke'e Natural History Museum, a non-profit organization, for a Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) located on the Division of State Parks TMK: (4) 1-4-01:13 in Kōke'e State Park, Kaua'i. General obligation bond funds for \$50,000 were appropriated by Act 134, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, for renovation of the Administrative Office, Mess Hall, Barracks "C", and other facilities at the historic Civilian Conservation Corps Camp.

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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 State Parks must develop the contractual documents and specifications necessary to implement the CIP, including deliverable items, payment dates, and adherence to all applicable laws.

CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUES – 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, for repair and maintenance of the existing Administrative Office, Mess Hall, Barracks "C" and other facilities and electrical, telemetry, communication systems and utilities and drainage systems 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:

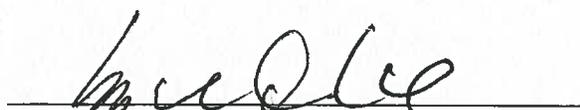
- 1) Declares after considering the potential effects of the proposed project as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this CIP will likely have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment; and
- 2) Delegates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

Respectfully Submitted,



CURT A. COTTRELL, Administrator
Division of State Parks

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson
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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 Kōke'e State Park, Kaua'i

Project Description: During the Regular Session of 2013, the Legislature authorized funds to Hui o Laka dba Kōke'e Natural History Museum, a non-profit organization, for a Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) located on the Division of State Parks TMK: (4) 1-4-01:13 in Kōke'e State Park, Kaua'i. General obligation bond funds for \$50,000 were appropriated by Act 134, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013, for renovation of the Administrative Office, Mess Hall, Barracks "C", and other facilities at the historic Civilian Conservation Corps Camp.

Consulted Parties: State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), DLNR: HRS Chapter 6E-8 compliance required. Civilian Conservation Corps Camp is listed on the Hawai'i and National Register of Historic Places. Proposed renovation plans meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as reviewed by SHPD dated June 26, 2015. Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL), DLNR: Permit not required because improvements involve "non-conforming" uses of the facilities which are also consistent with the mandated responsibilities of the Division of State Parks (DSP).

Exemption Class:	Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class I <i>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.</i>
Exempt Item Number:	7
Exempt Item Description:	Operation, repair and maintenance, of existing Department structures and facilities, including baseyards, offices, cabins, sheds, and fencing.
Exemption Class:	Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class I <i>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.</i>

Declaration of Exemption
Hui o Laka

Exempt Item Number: 13
Exempt Item Description: Operation, repair and maintenance of existing recreational facilities such as campsites, cabins, shelters, and other similar structures, and the appurtenant support facilities and structures.

Exemption Class: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class I
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: 17
Exempt Item Description: Repair and maintenance of existing utilities and drainage systems.

Exemption Class: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class I
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: 20
Exempt Item Description: Repairs necessary to maintain existing electrical, telemetry or communications systems and the structures that house or protect them.

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 exempt classes.



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

3/13/16
Date