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Mr. Brian J. J. Choy
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Quality Control
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Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Negative Declaration for
Haaleo Elementary School
Land Acquisition for New Parking Area
TMK 3rd Division 2-9-10:por. 007

The Department of Accounting and General Services has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on October 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 January 8, 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 586-0486.

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:** A land exchange between the State of Hawaii and Mauna Kea Agribusiness Company, Inc. that will result in a 1.0-acre expansion of the Haheo Elementary School site needed for additional parking stalls and construction of a safe school bus loading and unloading area. The 1.0-acre parcel will be subdivided out from TMK 3rd Division 2-9-10:007 at a later date.

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 $100.
   c. 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 adjacent to the existing school campus (TMK 3rd Division 2-9-10;por. 007).

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 site are located 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.
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.
LOCATION MAP
HAAHEO ELEM. SCHOOL