DEC 8 1993

Mr. Brian J. J. Choy  
Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
Central Pacific Plaza  
220 South King Street, 4th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Negative Declaration for  
Hanalei Elementary School  
New Cafeteria and Library Buildings  
TMK 5-5-05:18

The Department of Accounting and General Services has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on September 23, 1993. The agency has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the December 23, 1993 OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form, four copies of the final EA, a copy of the Hanalei Elementary School PTA's comment dated October 13, 1993 with DAGS' response dated November 10, 1993 and a copy of the DLNR Historic Preservation Division's letter dated December 1, 1993. If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Ralph Morita of the Planning Branch at 586-0486.

Very truly yours,

GORDON MATSUOKA  
State Public Works Engineer

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Attachments  
cc: Project Management Branch w/attachments
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
(NEGATIVE DECLARATION)
HANALEI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEW CAFETERIA AND LIBRARY BUILDINGS
AUGUST 23, 1993

A. PROPOSING AGENCY: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Education.

B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.

C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Education.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TECHNICAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Technical: This project is to design and construct a reinforced concrete/masonry cafeteria of approximately 7,971 square feet and a reinforced concrete/masonry library of approximately 4,000 square feet. Also included are any site improvements, connection to public utilities and easements which may be required as a result of this project. This project is to replace the cafeteria and library buildings damaged by Hurricane Iniki. As required, the school master plan will be revised.

2. Socio-Economic:

   a. The proposed project will not create sufficient work to substantially impact the economy and welfare of the community and State.
   
   b. The estimated cost of the project is $6,000,000.
   
   c. Since the project will be constructed within the existing school campus, no land will be removed from the tax base.
   
   d. The project will provide the school with a much-needed facility to implement its program in accordance with the Educational Specifications.

3. Environmental:

   a. The project will not create any major long-term environmental impacts.
   
   b. However, during construction, the air quality may be affected by dust and exhaust emissions and it is anticipated there will be a temporary increase in noise levels.
c. These impacts are expected to be minimal since State and Federal regulations need to be met.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS:

1. The site of the proposed project is located on the school campus (TMK 5-5-06:18).

2. No habitat of endangered species, flora or fauna are known to exist at the site.

3. No historical, archaeological or cultural sites are known to exist at the site.

4. The site is in a Special Management Area.

5. The school and proposed projects are located as shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

F. IDENTIFICATION AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. Major Impacts: The proposed project will not:

   a. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.

   b. Curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

   c. Conflict with the State’s long term environmental policies.

   d. Substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.

   e. Involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.

   f. Involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.

   g. Detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.
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h. Be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

2. Alternatives to the Proposed Project: "No action" is not considered to be a viable or desirable alternative.

G. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: Short term impacts on air and noise quality during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution and noise control measures.

H. DETERMINATION: On the basis of the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
October 13, 1993

Mr. Ralph Morita
DAGS
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Morita:

Subject: EISPN for the Hanalei School Library and Cafetorium

The Hanalei School Parents-Teacher Association is very pleased that DAGS is beginning the process of replacing the cafeteria and library that were destroyed by Hurricane Iniki at Hanalei School here on Kaua'i. These facilities are desperately needed at the school and we hope that they will be built as quickly as possible. We have a few questions that we feel should be addressed in the EIS for this project. These are:

- Is there any way our community can expedite the process?

- Will the appearance of the structures be similar to those already existing at the school, especially the new eight classroom building that was built about six years ago?

- Will the new facilities be built on the proposed exchange land (not yet owned by the state) and in accordance with the school's long-range master plan?

- What role will the school's SCBM Council play in the design and location of the new facilities?

- Will the facilities be designed to accommodate future growth at the school?

- Will the facilities be designed as community shelters? If so, will this delay the process?

Your assistance in seeing that these issues are addressed in the Draft EIS is appreciated. Please feel free to call me at 826-9147 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chipper Wichman, President

cc: Nick Beck, Principal, Hanalei School
Mr. Chipper Wichman
President
Hanalei School Parent-Teacher Association
P. O. Box 1396
Hanalei, Hawaii 96714

Dear Mr. Wichman:

Subject: Hanalei Elementary School Cafeteria and Library Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for your October 13, 1993 letter regarding the subject project. The following comments are provided in response to your letter:

1. The Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Education (DOE) staff will be working with the Hanalei School-Community Based Management (SCBM) Council on planning, design and construction issues related to the subject project. Therefore, the community can help expedite work for the replacement cafeteria and library buildings by providing comments and feedback to the Hanalei Elementary School's principal (designated SCBM coordinator) in a timely manner.

2. The architectural "style" of the replacement buildings will be addressed during the design phase.

3. It is not currently anticipated that the replacement buildings will be on the proposed land exchange site. However, this issue needs to be finalized during the planning phase which will locate the replacement buildings on the school parcel.

4. It is our understanding that the Hanalei SCBM Council will work directly with the DOE in the planning, design and construction for the replacement building and other related work (such as new driveways, parking areas, future classroom buildings, phasing of construction work, etc.).
5. Planning for Hanalei Elementary School will be based on a design enrollment of 285 students and compliance with the DOE’s "Educational Specifications for School Facilities."

6. School facilities in compliance with the DOE’s "Educational Specifications" are generally adequate for use as community shelters. Therefore, only minimal delays due to coordination with the State Civil Defense on additional community shelter requirements is anticipated.

We appreciate your concern for this project. As requested, these issues will be addressed in the final draft environmental assessment.

Very truly yours,

GORDON MATSUOKA
State Public Works Engineer

GC:jk
cc: Mr. Lester Chuck w/copy of PTA letter
     Mr. Warren Mizutani w/copy of PTA letter
     Mr. Nichols Beck, Principal, Hanalei Elementary School
December 1, 1993

Mr. Gordon Matsuoka, State Public Works Engineer
Department of Accounting and General Services
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Dear Mr. Matsuoka:

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Review — Hanalei Elementary School, Kauai
New Cafeteria and Library Buildings
TMK: 5-5-06: 18
Hanalei, Hanalei, Kauai

Thank you for asking to review your plans for the new cafeteria and library. As a federal undertaking (using federal funds), this project must also comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106. This involves going through the historic preservation process, to determine if significant historic sites are present and if so, to develop and execute an acceptable mitigation plan.

No archaeological surveys have taken place in the project area, so we are uncertain if significant historic sites are present. If the land is altered (fill), then sites may not be present. However, if the land is unaltered then sites could be present. A review of our files indicates that several burials sites and possible buried pondfields (lo'i) exist nearby. This makes it likely that historic sites are present, if the land is not disturbed.

If the land is not disturbed, a qualified archaeologist needs to examine open trenches for footings to determine if significant historic sites are present. If sites are present, then any relevant charcoal samples need to be taken for analysis, and photographs and sketches of the profiles of the trenches need to be prepared. An acceptable report on the findings must be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for inclusion in the statewide inventory records. If significant historic sites are found, then acceptable mitigation plans need to be developed as needed.
Alternatively, if the parcel has had its land surface extensively disturbed in the past, the applicant should submit a description of the disturbance, so we can process a "no effect" determination.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Nancy McMahon at 587-0006.

Sincerely,

DON HIBBARD, Administrator
State Historic Preservation Division

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