June 17, 1992

To: Brian Choy, Director
   Office of Environmental Quality Control

From: Rex D. Johnson
       Director of Transportation

Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE KIHEI BOAT RAMP
         COMFORT STATION - JOB H. C. 4162

The Department of Transportation has reviewed the environmental assessment for the comfort station at the Kihei Boat Ramp, and has determined that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment. Based on our determination, we are filing a negative declaration for this project.

Enclosed are four copies of the environmental assessment.

Should you have any question on the action, please contact Carter Luke of our Harbors Division at 587-1956.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
KIHEI BOAT RAMP COMFORT STATION
JOB H. C. 4162

A. APPLICANT
Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY
Office of Environmental Quality Control

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED
No agencies were consulted in the preparation of this Negative Declaration. Assessment of the proposed project is based on past experience and has confirmed that this project will not have any adverse impacts on the environment.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION’S CHARACTERISTICS
1. Technical
The proposed project will upgrade Kihei Boat Ramp area by providing a new comfort station. Sewage for this comfort station will be disposed of by connecting into Maui county sewage system.

2. Economic
The proposed project will enhance the Kihei boat ramp area by providing boaters the convenience of a comfort station.

3. Environmental
Grading the proposed comfort station site will increase noise and dust at the boat ramp. These impacts are expected to be temporary and of short duration, and are not expected to lower the quality of the environment in the area.

This project will not alter the conditions which may result from storm waves, subsidence, or erosion. Change in salinity, currents, or tidal action is not expected to occur.
E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

1. Location

The project site is located on the south side of the island of Maui at the Kihei Boat Harbor. The parcel is under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

2. Project Area Description

The project area is located adjacent to the car parking and trailer parking at the Kihei Boat Ramp. Adjacent property includes the Kamaole Resort Hotel.

3. Land Use Designation of Proposed Site

The State of Hawaii, Land Use Commission designates the project site as Urban.

4. Site Description

The Kihei Boat Ramp is located across the Kamaole Resort Hotel. This site includes a boat ramp and breakwater on the shoreside, and a boat trailer and car parking on the landside. This project plans to construct a new comfort station for this site.

5. Infrastructure

a. Access:

   The project site is directly accessible from South Kihei road.

b. Utilities:

   (1) Water. A 2 (two) inch water lateral is presently feeding the project site. This lateral is supplying the existing washdown areas.

   (2) Electric. There is an existing overhead electric service drop into the site which is feeding power to area lights.

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F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Evaluation of the effects of the proposed project on the environment indicate that there will be no significant adverse effects on the environment. The proposed project will not:

1. Cause the permanent displacement of any persons;
2. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, or habitats;
3. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources, except for the labor and materials related to the construction of this project;
4. Permanently curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;
5. Conflict with the State’s long-term environmental policies, goals, or guidelines;
6. Permanently degrade the environmental quality; and,
7. Alter the existing character of the land or its use.

Rather, the implementation of this project will have a beneficial effect on the general public and its environment.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The proposed project will not cause any significant adverse effects on the environment. The primary negative effects include short-term noise and dust at the facility.

Alternatives considered for this project are:

1. No Action. No action will result in the continuance of restroom problems for boaters.
MITIGATION MEASURES

Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of the construction.

I. DETERMINATION

Since no major or significant adverse impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies were considered inappropriate. Consequently, a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

J. REASONS

The reasons supporting the "no EIS" determination are outlined in sections F and G of this Negative Declaration. Any adverse environmental impact resulting from this project has been determined temporary and insignificant. Past experience has shown that this type of construction within an established boating facility has an insignificant effect on the environment, both short and long term.

REX D. JOHNSON
Director of Transportation

6/11/92
Date
KIHEI BOAT RAMP COMFORT STATION
KIHEI, MAUI

PROJECT TITLE: KIHEI BOAT RAMP COMFORT STATION
PROJECT NO.: HC 4162
LOCATION: KIHEI, MAUI, HAWAII

DATE: SEPT, 1991