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October 4, 2023

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**Subject:** Acceptance of Programmatic Final Environmental Impact Statement  
Addition of Wastewater Services for the Puna District

Dear Director Evans and Director Mansour,

I hereby accept the Programmatic Final Environmental Impact Statement (PFEIS) for the Addition of Wastewater Services for the Puna District, as satisfactory fulfillment of the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 11, Chapter 200.1. The procedures for assessment, consultation process, review, and the preparation and submission of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), from proposal of the action to publication of the PFEIS, have all been completed satisfactorily; the content requirements have been satisfied; and comments submitted during the review process have received satisfactory responses and have been appropriately incorporated into the PFEIS.

The economic, social, and environmental impacts that will likely occur, should this project be implemented, are adequately described in the statement. The analysis, together with the comments made by reviewers, provide useful information to policy makers and the public.

My acceptance of the statement is an affirmation of the adequacy of that statement under the applicable laws. I find that the mitigation measures proposed in the PFEIS will minimize the negative impacts of the project. In implementing this project, I direct the

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Department of Environmental Management to perform these or comparable mitigation measures at the discretion of the relevant agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Roth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mitchell D. Roth,  
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

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**Subject:** New online submission for The Environmental Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 5:54:32 AM

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**Action Name**

Addition of Wastewater Services for the Puna District

**Type of Document/Determination**

Final environmental impact statement (FEIS) acceptance or non-acceptance

**HRS §343-5(a) Trigger(s)**

- (1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds

**Judicial district**

Puna, Hawai'i

**Tax Map Key(s) (TMK(s))**

Numerous

**Action type**

Agency

**Other required permits and approvals**

See list of permits and approvals included in the FPEIS.

**Proposing/determining agency**

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**Action summary**

The Proposed Action is the addition of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal infrastructure and services for the Project Area. The action would provide efficient, technologically advanced, and resilient wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal infrastructure and services, primarily to town and village centers in the Project Area.

**Attached documents (signed agency letter & EA/EIS)**

- [2023-10-04-M.-Evans-R.-Mansour-RE\\_-Acceptance-of-PEIS-Addition-of-WW-Services-for-Puna-District.pdf](#)

**Action location map**

- [ProjectArea.zip](#)

**Authorized individual**

Aaron Weieneth, AECOM

**Authorization**

- The above named authorized individual hereby certifies that he/she has the authority to make this submission.