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Dear Mr. Gill:

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Land Use Amendments for the Maui Park at Maui TMK: 4-4-01:34, Lahaina, Island of Maui, Hawaii

The Department of Planning has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on December 23, 1997. The Department of Planning has determined that this project will not have a significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the March 23, 1998 Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) Bulletin.

Enclosed is the completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four (4) copies of the Final EA. A diskette containing the notice summary is also enclosed. Please contact Ms. Julie Higa, Staff Planner, of this office at 243-7814 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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## Chapter I

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Project Overview

## I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

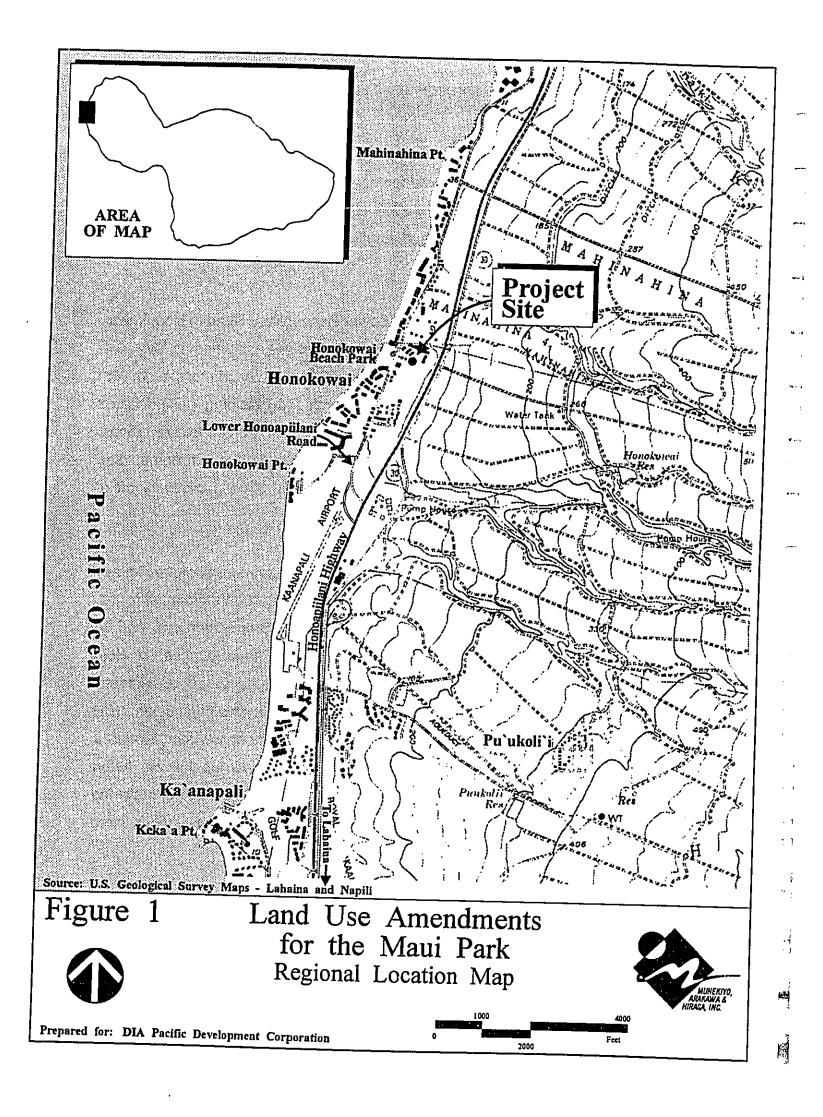
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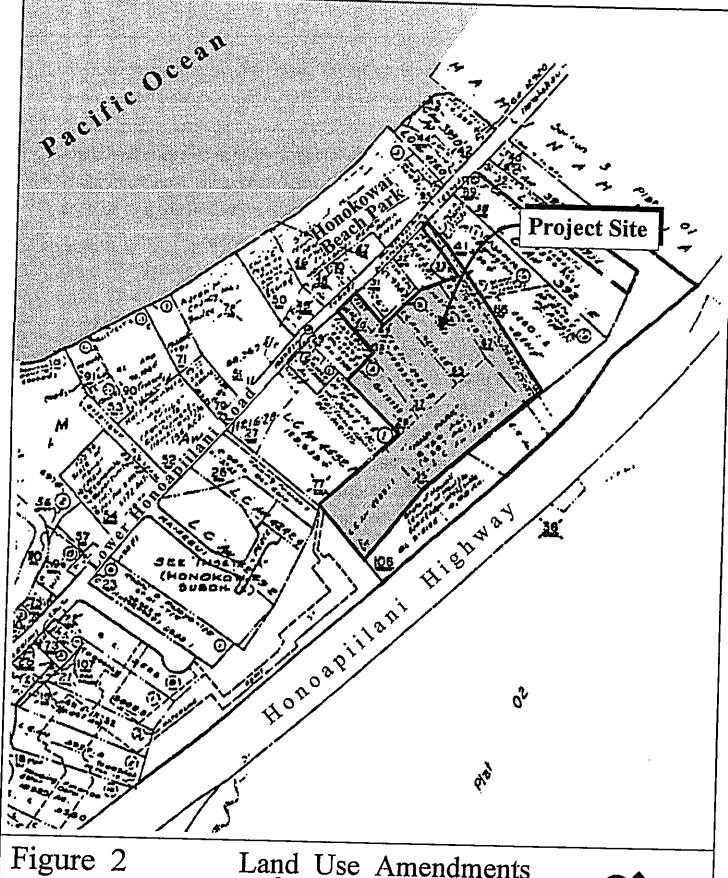
The owner, DIA Pacific Development Corporation (DIA), is seeking the flexibility to convert all or a portion of its existing 288 transient vacation rental (short-term and extended-stay) units to time share units at the Maui Park.

The Maui Park is located at 3626 Lower Honoapiilani Road in Honokowai, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. The 6.75 acre project site, identified as TMK 4-4-01:34, has six (6) buildings ("A" through "F") which contain forty-eight (48) units each. In addition, there is a seventh (7th) building ("G"), located adjacent to the swimming pool, which houses the administrative offices, guest registration area, laundry facilities, mailboxes and restrooms. See Figure 1 and Figure 2. Access to the property is via a driveway off of Lower Honoapiilani Road.

The Maui Park was constructed in 1987 as an apartment complex, known as Holo Honokowai Apartments, intended for long-term residential rental. Unit mix at the project includes 106 studios, 148 one-bedroom, and 34 two-bedroom units. In 1988, the owners (JDH & Associates) of Holo Honokowai Apartments decided to convert its long-term residential rental operations to transient vacation rentals. Along with this conversion, JDH & Associates transferred its operations management to Aston Hotels & Resorts and changed the name of the complex to Maui Park. Aston Hotels & Resorts was retained by the owners to convert and operate the property primarily for transient occupancy. It is noted that hotels were previously permitted in the Apartment zoning district.

DIA acquired the Maui Park in 1990 and has continued to operate the property as a transient vacation rental project (managed by Castle







Land Use Amendments for the Maui Park
Site Location Map



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Resorts & Hotels). In order for DIA to convert any of its transient vacation rentals to time share operations, the property must be zoned "Hotel" since time share operations are permitted only within the Hotel zoning district. To effectuate the conversion from transient vacation rentals to time share operations, an amendment to West Maui Community Plan from "Multi-Family" to "Hotel" and a Change in Zoning from "A-2 Apartment" to "H-M Hotel" district are necessary for the subject property.

#### B. PROJECT OPERATIONS

The Maui Park consists of 288 studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units which are rented as short-term and extended-stay visitor accommodations. A registration building situated at the center of the project encompasses the front desk counter, administrative offices, activities desk, restrooms, mailboxes and laundry facilities. Housekeeping services are provided for the short-term rentals. Including administrative, maintenance and housekeeping personnel, total employment at the Maui Park is thirty-five (35) full-time and nine (9) casual/on-call employees. The property is managed by Castle Resorts & Hotels, a local firm which operates approximately twenty (20) hotel properties.

#### C. PROPOSED ACTION

The applicant is seeking the flexibility to convert all or a portion of its existing 288 transient vacation rental (short-term and extended-stay) units to time share units at the Maui Park. There are no physical improvements to the property associated with this conversion.

However, pursuant to Chapter 19.37 relating to Time Sharing Plans, time share programs are permitted within the hotel zoning district only. In this regard, land use amendments for the subject property are required as follows:

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#### 1. <u>Community Plan Amendment</u>

The subject parcel is presently designated as "Multi-Family" in the West Maui Community Plan. A community plan amendment to change the designation of the parcel from "Multi-Family" to "Hotel" is proposed to reflect the existing and proposed uses of the property.

#### 2. Change in Zoning

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The subject parcel is presently zoned "A-2 Apartment" District. A change in zoning to "H-M Hotel" District is proposed to reflect the existing and proposed uses of the property.

The proposed community plan amendment from "Multi-Family" to "Hotel" and change in zoning from "A-2 Apartment" District to "H-M Hotel" are consistent with existing land uses. The area along this portion of Lower Honoapiilani Road is generally mixed with hotel, multi-family residential and business uses. The project site has been associated with hotel use since 1989.

This request allows the landowner to continue the hotel use or convert to time share operations.

## Chapter II

Description of the Existing Environment

#### II. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

#### A. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. Surrounding Land Use

The majority of lands in West Maui are designated by the State of Hawaii as either "Conservation" or "Agriculture". Generally, "Conservation" lands occupy the higher and steeper areas, while the "Agricultural" district spans the middle ground. Lands along the coast, at lower elevations, are typically designated "Urban".

