

Mr. Bruce S. Anderson, Interim Director Office of Environmental Quality Control State of Hawaii 220 South King Street, 4th Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Anderson:

MAYOR

Environmental Assessment (EA) for Repair of Wall at Beach Road, Subject: Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: 3-1-37

The City and County of Honolulu has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on July 8, 1994. The City and County of Honolulu has determined that this project will not have any significant environmental effects and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the August 23, 1994 issue of the OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the final EA.

Please contact James Tokunaga at 523-4041 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE Director and Chief Engineer

Encl.

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1994-08-23-0A-FEA-Diamond Head Blach Road Wall Repair

> DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE REPAIR OF WALL AT BEACH ROAD HONOLULU, OAHU, HAWAII TAX MAP KEY: 3-1-37

This document is prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS.

PROPOSING AGENCY:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU 650 SOUTH KING STREET HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

<u>Z-</u>8/9/94 Date **RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL** KENNETH E. SPRAGUE Director and Chief Engineer

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I. Description of Proposed Action and Statement of Objective

Beach Road provides access to Diamond Head Beach. The proposed project involves the repair of a section of CRM wall supporting Beach Road. The repair work is necessary in order to reopen the road for public use.

II. Description of the Affected Environment

The proposed project is located in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii (TMK: 3-1-37), near Diamond Head Beach. The project is approximately 6 miles from the State Capitol in Honolulu.

The average annual rainfall in this area is 23 inches per year. The average temperature varies from 72 degrees to 81 degrees.

Beach Road is a City owned road. The work will be done within the road right-of-way.

No rare or endangered species are known to frequent the lands adjacent to the proposed project.

There are no known archaeological or historical sites in the immediate project area. A search of the Hawaii Register of Historic Places indicates that the closest historical site is the U.S. Coast Guard Diamond Head Lighthouse located approximately 800 feet east of the project site.

III. Agencies to be Consulted in Making this Assessment

- A. City and County of Honolulu
 - 1. Department of Land Utilization
 - 2. Department of Parks and Recreation
- B. State of Hawaii
 - 1. Department of Land and Natural Resources
- C. Other
 - 1. Pacific Mortgage HI Corp.
 - 2. Mr. Geoffrey Beene
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IV. General Description of the Project's Technical, Economic, Social, and Environmental Characteristics

The construction will entail excavation of the existing roadway and beach and construction of a new CRM retaining wall to support the roadway. The new section of wall will be approximately 78 feet in length and vary from 18 to 22 feet in height (see Appendix C). It will involve approximately 850 cubic yards of excavation. Only existing beach sand that is to be replaced will be stockpiled on the beach. Some of the material excavated from the roadway will be stored in the section of Beach Road that has been closed to public traffic for use as backfill.

Construction of the new segment of the CRM retaining wall will require the use of equipment such as backhoes and trucks. The Contractor will not be allowed to store equipment at the site overnight.

The project has an estimated construction cost of \$263,000.00. It is anticipated that construction will begin in December of 1994 and will take approximately 60 calendar days to complete. Operating funds from the Division of Road Maintenance will be utilized for the project.

The project will not require the displacement or relocation of any people. However, during the construction period, a 20-foot wide area fronting the retaining wall will be sectioned off as a construction area for public safety.

Applications for SMA and Special District Permits have been filed with the Department of Land Utilization of the City and County of Honolulu. Although the project was within the Special Management Area, it was determined exempt in accordance with Section 25-1.3 [2] [B], Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH). The project is also within the Shoreline Setback, but falls under Section 23-1.6, ROH relating to the repair of nonconforming structures.

The project site falls within P-1, State Conservation District. A topographic map was found which shows that the wall, which is being repaired, existed pre-1945. Because the wall was constructed prior to 1964, the wall could be considered a non-conforming land use and this project, which is considered a repair/maintenance activity, will not require a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA).

V. Identification and Summary of Major Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures

The environmental impact of the proposed project will be limited to the construction phase and may include the following temporary, unavoidable, adverse environmental effects:

A. Dust and Noise Emission: The discharge of dust into the atmosphere may occur during the construction period. This is, however, only a short-term effect on the environment. Dust will be reduced and controlled through the application of water and/or other appropriate methods. The specifications will contain provisions that will require the Contractor to prevent dust nuisance at all times and have sufficient equipment and manpower at the job site to accomplish this.

