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Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject:

Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements, Final Environmental

Assessment (EA), Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: 6-6-09: 25 and 26

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works, has reviewed the comments received during the public comment period which began on April 8, 1993. The department has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the February 8, 1996, OEQC Bulletin.

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

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at 527-6246.

Very truly yours,

Director and Chief Engineer

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cc:

Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc. (Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)

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This environmental assessment was prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Approving Agency: City and County of Honolulu Department of Public Works

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DETERMINATION

This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 343 HRS and Chapter 200 of Title 11 in order to document the environmental effects from the implementation of the Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements. The proposed project is an agency action by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Public Works.

No significant adverse impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project. Therefore, a negative declaration is determined to be appropriate for the proposed Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements project.

Potential short-term impacts are associated with construction activities and include potential impacts on water quality, flora and fauna, noise, air quality, traffic and utilities. These impacts will be minimized by mitigation measures discussed in Section VI Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures. No adverse long-term impacts are anticipated.

The proposed project will improve drainage conditions and alleviate flooding for residents in the vicinity of the project site.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Project Location

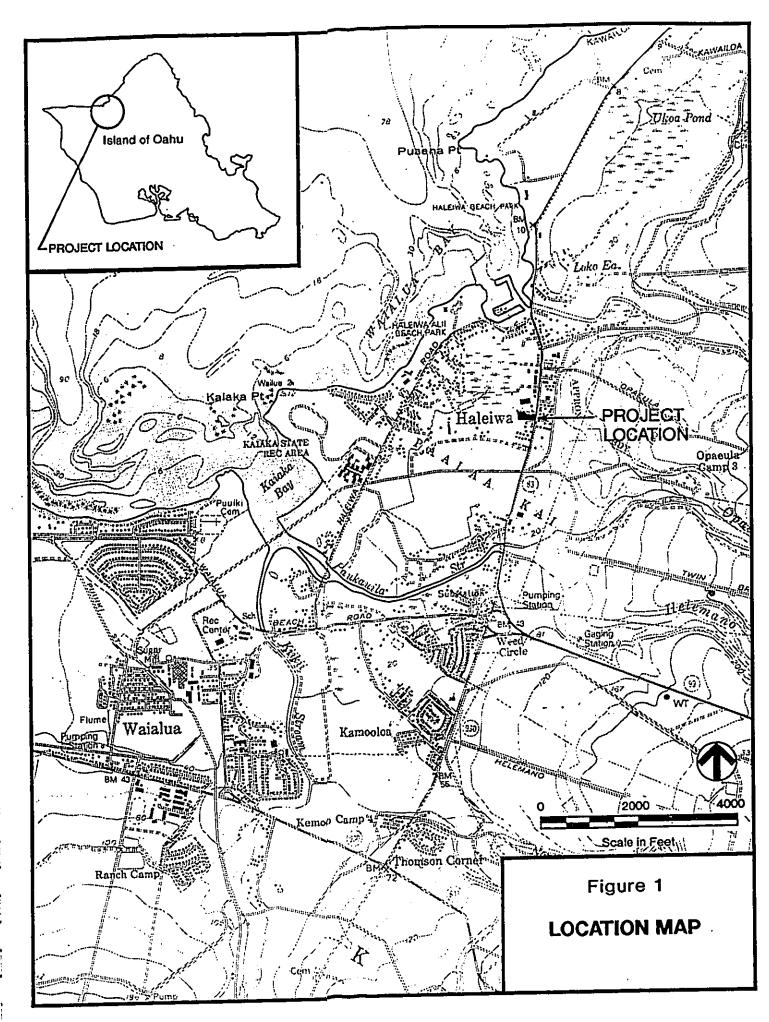
The City and County of Honolulu Department of Public Works is proposing to construct drainage improvements along a 100-foot section of Kamehameha Highway in Haleiwa Town on the North Shore of Oahu (see Figure 1). From the highway, the proposed improvements will extend to the west along the southern boundary of two residential properties, and then discharge runoff into a marshy area behind the residences. The areas affected by flooding occupy Tax Map Key (TMK) parcels 6-6-09:25 and 26 for a total project area of approximately 33,600 square feet or 0.77 acre (see Figure 2). The drainage improvements themselves will occupy an area of approximately 800 square feet.

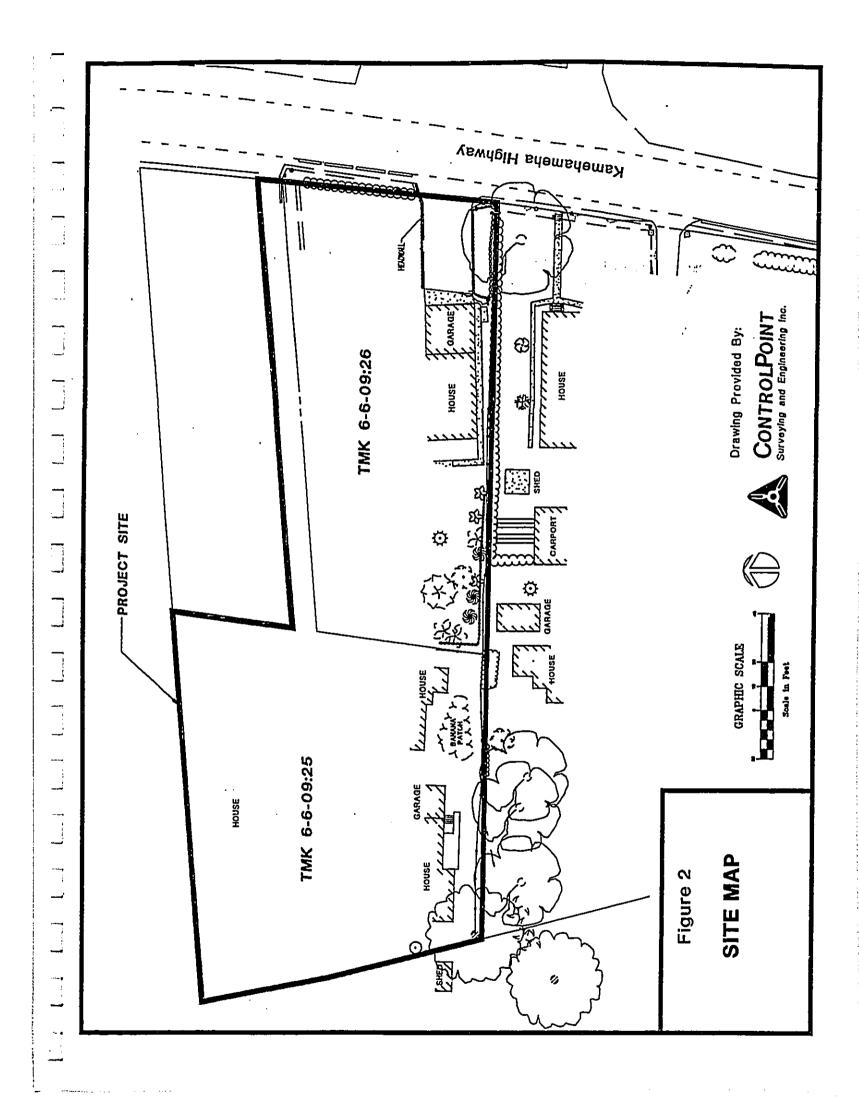
B. Land Ownership

TMK parcel 6-6-09:25 is owned by John P. Moon and parcel 6-6-09:26 is owned by George and Margaret Kuba. The City owns the portion of Kamehameha Highway which fronts the project site. The City is planning to acquire a 5-foot wide easement along the southern boundary of the two parcels to construct and maintain the drainage improvements. The marshy area behind the residences which will receive the runoff, TMK 6-6-09:2, is owned by Castle & Cooke, Inc.

C. Existing Land Use

TMK parcel 6-6-09:26 is presently the site of a single family residence. Parcel 6-6-09:25 is a flag lot which is occupied by three single-family residences; two along its southern boundary and another to the north.





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D. Surrounding Land Uses

North of the flag lot driveway is a small commercial establishment. The flag lot shares a property line with the site of the historic Waialua Court House which has been boarded up and is now unused. To the west of the project site is a densely vegetated area known as Haleiwa Marsh. South of the project site are two more residences. Kamehameha Highway forms the project site's eastern boundary, across which are several more commercial establishments which are part of the town of Haleiwa.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

A. Project Need

1. Current Drainage Conditions

The town of Haleiwa is subject to heavy rainstorms during the winter season. At present, when these storms occur, runoff from higher elevations to the west flows into town and across Kamehameha Highway, a road without any drainage improvements. The subject property occupies a low spot along this highway. According to residents of the project site, when excess runoff crosses the highway, it pools in front of the Kuba property (TMK 6-6-09:26), then runs down an embankment and across the lot. The garage connected to the house nearest the highway has repeatedly been flooded despite the efforts of the homeowner, who has raised the floor of his carport.

Part of the flow also runs down the Moon property's driveway (TMK 6-6-09:25) until it reaches the flaglot to the rear of the project site. At this point, the flow courses beneath the two houses along the southern property boundary before ultimately draining into a marshy area behind the project site. The structural support of the house closest to the marsh has been undermined by these flows, which have eroded the soil beneath the home's post footings.

2. Recommendations

In order to direct storm runoff away from the affected residences and avoid potential serious property damage, the City and County of Honolulu is

proposing to install a trench drain in front of the property which will collect sheet flows from Kamehameha Highway, direct them via a concrete culvert along the southern boundary of the affected residences, and discharge runoff into the marsh west of the project area.

