November 29, 1993

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

Subject: Negative Declaration for Mauka Lani Elementary School New Administration/Library Building and Renovations for Classrooms TMK 9-1-19:22

The Department of Accounting and General Services has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on September 8, 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 25, 1993 OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the final EA. If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Ralph Morita of the Planning Branch at 586-6486.

Very truly yours,

Gordon Matsuoka
State Public Works Engineer

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Attachments
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 new reinforced concrete/masonry administration/library building of approximately 9,345 square feet and to renovate the temporary administration/library facilities of approximately 3,600 square feet into four (4) general classrooms. Also included are any site improvements, connection to public utilities and easements which may be required as a result of this project.

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 $3,379,000.
   
   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 9-2-19:22).

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 not in a Special Management Area.

5. The school and proposed project 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 environ-
      mental quality.
g. Detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.

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.