May 28, 1991

Mr. Bruce Anderson, Acting Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: NEW LAHAINA BASEYARD AT HONOLOWAI
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In accordance with Chapter 343-4(c) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, we are notifying you that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for the subject project. We are attaching the Negative Declaration and the Environmental Assessment for the proposed project.

Please call George Kaya, my Public Works Director at 243-7845 if you need more information or if you have any questions regarding this project.

Very truly yours,

LINDA CROCKETT LINGLE
Mayor, County of Maui

RMN: cah(ED91-357)
(09301/p50)
attachments:
Negative Declaration
Environmental Assessment
xc: Engineering Division
NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NEW LAHAINA BASEYARD AT HONOKOWAI

1. Proposing Agency

County of Maui
Department of Public Works
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Telephone: 243-7845

2. Accepting Authority

Linda Crockett Lingle, Mayor
County of Maui
Telephone: 243-7855

3. Project Description

The Department of Public Works seeks to construct a new baseyard on a site adjacent to the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The project involves establishment of a baseyard facility for highway maintenance operations. Temporary work will include temporary relocation of a single room structure for office use, placement of a trailer for office use, construction of a maintenance workshop, preparation of a highway maintenance equipment storage area, fueling area, and car wash and staging area.

The permanent facilities include construction of a maintenance garage and shop, office building, storage area for abandoned vehicles, staging area for highway maintenance operations, and relocation of fueling area.

4. Environmental Impact Factors

An Environmental Assessment was prepared to assess the significance of the proposed project. A copy of the Environment Assessment is attached.

5. Conclusion

The proposed project is not considered to be detrimental to the surrounding environment. Because the impacts caused by the project within the immediate area are deemed minor and short-termed and because the negative effects are tolerable and can be mitigated, a negative declaration is being filed.
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
A NEW LAHAINA BASEYARD AT HONOKOWAI
LAHAINA DISTRICT, HIGHWAYS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTY OF MAUI

This Environmental Assessment is for the construction of a new Lahaina Baseyard at Honokowai. The Department of Public Works must vacate its present baseyard located in the Wili Ko Subdivision and therefore, seeks to construct a new baseyard on a site adjacent to the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves establishment of a baseyard facility for highway maintenance operations. This work will include the following tasks:

- temporary relocation of a single room structure for office use;
- placement of a trailer for office use;
- construction of a maintenance workshop;
- preparation of a highway maintenance equipment storage area;
- fueling area;
- car wash and staging area.

The permanent facilities include construction of a maintenance garage and shop, office building, storage area for abandoned vehicles, staging area for highway maintenance operations, and relocation of fueling area.

DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The project site is located on approximately three acres of land adjacent to the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility on the east (mauka) side of Honoapiilani Highway. The site is more particularly identified as TMK (2)4-4-001:002, TMK (2)4-4-001:104, TMK (2)4-4-002:003 and TMK (2)4-4-003:001. Ameron Company currently operates a portable concrete batch plant in the immediate vicinity.
ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION

The project site is primarily vacant, however, a portion is being used by Ameron Company and a portion is under the control and management of the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The lot is generally overgrown with kiawe, weeds, and grass cover. The terrain is flat and the Soil Conservation Service classifies the soil as PPa, pulehu silt loam, 0 to 3% slope, Eaa, Ewa cobbly silty clay loam, 0 to 3% slope, and rRK, rock land.

There are no known endangered species of flora or fauna associated with this lot. Portion of the site was previously cultivated as part of a cane field while other portions were disturbed during the construction of the wastewater facility and batching plant. These construction activities and land use operations would have destroyed archeological features if any existed. However, if any artifacts are encountered during the construction operations, the State Preservation Officer will be notified and the construction activity will proceed under that agency's direction.

ECONOMIC & SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The utilization of the site for a highway maintenance baseyard is consistent with the Community Plan for public or quasi-public use. State Land Use designation for the site is agriculture which permits this baseyard use. The baseyard will also serve as the staging area for solid waste collection vehicles.

There are no residential or other dwelling units immediately adjacent to the project that may be affected due to the proposed baseyard operations. There will be some traffic generated due to the baseyard operations, but will not be of an excessive quantity to disrupt normal traffic. No homes or existing structure will be relocated or displaced. There will be an increase in water demand from the existing 16-inch waterline which fronts the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Sewer services are available at the adjoining wastewater facility. Storm drainage runoff will be conveyed by surface swales to the recently completed Honokowai Channel. Electrical and telephone services will be required and are available from utility lines along the mauka side of the site.