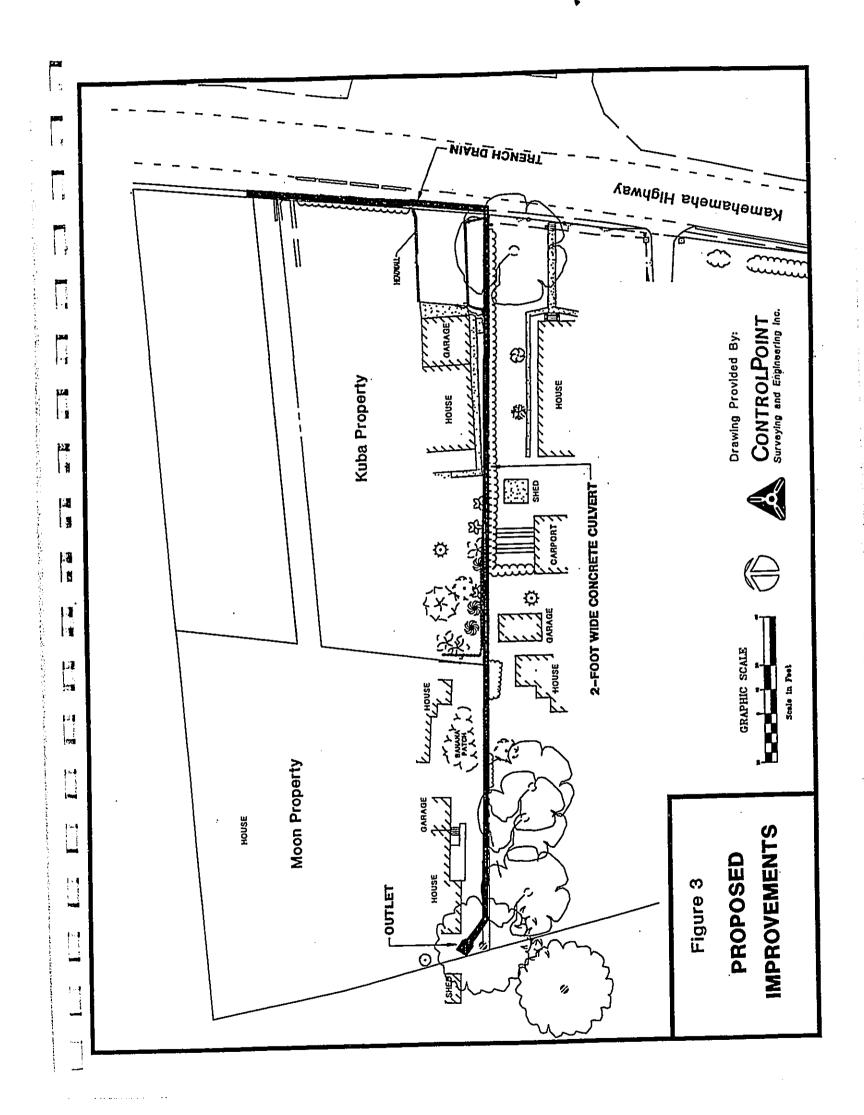
B. Proposed Project

1. Project Features

The proposed project will consist of a 2-foot wide, approximately 100-foot long trench drain within the City and County of Honolulu's Kamehameha Highway right-of-way in front of the Kuba residence. The trench drain will empty into a 2-foot wide, approximately 300-foot long concrete culvert located along the southern boundary of TMK 6-6-09:26 and 25. The trench drain and the 300-foot long concrete culvert will be covered with metal grating. The City and County of Honolulu will acquire a 5-foot wide maintenance easement for the culvert portion of the project. See Figure 3.

2. Project Construction

An existing chain-link fence on the Kuba property will need to be removed in order to construct the trench drain, and two water meters will need to be relocated. No other interruptions to utilities are anticipated. The sidewalk and existing AC curbs fronting the Kuba property will not be affected, or if they are, they will be returned to their present condition. Project construction will involve the use of a backhoe and other equipment to dig the concrete ditch and trench drains, and a concrete mixer truck to bring readymix concrete to the site. Due to the confined space along the southern



boundary of the project site, excavation for the approximately 300-foot long culvert will likely be accomplished by hand. Construction will be restricted to weekdays from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. No construction activities will occur on the project site during weekends and holidays.

3. <u>Cost Estimate</u>

The construction cost estimate for the proposed Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements is \$70,000 (1993 dollars). Construction will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu.

4. <u>Development Schedule</u>

The project is expected to take approximately 2 months to complete. No construction commencement date has been set for the project.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

A. Geology

The Island of Oahu developed as lava flows from the Waianae volcanic shield on the west and the Koolau shield on the east coalesced to form a central plain known as the Schofield Plateau. Eroded material from the Waianae and Koolau volcanoes form extensive alluvial and colluvial deposits in the lowlands, including Haleiwa. Alluvium and marine sediments of sand and coral overlie lava flows and confine the underlying artesian aquifers to the coastal plain extending west of the Anahulu River. Sedimentary rocks form much of the soil parent material in and around the project area.

B. Topography

Topography of the site ranges from an elevation of 22 feet MSL along Kamehameha Highway to the east, to approximately 12 feet MSL at the project site's western boundary near the edge of the wetland. This 10 foot elevation difference occurs over a span of approximately 300 feet. Slope is approximately 3 percent.

C. Hydrology

An extensive fresh groundwater body is located in dike-free Koolau lava flows from Waialua to Waialee. Recharge from rainfall in the Koolau Range maintains this lens. The water body is divided into two segments near the coastline, the Waialua-Haleiwa and the Kawailoa, by thick alluvial fill and weathered bedrock in the Anahulu River Valley. The movement of groundwater in the Waialua-Haleiwa area occurs in a seaward direction, and is confined by a thick caprock sequence of marine

and terrestrial sediments. Freshwater springs occur in some parts of the plain, including the marshy area northwest of the project site.

D. Climate

The climate of the northern area of Oahu is characteristically mild with persistent northeast tradewinds. Humidity of the area is generally within the 60 to 80 percent range. The annual temperature range is relatively small with the difference between the coldest and warmest months averaging only 6.5°F.

Rainfall along the North Shore of Oahu averages about 30 to 40 inches annually. The rain gauge station closest to the project site (State Key No. 887.00) records approximately 33 inches mean annual rainfall.

E. Soils

Soil types on the island of Oahu are delineated on maps prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Within and near Kamehameha Highway, the project site consists of Kawaihapai clay loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes (KIB). In a representative profile, the surface layer is dark-brown clay loam about 22 inches thick. The next layer is dark-brown stratified sandy loam 32 inches thick. The substratum is stony and gravelly. Runoff is slow and the erosion hazard is slight. The available water capacity is about 1.8 inches per foot in the surface layer and about 1.6 inches per foot in the subsoil. Shrink-swell potential is moderate, and its corrosivity to uncoated steel or concrete is low.

The western half of the project site consists of Haleiwa silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes (HeA). In a representative profile the surface layer is dark-brown silty clay

about 17 inches thick. The subsoil and substratum, to a depth of more than 5 feet, are dark-brown and dark yellowish-brown silty clay that has sub-angular blocky structure. Permeability is moderate, runoff is very slow, and the erosion hazard is no more than slight. The available water capacity is about 1.9 inches per foot. Shrink-swell potential is moderate, and its corrosivity to uncoated steel or concrete is low.

F. Wetlands

A wetland area known as Haleiwa Marsh is located northwest of the project site. Based on a wetland survey report done for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1977, the marsh is spring-fed and running water can sometimes be heard beneath the vegetation. In central and northeastern sections, the vegetation overlies mucky brown soil and standing water 1 to 2 feet deep. Rural homes are scattered along all sides of the marsh.

A biological and wetland survey was conducted by Botanical Consultants, Inc. for this project on April 7 1992. (See Appendix). The rear portions of the project site were surveyed to determine whether this wetland encroaches on the project site. Three soil pits were dug along the base of a small topographic change at what appeared to be the upper limit of the wetland, just west of the subject property. Within four inches of the surface the soil was thick, pasty, and saturated; definitely wetland soil. In addition, standing water was evident in a shallow trench around an abandoned taro patch. However, vegetation at the fringe of the project site is transitional. Little of the overstory, except the coconut tree which is a marginal wetland plant, can be classified as wetland vegetation. The understory contains several taxa which are commonly found in wetlands, but they do not make up 50 percent of the understory vegetation.

The Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands, set forth in 1989, outlines three specific criteria for a wetland; hydric soils, hydric vegetation, and wetland hydrology. Only two, hydric soils and wetland hydrology are fully met in this instance. The vegetation component is only partially met. The high degree of disturbance in the area, i.e. the dumping of vegetative waste, cultivation of various landscape plants, and even the erection of the small outbuilding have probably contributed to the transitory condition of the vegetation.

G. Flora

As part of the Biological and Wetland Survey Report, a botanical survey was made of the project site and wetland fringe. There are some large mango trees between the houses and the wetland fringe and a variety of introduced trees, shrubs, and forbs (weeds and grasses) in the wetland fringe. No endemic or indigenous plants were found. There were three Polynesian introductions; ti, taro, and the coconut. Plants found on the site are listed in the Biological and Wetland Survey Report in the Appendix.

H. Fauna

Based on the Biological and Wetland Survey Report, because the entire project site has been extensively modified from its original state, it has almost no value as native bird habitat. However, it does support a variety of non-native species. The wetland fringe supports a variety of introduced trees which have reached a height of 8 to 12 meters. Because the tree canopy is so varied there are many types of nest sites and the scattered grasses provided food for seed eating birds. No threatened or endangered species were found. Birds found on the site are listed in the Biological and Wetland Survey Report in the Appendix.

Three species of endangered native waterbirds have previously been sighted in the Haleiwa Wetland. The endangered Hawaiian Coot, Hawaiian gallinule, and Hawaiian Stilt have been reported from the wetland in two dated studies (Shallenberger, 1977; DLNR, 1983)

During the biological survey, no other significant wildlife was visible. However, due to the rural setting and proximity to the wetland, areas surrounding the site could be expected to provide habitat for rats, mice, mongoose, and feral cats and dogs.

I. Flood Hazard Area

According to the Federal Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City and County of Honolulu, Panel 20 of 135 dated September 4 1987, the project site is in Zone X, an area determined to be outside the 500-year flood plain. The tsunami inundation Zone AE (EL 6) depicted on this map stops just short of the site's western boundary.

It should be noted that the extremely localized flooding which occurs on the project site is believed to be related to an increase in paved areas within Haleiwa town, and not on natural conditions.

J. Historical and Archaeological Sites

The historic Waialua Court House which is located north of the project site on the neighboring lot (TMK 6-6-09:23) has been placed on the State of Hawaii Register of Historic Places (Site No. 80-04-1334). This site is not on the National Register of Historic Places. Nearby structures which are on the inventory for the State Historic Register include the Surf & Sail/Kua Aina Sandwich building and

Menehune Arts building located directly across Kamehameha Highway from the project site.