The project site is situated along the northwestern coast of Maui, which includes the residential-resort communities of Lahaina, Honokowai, Kahana and Napili, as well as the master-planned resorts of Kaanapali and Kapalua.

The project site is located approximately six (6) miles north of Lahaina town between Kaanapali and Kahana. To the immediate north of the subject property is the Honokowai Palms and Honokowai East. See Figure 3. To the west of the subject property are single family residences, a church, the Food Pantry and Lower Honoapiilani Road. Honokowai Park is located along Lower Honoapiilani Road, across the project site. To the south of the project is a commercial complex, 3600 Lower Honoapiilani Road. To the east of the project are vacant lands owned by the State of Hawaii.

Surrounding uses, beyond the adjacent parcels, include condominium (including transient vacation rentals) and single family uses.

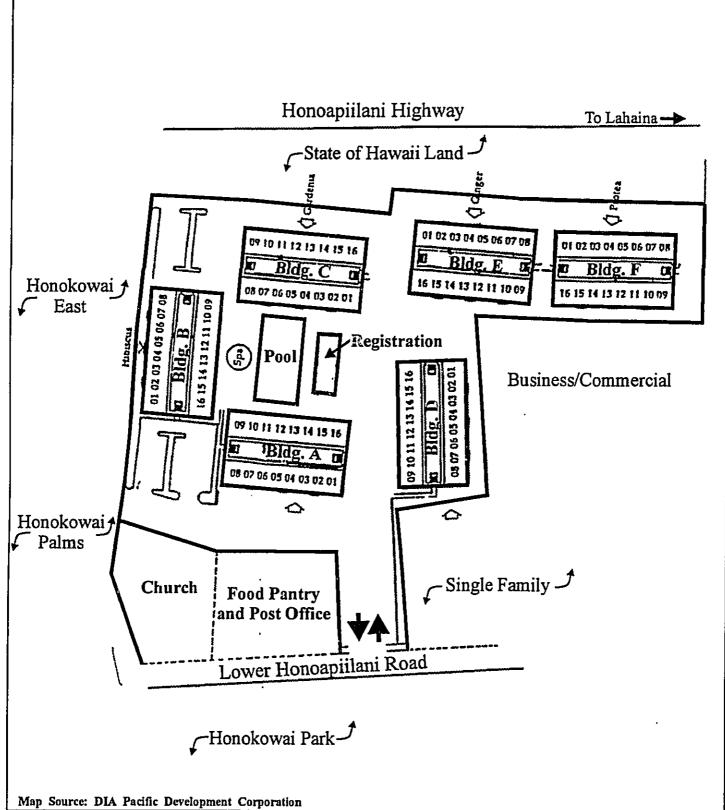


Figure 3



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#### 2. Climate

Like most areas in Hawaii, Honokowai's climate is relatively uniform year-round. Average temperatures in Honokowai range between 60 degrees and 88 degrees Fahrenheit. August is historically the warmest month, while January and February are the coolest. Average rainfall in the Honokowai vicinity is approximately 15 to 20 inches annually.

The winds in the Honokowai area are also seasonal. The northeasterly trade winds occur 90 percent of the time during the summer and just 50 percent of the time in the winter. Wind patterns also vary on a daily basis, with trade winds generally being stronger in the afternoon. During the day, winds blow onshore toward the warmer landmass. In the evening, the reverse occurs, as breezes blow toward the relatively warm ocean.

#### 3. Topography and Soils

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At a regional scale, the topography of West Maui ranges from the gently sloping coastal areas to steep ridges and large valleys. The maximum elevation of the West Maui Mountains is 5,788 feet at Puu Kukui. From the summit, streams flow in a radial pattern, indicating that the lava surface of the volcano set the original stream course.

From a topographic standpoint, the project site is relatively level, with a slight slope from east to west.

Underlying the proposed site and surrounding lands are soils of the "Pulehu-Ewa-Jaucas" association. See Figure 4. This association is characterized as having deep, well-drained soils that are found

### **LEGEND**

- ① Pulehu-Ewa-Jaucas association
- Wuiakoa-Keahua-Molokai association
- 3 Honolua-Olelo association
- Rock land-Rough mountainous land association
- (6) Puu Pa-Kula-Pane association
- 6 Hydrandepts-Tropaquods association

- Hana-Makaalac-Kailua association
- Pauwela-Haiku association
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- Keawakapu-Makena association
- Kamaole-Oanapuka association

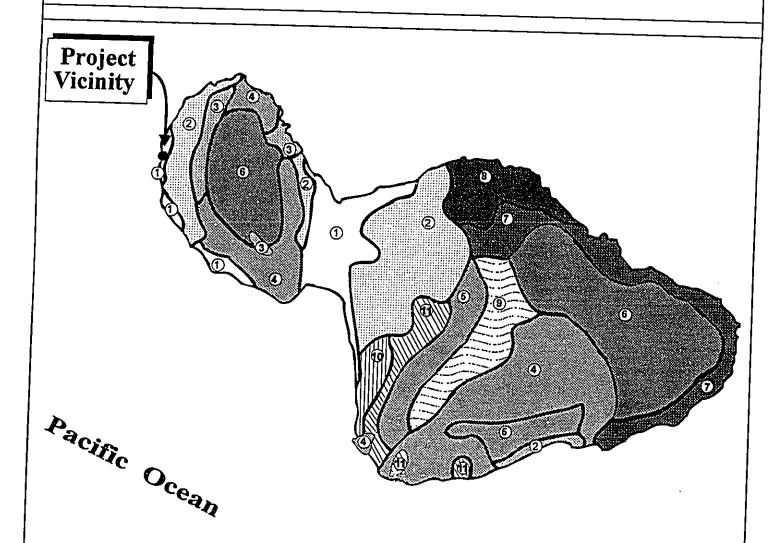


Figure 4



Land Use Amendments for the Maui Park Soil Association Map



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on alluvial fans or in basins. The specific classification of the underlying soil is Pulehu silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slope (PpA). Permeability is moderate, runoff is slow, and the erosion hazard is no more than slight. See Figure 5.

## 4. Flood and Tsunami Hazard

The Flood Insurance Rate Map for this area designates the project site as Zone C, an area of minimal flooding. See Figure 6.

### 5. Flora and Fauna

The project site is fully developed. The site encompasses lawn areas, planter strips and building atriums which establish the landscape character of the property. Plant material found at the site includes various palms, rainbow shower trees, Royal poinciana trees, monkey pod trees, ginger shrubs, crotoun shrubs, hibiscus shrubs, and mondo grass. There are no known rare or endangered plant species found at the site or at adjacent and nearby properties.

Similarly, there are no known rare or endangered wildlife species at this locale. Avifauna typically found in this vicinity includes a host of introduced species, including the Japanese White-eye, Zebra-dove, spotted dove, and common Myna. Other mammals common to this area include rats, mice, and mongoose.

