Mr. Gary Gill, Director  
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Dear Mr. Gill:  

Subject: Negative Declaration for DAGS Land Acquisition  
Kauai District Office and Baseyard  
Puhi Industrial District  
TMK (4) 3-3-12: Parcels 16, 17, 18 and 19  

The Department of Accounting and General Services did not receive any comments during the 30-day public comment period which began on September 8, 1995. Therefore, 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 November 8, 1995 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. Jack Sayles of the Planning Branch at 586-0737.  

Very truly yours,  

GORDON MATSUOKA  
State Public Works Engineer  

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Attachments
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
LAND ACQUISITION FOR A DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES (DAGS) DISTRICT OFFICE AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY (BASEYARD) OCTOBER 18, 1995

A. PROPOSING AGENCY: Department of Accounting and General Services.

B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.

C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Kauai Planning Department/OEQC.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Technical: DAGS proposes to acquire approximately 2.35 acres of land in the existing Puhi Industrial Subdivision (see Exhibit A) for the Kauai District Office and Baseyard.

2. Economic: The estimated cost of the land acquisition is $1,699,000. Since the land will be acquired by the State for a DAGS baseyard the land will be removed from the tax base.

3. Social: The project will provide DAGS with a much-needed facility from which to implement its program of facility maintenance for the island of Kauai.

4. Environmental: The project will not create any environmental impact that was not anticipated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the light industrial subdivision.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT: The proposed project is located on land owned by Grove Farm Co. within a 56-acre light industrial district subdivision, abutting the southwest portion of Lihue. The industrial subdivision is bounded on the north by a similar industrial subdivision and single family residential housing units to the east.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS: The following assessments are made to determine whether or not the anticipated effects constitute a "significant effect":

1. The proposed action will not involve an irrevocable commitment to or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.
2. The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

3. The proposed action will not conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.

4. The proposed action will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.

5. The proposed action will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.

6. The proposed action will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.

7. The proposed action will not substantially affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of flora, fauna or habitat. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.

8. The proposed action will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.

9. The proposed action will not be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

G. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS: From the above assessment, no major adverse environmental impact is anticipated. The project will result in the following minor adverse impacts:

1. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.

2. Some dust, noise and silting during construction.

H. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: The temporary dust, noise and silting which is expected during construction will be controlled by appropriate pollution control measures.
I. DETERMINATION: It is determined that an EIS should not be required for this project based on the foregoing and after reviewing the Final EIS for the industrial subdivision in which the subject parcels are located.

We conclude that, in accordance with EIS Rules, Title II, Chapter 200, Paragraph 13, that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that an EIS should not be required for this project.