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

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

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessments

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

   Direct conveyance in fee of two parcels for cemetery
   purposes situate at Kalamai'awa'a'wa and Kahauloa 1st,
   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.

Enclosures
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

A. PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION

Disposition by direct conveyance in fee of approximately 0.350 acres and 0.950 acres of Government land situate at Kalamawai'awa'awa and Kahauloa 1st, South Kona, Hawaii. Tax Map Key: 3rd/8-2-07:07 & 09

B. PROPOSING AGENCY

Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. PURPOSE

Cemetery purpose only

D. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

Pursuant to applicable statutes and consistent with long-standing procedures, a disposition by direct conveyance in fee of the subject parcels is proposed. The applicant, Kahikolu Congregational Church, in accordance with Act 70, SLH 1990, has applied to purchase the subject parcels for cemetery purposes.

E. DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The subject site is currently being used as a cemetery and its use shall continue.

F. DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANT CRITERIA

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;

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 direct conveyance of the subject parcels to the Kahikolu Congregational Church for cemetery purposes.

Continued use 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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