The project site has been developed and occupied by residences for many years. No archaeological studies have been conducted in the vicinity of the project site.

K. Noise

The most significant and intrusive noise in the vicinity of the project site is from vehicular traffic on Kamehameha Highway. As the western boundary of the project site is approached, noise diminishes greatly until sound is more characteristic of a rural setting.

L. Air Quality

Air quality near the project site is influenced by the prevailing northeasterly tradewinds which generally blow with 90 percent frequency in the summer season and for 50 percent of the time in winter, and are stronger in the afternoon than at night. During tradewind conditions, air quality near the project site is minimally affected by automobile emissions to the east along Kamehameha Highway. Problems of poor air quality are more likely to occur when tradewinds diminish or give way to southerly winds.

There are no air quality measurements taken in the vicinity of Haleiwa. The nearest air quality measurements were conducted in 1991 as part of the EIS for the Lihi Lani Recreational Community at Pupukea, about 7 miles northeast of the project site. For this study, carbon monoxide was selected for modeling because it is the most stable and abundant motor vehicle generated pollutant, and has the greatest

likelihood of violating Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS). The estimated peak-hour concentration of carbon monoxide at the intersection of Pupukea Road and Kamehameha Highway in 1991 was 4.1 mg/m³. These estimated concentrations are well within State and national AAQS of 10 mg/m³ and 40 mg/m³, respectively. This measurement is believed to be typical of most intersection locations along Kamehameha Highway.

M. Scenic and Visual Resources

Haleiwa has a natural/agricultural landscape which is enhanced by buildings with a rural character. This visual quality of Haleiwa town is preserved through design controls of the Haleiwa Special District, outlined in the City and County of Honolulu Land Use Ordinance. The Haleiwa Special District objectives consist of use restrictions, building height limitations, yard, landscaping, parking, and architectural design requirements, choice of exterior colors, and sign and exterior furniture design controls; all aimed at preserving and enhancing the visual character of the area.

The visual quality of Haleiwa is most apparent along stretches of Haleiwa Road and Kamehameha Highway where significant sites, buildings of historic significance and coastal views can be seen. Significant roadway views include those from Haleiwa Road into Haleiwa Alii Park, Haleiwa Boat Harbor, and Haleiwa Beach Park; and those along Kamehameha Highway where views are afforded of Anahulu Stream and Lokoea Pond.

The east portion of the project site is visible from Kamehameha Highway as an unobtrusive single-family residences surrounded by landscaped vegetation. The three houses to the rear of the site are not visible from the highway. The project

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	site is not within any significant coastal view	planes which were identified in the City
	and County of Honolulu Coastal View Stud	ly.
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IV. SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

A. Economy

The economy of the North Shore district is based primarily upon agriculture and tourism. Large employers in the area include Waialua Agricultural Company and the Turtle Bay Resort.

The community of Haleiwa began as a business area for the Waialua Plantation and has now become the commercial center of the North Shore. Local employment is primarily in commerce, small shops, restaurants, banking, real estate, and insurance. Many small commercial establishments are located along Kamehameha Highway, in close proximity to the project site.

B. Population

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In 1990, the resident population of Haleiwa was 2,442 persons. The entire North Shore neighborhood had a population of 14,008 as of July 1, 1989.

C. Public Services

1. <u>Transportation System</u>

Kamehameha Highway, a two-lane State Highway, is the major thoroughfare between communities along the entire North Shore. A Haleiwa by-pass highway is currently under construction by the State which is expected to funnel a large share of traffic past Haleiwa town, thereby decreasing traffic congestion in the town center. The portion of the highway nearest to the

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project site is 600 feet to the east. Drainage infrastructure for the highway will include swales and drain inlets which will direct runoff into concrete gutters. Runoff will be piped to Opaeula Stream and Anahulu River. The Haleiwa by-pass highway is scheduled for completion in May 1993.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services operates a municipal bus system which serves the entire Island of Oahu, including the Haleiwa area.

2. Water System

The City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply is responsible for the operation, control and maintenance of the municipal water system on the North Shore. Within Haleiwa, Kamehameha Highway acts as a major arterial for water transmission main. Water laterals from this transmission main supply water to the residences on the project site.

3. Sewage Treatment and Disposal

The Waialua-Kahuku District, extending from Kaena Point to Waimea Bay, is serviced primarily by individual household cesspools and small private treatment plants located within high density areas. Residences on the project site are serviced by individual household cesspools.

4. <u>Electrical and Telephone System</u>

Electrical and telephone services island-wide are provided by the Hawaiian Electric Company and GTE HawaiianTel, respectively. Utility poles run lines along Kamehameha Highway, next to the project site.

5. Drainage

There is no major drainage system in or around Haleiwa. Runoff is directed into the neighboring Anahulu River approximately 2,200 feet north of the project site, into Paukauila Stream approximately 2,500 feet to the south, or directly into the ocean where possible.

6. Police and Fire Protection

A police substation in Kahuku serves the communities along the North Shore. The station is manned by about 40 officers. Fire protection is provided by the Waialua/Haleiwa Fire Station located on Haleiwa Road, about 3,600 feet southwest of the project site.

7. Educational Facilities

Haleiwa Elementary School, located along Haleiwa Road, is the school nearest the project site. Intermediate and High School students in Haleiwa attend Waialua Intermediate and High School.

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8.	Parks and Recreational Facilities
Parks Beac	nearest the project site include Haleiwa Beach Park, Haleiwa Alii h Park, Haleiwa Regional Park, and the Kaiaka State Recreation Area.
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V. RELATIONSHIP TO LAND USE PLANS, POLICIES AND CONTROLS

The proposed Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements will be developed in consonance with the following land use controls.

A. State Land Use District

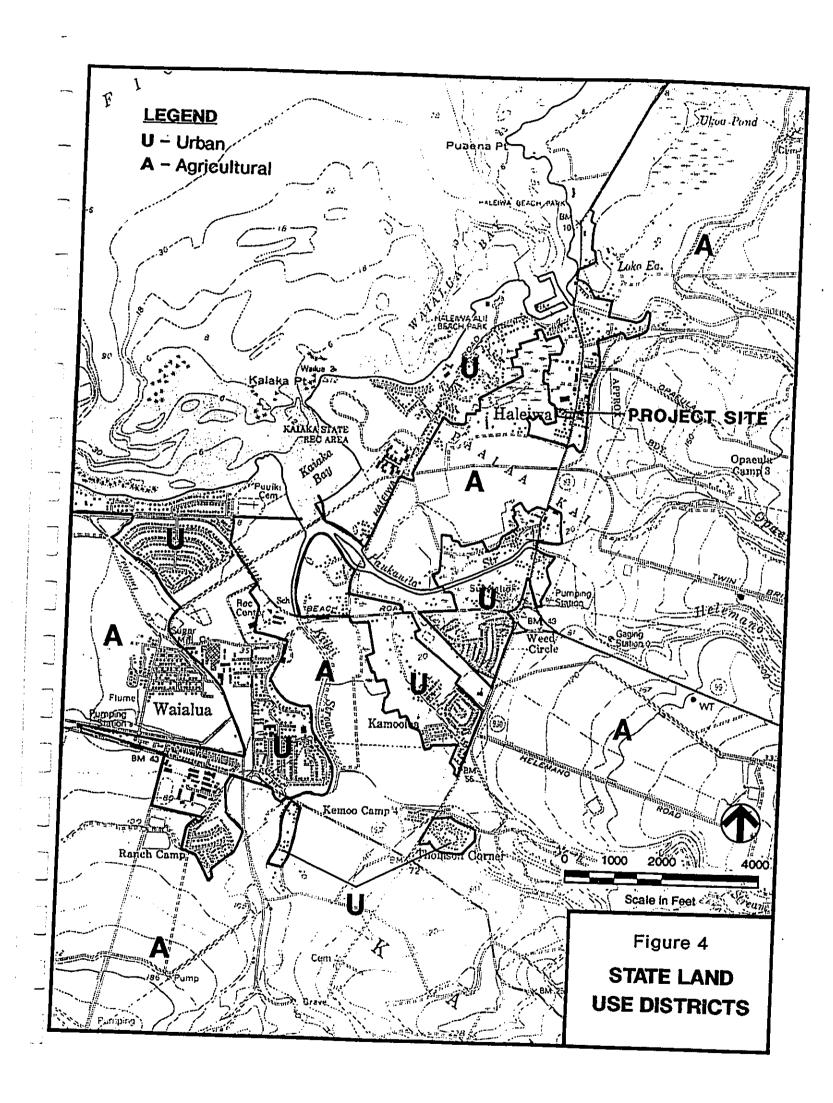
The State Land Use Commission has classified all lands in the State into four land use districts: Urban, Agricultural, Conservation and Rural. The proposed project site is in the Urban District (see Figure 4). The wetland to the west is in the Agricultural District. Construction of the proposed improvements is permitted under the Urban designation.