### 6. Air Quality

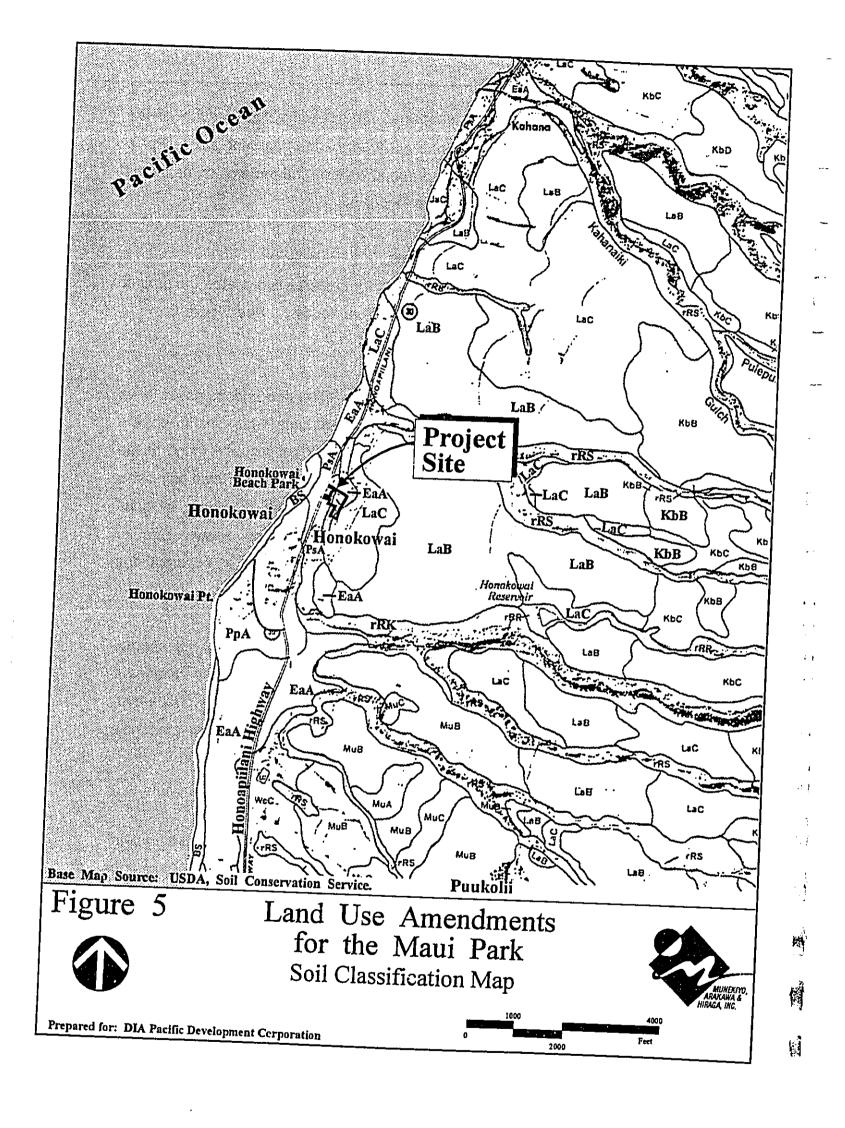
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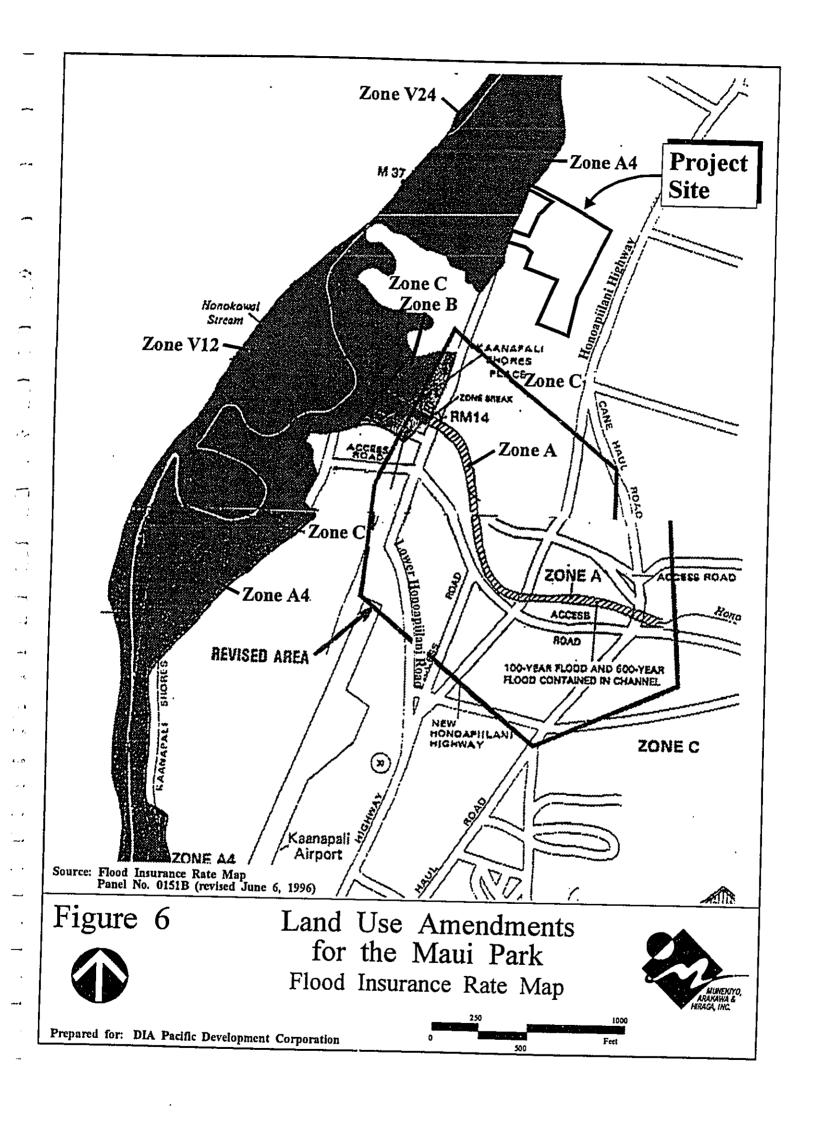
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The Lahaina region is not exposed to adverse air quality conditions. There are no point sources or airborne emissions in the immediate vicinity and the air quality at the property is considered good. On the mauka side of Honoapiilani Highway are





significant acreages in pineapple and sugar cane cultivation. As such, the area is subject to dust and equipment emissions associated with agricultural activities. Cane burning also takes place in the fields located southeast of the project site on an intermittent basis. Motor vehicles are also a source of indirect emissions in the region.

#### 7. Noise Characteristics

Traffic noise from Honoapiilani Highway and Lower Honoapiilani Road is the predominant source of noise in the vicinity of the project. Other sources that contribute to background noise levels are the operation of agricultural equipment, such as the sugar cane and pineapple harvesters, sprayers, and trucks in neighboring fields. It is noted that arrival and departure flight tracks for the Kapalua-West Maui Airport lie to the north and east of the project site, placing the project area outside the limits of significant airport noise exposure.

#### 8. <u>Visual Resources</u>

The project site is generally flat and surrounded by existing urban uses. The site is not a part of a scenic or unique scenic corridor. Looking east or mauka from the project site, beyond Honoapiilani Highway, the West Maui Mountains are visible. Given its location mauka or east of Lower Honoapiilani Road, there are no direct views to the ocean from the property.

#### 9. <u>Archaeological and Historical Resources</u>

There are no surface archaeological features on the project site. The property has been altered for development as a transient vacation rental property.

### B. SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. Population

The resident population of the region has increased dramatically in the last two (2) decades. Population gains were especially pronounced in the 1970s as the rapidly developing visitor industry attracted many new residents. The current resident population of the Lahaina district is estimated at 14,574. A projection of the resident population for the years 2000 and 2010 are 18,737 and 22,924 respectively (Community Resources, Inc., 1994).

#### 2. Economy

In 1994, 2.2 million visitors frequented Maui, an increase of 4.8 percent from 1993 (Maui Data Book and Newcomers Guide, 1995). A large portion of the island's visitor accommodations are located in the resort communities of Kaanapali and Kapalua, as well as "stand-alone" condominium vacation rentals such as the Maui Park.

Agriculture is another vital component of the West Maui economy. The Pioneer Mill Co., Ltd handles sugar and coffee operations.

Maui Land and Pineapple Company's pineapple fields remain an important component of the region's agricultural base.

#### C. PUBLIC SERVICES

#### 1. Police and Fire Protection

The project site is within the Lahaina Police Station service area, which services the Lahaina district. The Lahaina Station is located in the Lahaina Civic Center complex at Wahikuli. The Lahaina Patrol includes approximately 59 full-time personnel, including one (1) captain, two (2) lieutenants, police officers, public safety aides,

and administrative support staff (telephone conversation with Greg Takahashi, Maui Police Department, August 1997).

The Napili Fire Station, located approximately three (3) miles north of the project site, provides fire prevention, suppression, and protection services for Honokowai. Fire protection is also offered by the Lahaina Fire Station, located about three (3) miles south of the project site, in the Lahaina Civic Center.

#### 2. <u>Medical Facilities</u>

The only major medical facility on the island is Maui Memorial Hospital, located approximately 25 miles from Honokowai, midway between Wailuku and Kahului. The 185-bed facility provides general, acute, and emergency care services.

Private medical offices, however, are located in West Maui. Maui Medical Group, Lahaina Physicians, West Maui Healthcare Center, and Kaiser Permanente Lahaina Clinic all serve the West Maui population.

#### 3. Recreational Facilities

West Maui is served by numerous recreational facilities. These facilities include several County beach parks. Approximately one-third of the County parks are situated along the shoreline and are excellent swimming, diving, and snorkeling areas. The County's Honokowai Park is located to the immediate west of the subject property. In addition to County facilities, Kaanapali and Kapalua Resorts operate world-class golf courses, which are available for public use.

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#### 4. Schools

The State of Hawaii, Department of Education operates four (4) public schools in West Maui that are located in Lahaina Town. These are Lahainaluna High School, Lahaina Intermediate School, King Kamehameha Elementary School, and Princess Nahienaena Elementary School. Privately operated pre-elementary and elementary schools also serve the region.

#### D. <u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u>

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#### 1. Roadway System

Honoapiilani Highway is a regional State facility, which runs between Napili (West Maui) and Wailuku. Within the project area, Honoapiilani Highway runs north-south and functions as the primary access to the areas of Lahaina, Wainee, Kelawea, Puunoa, Kapunakea, Mala, Kaanapali and Honokowai. Honoapiilani Highway is a two-lane highway with channelization at major intersections.

Lower Honoapiilani Road runs north-south, parallel with and west of Honoapiilani Highway. The two-lane road serves mainly hotels/resorts, commercial, and some residential uses in the Honokowai area.

Access to the project site is via one (1) driveway located on Lower Honoapiilani Road.

#### 2. Water

The County's Department of Water Supply (DWS) operates the Honokohau and Lahaina-Alaeloa Water Systems within the Lahaina District. The Lahaina-Alaeloa Water System is the larger of the two

(2) DWS systems, and is divided into two (2) subsystems, referred to as the "Northern Subsystem" and the "Southern Subsystem". These subsystems are interconnected, but currently operate independently through the closure of selected system valves.

Honokowai is serviced by the "Northern Subsystem". Within this subsystem is the Honokowai Reservoir, which has a capacity of two (2) million gallons. In addition, the new Mahinahina Water Treatment plant will provide improved service to the Honokowai area.

The Maui Park property is served by a 16-inch line which runs along Lower Honoapiilani Road.

#### 3. Wastewater System

The County's Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility (LWRF) and its attendant collection and transmission system accommodate the region's wastewater needs. There is an eight (8) inch sewer lateral servicing the property, connecting to the main line on Lower Honoapiilani Road. The LWRF, located mauka of Honoapiilani Highway just north of Kaanapali Resort, has a design capacity of 6.7 million gallons per day (MGD). Currently usage is at 5.8 MGD.

#### 4. Solid Waste Disposal

With the closing of the Olowalu Landfill, all solid wastes generated in the west side of Maui are transported to the Central Maui Landfill in Puunene.

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#### 5. <u>Drainage</u>

Onsite drainage improvements at the Maui Park include a system of drain inlets and underground culverts. Runoff conveyed through the onsite system is discharged into the Lower Honoapiilani Road drainage system, which, at this location, includes a 48-inch x 20-inch reinforced concrete box culvert. This culvert crosses Lower Honoapiilani Road, discharging into an existing drainage ditch which traverses Honokowai Beach Park to the ocean.

