MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Marvin T. Miura, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control

FROM: William W. Paty, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Document for Publication in the OEQC Bulletin - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT for Conservation District Use Application (CDUA), for a Classroom Facility at the Kulani Correctional Facility, at South Hilo, Hawaii; TMK 2-4-08: 09

The above Chapter 343 Document was reviewed, and a negative declaration was declared based upon the environmental assessment provided with the CDUA.

Please feel free to call me or Jay Lebec of our Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, at 548-7837, if you have any questions.

[Signature]

WILLIAM W. PATY

Attachment
I. LANDOWNER/WATER SOURCE OWNER
   (If State land, to be filled in by Government Agency in control of property)
   Name
   Address
   Telephone No.

II. APPLICANT (Water Use, omit if applicant is Landowner)
    Name
    Address
    Telephone No.

III. TYPE OF PERMIT(S) APPLYING FOR
    (X) B. Conservation District Use
    ( ) C. Withdraw Water From A Ground Water Control Area
    ( ) D. Supply Water From A Ground Water Control Area
    ( ) E. Well Drilling/Modification

IV. WELL OR LAND PARCEL LOCATION REQUESTED
    District
    Island
    County
    Tax Map Key
    Area of Parcel
    Term (if lease)
INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ALL USES

I. Description of Parcel
   A. Existing structures/Use. (Attach description or map).
   B. Existing utilities. (If available, indicate size and location on map. Include electricity, water, telephone, drainage, and sewerage).
   C. Existing access. (Provide map showing roadways, trails, if any. Give street name. Indicate width, type of paving and ownership).
   D. Vegetation. (Describe or provide map showing location and types of vegetation. Indicate if rare native plants are present).
   E. Topography; if ocean area, give depths. (Submit contour maps for ocean areas and areas where slopes are 40% or more. Contour maps will also be required for uses involving tall structures, gravity flow and other special cases).
   F. If shoreline area, describe shoreline. (Indicate if shoreline is sandy, muddy, rocky, etc. Indicate cliffs, reefs, or other features such as access to shoreline).
   G. Existing covenants, easements, restrictions. (If State lands, indicate present encumbrances).
   H. Historic sites affected. (If applicable, attach map and descriptions).

II. Description: Describe the activity proposed, its purpose and all operations to be conducted. (Use additional sheets as necessary).

III. Commencement Date: __________________________
     Completion Date: __________________________

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUESTED (Mark where appropriate)
   1. Permitted Use (exception occasional use);
      DLNR Title 13, Chapter 2, Section ____; Subzone __________ S13-2-14(c)(1)
   2. Accessory Use (accessory to a permitted use);
      DLNR Title 13, Chapter 2, Section ____; Subzone ______.
   3. Occasional Use: Subzone ________.
   4. Temporary Variance: Subzone ________.
   5. Conditional Use: Subzone ________.
Area of Proposed Use: N/A
(Indicate in acres or sq. ft.)

Name & Distance of Nearest Town or Landmark
Hilo, 25 miles

Boundary Interpretation (If the area is within 40 feet of the boundary of the Conservation District, include map showing interpretation of the boundary by the State Land Use Commission).

Conservation District Subzone: G
County General Plan Designation: Conservation

V. FILING FEE

1. Enclose $50.00. All fees shall be in the form of cash, certified or cashier's check, and payable to the State of Hawaii.

2. If use is commercial, as defined, submit additional public hearing fee of $50.00.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CONDITIONAL USE ONLY

I. Plans: (All plans should include north arrow and graphic scale).

A. Area Plan: Area plan should include but not be limited to relationship of proposed uses to existing and future uses in abutting parcels; identification of major existing facilities; names and addresses of adjacent property owners.
CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE APPLICATION
KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
CLASSROOM BUILDING
D.A.G.S. JOB NO. 11-27-2619

