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To: Brian J. J. Choy, Director  
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From: Keith W. Ahue, Chairperson *KA*  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Subject: Negative Declaration for Administration Building  
Expansion at Keehi Boat Harbor, Oahu  
Job H. C. 2298

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal environmental assessment (EA) 30-day review period for the subject project. No comments were received from the public, and we have determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment. Based on the foregoing, we are filing a Negative Declaration.

Enclosed are the original and four copies of the Negative Declaration and a completed OEQC Form for publication in the OEQC Bulletin.

This project is under the jurisdiction of DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, however, its design is being managed by the proposing agency, DOT Harbors Division.

Should you have any question, please contact Vernon Nakamura of the DOT Harbors Division at 587-1958.

Encs. Negative Declaration  
OEQC Publication Form

93-06-08-0A-NEA-Keelii Boat Harbor Administration Bldg Expansion  
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NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EXPANSION  
AT KEEHI BOAT HARBOR, OAHU  
JOB H. C. 2298

A. APPLICANT

Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY

Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

The Keelii Boating Advisory Committee, boating and fishing clubs, Boating and Ocean Recreation administration staff, and other boaters who utilize the harbor facility support the proposed project.

The proposed project will be coordinated with the Department of Utilization and an SMA permit will be secured as required.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical (See attached map)

The proposed project consists of expansion of the existing administration building. The improvements include a conference room and office space totaling approximately 1500 square feet for new employees.

There will be no dredging for this project.

2. Economic - Social

Keelii Boat Harbor is located on the south shore of Oahu between downtown Honolulu and Honolulu International Airport and is a popular boating facility in Hawaii. The popularity of the area is due to its quiet waters and proximity to a large section of Honolulu's population. The harbor is constructed on coral fill and has two boat launching ramps, wooden loading docks, piers and catwalks, boat washdown areas, restrooms, secured showers and recreational pavilion. There are two roads which lead to this facility, a paved

internal roadway which parallels the shoreline, a small landscaped parcel, and paved parking areas.

The additional office space will accommodate present and future increases in personnel required to provide the necessary services to users of the harbor facilities. The conference room will serve as a place for informational and advisory meetings, water safety and other related classes, public hearings, and as meeting room for boating and fishing clubs and harbor residents.

3. Environmental

The proposed administration building expansion will be constructed onshore, approximately 100 feet from the shoreline. It will not endanger any marine or other wildlife in the area.

The proposed project will not significantly change or disrupt the present use of the area.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The project site is located in Keehi Boat Harbor onshore on the Island of Oahu as shown on the attached location map, (see attached drawings). The site does not contain any historical or archeological sites. No endangered wildlife lives in the area.

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. Generate controversy;
2. Alter the existing topography of the land or character of its use;
3. Cause the displacement of any person;
4. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species of animals, plants, or habitats;
5. 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;

6. Curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;
7. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies, goals, or guidelines, and;
8. Degrade the environmental quality.

Rather, the implementation of this project will have a beneficial effect on the general public and its environment by providing a facility that can better serve the users of the harbor making it a more enjoyable source of recreation.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

During the construction of the project, there will be a temporary increase in noise, dust and internal combustion engine emissions. However, these impacts will be minimal and intermittent in nature. Emissions from internal combustion engines will be readily dissipated in the open area.

Estimated construction time is 100 working days.

The alternative to the proposed project is no action. No action will result in inefficient and inadequate office spaces for employees.

H. 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 no significant effect on the environment, both short and long term.

Keith C. Ahue  
Keith Ahue, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

MAY 25 1993  
DATE

Attachments