Noise will be generated by construction equipment such as backhoes and trucks. The increase in noise level by construction equipment cannot be avoided, but will be controlled and limited to normal daylight working hours. The Contractor will be required to obtain a Community Noise Permit pursuant to Chapter 43 of the State Public Health Regulations and shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 42, Vehicular Noise Control for Oahu. Individuals that may be adversely affected by the construction noises will be residents of the surrounding community. The sound level from equipment noise has been estimated for locations at various distances from the work area. The results may be summarized as follows:

	<u>Location</u>	Distance from <u>Project</u>	Sound Level
(1)	Nearest residence	100 feet	83 dB
(2)	Nearest church	4600 feet	51 dB
(3)	Nearest school	2400 feet	56 dB
(4)	Nearest medical center	5000+feet	50 dB
(5)	Nearest playground	3200 feet	54 dB
(6)	Nearest library	5000+feet	50 dB

B. Archaeological Deposits: The specifications will require the Contractor to stop work and contact the Historic Preservation Officer of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources in the event that archaeological deposits, including human burials, are encountered during construction.

C. Water Pollution: The specifications shall require the Contractor to take appropriate measures during construction to prevent fuel, oil and cement products from falling or leaching into the ocean.

VI. Alternatives Considered

The following courses of action were considered: (1) no action and (2) the proposed project.

Alternative 1: If no action is taken, Beach Road will remain closed to traffic. Comments from the Department of Land and Natural Resources of the State of Hawaii indicate that this is an unacceptable alternative because it would inconvenience the general public. Mr. Geoffrey Beene, whose property is along Beach Road, has also indicated that this alternative would be unacceptable.

Alternative 2: The proposed project will restore the CRM retaining wall which supports Beach Road and enable the road to be re-opened for public use.

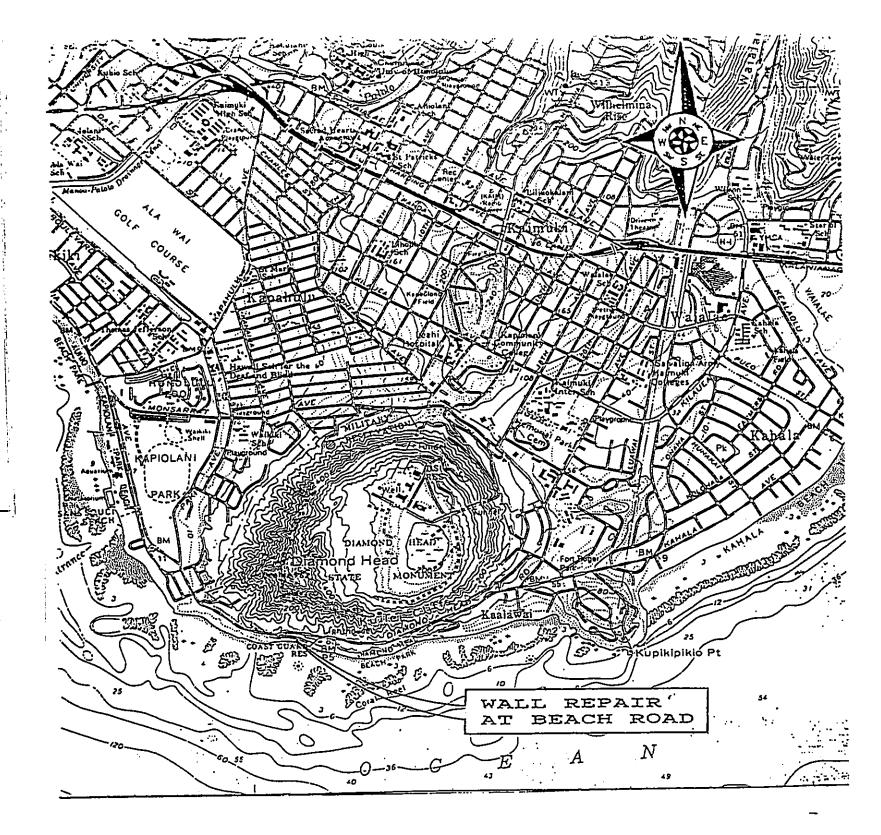
VII. Determination

After preparing an environmental assessment, we have determined that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment, and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