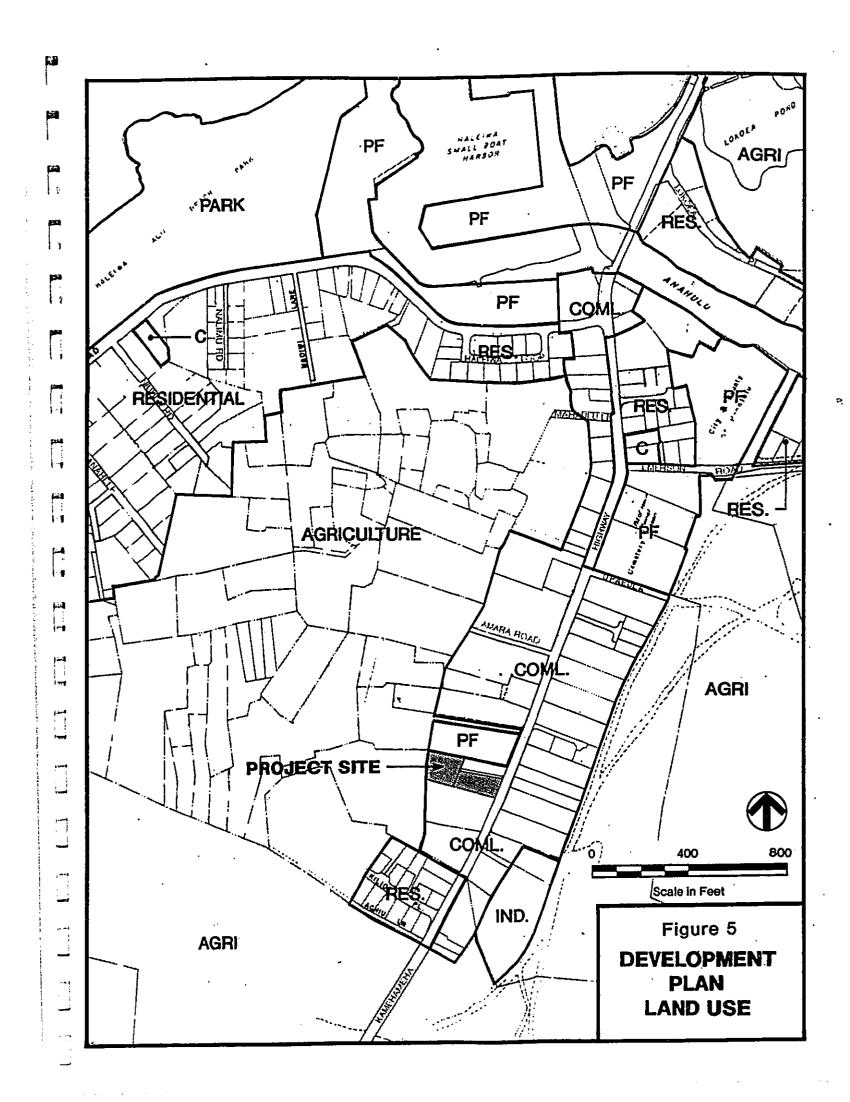
B. Development Plan Land Use

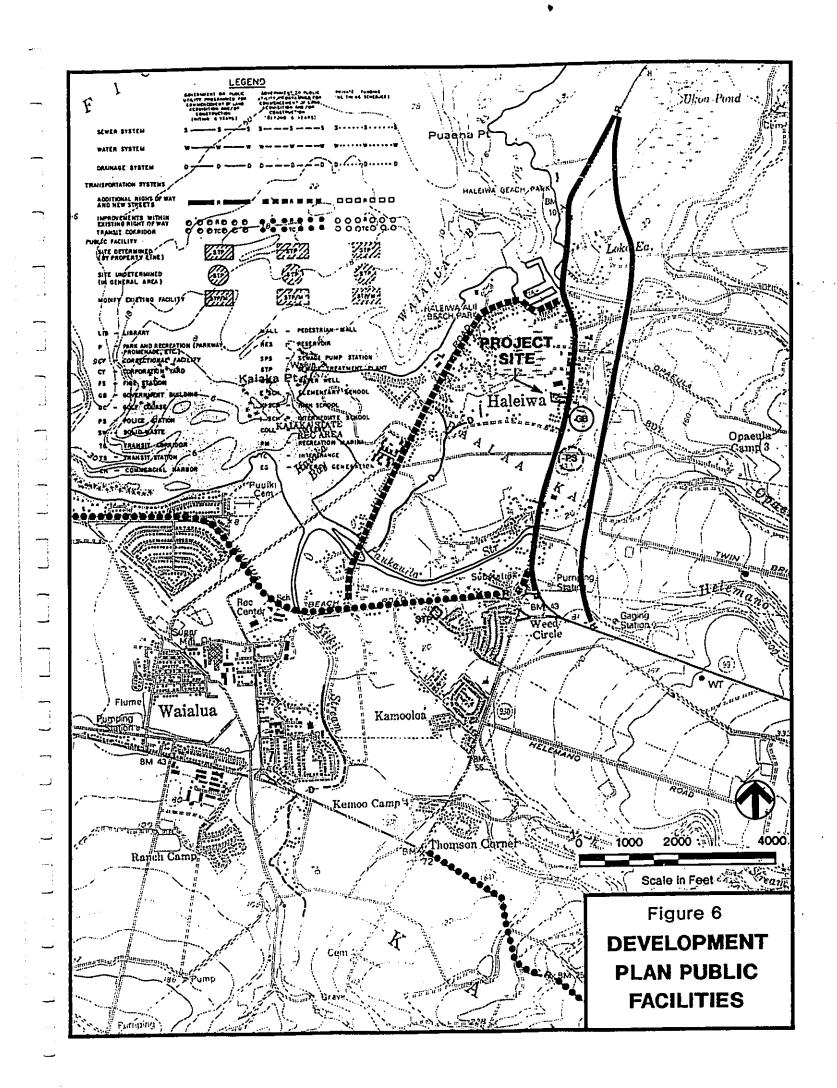
The project site is designated "Commercial" on the North Shore Development Plan Land Use Map. (See Figure 5). Neighboring areas to the south and east are also designated Commercial. The Waialua Court House to the north is designated as "Public Facility". The marsh area to the west is designated "Agriculture".

C. Development Plan Public Facilities

The North Shore Development Plan Public Facilities Map shows Kamehameha Highway as undergoing an additional right-of-way within 6 years (see Figure 6). This highway widening is intended to improve safety and to add sidewalk improvements through Haleiwa. The proposed project will not interfere with or make it difficult to implement this highway widening in the future.







Other nearby public facilities designated as occurring within 6 years include the Haleiwa by-pass road which is under construction, and a government building across the street from the project site. Just south of this proposed government building is an area designated for a police station to be implemented beyond 6 years.

D. Zoning

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The project site is within an area zoned R-5 Residential (see Figure 7). The proposed drainage improvements project will not conflict with the development standards of the R-5 Residential zoning designation.

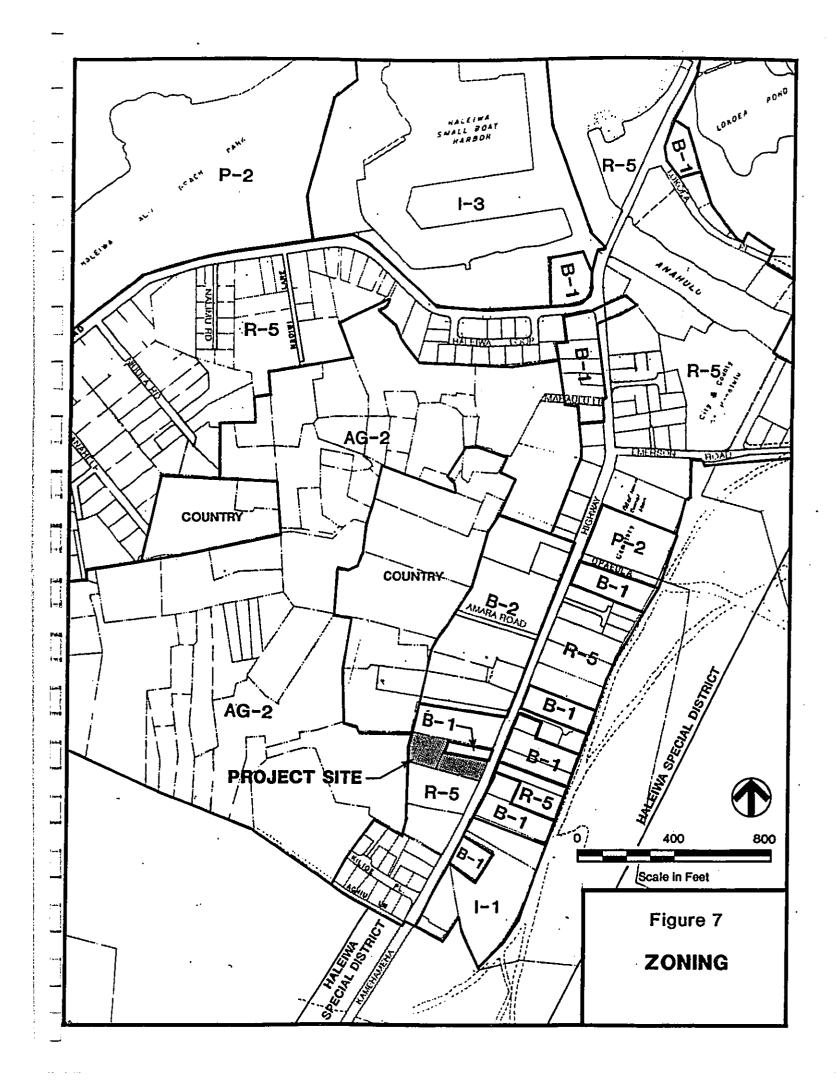
E. Special Management Area

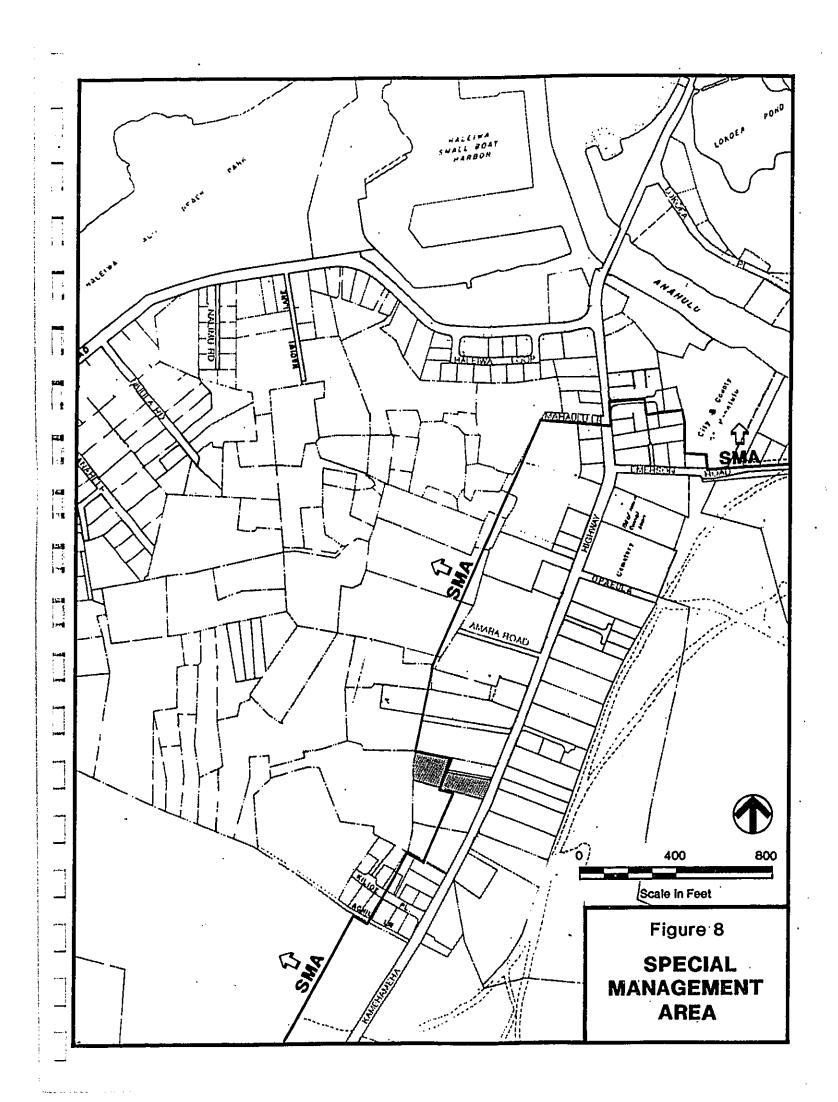
The Hawaii CZM Law (Chapter 205A, HRS) charges the Counties with designating and administering special management areas along the State's coasts. Any "development" within the SMA boundary requires an SMA Use permit administered by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Land Utilization. Approval of an SMA Use permit is by the Honolulu City Council.