It is noted that the County of Maui is currently implementing its Lower Honoapiilani Road Improvements, Phase II project which includes drainage system upgrades along Lower Honoapiilani Road in the vicinity of the Maui Park property. New drain inlets and culverts being installed in the vicinity of the Honokowai Beach Park, will convey flows into the Honokowai Beach Park drainage ditch. The Lower Honoapiilani Road Improvements, Phase II project will not impact the Maui Park's onsite drainage system.

#### 6. <u>Electrical Power</u>

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Maui Electric Company, Ltd. provides electrical power via overhead poles to the area.

## Chapter III

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#### III. POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

#### A. IMPACTS TO THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. <u>Surrounding Uses</u>

The potential conversion of the Maui Park to time share operations is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on the surrounding uses. The proposed action would not involve site or building construction work and would not alter the short-term transient vacation operations of the project. Accordingly, the surrounding uses, which include transient vacation rentals, multi-family and single-family residential, commercial/retail businesses, a church and a County beach park, would not be affected by the proposed action.

There are several already developed "Multi-Family" designated parcels in the area that are also nonconforming hotel operations with time share units. The Maui Park, however, does not have the flexibility and the opportunity to similarly offer time share units or convert to time share operations unless the proposed action is approved.

#### 2. Flora and Fauna

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There are no known rare, endangered, or threatened species of flora within or surrounding the project site.

Similarly, there are no known rare, endangered, or threatened species of avifauna or wildlife in the project vicinity. There will be no displacement of land at the project site and any conversion to time share operations will not have an adverse impact to the local area's fauna and avifauna population.

#### 3. Air Quality

There will be no air quality impacts with any conversion to time share operations.

#### 4. Noise

There will be no construction activity associated with any conversion of the Maui Park to time share operations. Existing traffic noise impacts associated with the traffic volume from the project represents a fraction of the total traffic in the area. As traffic generating and attraction characteristics of a time share operation would not change (when compared to present conditions), traffic noise is not considered an adverse impact on the surrounding area.

#### 5. <u>Visual Resources</u>

The proposed conversion to time share operation will not affect scenic view corridors. The property is already fully developed and no new construction or improvements are proposed.

#### 6. <u>Archaeological Resources</u>

In the context of the property's existing developed conditions, the proposed land use amendments will not have any adverse impact on archaeological resources.

### B. <u>IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY SETTING</u>

### 1. Population and Local Economy

General operational and employment characteristics of the Maui Park will not change as a result of conversion of all or a portion of the 288 units to a time share program. In this regard, the proposed action will not impact the area's population or the local economy. 4. 1

#### 2. Housing

The proposed conversion to time share operations will not displace existing housing nor will it create a demand for new housing in the area.

The Maui Park had previously fulfilled the County of Maui's "affordable housing" requirements and additional requirements, after its construction, at the time of its conversion from long-term rentals to short-term/transient vacation rentals in 1989.

#### 3. Police, Fire, and Medical Services

The proposed conversion to time share operations is not anticipated to affect service capabilities of police, fire, and emergency medical operations. Moreover, conversions will not extend existing service area limits for emergency services.

#### 4. Recreational and Educational Services

The proposed conversion to time share operations will not impact recreational and education services.

#### 5. Solid Waste

As with the existing transient vacation rental operations, solid wastes generated from the property will be disposed at the County's Central Maui Landfill.

#### 6. Other Considerations

The project will not involve the use of chemicals and fertilizers other than what is currently being used to maintain the landscaping at the property. No adverse effects on surface, underground and marine water resources are anticipated.

The project site is already in urban use and will not affect agricultural endeavors on the island.

The project site does not include any trails that are required for public access to the beaches or the mountains.

The action is not expected to have other socio-economic impacts and no improvements are being proposed for the project. There is the potential for accessory uses on a "Hotel" zoned property, however, these uses are subject to the provisions of the County of Maui's laws and rules and regulations.

The existing nonconformity and proposed action is not expected to affect the "Hotel" zoning standards and these standards will not affect the surrounding areas. The Maui Park property is fully developed, with no proposed improvements. The project conforms to the "Hotel" zoning standards with regard to area regulations and height regulations.

Finally, the conversion of any short-term and extended-stay transient vacation rental units to time share operations will be dependent on market conditions.

#### C. <u>IMPACTS TO INFRASTRUCTURE</u>

#### 1. Roadway Systems and Off-Street Parking

Conversion to time share operations will not impact the roadway systems. Trip generation characteristic will not be altered since time share operations would be conducted in similar fashion to the project's current short-term rental operations.

With regard to off-street parking, the Maui Park was developed with 358 paved parking stalls. This number of stalls is more than adequate to accommodate parking demand for the project. Conversion to time share operations will not affect off-street parking characteristics.

#### 2. <u>Drainage Systems</u>

Conversion to time share operations will not impact drainage patterns and characteristics.

### 3. Water and Wastewater Systems

Any conversion of the Maui Park's visitor accommodation units to time share will not result in any change in water use or wastewater generation patterns. Accordingly, the proposed action is not anticipated to impact demands on these infrastructure components.

## Chapter IV

Relationship to Land Use Plans, Policies, and Controls

## IV. RELATIONSHIP TO LAND USE PLANS, POLICIES, AND CONTROLS

### A. STATE LAND USE DISTRICTS

Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the Land Use Commission, establishes four (4) major land use districts in which all lands in the State of Hawaii are placed. These districts are designated "Urban", "Rural", "Agriculture", and "Conservation".

The project site is located within the "Urban" District. The existing complex and its hotel-related uses are permitted uses with the State's "Urban" District.

### B. MAUI COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

The Maui County General Plan (1990 Update) sets forth broad objectives and policies to help guide the long-range development of the County. As stated in the Maui County Charter:

The general plan shall recognize and state the major problems and opportunities concerning the needs and the development of the county and the social, economic and environmental effects of such development and shall set forth the desired sequence, patterns and characteristics of future development.

The proposed action is in keeping with the following General Plan objectives and policies:

Objective: To provide an economic climate which will encourage controlled expansion and diversification of the County's economic base.

**Policy:** Maintain a diversified economic environment compatible with acceptable and consistent employment.

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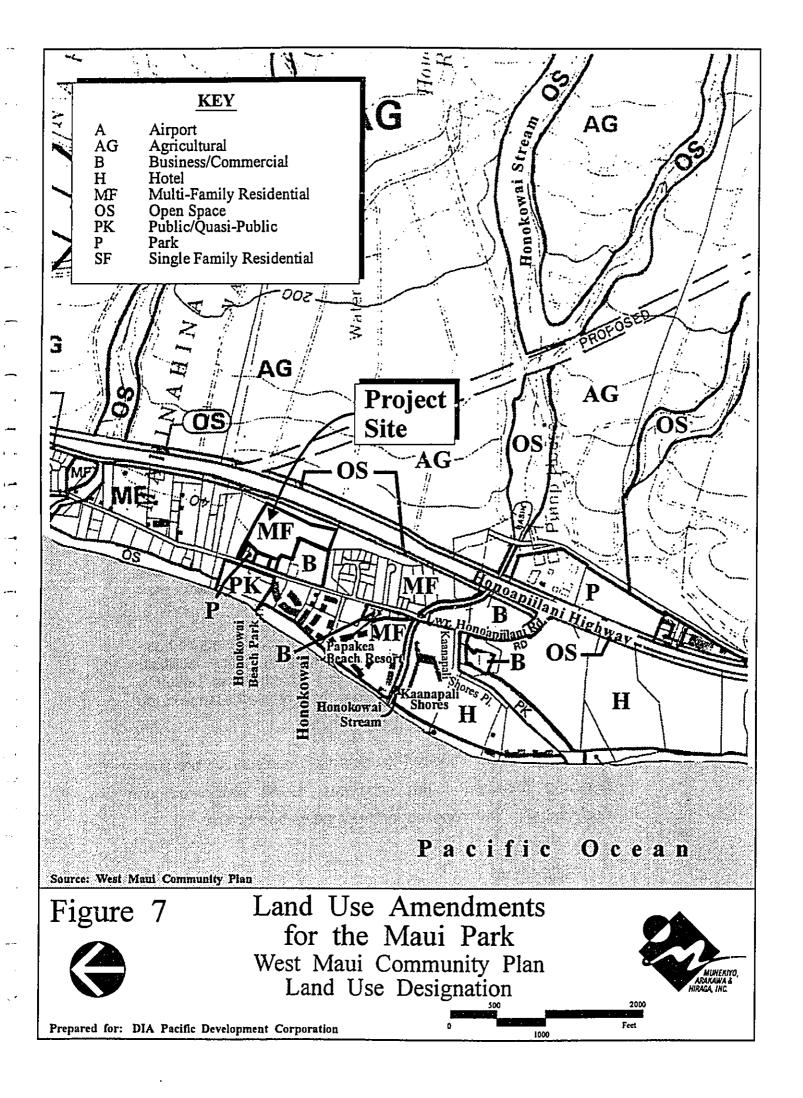
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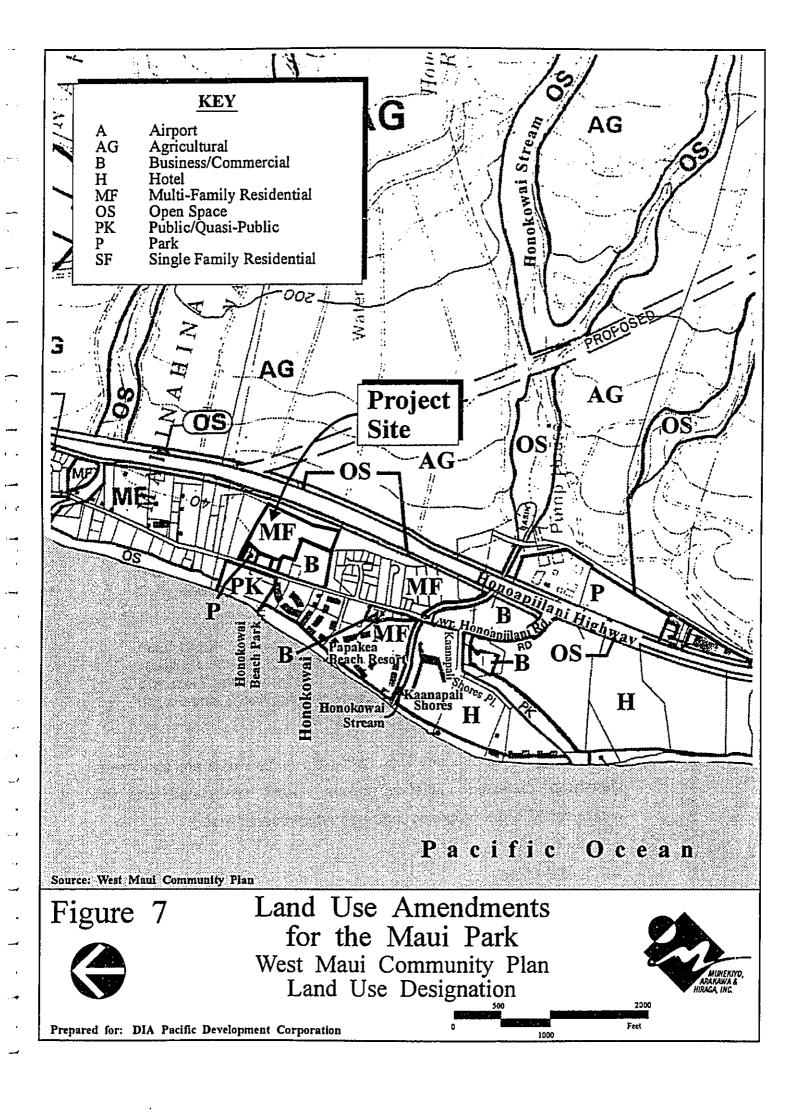
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"Hotel" designation.

