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TO:

Dr. Bruce Anderson, Acting Director Office of Environmental Quality Control

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

Environmental Assessments SUBJECT:

Being forwarded for your review are copies of environmental assessments for actions described as follows:

1. County of Hawaii - applicant

Direct conveyance in fee of roadway parcel being a portion of the Alanui Kauhini situate at Kalaoa 4th, North Kona, Hawaii - Tax Map Key:3rd/7-3-10:29(portion)

2. Kahikolu Congregational Church - applicant

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_ Direct conveyance in fee of two parcels for cemetery purposes situate at Kalamawai'awa'awa and Kahauloa Ist, South Kona, Hawaii - Tax Map Key:3rd/8-2-07:07 & 09

3. Palani Ranch Co., Inc. - applicant

Direct sale of waterline and water tank easement over and across State land situate at Honua'ula Tract No. 2, North Kona, Hawaii - Tax Map Key:3rd/7-4-01:03(portion)

4. Waiakea Settlement YMCA of County of Hawaii - applicant

Direct issuance of lease for the construction of a social, recreational and educational complex on Government lands situate at Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii on Tax Map Keys:3rd/6-6-03:07 and 3rd/6-6-08:Road Reserve

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As owner of the underlying lands, we have reviewed said assessments as requested. Please be advised that on the basis of the assessments, we find the proposals will have no adverse impact on the environment.

This constitutes our filing a Negative Declaration for the above-cited projects.

Enclosed please find four copies each of the Environmental Assessments (together with maps) for your consideration and action.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- A. PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION
 - Disposition by direct lease of approximately 10.561 acres (total), Parcel 1 and Parcel 2, being a portion of the Government land situate at Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii. Tax Map Keys:3rd/6-6-03:07 and 3rd/6-6-08:Road Reserve
- B. PROPOSING AGENCY

Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. PURPOSE

Site for recreational, social and educational purposes

D. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

Pursuant to applicable statutes and consistent with long-standing procedures, a disposition by direct lease of the subject site is proposed. The applicant, Waiakea Settlement YMCA of County of Hawaii (YMCA), has requested a lease over the subject premises to construct a social, recreational, and educational complex for the residents of Waimea and the surrounding North and South Kohala communities. The YMCA is proposing to construct their complex in two major phases. Phase I shall include the construction of a covered swimming pool and a gymnasium with locker rooms and administrative offices. Phase II would include the construction of racketball courts, a weight room and a multipurpose room.

The subject site was formerly utilized for farming purposes. It has been vacant since 1978.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

With respect to criteria for "significant effect" as defined by Section 1:31 of the Environmental Impact Statement Regulations pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes as amended, the proposed action:

- 1. Will not involve an irrevocable commitment or loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource;
- 2. Will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment;
- 3. Will not conflict with the long-term environmental policies, goals or guidelines of the State of Hawaii;
- 4. Will not have any detrimental effect on the economic or social welfare of the community or the State of Hawaii;
- 5. Will not substantially affect economic activities;
- 6. Will not have substantial secondary impacts such as population changes or effects on public facilities;
- 7. Will not cause substantial degradation of environmental quality;

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- 8. Will not detrimentally affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat;
- 9. Will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise level;

10. Will not involve an environmentally sensitive area;

G. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS

In accordance with the long-standing procedures and practices pursuant to applicable statutes, the Board of Land and Natural Resources has authorized the issuance of a direct lease to the Waiakea Settlement YMCA of County of Hawaii for the construction of a social, recreational and educational complex to serve the residents of North and South Kohala.

Eventual usage of the subject site should have no serious detriment to existing environmental, social, cultural and economic resources.

H. DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing discussion, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required in this instance and, consequently, a negative declaration is determined for the proposed action.

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