VIII. Reasons for Supporting the Determination

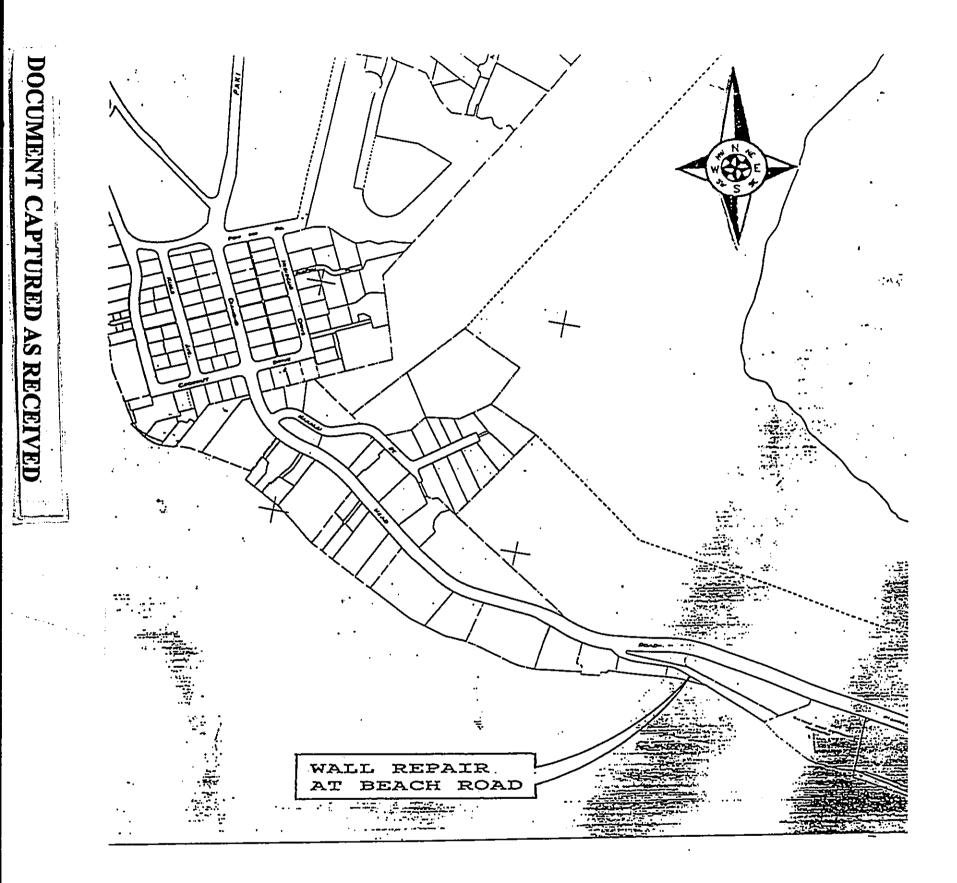
Based on the criteria, the polices, guidelines and provisions of Chapter 342, 343 and 344, HRS, the reason supporting the Negative Declaration determination is that the proposed project will not:

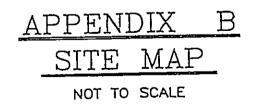
- affect the rare or endangered species of flora or fauna.
- affect any natural or cultural resources.
- affect undeveloped lands.
- conflict with existing land use and development plans.
- have significant long term effect on air quality, water quality or ambient noise levels.
- displace any residences or businesses.
- be located in close proximity to any known natural, historic or archaeological sites.