The west half of the project site, TMK 6-6-09:25, is within the Special Management Area and will require an SMA permit (see Figure 8). The project will qualify for the SMA minor permit since the drainage improvements within the SMA boundary will amount to less than \$125,000 and will have no significant impacts.

F. Haleiwa Special District

The purpose of a Special District is to provide a means by which certain areas in the community in need of restoration, preservation, redevelopment or rejuvenation may





be designated as Special Districts to guide development to protect and/or enhance the physical and visual aspects of an area for the benefit of the community as a whole.

The portion of the project site on the Kuba property falls within the Haleiwa Special District. However, as a below grade infrastructure improvement, the project is exempt from any required Special District permit. Areas near the property such as the existing sidewalk will not be affected, or if they are, they will be returned to their existing condition.

VI. POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIVE MEASURES

A. Water Quality

The project site is located approximately 2,200 feet from the ocean at its closest point, about 2,500 feet north of Paukauila Stream, and approximately 2,200 feet south of Anahulu River. There are no surface water bodies or perennial streams located on the site. There are reportedly freshwater springs within the marsh to the northwest with surface water bodies located several hundred feet from the project site. Because of the distance from surface water bodies, any eroded soil or airborne dust generated during construction is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on surface water quality. Vegetation biomass and wetland conditions on the marsh fringe also function to filter out suspended sediment. Compliance with City and County of Honolulu grading, erosion and sediment control ordinances will further minimize the potential for adverse effects on water bodies in the area.

The City and County of Honolulu has undertaken an islandwide public education program which informs people of the consequences of indiscriminate disposal. As may be available, informational flyers will be discriminated to area residents to educate them that the disposal of household and hazardous chemicals may cause significant environmental damage and that the ditch should not be used for waste disposal.

Short-term impacts on water quality will occur during construction activities. Best Management Practices such as sediment barriers and perimeter runoff controls will be employed. A Best Management Practices Plan will be included with the construction plans specifying the management measures to be employed during construction.

B. Wetlands

The western boundary of the project site exhibits two of the three criteria which would establish the fringe as a wetland. As the survey indicated, the fringe of the project site property has undergone some changes due to human activity. Regardless of the condition of the marsh, however, the project will have no adverse effects on existing wetland conditions. The proposed drainage improvements will merely direct runoff around existing structures and into the same area as flows presently enter. The quantity of runoff entering the marsh may increase slightly due to the decreased opportunity for runoff to percolate on the project site, but this slight increase will not be significant.

C. Flora and Fauna

A small amount of landscaping vegetation will need to be removed in order to install the roadfront concrete ditch and the approximately 300-foot long, 2-foot wide culvert. This vegetation consists of landscape species planted and tended by residents. The fauna on the project site consists of non-native wildlife species commonly found in the area. Project construction will have a negligible effect on the flora and fauna of the area.

D. Archaeological/Historical Resources

There are no archaeological or historical resources in evidence within the project site. It is very unlikely that any such artifacts will be encountered during construction. However, in the event that previously unknown or unexpected subsurface cultural features or deposits are encountered, construction will be halted

and immediate archaeological consultation shall be sought from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division.

E. Traffic

For a brief period during construction, a cement truck and backhoe will use the existing Kamehameha Highway to access the project site. During this time, a portion of Kamehameha Highway may be needed to position heavy equipment, thereby shutting down the highway to one lane for short periods. Flagmen shall be employed during these periods to ensure traffic safety. If the closure of one lane of Kamehameha Highway is necessary, it will be done during non-peak traffic periods.

F. Air Quality

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Ambient air quality is expected to temporarily decrease as a result of fugitive dust generated by construction activities, and by emissions from construction equipment. Most affected will be residences on the project site and their neighbors. Residents will be advised to keep windows closed for the duration of construction. To mitigate fugitive dust emissions from construction activities, the contractor will be responsible for complying with State of Hawaii Air Pollution Control Regulations concerning regular dust-watering and maintenance of vehicle exhaust systems.

G. Noise

Noise levels in the immediate vicinity of the project site will increase as a result of operating heavy vehicles and other power equipment during construction. It shall

be the contractor's responsibility to minimize noise by properly maintaining mufflers and other noise attenuating equipment.

H. Safety

Measures to ensure public safety will be taken throughout all phases of construction. When construction is not on-going (nights, weekends, and holidays), the site will be secured by adequate safety signs, signals, and/or other safety devices as required by State and City and County regulations.

I. Economy

Some short-term economic benefits will be associated with the presence of construction workers in Haleiwa town during the duration of construction.

J. Utilities

1. Water

Two 3/4-inch water meters from the transmission main within Kamehameha Highway will be temporarily capped and moved in order to construct the concrete ditch in front of the property. This will result in a minor inconvenience to the resident. No other users will be affected.

2. Wastewater

Sewer service to residents of the project site and vicinity will not be disrupted or affected in the long-term by construction of the project.

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	3. Drainage	
	Drainage of the p	roject site will be improved by construction of the project.
	4. Electric and T	elephone Service
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	disrupted or affect	ted in the long-term by construction of the project.
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VII. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

A. No Action

The No Action alternative is being carefully considered at this time. It is possible that the construction of the Haleiwa by-pass highway east of Haleiwa town may have a favorable mitigating effect on drainage. The design of this highway will include swales and drain inlets, and concrete gutters which will direct runoff into Opaeula Stream and Anahulu River. The effect of the Haleiwa by-pass on drainage in Haleiwa town is currently being studied.

B. Alternate Alignment

In order to keep construction of the proposed drainage improvements within the affected parcels, no alternate culvert alignment was considered for this project.

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APPENDIX A

CONSULTATION AND AGENCY COMMENTS

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A. Pre-Assessment Consultation

Federal

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<u>State</u>

Department of Transportation, Highways Division State Historic Preservation Division

City and County

Department of Public Works
Department of Land Utilization

B. Agencies and Ogranizations to be Consulted

Federal

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

<u>State</u>

Department of Agriculture
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Division
Department of Health
Department of Transportation, Highways Division
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Office of State Planning
University of Hawaii Environmental Center

City and County of Honolulu

Board of Water Supply Department of General Planning Department of Public Works Appendix A CONSULTATION

Department of Land Utilization
Department of Transportation Services

Other

Councilmember Rene Mansho
North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U. S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, HONOLULU FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5440

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April 30, 1993

Planning Division

Mr. Scott Kunioka Project Manager Wilson Okamoto and Associates 1150 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96814



WILSON OKAMOTO & ASSOC., INC.

Dear Mr. Kunioka:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements, Haleiwa, Oahu. The following comments are provided pursuant to Corps of Engineers authorities to disseminate flood hazard information under the Flood Control Act of 1960 and to issue Department of the Army (DA) permits under the Clean Water Act; the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

- a. The project is located in or near a wetland. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, a DA permit would be required for any filling, grading or stockpiling of material in waters of the U.S., including wetlands. Although the wetland survey report indicates that a wetland delineation was performed, there were no data sheets or wetland delineation map attached to the report. This information is necessary to determine permit requirements. For further information regarding permit requirements, please contact the Operations Division at 438-9258 and refer to file number PO93-049.
- b. The flooding information presented on page III-5. of the Environmental Assessment is correct.