I. Description of Parcel
   A. Existing Structures/Use
      1. Exhibit A - Project Location.
      2. Exhibit B - Kulani Honor Camp Lands.
      3. Exhibit C - Schematic Plans.
   B. Existing Utilities
      1. Exhibit D - Utilities Plan.
      2. Electrical power and telephone services are provided by HELCO and HTCO, respectively.
   C. Existing Access
      1. Exhibit E - Location Map.
         From Hilo, take Highway 11 (Hawaii Belt Road) to Panaewa, turn left into Stainback Highway. Continue mauka for 19 miles to reach Kulani Correctional Facility. Stainback Highway is a two-lane asphalt paved roadway. The lower portion of the highway up to the zoo is maintained by the County. The roadway beyond the zoo is maintained by the Kulani Correctional Facility.
   D. Vegetation
      1. The only vegetation in the immediate vicinity of the proposed addition consists of ground cover (Kikuyu grass).
   E. Topography
      1. The terrain of the proposed building is flat. Refer to Exhibit F for location.
   F. Shoreline
      1. Not applicable.
G. Existing Covenants, Easements, Restrictions

1. Control of property is governed under Executive Order Nos. 1225, 1588 and 3092.

2. Exhibit G, Portion of Sub-zone Map, H-56.

H. Historic Sites

1. None.

II. Description

A. Scope of Work

1. Prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the classroom building.

2. Prepare final bidding documents for the procurement of needed materials and equipment. All labor work will be by the inmates.

3. Exhibit H, Capitol Project Description.

III. Commencement Date: October, 1989.

Completion Date: February, 1990.

IV. Environmental Requirements

A. Exhibit I - Letter to OEQC dated October 7, 1988, Negative Declaration.
KULANI CORRECTIONAL
CLASSROOM BUILDING
SOUTH HILO, HAWAII

FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
STATE OF HAWAII

BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING & GENERAL
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE OF HAWAII

T.M.K. 2-4-08: 09 (PORTION)
D.A.G.S. JOB NO. 01-27-2719

A LOCATION MAP

B VICINITY MAP

C APPROVALS

EXHIBIT C
GRADING NOTES:
1. All grading work shall conform to Chapter 10 of the Hanalei County Code and shall not commence until a grading permit is approved.
2. All slopes and paved areas shall be sodded or planted immediately after the grading work has been completed.
3. The county shall be informed of the location of the screening site for the excess material from the project prior to the application for a grading permit.
4. The county shall be informed of the location of the reseeding site for the excess material from the project prior to the application for a grading permit.
5. All grading work shall be done on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays at any time without prior notice to the chief engineer.
6. All grading operations shall be performed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the water pollution control and water quality standards contained in the public health regulations, state, and federal permits for any aboveground action by the chief engineer.
7. All fills on slopes steeper than 3:1 shall be keyed.
8. The contractor shall remove all silt and debris resulting from his work and deposited in drainage, polluted, waterways, and adjacent areas.
9. The contractor shall notify the chief engineer for any necessary remedial action by the chief engineer.
10. The contractor shall not use any fill which is not in compliance with the state or federal permits for any aboveground action by the chief engineer.
11. All vegetation shall be removed prior to placing fill on natural ground surface.
12. Fill shall be compacted to 95 percent of maximum density per A.D.T. 3-1877 test.

ESTIMATED EARTHWORK QUANTITIES:
TOTAL EXCAVATION = 0
TOTAL EMBANKMENT = 160 CUBIC YARDS

NOTES:
1. The quantities shown are for grading permit purposes only. The contractor shall be responsible to determine the exact quantities for bidding purposes.
2. Earthwork quantities shown were taken from existing ground to finish grade.

TOTAL AREA TO BE GRADED:

WATER NOTES:
1. All work shall be done according to the water system standards, state of Hawaii, volume 1-3, dated 1992.
2. All locations of existing water mains are approximate only. The contractor shall verify the exact locations in the field and shall bear all expense for changes in locations due to unexpected underground conditions.
3. The water system installation shall be done by a general contractor or plumber licensed in the state of Hawaii to do such work.

NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING

PLAN

CLEANOUT TO GRADE

NOT TO SCALE
BUILDING

4"-6"

INFLTRATOR LEACHING SYSTEM HIGH CAPACITY

4" PVC SEWERLINE

EXHIBIT C
SITE PLAN - UTILITIES

EXHIBIT D
Exhibits:

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4. Project Information: See Attached.
   a. Discuss what improvements will take place when project completed (including deficiencies project intends to correct).
   b. Discuss the significance of the C.I.P. project (from community's and special clients group's standpoint).
   c. Identify individuals or organizations who would be interested in project—for or against. (P.T.A., community association, service organizations, etc.)

5. Narrative Justification (Use back of this form)
Kulani Correctional Facility – Classroom Building

PROJECT INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION SHEET

4. Project Information:

a. Discuss what improvements will take place when project completed (including deficiencies project intends to correct).