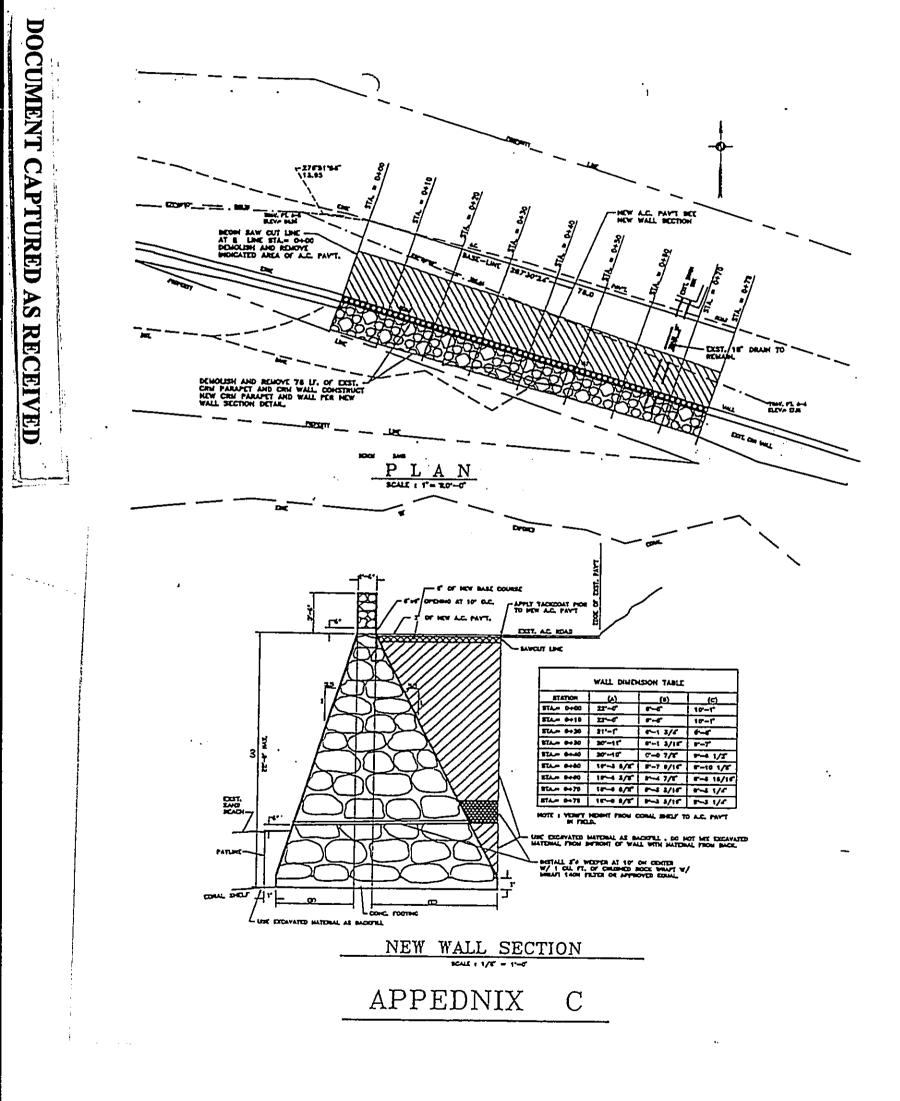


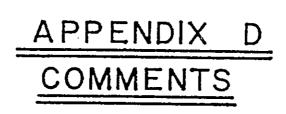
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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA REVIEW

Tax Map Key : 3-1-37: 01 Type of Project: Repair of Existing Retaining Wall

The proposed project on the referenced tax map key has been reviewed. We find that it:

- [] Is not within the Special Management Area.
- [X] Is within the Special Management Area, but is <u>not</u> defined as "development" and is therefore, <u>exempt</u> (Section 25-1.3 [2] [B], Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu).
- [X] Is partially within the Shoreline Setback, but is consistent with Section 23-1.6, ROH relating to the repair of nonconforming structures.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Review Branch at 523-4077.

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May 20, 1994

MEMORANDUM

- TO: KENNETH E. SPRAGUE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
- FROM: DONALD A. CLEGG, DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION
- SUBJECT: DIAMOND HEAD SPECIAL DISTRICT REVIEW FOR REPAIR OF A WALL AT DIAMOND HEAD BEACH ROAD TAX MAP KEY: 3-1-37: 1

This is in follow up to your request dated May 9, 1994 for review of the proposed work relative to the Diamond Head Special 'District regulations. An assessment for impact to the Special Management Area is forthcoming under separate cover.

The subject parcel is located within P-1, State Conservation District; as such, jurisdiction for review of all projects is with the State. Therefore, a special district permit will not be required, but review and approval by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources will be necessary.

Any further concerns may be directed to myself or Patrick Seguirant of our Urban Design Branch at 527-5369.