PROBABLE IMPACTS ON SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA & MITIGATIVE MEASURES

1. The project commits the land for highways maintenance baseyard use. This is consistent with the community plan designation for public/quasi-public use.
2. The project does not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment nor conflict with the county's long term environmental policies and goals.

3. The project will be beneficial to the economic and social welfare of the community because it will provide a baseyard for the maintenance of highways facilities in the Lahaina district as well as for the refuse collection operations. The project will not have an adverse secondary impact on public facilities, streets, drainage, sewage and water systems.

4. The project does not substantially affect rare, threatened, or endangered species of animal or plant, or its habitat.

5. The project will have short term impact due to construction activities which will affect the ambient noise levels and air quality due to construction equipment operating in the area, but will be controlled with proper maintenance of mufflers and filters on the equipment.

The long term effects of noise and ambient air quality will be minimal to residential and commercial areas because of the site being located away from urban development.

6. The project is in a designated flood hazard area, but flood hazard conditions have been mitigated by the construction of the Honokowai Channel improvements.

7. The project will not substantially alter natural land forms and will not be exposed to public view from the shoreline. The project is also separated from the Honoapiilani Highway by a wide buffer strip which should curtail visual impact along the road.

**ALTERNATIVES**

This baseyard is being developed because the County must vacate the existing baseyard by May 31, 1991. Therefore, the "no-action" alternative is not acceptable. The County is currently negotiating with Amfac/JMB to obtain a lease on the site adjacent to the Lahaina Waste Water Management Facility.

Other sites that would meet the County's needs and that would have lesser impacts could not be found.

RMN/HK:dh(ED91-311)
09221/p23
June 5, 1991

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July 15, 1991

Mr. George Kaya, Director
Department of Public Works
County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Mr. Kaya:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR COUNTY BASEYARD
AT HONOLOWAI
TMK: 4-04-01:02 & 104
4-04-02:31
4-04-03:01

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft environmental assessment for the proposed project. We have the following comments to offer:

1. Our comments of June 24, 1991 to Planning Department remain the same (see enclosed copy);

2. Storage area for abandoned vehicles constitutes a potential junkyard. We request, therefore, that the area be screened so as not to be visible from Honoapiilani Highway;

3. We anticipate heavy and slow moving vehicles entering and leaving the intersection. The existing intersection geometrics should be evaluated, such as:

   a) adequacy of turning radius.

   b) requirements for a right turn deceleration and acceleration lane.

   c) extension of left turn storage lane;
4. Surface swales to convey drainage run-off to Honokowai Channel shall be installed within the applicant's parcel; and

5. Construction plans shall be submitted for our review and approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Ferdinand Cajigal at 877-5061.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
ROBERT O. SIAROT
Maui District Engineer

FC:kpy
Enclosure
June 24, 1991

Mr. Brian Miskoe
Director of Planning
County of Maui
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Miskoe:

SUBJECT: WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND HIGHWAYS DIVISION MAINTENANCE BASEYARD, TMK: 4-4-002:029, 4-4-001:104 91/SUP-8

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject matter.

The proposed maintenance baseyard shall share a common driveway with the treatment plant. The applicant shall construct an access road through the sewage treatment plant (TMK: 4-4-001:104), as noted in red on the enclosed plans. Also, construction plans shall be submitted to us for review and approval.

Should further information be required, please contact Ferdinand Cajigal at 877-5061.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT O. SIAROT
District Engineer, Maui

FC: dmf
Enclosure
July 3, 1991

Mr. George Kaya
Department of Public Works
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Kaya:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Lahaina Baseyard at Honokōwai

Please be advised that we do not have any comments regarding the environmental assessment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rae M. Shikuma
Director
Mr. George N. Kaya, Director  
Department of Public Works  
County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Mr. Kaya:

Subject: Environmental Assessment for Lahaina Baseyard  
Department of Public Works  
TMK: 4-4-01; 104  
4-4-02; 29 Honokowai, Maui  
Area: 14.427 acres

The Department of Agriculture has reviewed the subject document and finds that the proposed temporary development will not adversely affect the agricultural resources of the area or the plans, programs, and activities of this Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

YUKIO KITAGAWA  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

c: Maui Planning Department