Sincerely,

Kisuk Cheung, P.E.
Director of Engineering

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KENNETH E. SPRAGUE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

IN REPLY REFER TO:

96-12-0014

January 9, 1996

Mr. Thomas Ushijima
Director of Engineering
Department of the Army
U.S. Army Engineer District
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440

Attention:

Planning Division

Dear Mr. Ushijima:

Subject:

Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements, Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: 6-6-09: 25 and 26

Thank you for your review and comments of April 30, 1993, regarding the subject draft EA. In response to your concerns, we offer the following comments:

- 1. The proposed project is located in proximity to but is outside of the wetland boundaries. A wetland delineation map depicted by our consulting biologist (Ms. Evangeline Funk) is enclosed to show the location of the wetland boundary relative to the project construction site.
- Due to the limited scope of this project and its location outside of the wetland fringe, we do not foresee the need for any permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

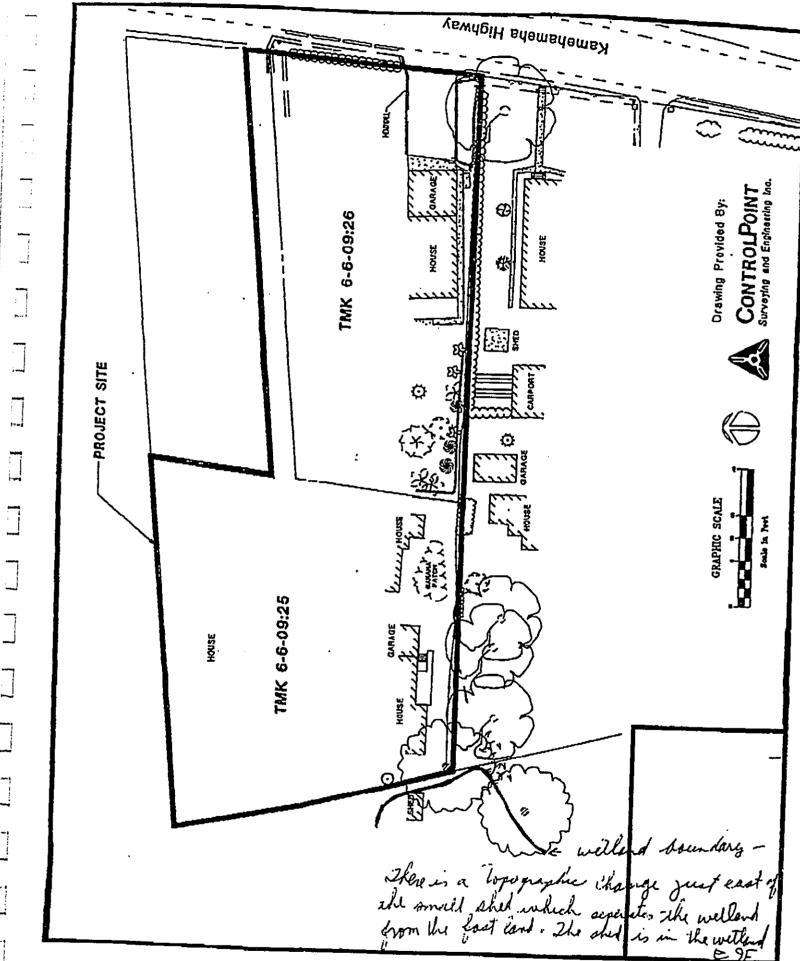
Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at 527-6246.

Very truly yours,

Director and Chief Engineer

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cc: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
(Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)



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File No.: 93-544 DOC. ID.: 2731

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The Honorable C. Michael Street, Director Department of Public Works City and County of Honolulu

Attn: Ms. Laverne Higa

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

650 South King Street

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"VILSON OKAMOTO & ASSOC., INC.

Dear Mr. Street:

Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA): Kamehameha Highway Subject: Drainage Improvements, Haleiwa, Oahu, TMK: 6-6-09: 25, 26

We have reviewed the DEA information for the proposed project transmitted by Wilson Okamoto & Associates' letter dated April 5, 1993, and have the following comments:

Brief description:

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Public Works is proposing to construct drainage improvements along a 100-foot section of Kamehameha Highway in Wahiawa Town to reduce the flooding of two residential properties makai of the highway. The flooding is attributable to drainage off the highway during heavy rains.

In order to direct storm runoff away from these properties, the installation of a trench drain is proposed to collect sheet flows from the highway and discharge it into the Haleiwa Marsh located behind the properties.

File No.: 93-544

Division of Aquatic Resources

The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) comments that the proposed project will not alter total flows into the marsh or modify the marsh environment, and that the marsh does not provide habitat for native stream fishes or crustaceans. As such, DAR has no objections to the proposed project.

We will forward our Historic Preservation Division comments as they become available.

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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STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WILSON OKAMOTO & ASSOCI, INC.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION 33 SOUTH KING STREET, 6TH FLOOR HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 22, 1993

Mr. Scott Kunioka Wilson Okamoto & Associates 1150 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Mr. Kunioka:

SUBJECT: Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements, Draft Environmental

Assessment (DEA)

Pa'ala'a, Waialua, O'ahu

TMK: 6-6-9: 25

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. A review of our records shows that the DEA correctly summarizes the information on known historic sites in the vicinity. There are no known historic sites at the project location. The proposed project will dig a ditch and construct a culvert to divert rainwater runoff from Kamehameha Highway. This is a small-scale project that we believe will have "no effect" on historic sites.

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.

Sincerely,

DON HIBBARD, Administrator
State Historic Preservation Division

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The Honorable C. Michael Street, Director Department of Public Works City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attn: Ms. Laverne Higa

Dear Mr. Street:

Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA): Kamehameha Highway Subject: Drainage Improvements, Haleiwa, Oahu, TMK: 6-6-09: 25, 26

The following are our Historic Preservation Division's (HPD) comments on the subject project which supplement those forwarded in our previous letter dated May 7, 1993.

Historic Preservation Division

A review of our records shows that the DEA correctly summarizes the information on known historic sites in the vicinity. There are no known historic sites at the project location. The proposed project will dig a ditch and construct a culvert to divert rainwater runoff from Kamehameha Highway. This is a small-scale project that we believe will have "no effect" on historic sites.

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 HPD must be contacted.

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 Tom Dye at our Historic Preservation Division, at 587-0014, should you have any questions.

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KENNETH E. SPRAGUE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

IN REPLY REFER TO:

96-12-0015

January 10, 1996

Mr. Michael D. Wilson, Director Department of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii P. O. Box 621 Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Subject:

Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements, Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii, TMK: 6-6-09: 25 and 26

Thank you for your review and letters regarding the subject draft EA. This is to acknowledge your indications of no objections from your Division of Aquatic Resources and State Historic Preservation Division. As requested, should any historic sites or human burials be uncovered during construction activities, all work in the vicinity will stop and the Historic Preservation Division contacted.

If there are any questions, please call Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at 527-6246.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE
Director and Chief Engineer

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cc:

Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc. (Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi) JOHN WAIHEE



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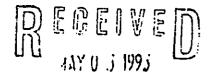
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Ms. Laverne Higa
Department of Public Works
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

WILSON OKAMOTO & ASSOC., INC.

Dear Ms. Higa:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment

Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements

Haleiwa, Oahu

The proposed Kamehameha Highway drainage improvements will not impact our State transportation facilities. The project will affect a portion of the highway that is currently under the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Rex D. Johnson

Director of Transportation

c: Mr. Brian J. J. Choy, OEQC

Mr. Scott Kunioka, Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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96-12-0016

January 10, 1996

Mr. Kazu Hayashida Department of Transportation State of Hawaii 869 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5097

Dear Mr. Hayashida:

Subject:

Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements, Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii, TMK: 6-6-09: 25 and 26

Thank you for your review of the subject draft EA. This is to acknowledge your letter indicating no impact to State transportation facilities.

If there are any questions, please call Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at 527-6246.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE
Director and Chief Engineer

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cc: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
(Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)



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May 7, 1993 EA:00025

Ms. Laverne Higa Department of Public Works City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

WILSON OKAMOTO & ASSOCI. INC.

Dear Ms. Higa:

Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements
Waialua, Oahu

The Department of Public Works (DPW) proposes to construct drainage improvements to relieve localized flooding conditions along a 100-foot section of Kamehameha Highway in Haleiwa Town on the North Shore of Oahu. From the highway, a trench drain will extend to the west along the southern boundary of two residential properties, and then discharge storm runoff into a Haleiwa Marsh, behind the residences. The project will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu.

The Environmental Center has reviewed this document with the assistance of Sheila Conant, General Science; and B. Alex Buttaro, Environmental Center.

Traffic (page VI-2)

We note that the construction activities will require that one lane of Kamehameha Highway be shut down. Is it possible to schedule shutdowns to occur during a time when use of Kamehameha Highway is minimal, in order to mitigate adverse or unsafe traffic impacts that may result because of this project?

Potential Improper Uses of Drainage Ditch

Our reviewers expressed concern that residents living along the drainage ditch and marsh may use the ditch to dispose of do-it-yourself oil and other environmentally hazardous substances. We suggest that the City and County of Honolulu DPW implement an educational program for residents surrounding the project site. The residents should be informed that disposal of household and hazardous chemicals may cause significant environmental damage and

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the ditch should not be thought of as a waste disposal option. The educational format could include a community meeting or informational flyers sent to area residents.

Fauna (page III-4)

The Biological and Wetland Survey Report may not have adequately assessed the potential of Haleiwa Marsh as a native or endangered bird habitat. Our reviewers suggest that the two ten-minute count periods were not adequate to detect wetland birds. Also, no mention was made as to the time the data was collected. Additionally, Ecologically Sensitive Wetlands on Oahu: Groundwater Protection Strategy for Hawaii, Environmental Center Technical Report No. 184, lists three endangered species present in this area, not mentioned in the EA.

Wetlands (page VI-1)

While the project area and the areas directly adjacent may only meet two of the three wetlands criteria, this project will directly impact a wetland area that meets all three criteria. The EA correctly states that the quantity of runoff entering the marsh will increase, but does not mention that both the quality of runoff and localized impacts at the Haleiwa Marsh discharge point may be significant in terms of input of suspended sediments and other potential constituents. Because both vegetation and endangered wildlife may be significantly affected at the drainage discharge point, an assessment of discharge water quality should be made to more adequately determine the range of potential pollution scenarios and to identify consequent mitigation strategies.

Monitoring

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We suggest that a water quality monitoring program be implemented in order to safeguard Haleiwa Marsh against potential pollution that may occur at the discharge point. Baseline analyses should be conducted prior to construction and periodic monitoring following project completion would be highly desirable. Such a program would help to better ensure that mitigation of potential environmental impacts could be effectively implemented prior to any significant or irreversible damage.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document and we hope our comments are helpful.