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DONALD A. CLEGG Director of Land Utilization

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June 15, 1994

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TO:

WALTER M. OZAWA, DIRECTOR FROM:

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR REPAIR SUBJECT: OF WALL AT BEACH ROAD PROJ. REF. NO. 94-11-0111

We have reviewed the environmental assessment for the repair of the wall at Beach Road. We endorse the proposed repairs as an improvement to our access to Diamond Head Beach Park.

Advance Planning Branch at extension 6316.

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For WALTER M. OZAWA, Director) yn 85 E

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Honorable Kenneth E. Sprague Director and Chicf Engineer Department of Fublic Works City and County of Ronolulu 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Mr. Sprague:

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Subject: Early Assessment for an Environmental Assessment (EA): Reprir of Wall at Diamond Head Heach Road, Honolulu, Oshu, DA: 3-1-37: por. 1

We have reviewed the EA information for the proposed project transmitted by your letter dated Mny 20, 1994, and have the following comments:

Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs

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- 4. Contrary to Section III, this project, which is considered a repair/maintenence activity, will not require a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) should it qualify as a non-conforming land use.

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- 5. The EA should also elaborate on how the project is to be . accomplished (i.e. approximately how much encavation (road and beach) is necessary and where such material will be stored; what type of equipment will be utilized and where will it be stored during the project; also how much area of the beach, if any, will be restricted during the project).
- 6. Pursuant to Act 241, SIH 1992, the subject EA should be designated as a <u>Draft</u> EA.

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Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR)

The DAR comments that present closure of Dimond Head Beach Road is a great inconvenience to the public, and to the DAR personnel who regularly monitor the adjacent Waikiki-Diamond Head Shoreline Fisheries Management Area. The damaged roadway also posses a threat to public to public safety, and represents a potential source of erosion if not repaired.

DAR supports the proposed project and recommends that the timetable be pushed ahead if possible, to take advantage of the drier water during summer and early fall. Appropriate mitigative measures should be implemented during construction to minimize erosion and prevent fuel, oil and cement products from falling or leaching into the ocean.

Bistoric Preservation Division

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) comments that a review of their records shows that there are no known historic sites at this parcel. Although no known archaeological survey has been conducted at the project location, HPD's records indicate that a site with human remains, a hearth and midden (State Site 50-80-14-2898) was recorded along the shoreline east of Beach Road. This project proposes excavation of the existing roadway as well as part of the beach to construct a new retaining wall to support the roadway. It is unlikely that historic sites will be found during the reconstruction of the well, however, in order to ensure that the project will have "no effect" on historic sites, HPD requests that the following condition be attached to any approved permit:

It is possible that historic sites, including human burials, will be uncovered during routine construction activities. Should this be the case, all work in the vicinity must stop, and the Historic Preservation Division must be contacted at 587-0047.

We have no other comments to offer at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Please feel free to call Steve Tagawa at our Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, at 587-0377, should you have any questions.

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June 6, 1994

Mr. Kenneth E. Sprague Director and Chief Engineer Department of Public Works City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Sprague

This is written in response to your May 20, 1994 letter concerning the proposed repair of the wall at Beach Road. Pacific Mortgage Hawaii Corp. has no comment other than we do not believe that an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary.

Very truly yours,

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Raymond S. Iwamoto

RSI:ek cc: Mr. Mizuyoshi Hirosawa (Via Fax) Kellie M. N. Sekiya, Esq.

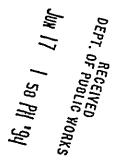
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Mr. Kenneth E. Sprague City and County of Honolulu Department of Public Works 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

> Re: Environmental Assessment for repair of wall at Diamond Head Beach Road, Ref. 94-11-0110

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I have been asked by Mr. Geoffrey Beene, the owner of property located at 3311 Diamond Head Beach Road, to respond on his behalf to your letter of May 20, 1994 and the Environmental Assessment of the planned repairs to Diamond Head Beach Road, which requests Mr. Beene's comments to the Environmental Assessment and proposed repair work described therein. As the only property owner (and tax payer) affected by the damaged road and temporary road closure, Mr. Beene has a special interest in the affect of the temporary road closure and proposed repairs.