The West Maui Community Plan is divided into five (5) parts. In Part II, Planning Area Description, the following is noted:

Development, for the most part, reflects the region's visitor and agricultural industries. Visitor accommodations are located along the shoreline with necessary support facilities and residential communities. The activity centers include Lahaina Town, Kaanapali, Honokowai, Napili and Kapalua communities.

In Part II, Identification of Opportunities, the following is noted:

STABILITY OF THE ECONOMIC BASE. The success of an urban community relates to the stability of its economy. In West Maui, sugar, pineapple and tourism are the primary industries. With the dependence on the visitor industry and the ever-present uncertainties facing agriculture, it is recognized that the economic base is potentially vulnerable and must be nurtured in a responsible manner to insure stable employment opportunities for residents and their descendants.

It is therefore important to maintain a stable economic base by encouraging the upgrading of existing visitor facilities; pursuing diversified economic opportunities; insuring responsible and sustainable growth to provide a range of job opportunities ...

The West Maui Community Plan sets forth goals which are statements identifying preferred future conditions. Goals associated and are consistent with the proposed land use amendments are:

#### Land Use

An attractive, well-planned community with a mixture of compatible land uses in appropriate areas to accommodate the future needs of residents and visitors in a manner that

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provides for the stable social and economic well-being of residents and the preservation and enhancement of the region's open space areas and natural environmental resources.

### **Economic Activity**

A diversified economy that provides a range of stable employment opportunities for residents, allows for desired commercial services for the community, and supports the existing visitor and agricultural industries, all in a manner that will enhance both the community's quality of life and the environment.

The West Maui Community Plan sets forth objectives and policies that specify steps and measures to be taken to achieve the goals. The following objectives and policies are noted:

Promote a diversified economic base which offers long term employment to West Maui residents, and maintains overall stability in economic activity in the areas of:

Visitor accommodations.

Visitor-related service/commercial services.

The change to "Hotel" designation will increase the inventory of <u>developed</u> hotel lands in the community plan region. The Maui Park is an existing hotel offering transient vacation rentals. The actual use of the property will not change as a result of the community plan amendment.

#### D. ZONING

The subject property is located in the "A-2 Apartment" District. The subject change in zoning application involves a change to "H-M Hotel" District.

### E. COUNTY OF MAUI SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

The subject property is located within the County of Maui's Special Management Area. Pursuant to Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the Rules and Regulations of the Maui Planning Commission, projects located within the SMA are evaluated with respect to SMA objectives and policies. When initially developed in 1987, a SMA Use Permit was issued for the project. The project was developed in accordance with the conditions set forth by the SMA permit. There are no new improvements proposed for time share conversion. At this juncture, no additional SMA requirements will be triggered.

# Chapter V

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Summary of Adverse Environmental Effects Which Cannot Be Avoided

## V. SUMMARY OF ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED

The proposed conversion to time share operations will not create any significant, long-term adverse environmental effects. The property is fully developed and there will be no new construction activity or improvements associated with the proposed conversion to time share operations.

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## VI. ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

### A. ALTERNATIVE A

Alternative A represents the proposed action. This alternative provides the owner, DIA Pacific Development Corporation, the flexibility to convert all or a portion of its existing 288 transient (short-term and extended-stay) units to time share units at the Maui Park. The proposed conversion to time share operations will enhance the economic viability of the Maui Park.

### B. ALTERNATIVE B

Alternative B is the no action alternative. The flexibility to convert a portion or all of the Maui Park's units to time share operations is considered essential to the long-term economic viability of the project. From management and operations standpoints, the no action alternative does not provide an alternative which will permit the needed flexibility to successfully respond to changes in the visitor industry.

# Chapter VII

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Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources

## VII. IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES

The proposed conversion to time share operations will not involve a commitment of fuel, labor, funding and material resources. There are no irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources associated with the proposed action.

# Chapter VIII

Findings and Conclusions

### VIII. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The "Significance Criteria", Section 12 of Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 200, "Environmental Impact Statement Rules", were reviewed and analyzed to determine whether the proposed project will have significant impacts to the environment. The following analysis is provided:

## 1. No Irrevocable Commitment to Loss of Destruction of any Natural or Cultural Resources Would Occur as a Result of the Proposed Project

The proposed action will not result in any adverse environmental impacts. There are no known, rare, endangered or threatened species of flora, fauna or avifauna located on the subject property.

The Maui Park is fully developed and the proposed action would provide the owners the flexibility of converting all or a portion of the 288 shortterm and extended-stay transient vacation rental units to time share operations.

## 2. <u>The Proposed Action Would Not Curtail the Range of Beneficial Uses of the Environment</u>

The proposed action will not involve the commitment of additional land resources since the Maui Park property is already fully developed. The proposed action will not have an effect on the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

## 3. The Proposed Action Does Not Conflict With the State's Long-Term Environmental Policies or Goals and Guidelines as Expressed in Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes

The State Environmental Policy and Guidelines are set forth in Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The proposed action is in consonance with the following policies and guidelines:

### Environmental Policy:

Enhance the quality of life by:

(B) Creating opportunities for the residents of Hawaii to improve their quality of life through diverse economic activities which are stable and in balance with the physical and social environment.

### **Guidelines:**

**Economic Development** 

- (A) Encourage industries in Hawaii which would be in harmony with our environment.
- 4. <u>The Economic or Social Welfare of the Community or State Would Not Be Substantially Affected</u>

The proposed action will have no effect upon social welfare parameters.

5. The Proposed Action Does Not Affect Public Health

No impacts to the public's health and welfare are anticipated as a result of the proposed action.

6. No Substantial Secondary Impacts, Such as Population Changes or Effects on Public Facilities, are Anticipated

The proposed action will not affect the island's population base or place new demands on the island's public services.

7. No Substantial Degradation of Environmental Quality is Anticipated

No substantial degradation of environmental quality resulting from the proposed action is anticipated.

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## 8. <u>The Proposed Action Does Not Involve a Commitment to Larger Actions, Nor Would Cumulative Impacts Result in Considerable Effects on the Environment</u>

The proposed action does not involve any construction and improvements, will not involve a commitment to larger actions and will not create any significant long-term adverse environmental effects.

## 9. No Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species or Their Habitats Would be Adversely Affected by the Proposed Action

There are no known significant habitats or rare, endangered or threatened species of flora or fauna at the project site.

## 10. <u>Air Quality, Water Quality or Ambient Noise Levels Would Not Be</u> <u>Detrimentally Affected by the Proposed Action</u>

The proposed action does not involve any construction and improvements, and will not impact air quality, water quality or ambient noise parameters.

# 11. The Proposed Action Would Not Affect Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Such as Flood Plains, Tsunami Zones, Erosion-prone Areas, Geologically Hazardous Lands, Estuaries, Fresh Waters, or Coastal Waters

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The proposed action does not involve any construction and improvements. The continued operation of the project for short-term transient accommodations will not affect any environmentally sensitive areas.

## 12. The Proposed Action Would Not Substantially Affect Scenic Vistas and Viewplanes Identified in County or State Plans or Studies

The proposed action does not involve any construction and improvements and will not affect scenic vistas and viewplanes.

## 13. <u>The Proposed Action Would Not Require Substantial Energy</u> <u>Consumption</u>

The proposed action will not require additional energy consumption.

Based on the foregoing findings, it is concluded that the proposed action will not result in any significant environmental impacts.