There is no classroom space at Kulani. Classes are held in the dining hall which is poorly lit and very noisy. Generally, the improvements will include the ability to run three or four classes at one time, to fully implement the data processing program, and to operate an adult learning center similar to those at other correctional facilities.

b. Discuss the significance of the C.I.P. project (from community's and special client groups' standpoint).

The sentenced felon population at Kulani has consistently had the highest education program participation rate. They work all day but still attend classes in the evening despite the cold, noisy and poorly lit condition of their "classroom". Basic adult education and data processing are particularly popular among these inmates. Upon release, they will be better equipped to find employment and become productive members of their community.

c. Identify individuals or organizations who would be interested in this project—for or against. (P.T.A., community associations, service organizations, etc.).

The University of Hawaii at Hilo has become increasingly reluctant to conduct classes at Kulani. Instructor and students find it very hard to concentrate when there are three or more classes being conducted in the open dining hall. The faculty of the U.H. Hilo will be particularly pleased with the improvements brought about by this project. The instructors from the Adult Education program of the Department of Education will also be more willing to teach at Kulani.

5. Narrative Justification:

a. Justification of Request.

The education program at Kulani has grown rapidly over the past few years. The curriculum now consists of literacy training, GED preparation, and vocational courses. Automotive technology and data processing are the most well established programs. However, classrooms and learning center space is required before other programs, such as Electrical Maintenance and Technology and construction skills, can be implemented. Quiet study space is also needed because inmates live in an open dormitory setting.
Kualani Correctional Facility – Classroom Building

b. Impact of the Request on the Program’s Effectiveness.

The current education program participation rate at Kualani is now 56%. With the improvements this project will bring, the rate is expected to increase to 80% of the 160 inmates presently residing there. Also, the current students will have a better quality of education. Overall, the inmates will be better prepared for reentry into the community. Thus, the effectiveness of the rehabilitation effort is expected to increase.

c. Long-Term Costs.

The construction cost is basically a one-time cost spread over several years. Once construction is completed and the structure turned over for operational use, there shall be a continuing operational cost for utilities and building maintenance the cost specifics of which have not yet been ascertained.

d. Progress Monitoring.

The basic objectives of this request is to construct a new classroom building at the facility and have it completed, from design to construction, within this fiscal year (i.e., FY 88/89). Monitoring on progress will be guided by the plans and specifications, as prepared by the consultant and the resulting contract shall be supervised by DADS and DOC.

e. Statutory Conformance.

Act 147, Sty 1988 mandates participation in education or industries for parole eligibility. HRS 353.1 requires the Department of Corrections to provide this type of program opportunity.
Dr. Marvin Miura  
Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
465 South King Street, Rm. 104  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Dr. Miura:

Subject: Kulani Correctional Facility Education Building

Transmitted herewith for your appropriate action are four copies of the Negative Declaration for the subject project. If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Cedric Takamoto of the Planning Branch at 548-5460.

Very truly yours,

J. Tominaga
TEUANE TOMINAGA  
State Public Works Engineer

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Attachment

EXHIBIT I
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
EDUCATION BUILDING
OCTOBER 4, 1988

A. PROPOSING AGENCY: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Corrections.

B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.

C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Corrections.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Technical: An education building is to be provided.

2. Economic: The estimated cost of construction is $413,000. Since the project will be constructed within the existing site, no land will be removed from the tax base.

3. Social: The project will provide Kulani Correctional Facility with a much-needed facility to implement its educational program.

4. Environmental: The project will not create any major environmental impact.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS: Figure 1 shows the facility location and Figure 2 shows the facility plot plan.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS: The following assessments are made to determine whether or not the anticipated effects constitute a "significant effect":

1. The proposed action will not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.

2. The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

3. The proposed action will not conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.

4. The proposed action will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.
5. The proposed action will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.

6. The proposed action will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.

7. The proposed action will not substantially affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna or habitat. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.

8. The proposed action will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.

9. The proposed action will not be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

G. **SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS**: From the above assessment, no major adverse environmental impact is anticipated. The project will result in the following minor adverse impacts:

1. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.

2. Some dust, noise and silting during construction.

H. **PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES**: The temporary dust, noise and silting which would occur during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution control measures.

I. **DETERMINATION**: It is determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required for this project.