As set forth in two (2) prior letters, dated December 16, 1993 and February 24, 1994, sent to the Division of Land Survey and Acquisition on his behalf, Mr. Beene insists that the emergency road repair work be performed. The repairs are absolutely essential as a matter of public safety and to preserve the structural integrity of Mr. Beene's home on the road. The damaged section of the road is approximately 100 feet from the house. I have enclosed two (2) recent photographs, which show the proximity of the damaged section of the road to the house and

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the severity of the damage. As is evident from these pictures, the rapid erosion resulting from a failure to repair and reinforce the road would eventually cause serious damage to the foundation of the house.

Reference is made to Section V of the Environmental Assessment, which states that the only alternative to the proposed construction work considered by the DPW was to take no action, thereby making the road closure permanent. This course of inaction is unacceptable to Mr. Beene. As previously described in our letter of December 16, 1994, the existing temporary road closure has had a significant negative social and environmental impact on Mr. Beene's property and the surrounding area. The blockaded beach road, which directly fronts Mr. Beene's house, has become a gathering spot for people and their vehicles, since it is now the farthest point on the road to drive before one can continue by foot into the Diamond Head state park area. The result of the road closure consists of late night loitering, noise, graffiti (on the house itself and the blockade, see enclosed photographs) and pollution (i.e., trash left behind in front of the house and the blockade). Local police are called on a regular basis to patrol the area and disperse loiterers.

We have demonstrated herein and in our prior letters and calls to DPW that Mr. Beene has a significant and special interest in the proposed road repairs and reopening of the road. We urge the City of Honolulu and the DPW to perform the emergency repair of the road in order to prevent inevitable and actionable damage to Mr. Beene's home, and to comply with the State's established policy to preserve and maintain public parks and recreational areas, which clearly would benefit the entire area.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you need any further information or clarification of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Department of Public Works Division of Land Survey and Acquisition 850 South King Street, 11th floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Attention: Mr. Freddie Chen

Mr. Geoffrey Beene

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

650 SOUTH KING STREET HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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June 22, 1994

Mr. Bruce S. Anderson, Interim Director Office of Environmental Quality Control State of Hawaii 220 South King Street, 4th Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Repair of Wall at Beach Road, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: 3-1-37

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works, has reviewed the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the subject project and <u>anticipates a negative</u> declaration determination. Please publish the notice of availability for this project in the July 8, 1994 Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the draft EA. Please contact James Tokunaga at 523-4041 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE 0

Director and Chief Engineer

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CONDITIONS WHICH TRIGGERED THE EIS LAW: PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. ..

<u>x</u>	Use of State or County lands or funds HRS 343-5[a][1]	<u> </u>	Use of lands in the Waikiki Special District HRS 343-5(a)(5)
<u>_x</u>	Use of Conservation District Lands HRS 343-5[a][2]		Amendment to a County General Plan HRS 343-5(a)(6)
<u>_x</u> _	Use of Shoreline Setback Area HRS 343-5(a){3}	<u>-</u>	Reclassification of Conservation Lands HRS 343-5(a)[7]
<u>-</u>	Use of Historic Site or District HRS 343-5(a)[4]		Construction or modification of helipOpter facilities HRS 343-5(a)(8)
OTHER	CONDITIONS:		
<u>x</u>	Use of Special Management Area (City & County of Ho	onolulu)	:
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If the project does not trigger HRS 343, please explain why document is being submitted to OEQC.

SUMMARY of the proposed action or project to be published in the OEQC Bulletin. Please submit it as a summary ready for publication. The description should be brief (300 words or less), yet provide sufficient detail to convey the full impact of the proposed action.

The proposed project involves the repair of a section of CRM wall supporting Beach Road. The repair work is necessary in order to reopen the road for public use. The construction will entail excavation of the existing roadway and beach and construction of a new CRM retaining wall to support the roadway. The new section of wall will be approximately 78 feet in length. The work will be done within the road right-of-way. It is anticipated that construction will begin in December 1994 and will take 60 calendar days to comlete.

NOTE: Since the deadline for EIS submittal is so close to the publication date for the OEQC Bulletin, please assist us by bringing the Document for Publication Form and a computer disk with the project description (size 3 1/2" or 5 1/4" disk pre acceptable; preferably WordPerfect 5.1 or ASCII text format) to the Office of Environmental Quality Control as early as possible. Thank you,

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