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# Chapter IX

Agencies Contacted in the Preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment

## IX. AGENCIES CONTACTED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- Rick Egged, Director
   State of Hawaii
   Office of Planning
   Department of Business, Economic,
   Development and Tourism
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   Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
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  District Environmental Health
  Program Chief
  State of Hawaii
  Department of Health
  54 High Street
  Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- 3. Don Hibbard
  State of Hawaii
  Department of Land and Natural
  Resources
  State Historic Preservation Division
  33 South King Street, 6th Floor
  Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- 4. Robert Siarot, Maui District Engineer State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Highways Division 650 Palapala Drive Kahului, Hawaii 96732
- 5. Ronald Davis, Chief
  County of Maui
  Department of Fire Control
  200 Dairy Road
  Kahului, Hawaii 96732
- 6. Stephanie Aveiro, Director
  County of Maui
  Department of Housing and
  Human Concerns
  200 S. High Street
  Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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- Henry Oliva, Director
   County of Maui
   Department of Parks and Recreation
   200 South High Street
   Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- 8. David W. Blane, Director County of Maui Department of Planning 250 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- 9. Howard Tagomori, Chief County of Maui Police Department 55 Mahalani Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- 10. Charles Jencks, Director
  County of Maul
  Department of Public Works
  and Waste Management
  200 South High Street
  Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- David Craddick, Director
   County of Maul
   Department of Water Supply
   South High Street
   Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- Robbie Ann A.K. Guard, Coordinator County of Maui
   Office of Economic Development 200 South High Street
   Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- 13. West Maui Taxpayers AssociationP.O. Box 10358Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

# Chapter X

Early Consultation Comments

### X. EARLY CONSULTATION COMMENTS

This section includes correspondence received in response to the applicant's request for early consultation input. Early consultation comments from the following agencies were received prior to the filing of the Draft EA:

- 1. County of Maui, Department of Fire Control, September 10, 1997;
- 2. State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Highways Division, September 10, 1997;
- 3. State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Maui District Health Office, September 11, 1997;
- 4. State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division, September 12, 1997;
- 5. County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation, September 17, 1997;
- 6. County of Maui, Department of Police, September 18, 1997;
- 7. County of Maui, Department of Housing and Human Concerns, October 6, 1997;
- 8. County of Maui, Department of Planning, October 9, 1997; and
- 9. County of Maui, Department of Water Supply, December 8, 1997.

In addition, a verbal response indicating "no comments" was received from the State of Hawaii, Office of Planning, on September 23, 1997.

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## COUNTY OF MAUI

200 DAIRY ROAD KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII 96732 (808) 243-7561

September 10, 1997

Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Project Manager Munekiyo & Arakawa Inc. 305 High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: Maui Park

Dear Ms Hiraga,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Maui Park project.

The Department of Fire Control has two major requirements that must be considered. The first concerns fire department apparatus access. All fire department apparatus access roadways shall be provide in accordance with the requirements of Section 10.207(a) through (I) of the Uniform Fire Code, 1988 Edition as amended.

The second concern is the adequacy of water supplies for firefighting. These supplies shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Water Supply.

Maui Park Page 2 September 1, 1997

If you have any questions, direct them in writing to the Fire Prevention Bureau, 21 Kinipopo Street, Wailuku, HI 96793.

Sincerely,

Hernard 2 Jienes ( LEONARD F NIEMCZYK

Captain, FPB

xc: Central Maui Inspector



## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAYS DIVISION

MAUI DISTRICT 650 PALAPALA DRIVE KAHULUI, HAWAII 96732 KAZU HAYASHIDA DIRECTOR

DEPUTY DIRECTORS

GLENN M OKIMOTO Brian K. Minaai

IN REPLY REFER TO.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

September 10, 1997

TO:

Ms. Gwen Ohashi Hiraga

Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.

FROM:

Ferdinand Cajigal

State Highways

SUBJECT: Maui Park

The proposed conversion will not adversely impact our facilities provided the trip generation characteristics will remain the same. Please have the developer's consultant provide existing and proposed ITE Codes and trip rates.

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#### STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### MAUI DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE

54 HIGH STREET WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

September 11, 1997

Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Project Manager Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. 305 High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Ohashi:

Subject: Maui Park, Conversion to Time Share, TMK: (2)

4-4-01:34, Lahaina

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project. We have no objections to the owners proposal to convert Maui Park to a Time Share operation.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 984-8230.

Sincerely,

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HERBERT S. MATSUBAYASHI

District Environmental Health Program Chief



#### STATE OF HAWAII

#### DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION 33 SOUTH KING STREET, 6TH FLOOR HONOLULU, HAWAII 95813

September 12, 1997

MICHAEL B. WILSON, CHAIRFERSON BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Ms. Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Project Manager

Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.

305 High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Hiraga:

SUBJECT:

Maui Park Time Share

TMK 4-4-01:34, Lahaina, Maui

Thank you for the letter dated September 5, 1997, regarding the conversion of Maui Park to time share operations. Since there will be no physical changes to the structure or the grounds, there are no known sites which will be affected by this action and it should have 'no effect' on any known historic resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Ogata at 587-0004.

Aloha,

DON HIBBARD, Administrator State Historic Preservation Division

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### DEPARTMENT JF PARKS AND RECREATION **COUNTY OF MAUI**

Mayor

**HENRY OLIVA** Director

**ALLEN SHISHIDO Deputy Director** 

(808) 243-7230 FAX (808) 243-7934

1580-C KAAHUMANU AVENUE WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

September 17, 1997

Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Project Manger Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. 305 High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Subject: Maui Park

Dear Ms. Ohashi Hiraga:

We have reviewed the proposed Community Plan change for the above referenced project and have no comments or objections to the proposed action.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this. Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Patrick Matsui, Chief of Parks Planning and Development, at 243-7387 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Director

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**COUNTY OF MAUI** 

55 MAHALANI STREET WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793 (808) 244-6400 FAX (808) 244-6411

HOWARD H. TAGOMORI — CHIEF OF POLICE

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

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OUR REFERENCE

LINDA CROCKETT LINGLE

MAYOR

September 18, 1997

Ms. Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Project Manager Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. 305 High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Hawaii. 96793

Dear Ms. Hiraga:

SUBJECT: Maui Park

We have received your letter of September 5, 1997 and have reviewed the summary for the above subject.

We have no comment or recommendation to your proposal to convert its transient vacation rental operations to Time Share operations. Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on the project summary.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Chief Charles Hall for: HOWARD H. TAGOMORI

Chief of Police



200 SOUTH HIGH STREET • WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793 • PHONE (808) 243-7805 • FAX (808) 243-7829

October 6, 1997

Ms. Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Project Manager Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. 305 High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Ohashi Hiraga:

Subject: Maui Park

We have reviewed your September 5, 1997 letter and enclosures regarding the subject project, and would like to offer the following comments:

- 1. An agreement for the subject project was executed between JDH & Associates, Hotel Corporation of the Pacific, Inc. dba Aston Hotels & Resorts, and the County of Maui on August 7, 1989.
- 2. An agreement to release DIA Pacific Development Corporation (purchaser of the subject project from JDH & Associates) from the terms and conditions contained in the August 7, 1989 Agreement was executed between the State of Hawaii (by its Board of Land and Natural Resources), County of Maui and DIA Pacific Development Corporation in May, 1996.
- 3. A legal opinion from the County's Corporation Counsel may be needed to determine if Section 2.94.040 C. of the Maui County Code is applicable to the subject project.

Please call Wayde Oshiro of our Housing Division at 243-7351 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

STEPHANIE AVEIRO

Director of Housing and Human Concerns

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xc: Director of Planning

Director of Public Works and Waste Management

Housing Administrator



DAVID W BLANE Director

LISA M. NUYEN Deputy Director

## COUNTY OF MAUI DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

250 S. HIGH STREET WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

October 9, 1997

Mr. Michael Munekiyo, AICP Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. 305 High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Munekiyo:

RE: Maui Park, TMK: 4-4-001:034, Honokowai, Lahaina, Island of Maui, Hawaii (SM1 860009)

The Maui Planning Department (Department) has reviewed your request for consultation in anticipation of preparing an Environmental Assessment for the above-referenced project. The Department has the following comments to offer:

1. The Maui Park was originally developed as an apartment project in the A-2 Apartment District. At one time, the Apartment District allowed "motel" as a permitted use which allowed the conversion of the apartment units for transient vacation rentals. In 1989, by Ordinance No. 1797, "motel" use was deleted from the Apartment District. The Maui Park, at that time, became an existing nonconforming use within the Apartment District.

The existing nonconforming uses are allowed to remain, provided there are no changes in the use to another nonconforming use. It is hoped that eventually the uses will cease to exist, and at some point in time, permitted uses would be established on the site. Your application should provide justification for the establishment of the nonconforming use, as a permitted use, in the context of the long-term goals and objectives of the Community Plan District.

2. The West Maui Community Plan was adopted Ordinance No. 2476 on February 26, 1996. The Plan considered the long-term needs for hotel uses in the Community Plan District for the next 20 years. A request for a Community Plan Amendment for hotel use should address the need for additional hotel lands, and the circumstances that have changed since the adoption of the Plan, to justify the request. The request should also address the local and regional impacts the amendment will have.

Of particular concern is that the surrounding area is community planned for multi-family uses. If the use is approved, the site will be the only hotel-designated parcel in the area. The other apartment projects in the area, such as the Papakea Resort, are in a similar situation as the Maui Park in which their transient vacation rentals are also nonconforming. What criteria sets the Maui Park project apart from these other apartment projects that would justify a Community Plan Amendment to hotel?