Jacquelin N. Miller

Associate Environmental Coordinator

OEQC cc:

Wilson, Okamoto and Associates 🗸

Roger Fujioka

Sheila Conant

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

96-12-0017

January 10, 1996

Ms. Jacquelin N. Miller Associate Environmental Coordinator Environmental Center University of Hawaii at Manoa 2550 Campus Road, Crawford 317 Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Dear Ms. Miller:

Subject:

Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements, Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii, TMK: 6-6-09: 25 and 26

Thank you for your review and comments regarding the subject draft EA. In response to your concerns, we offer the following:

- 1. The final EA will state that if the closure of one lane of Kamehameha Highway is necessary, it should occur during non-peak traffic periods.
- 2. Apart from the legal restrictions on disposal of hazardous substances into any drainage system, the City is also formulating a County-wide public education program which will inform people of the consequences of indiscriminate disposal. The final EA will include your recommendation as a potential mitigation measure.
- 3. The names of the three endangered waterbirds previously sighted in the Haleiwa wetland will be annotated to the final EA. Our biologist points out that because of the density of the vegetation, the absence of open water, and the small size of the observation area, the presence of these species in the area was very unlikely, and therefore concluded that the limited observation time was sufficient.
- 4. The input of suspended sediments and other potential constituents on the Haleiwa Marsh should not be significant for several reasons:

Ms. Jacquelin M. Miller Page 2 January 10, 1996

- a. The quality of runoff at the discharge point is not anticipated to change significantly. Water which previously collected along Kamehameha Highway before running across the subject parcels will be collected in the same location and routed around the subject parcels. Hence, water quality is not anticipated to contain any more or less suspended sediment or other constituents.
- b. Under "Water Quality", the draft EA specifies that because of the distance from surface water bodies such as the Haleiwa Marsh, any potential eroded soils generated during construction activities are not anticipated to impact the marsh's surface water quality. This distance of several hundred feet was not specified in the draft EA but will be included in the final EA.
- c. It should also have been specified that the vegetation biomass and wetland conditions on the marsh fringe filter out potential suspended sediment. This has been the observation at other wetlands in the State and will be stated in the final EA.
- 5. For the reasons above and also given the small scale of proposed drainage improvements, the establishment of a water quality monitoring program for the subject project is not warranted.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at 527-6246.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE Director and Chief Engineer

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cc: Wison Okamoto & Associates, Inc. (Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)

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WILSON OKAMOTO & ASSOC., INC.

May 3, 1993

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO:

MICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ATTN:

MS. LAVERNE HIGA

FROM:

DONALD A. CLEGG, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRAFT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), HALEIWA, OAHU

TAX MAP KEY: 6-6-09: 25 & 26

Thank you for allowing the Department of Land Utilization (DLU) the opportunity to review the above-referenced Environmental Assessment. As noted in the EA document, the proposed project is subject to provisions of Chapter 25, Special Management Area (SMA) prior to construction. Based upon the proposed project cost of \$70,000 and a Negative Declaration from your department, we anticipate issuing a Minor Permit for the project.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Art Challacombe

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Director of Land Utilization

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cc: Office of Environmental Quality Control Wilson Okamoto and Associates

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KENNETH E. SPRAGUE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

IN REPLY REFER TO:

96-12-0019

January 10, 1996

MEMORANDUM

TO:

MR. PATRICK T. ONISHI, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION

FROM: FOG 1

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT:

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRAFT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII,

TAX MAP KEY: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26

Thank you for your review and comment regarding the subject draft EA. This is to acknowledge your comments relating to the need for a Special Management Area permit from your department.

If there are any questions, please contact Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at extension 6246.

Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc. (Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi) cc:

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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April 26, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO:

C. MICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ATTENTION:

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ROBIN FOSTER, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment and have no comments or objections to the subject project.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mel Murakami of our staff at 527-6020.

ROBIN FOSTED

Chief Planning Officer

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cc: Office of Environmental Quality Control

Attn: Brian J.J. Choy

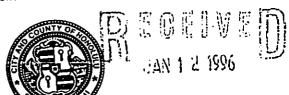
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Attn: Scott Kunioka

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January 10, 1996

TO:

MS. CHERYL SOON, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

FROM:

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT:

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII,

TAX MAP KEY: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26

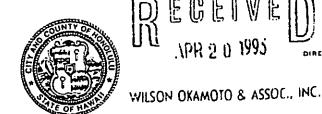
Thank you for your review of the subject draft EA. This is to acknowledge your indication of no comments or objections to the subject project.

If there are any questions, please contact Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at extension 6246.

Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc. (Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)

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April 15, 1993

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

LAVERNE HIGA, PROJECT ENGINEER

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

FROM:

ALEX HO, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DEA) KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

TMK: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26

I have reviewed the subject DEA and have the following comments:

- Since the proposed project is located adjacent to Haleiwa Marsh, the DEA should address the potential impact on storm water discharge associated with construction activities on water quality of the receiving waters.
- The DEA should also state what structural and non-structural best management practices (BMP) will be provided to control 2. and reduce the discharge of pollutants resulting from the construction and/or dewatering operations.
- If dewatering activity is anticipated, dewatering permits will be required by the State Department of Health and the Department of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu. 3.
- Since the project site is surrounded by some commercial establishments, a site assessment to determine the potential hazardous wastes may be necessary.

If you have any questions, please call me at extension 4150.

Environmental Engineer

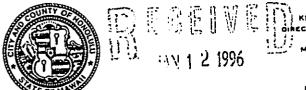
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January 10, 1996

MEMORANDUM

TO:

MR. ALEX HO, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

FROM:

MARVIN T. FUKAGAWA, CHIEF

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

SUBJECT:

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII,

TAX MAP KEY: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26

Thank you for your review and comments regarding the subject draft EA. In response to your concerns, we offer the following comments:

- 1. The draft EA specifies that because of the distance from surface water bodies such as the Haleiwa Marsh, any potential eroded soils generated during construction activities are not anticipated to impact the marsh's surface water quality. We further note that the vegetation biomass and wetland conditions on the marsh fringe function to filter out potential suspended sediment. This has been the experience at other wetlands in the State and will be reported in the final EA.
- 2. Best Management Practices such as sediment barriers and perimeter runoff controls will be discussed in the final EA. A Best Management Practices plan will be included with the construction plans specifying the management measures to be employed during construction.
- 3. It has been determined that the entire project is located outside of the wetland boundaries. No dewatering activity is anticipated on the project site.
- 4. The localized and minor scope of this project does not warrant a site assessment of potential hazardous wastes from surrounding commercial establishments.

Should you have any questions, please contact Laverne Higa at extension 6246.

cc: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
(Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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May 4, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO:

C. MICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ATTENTION:

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JOSEPH M. MAGALDI, JR., DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DEA)

TMK: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26

This is in response to the subject DEA submitted to us for review on April 5, 1993 by Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.

We have no objections to the proposed drainage improvements at this time. However, there is a 10-foot road widening setback affecting the subject parcels along Kamehameha Highway.

Construction plans for all work within the City's right-of-way should be submitted to our department for review. A traffic control plan showing temporary detours for pedestrians and vehicles should be included in these plans.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lance Watanabe of my staff at local 4199.

JOSEPH M. MAGALDI, JR

cc: Office of Environmental Quality Control Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.

COUNTY OF HONOLULU CITY AND

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KENNETH E. SPRAGUE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

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January 10, 1996

MEMORANDUM

TO:

MR. CHARLES O. SWANSON, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

FROM:

KENNETH E. SPRAGUE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

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KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII,

TAX MAP KEY: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26

Thank you for your review and comments regarding the subject draft EA. In response to your concern about the 10-foot road widening setback affecting the subject parcels, please be assured that construction plans for all work within this area will be submitted, along with a traffic control plan, to your department for review.

Should you have any questions, please contact Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at extension 6246.

Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc. cc: (Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)

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BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU





April 28, 1993



WILSON OKAMOTO & ASSOC., INC.

TO:

C. MICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

FROM:

KAZU HAYASHIDA, MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

SUBJECT:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DEA) DATED MARCH 1993,

REGARDING THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT,

TMK: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26, KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY, HALEIWA

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the DEA for the proposed drainage improvements project.

We have no objections to the proposed trench drain improvement project. The relocation of the two existing water meters should be coordinated with our Customer Service Division.

If you have any questions, please contact Roy Doi at 527-5235.

cc: Office of Environmental Quality Control Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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KENNETH E. SPRAGUE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

IN REPLY REFER TO:

96-12-0021

January 10, 1996

MEMORANDUM

TO:

MR. RAYMOND SATO, MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

FROM:

FOR KENNETH E. SPRAGUE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT:

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII,

TAX MAP KEY: 6-6-09: 25 AND 26

Thank you for your review of the subject draft EA. This is to acknowledge your indication of no objections to the subject project. As requested, the relocation of the two existing water meters will be coordinated with your Customer Service Division.

If there are any questions, please contact Laverne Higa of the Division of Engineering at extension 6246.

cc:

Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc. (Attention: Mr. Rodney Funakoshi)

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APPENDIX B

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BIOLOGICAL AND WETLAND SURVEY REPORT

BIOLOGICAL AND WETLAND SURVEY REPORT FOR THE KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (TMK 6-6-09-25 AND 26) HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII

for Wilson Okamoto and Associates, Inc. 1150 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

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INTRODUCTION

A biological survey and wetland delineation of the proposed Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements (TMK 6-09-25 and 26) was carried out on April 7, 1992. This small study area is located between Kamehameha Highway and the Haleiwa Marsh (Elliot & Hall 1977) and includes two residential sites and a portion of the wetland fringe. Observations were made on the bird and plant populations of the site and the mauka limit of the wetland was delineated and flagged.

METHODS

Wetland delineation techniques set forth in Technical Report Y-87-1, Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Department of the Army 1987) were used to determine the wetland boundaries.

The walk through method was used to collect data on the existing vegetation of the site, to ascertain if endangered species are found in the area, and to describe the present vegetation.

Data on bird species were collected during two ten minute observation periods spent in the wetland fringe away from the houses.

The biologist was part of a four man team which collected a variety of data on the study site.

RESULTS

WETLANDS

The study site slopes in a northwesterly direction from Kamehameha Highway toward the Haleiwa wetland. Beginning at Kamehameha Highway, there are three dwellings and a small outbuilding along the gradient from the road to the fringe of the wetland. There is a noticable topographic change between the house lots and the wetland fringe. The outbuilding is mostly within the wetland fringe.

Three soil pits were dug along the base of a small topographic change at what appeared to be the upper limit of the wetland (Figure 1.). The results from the three pits were similar. Within four inches of the surface the soil was thick, pasty and saturated. The closest color match, using a Munsel Soil color chart was 5y 2.5/1 with some gleying, definitely wetland soil.

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In addition to the wet, pasty condition of the soil, there was a small abandoned taro patch around which someone had dug a shallow trench. Although the trench was less than six inches deep, there was standing water along its length.