- 3. The proposal to hotel use is to enable the property owner to offer time-share units. What socio-economic impacts will the time-share units have, not only from the time-share operation, but the potential for accessory-business uses on the property?
- 4. As an existing project, what impacts will the nonconformity of the development have on the hotel-zoning standards? What impacts will the new standards have on the surrounding areas, such as height limitations?
- 5. The project is located within the special management area of the County of Maui. It did obtain a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit to construct the apartment project and is still subject to the terms and conditions of said permit.
- 6. The project has a "Housing Agreement" with the County of Maui and to the Department's knowledge, is still subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement. The Draft EA should address the impacts the project will have on this Agreement.

Mr. Michael Munekiyo, AICP October 9, 1997 Page 3

Enclosed for your information are comments from the Department of Public Works and Waste Management regarding the subject project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If additional clarification is required, please contact Ms. Colleen Suyama, Staff Planner, of this office at 243-7735.

Very truly yours,

M. N. N. DAVID W. BLANE
Director of Planning

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#### **Enclosures**

c: Lisa M. Nuyen, Deputy Director of Planning
Clayton Yoshida, AICP, Planning Program Administrator
Colleen Suyama, Staff Planner
Project File
General File
(S:\CMS\MauiPark)

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> CHARLES JENCKS Diractor

DAVID C. GOODE Deputy Director

AARON SHINMOTO, P.E. Chief Staff Engineer



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RALPH NAGAMINE, L.S., P.E. Land Use and Codes Administration

EASSIE MILLER, P.E. Wastewater Reclamation Division

LLOYD P.C.W. LEE, P.E. Engineering Division

BRIAN HASHIRO, P.E. Highways Division

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### COUNTY OF MAUI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

200 SOUTH HIGH STREET WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

September 24, 1997

MEMO TO

BLANE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

FROM:

AAFZES JENCKS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT:

CONSULTATION

THE MAUI PARK, TMK (2) 4-4-001:034

We reviewed the subject submittal and have the following comments.

- 1. Traffic assessment and drainage assessment reports will be required.
- The special management area permit was issued for an apartment project (fka 2. Holo Honokowai) consisting of 216 1-bedroom units and 72 studio units for a total of 288 units. The current project is described as consisting of 289 units. The owner shall provide documentation of governmental approvals for the one
- 3. The project was approved as a long term residential apartment as permitted within the A-2 Apartment District. The Zoning Administration Enforcement Division of the Planning Department, shall determine if the current transient vacation rental operation is a permitted use.
- 4. The subject property was granted preliminary subdivision approval on October 1, 1987 for the creation and dedication of road widening lots along Lower Honoapiilani Road due to building permit requirements. However as the final plats were never submitted, final approval was never
- 5. The property owners shall be required to complete the subject subdivision for creation and dedication of the road widening lots and to comply with the provisions of the subdivision ordinance.

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**Engineering Division** Solid Waste Division

Wastewater Reclamation Division

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### BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY COUNTY OF MAUI

P.O. BOX 1109

WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793-7109 Telephone (808) 243-7816 • Fax (808) 243-7833

December 8, 1997 Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. 305 South High Street, Suite 104 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Re: Maui Park (TMK 4-4-01:034)

Dear Ms. Hiraga,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in preparation of the environmental assessment (EA). The current property is serviced by a private fire protection system. We understand that there are no physical property improvements planned in conjunction with the conversion to time share operations. Therefore, we suggest that the EA provide information on any anticipated changes in water use, demand, fixtures or infrastructure and on conservation measures in effect or planned in conjunction with this project.

Please be aware that State standards for estimating water use at hotels are substantially higher than for multifamily areas (17,000 vs 5,000 gal/day) and that the proposed zoning would allow for more intense water use on the property. However, since no physical alteration is intended, actual changes in demand will vary with changes in intensity of use. If plans change such that improvements are intended, these improvements and associated demand calculations should be presented.

We recommend that water demand be mitigated with conservation measures wherever possible and provide some suggestions for your use.

Eliminate Single-Pass Cooling: Single-pass, water-cooled systems should be eliminated per Maui County Code Subsection 14.21.20. These units pass water once-through for cooling, and then dispose of the water into the drain. Although prohibited by code, single-pass water cooling is still manufactured into some models of air conditioners, freezers, and commercial refrigerators.

Utilize Low-Flow Fixtures and Devices: Maui County Code Subsection 16.20.675 requires the use of low flow water fixtures and devices in faucets, showerheads, urinals, water closets and hose bibs. Water conserving washing machines and ice-makers are also available, and can help cut back on water bills. Maintain Fixtures to Prevent Leaks: A simple, regular program of repair and maintenance can prevent the loss of hundreds or even thousands of gallons a day. Refer to the attached handout, "The Costly Drip". The Los Climater of the Albert Costly Drip".

Use Climate-adapted Plants: The project site is located in "Maui County Planting Plan" - Plant Zone 4. Please refer to the "Maui County Planting Plan", and to the attached documents, "XERISCAPE: Water Conservation Through Creative Landscaping" and "Some of Maui's Native and Polynesian Plants." We

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encourage the applicants to review the attached documents, refer to the Planting Plan, and consider using climate-adapted and salt-tolerant native plants. Native plants adapted to the area, conserve water and further protect the watershed from degradation due to invasive alien species. Prevent Over-Watering By Automated Systems: Provide rain-sensors on all automated irrigation controllers. Check and reset controllers at least once a month to reflect the monthly changes in evapotranspiration rates at the site. As an alternative, provide the more automated, soil-moisture sensors on controllers.

Should you have any other questions or need additional information, please call our Water Resources and Planning Division at (808) 243-7199.

Sincerely,

Director

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attachments:

1) The Costly Drip"

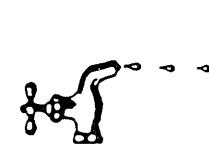
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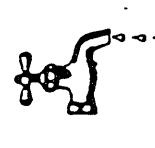
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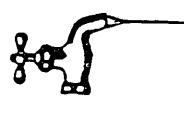
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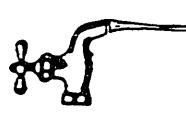
5) A Checklist for Water Conservation Ideas for Cooling" 6) A Checklist for Water Conservation Ideas for Commercial Buildings

# "THE COSTLY DRIP"









Slowly Dripping Spigot Wastes

15 Gallons a day.

1/8" Stream Wastes 1/32" Leak Wastes 1/16" Stream Wastes 100 Gallons a Day. 25 Gallons a day.

400 Gallons a day.

### Hawaiian Alien Plant Studies

Clifford Smith, UH Botany Department

<u>Plant Pests of Hawaiian Native Ecosystems</u> - These alien plant species are among the greatest threats to native Hawaiian biota.

(Reference: http://www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/cw\_smith/aliens.htm)