This is a very disturbed area and the vegetation component is transitional. For example, there are mature coconut (Cocos nucifera L.), Java plum (Zyzyguim cumini (L.) Skeels), African tulip (Spathodia campanulata P. Beauv.) and 'opiuma trees (Pithecellobium dulce (Roxb.) Benth) growing within the wetland fringe. Only one of these, the coconut tree, is considered to be a very marginal wetland plant.

By contrast, the understory or ground layer contains several taxa which are commonly found in wetlands. The taro (Colocasia esculenta (L.) Schott) is an obligate wetland plant (obl) which occurs in wetlands 99% of the time. California grass (Brachiaria mutica (Forssk.) Staff) which makes up about 25% of the understory is a facultative wetland plant (facw) and is found in wetlands between 67% and 99% of the time. Honohono and Hilo grass (Commelina difusa N.L. Brum. and Paspalum conjugatum Berg.) are often found in wetlands (67% to 99% of the time), but all of these, collectively, do not make up fifty percent of the understory vegetation.

By definition, three criteria, hydric soils, hydric vegetation, and wetland hydrology are required to designate an area a wetland. Only two, hydric soils and wetland hydrology are fully met in this instance. The vegetation component is

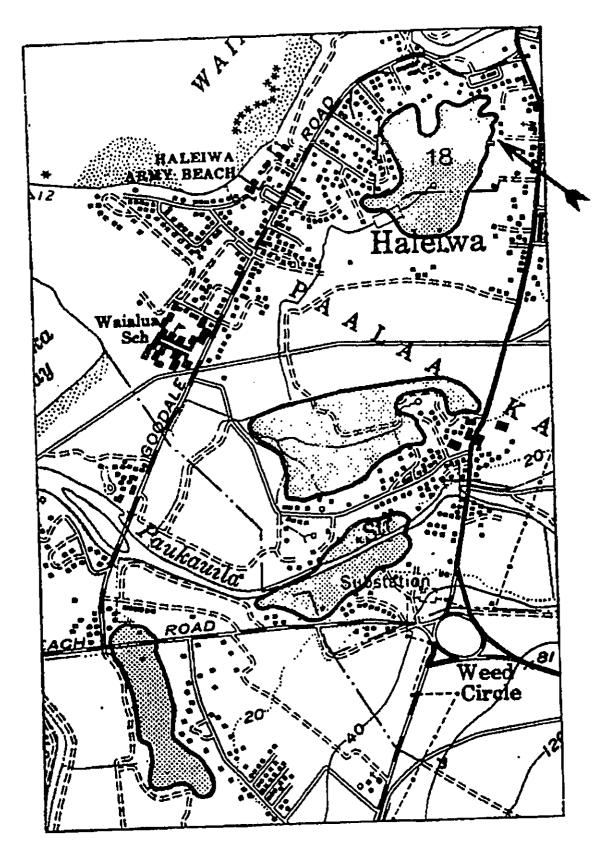


Figure 1. Arrow Indicates the Wetland Fringe.

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only partially met. The high degree of disturbance in the area, i.e. the dumping of vegetative waste, cultivation of various landscape plants and even the erection of the small outbuilding have probably contributed to the transitory condition of the vegetation.

The house sites themselves do not appear to be in the wetland, but more in the drainage path from Kamehameha Highway to the wetland.

ORNITHOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

THE AVIAN HABITAT

Only one bird habitat, The Wetland Fringe, is found on this study site. Because the entire site has been extensively modified from its original state, it has almost no value as native bird habitat. However, it does support a variety of non-native species.

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The Wetland Fringe supports a variety of introduced trees which have reached a height of from 8 to 12 m. Because the tree canopy is so varied there are many types of nest sites and the scattered grasses provide food for the seed eating birds.

The most unusual birds in the area were a pair of feral, green, thick-billed parrots.

No threatened or endangered species were found. The annotated checklist follows the nomenclature of Pratt, Bruner and Berrett (1987).

ANNOTATED SPECIES LIST

Family Zosteropidae: White-eyes

Zosterops japonicus

White-eyes are one of the most widespread introduced bird species in Hawaii. This is an ideal site for these tiny birds. It is wet and there is an abundance of weed seeds. Several pairs of birds were nesting on the site.

Family Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

Passer domesticus (House sparrow)

House sparrows are sometimes called feathered mice. These streaky brown and gray birds are a familiar commensal species and were seen among the houses and along the road. No nests were seen.

Family Fringillidae: Cardueline Finches

Carpodacus mexicanus (House finch)

The house finch is a small, sparrowlike bird with a streaked appearence. The head, throat and breast of male birds may vary from dull yellow to bright red. The females and the bodies of males are similar with gray to black streaks of color.

Introduced into Hawaii during the last century, the house finch has adapted and is now widespread throughout the islands. Pairs of birds were seen in the 'opiuma trees and near the houses.

Family Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

Streptopelia chinensis (Spotted Dove)

The spotted dove is a large bird which is grayish brown with rosy blushed breast feathers. At the sides and back of the neck is a patch of black with white spots. The low, repetitive cooing of the spotted dove is common on this site. Several pairs and individuals were seen and appear to be an important part of the bird community of the area.

Geopelia striata (Zebra Dove)

This ground dwelling, seed eating dove is smaller and even more abundant than the spotted dove. Zebra doves were found in similar densities as the spotted dove in open, weedy places along the road and in the vacant lot next door.

Family Pycnonotidae: Bulbuls

Pycnonotus jocosus (Red-Whiskered bulbul)

This bulbul has clearly defined markings. It is brown above and white below with a sharply pointed, black, top knot. It has a bright cheek patch which is red above and white below, with a black outline. Its tail is white tipped and it has a red spot under its tail. This fairly large bird is common on this site.

Family Sturnidae: Starlings and Mynas

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Acridotheres tristis (Common myna)

The myna is a plump brown bird with a dark head and tail. It has a yellow bill, legs and eyes. It has white markings on its wings and tail which flash when it flies. It walk is distinctive. Mynas are usually seen in large groups. Many mynas were seen in the trees and in the vacant lot next door.

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BOTANICAL SURVEY REPORT

VEGETATION TYPE

The study site is very small and most of it is taken up by houses with the usual landscape vegetation around them. There are some large mango trees (Mangifera indica L.) between the houses and the wetland, and a variety of introduced trees, shrubs, and forbs (weeds and grasses) in the wetland fringe. No endemic or indigenous plants were found. There were three polynesian introductions; ti (Cordyline fruiticosa (L.) Achev.), taro, and the coconut. All of the plants on the site are listed in the accompanying species list.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

No Category 1, proposed or listed threatened or endangered species of plants were found on this site (USFWS 1991, DLNR 1986).

SPECIES LIST

The plant families in the following species list have been alphabetically arranged within two groups, Monocotyledons, and Dicotyledons. The genera and species are arranged alphabetically within families. The taxonomy and nomenclature follow that of St. John (1973) and Wagner, Herbst and Sohmer (1990). For each taxon the following information is provided:

- An asterisk before the plant name indicates a plant introduced to The Hawaiian Islands since Cook or by the aborigines.
- 2. The scientific name.

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- 3. The Hawaiian name and or the most widely used common name.
- 4. Abundance ratings are for this site only and they have the following meanings:

Uncommon = a plant that was found less than five times.

Occasional = a plant that was found between five to ten times.

Common = a plant considered an important part of the vegetation Locally abundant = plants found in large numbers over a limited area, for example the plants found in grassy patches.

This species list is the result of an extensive survey of this site at the end of the rainy season (April 1992) and it reflects the vegetative composition of the flora during a single season. Minor changes in the vegetation will occur due to introductions and losses and a slightly different species list would result from a survey conducted during a different growing season.

CHECKLIST OF ALL PLANTS FOUND ON THE KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SITE, HALEIWA, HAWAII

Scientific Name	Common Name	Abundance			
MONOCOTYLEDONES					
AGAVACEAE - Agave Fami	ly				
*Cordyline fruitcosa (L.) Achev.	Ti	Occasional			
ARACEAE - Aroid Family					
*Calocasia esculenta (L.) Schoot *Epipremnum pinnatum (L.) Engl *Caladium splendens (Hort.) Engl *Dieffenbachia maculata Bunting	Goldon nother	Locally abundant Common Occasional Occasional			
ARECACEAE - Palm Family					
*Archontophoenix alexandrae Wendl & Drude Date palm *Cocos nucifera L. Coconut		Occasional Common			
CANNACEAE - Canna Family	y				
*Canna indica L.	Indian shot	Occasional			
COMMELINACEAE - Spidery	vort Family				
* Commelina diffusa N. L. Burm.	Honohono grass	Locally abundant			

Scientific Name	Common Name	Abundance		
POACEAE - Grass Family				
*Brachiaria mutica (Forssk.) Stapf. *Eleucine indica Gaetrn *Paspalum conjugatum Bergius	California grass Beach wiregrass Hilo grass	Locally abundant Occasional Locally abundant		
DICOTYLEDONES				
ACANTHACEAE - Acanthus Family				
*Asystasia gangetica (L.) T. Anders	Chinese violet	Common		
ANACARDIACEAE - Mango Fa	ımily			
*Mangifera indica L. *Schinus terebinthifolius Raddi	Mango Christmas berry	Occasional Occasional		
ASTERACEAE - Sunflower Fam	ily			
*Pluchea symphytifolia (L.) Cass.	Pluchea	Occasional		
BIGNONEACEAE - Bignonia Fa	mily			
*Spathodea campanulata P. Beauv.	African tulip	Occasional		
CUCURBITACEAE - Cucumber	Family			
*Coccinia grandis (L.) Voight *Momordica charantia Crantz	Scarlet gourd Balsam apple	Occasional Common		
PHYTOLOCCACEAE - Pokeweed Family				
*Rivina humilis L.	Coral berry	Common		
LEGUMINOSAE - Bean Family				
*Canavalia cathartica Thouars *Leucaena leucocephala deWit *Pithicellobium dulce (Roxb.) Benth *Prosopis pallida HBK	Maunaloa vine Koa-haole 'Opiuma Kiawe, algaroba	Uncommon Common Occasional Occasional		
MYRTACEAE - Myrtle Family				
*Syzygium cumini (L.) Skeels	Java plum	Common		
SOLANACEAE - Tomato Famil	у			
*Solanium americanum Mill.	Popolo berry	Occasional		

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