Acacia confusa; Formosan koa; Mimosaceae

Acacia farnesiana; klu, popinac; Mimosaceae

Acacia mearnsii; black wattle; Mimosaceae

Acacia melanoxylon; Australian blackwood; Mimosaceae

Ailanthus altissima; tree of heaven; Simaroubaceae

Andropogon virginicus; broomsedge, yellow bluestem; Poaceae

Angiopteris evecta; mules foot, Madagascar tree fern; Marattiaceae

Anthoxanthum odoratum; sweet vernalgrass; Poaceae

Ardisia elliptica; shoebutton ardisia; Myrsinaceae

Asystasia gangetica; Chinese violet; Acanthaceae

Axonopus fissifolius; narrow-leaved carpetgrass; Poaceae

Bidens pilosa; beggar's tick, Spanish needle; Asteraceae

Bocconia frutescens; bocconia; Papaveraceae

Brachiaria mutica; California grass; Poaceae

Bruguiera gymnorrhiza; oriental mangrove; Rhizophoraceae

Buddleja madagascariensis; butterfly bush, smoke bush; Buddlejaceae

Caesalpinia decapetala; cats claw, Mysore thorn, wait-a-bit; Caesalpiniaceae

Castilloa elastica; Panama rubber tree, Mexican rubber tree; Moraceae

Casuarina equisetifolia; common ironwood; Casuarinaceae

Casuarina glauca; swamp oak, saltmarsh or longleaf ironwood; Casuarinaceae

Cecropia obtusifolia; trumpet tree, guarumo; Cecropiaceae

Cenchrus ciliaris; buffelgrass; Poaceae

Chrysophyllum oliviforme; satin leaf, caimitillo; Sapotaceae

Cinchona pubescens; quinine tree; Rubiaceae

Cinnamomum burmanii; padang cassia; Lauraceae

Citharexylum caudatum; juniper berry; Verbenaceae

Citharexylum spinosum; fiddlewood; Verbenaceae

Clerodendrum laponicum; glorybower; Verbenaceae

Clidemia hirta; Koster's curse; Melastomataceae

Coccinea grandis; ivy gourd, scarlet-fruited gourd; Cucurbitaceae

Cordia glabra; broad-leaved cordia; Boraginaceae

Corynocarpus laevigatus; New Zealand laurel, karakaranut; Corynocarpaceae

Cyathea cooperi; Australian tree fern; Cyatheaceae

Ehrharta stipoides; meadow ricegrass; Poaceae

Elaeagnus umbellata; oleaster; Elaeagnaceae

Eriobotrya japonica; loquat; Rosaceae

Eucalyptus globulus; blue gum; Myrtaceae

Ficus microcarpa; Chinese banyon, Maylayan banyon; Moraceae Flindersia brayleyana; silkwood, Queensland maple; Rutaceae Fraxinus uhdei; Mexican ash, tropical ash; Oleaceae Furcraea foetida; Mauritius hemp; Agavaceae Grevillea banksii; kahili flower; Proteaceae Grevillea robusta; silky oak, silver oak; Proteaceae Haematoxylon campechianum; logwood, bloodwood tree; Caesalpiniaceae Hedychium coronarium; white ginger; Zingiberaceae Hedychium flavescens; yellow ginger, awapuhi melemele; Zingiberaceae Hedychium gardnerianum; kahili ginger; Zingiberaceae Heliocarpus popayanensis; white moho; Tiliaceae Heterocentron subtriplinervium; pearl flower; Melastomataceae Holcus lanatus; common velvet grass, Yorkshire fog; Poaceae Hunnemannia fumariifolia; Mexican tulip poppy; Papaveraceae Hypochoeris radicata; hairy cat's ear, gosmore; Asteraceae Jasminum fluminense; ; Oleaceae Lantana camara; lantana; Verbenaceae Leptospermum ericoides; tree manuba; Myrtaceae Leptospermum scoparium; New Zealand tea; Myrtaceae Leucaena leucocephala; koa haole; Mimosaceae Lonicera japonica; Japanese honeysuckle; Caprifoliaceae Lophostemon confertus; brush box, Brisbane box, Vinegar tree; Myrtaceae Melaleuca quinquenervia; paper bark, cajeput; Myrtaceae Melastoma candidum; Indian rhododendron; Melastomataceae Melia azedarach; Chinaberry, pride-of-India; Meliaceae Melinis minutiflora; molasses grass; Poaceae Melochia umbellata; melochia; Sterculiaceae Merremia tuberosa; wood rose; Convolvulaceae Miconia calvescens; miconia; Melastomataceae Mimosa invisa; ; Mimosaceae Montanoa hibiscifolia; tree daisy, montanoa; Asteraceae Myrica faya; firetree, fayatree; Myricaceae Olea europaea ssp. africana; olive; Oleaceae Oxyspora paniculata; oxyspora; Melastomataceae Panicum maximum; Guinea grass; Poaceae Paraserianthes falcataria; Moluccca albizia; Mimosaceae Paspalum conjugatum; Hilo grass; Poaceae Passiflora edulis; passion fruit, liliko'i, purple granadilla; Passifloraceae Passiflora laurifolia; yellow granadilla; Passifloraceae Passiflora ligularis; sweet granadilla; Passifloraceae Passiflora mollissima; banana poka; Passifloraceae Passiflora suberosa; huehue haole; Passifloraceae Pennisetum clandestinum; kikuyu grass; Poaceae Pennisetum setaceum; fountain grass; Poaceae

Phormium tenax; New Zealand flax, New Zealand hemp; Agavaceae

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Pinus caribaea; slash pine; Pinaceae

Pinus patula; Mexican weeping pine; Pinaceae

Pinus pinaster; cluster pine; Pinaceae

Pithecellobium dulce; opiuma; Mimosaceae

Pluchia indica; Indian fleabane; Asteraceae

Pluchia symphytifolia; sourbush; Asteraceae

Prosopis pallida; mesquite, kiawe, algaroba; Mimosaceae

Psidium cattleianum; strawberry guava; Myrtaceae

Psidium guajava; guava; Myrtaceae

Pyracantha angustifolia; firethorn; Rosaceae

Rhizophora mangle; red mangrove, american mangrove; Rhizophoraceae

Rhodomyrtus tomentosa; rose myrtle, downy myrtle; Myrtaceae

Ricinus communis; castor bean; Euphorbiaceae

Rubus argutus; prickly Florida blackberry; Rosaceae

Rubus ellipticus; yellow Himalyan raspberry; Rosaceae

Rubus glaucus; raspberry; Rosaceae

Rubus niveus; hill or Mysore raspberry; Rosaceae

Rubus sieboldii; ; Rosaceae

Sacciolepis indica; Glenwood grass; Poaceae

Samanea saman: monkeypod, rain tree, 'ohai; Mimosaceae

Schefflera actinophylla; umbrella tree, octopus tree; Araliaceae

Schinus terebinthifolius; Christmasberry; Anacardiaceae

Schizachyrium condensatum; bush beardgrass, little bluestem; Poaceae

Senecio mikanioides; German ivy, Italian ivy; Asteraceae

Setaria palmifolia; palmgrass; Poaceae

Spathodea campanulata; African tulip tree; Bignoniaceae

Swietenia mahagoni; mahogany; Meliaceae

Syzygium cumini; Java plum, jambolan plum; Myrtaceae

Syzygium jambos; rose apple; Myrtaceae

Tagetes minuta; stinkweed, marigold; Asteraceae

Terminalia catappa; tropical almond, false kamani, kamani-haole; Combretaceae

Terminalia myriocarpa; jhalna; Combretaceae

Thunbergia alata; black-eyed susan vine; Acanthaceae

Thunbergia grandiflora; Bengal trumpet, blue trumpet vine; Acanthaceae

Thunbergia laurifolia; purple allamanda, laurel-leaved thunbergia; Acanthaceae

Tibouchina herbacea; glorybush, cane ti; Melastomataceae

Tibouchina urvilleana; lasiandra; Melastomataceae

Toona ciliata; Australian red cedar; Meliaceae

Trema orientalis; charcoal tree, gunpowder tree; Ulmaceae

Ulex europaeus; gorse, furze, whin; Fabaceae

Urena lobata; aramina; Malvaceae

Verbascum thapsus; mullein; Scrophulariaceae

Wedelia trilobata; wedelia; Asteraceae

Wisteria sinensis; Chinese wisteria; Fabaceae

ORDINANCE NO. 2108

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_6 (1992)

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A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.20 OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE PLUMBING CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Title 16 of the Maui County Code is amended by adding a new section to Chapter 10 of the Uniform Plumbing Code to be designated and to read as follows:

"16.20.675 Section 1050 added. Chapter 10 of the Uniform Plumbing Code is amended by adding a new section, pertaining to low-flow water fixtures and devices, to be designated and to read as follows:

Sec. 1050 Low-flow water fixtures and devices. (a) This section establishes maximum rates of water flow or discharge for plumbing fixtures and devices in order to promote water conservation.

conservation.

(b) For the plumbing fixtures and devices covered in this section, manufacturers or their local distributors shall provide proof of compliance with the performance requirements established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and such other proof as may be required by the director of public works. There shall be no charge for this registration process.

(C) Effective December 31, 1992, only plumbing fixtures and devices specified in this section shall be offered for sale or installed in the County of Maui, unless otherwise indicated in this section. All plumbing fixtures and devices which were installed before December 31, 1992, shall be allowed to be used, repaired or raplaced after December 31, 1992.

(1) Faucets (kitchen): All kitchen and bar sink faucets shall be designed, manufactured, installed or equipped with a flow control device or aerator which will prevent a water flow rate in excess of two and two-tenths gallons per minute at sixty pounds per square inch of water pressure.

(2) Faucets (lavatory): All lavatory faucets shall be designed, manufactured, installed or equipped with a flow control device or aerator which will prevent a water flow rate in excess of two and two tenths gallons per minute at sixty pounds per square inch of water

pressure.

(3) Faucets (public rest rooms): In addition to the lavatory requirements set forth in paragraph (2), lavatory faucets located in rest rooms intended for use by the general public shall be of the metering or self-closing types.

closing types.

(4) Hose bibbs: Water supply faucets or valves shall be provided with approved flow control devices which limit flow to a maximum three gallons per minute.

EXCEPTIONS: (A) Hose bibbs or valves not used for fixtures or equipment designated by the director of public works.

(B) Hose bibbs, faucets, or valves serving fixed demand, timing, or water level control appliances, and equipment or holding structures such as water closets, pools, automatic washers, and other similar equipment.

(5) Showerheads: Showerheads, except where provided for safety or emergency reasons, shall be designed, manufactured, or installed with a flow limitation device which will prevent a water flow rate in excess of two and one-half gallons per minute at eighty pounds per square inch of water pressure. The flow limitation device must be a permanent and integral part of the showerhead and must not be removable to allow flow rates in excess of two and one-half gallons per minute or must be mechanically retained requiring force in excess of eight pounds to remove.

force in excess of eight pounds to remove.

(6) Urinals: Urinals shall be designed, manufactured, or installed so that the maximum flush will not exceed one gallon of water. Adjustable type flushometer valves may be used provided they are adjusted so the maximum flush will not exceed one and six tenths gallons of water.

(7) Water closets (toilets): Water closets shall be designed, manufactured, or installed so that the maximum flush will not exceed one and six tenths gallons of water.

(d) Beginning December 31, 1992, it is unlawful to sell or install any plumbing fixtures or devices not specified in this section, except as permitted under this section.

(e) The director of public works may exempt the use of low-flow water fixtures and devices if there is a finding that the use of such fixtures and devices would not be consistent with accepted engineering practices and would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare.

(f) Any person violating this section shall be fined \$250 for each violation and shall correct all instances of non-compliance for which a citation is issued. Violation of this section shall constitute a violation as defined in section 701-107 Hawaii Revised Statutes and shall be enforceable by employees of the department of public works. The foregoing fine may also be imposed in a civil, administrative proceeding pursuant to Rules and Regulations adopted by the department of public works in accordance with chapter 91 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the underscoring.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

HOWARD M. FUKUSHIMA

Deputy Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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10 179 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy 2108 , the original of which is on file in of Ordinance No. the Office of the County Clerk, County of Mani, State of Hawaii,

Dated at Wailuku, Hawaii, on

County Clerk, County of Maui

## XERISCAPE Water Conservation Through Creative Landscaping

Xeriscape Defined
Seven Water Conservation Fundamentals
Planning and Design
Soil Improvement
Efficient, Zoned Irrigation
Limited Turf Area
Use of Mulches
Use Of Low Water-Demand Plants
Appropriate Maintenance
Community Water Management

### KERIEDAPE

The Department of Water Supply is faced with increasingly more difficult demands regarding water-its supply, quality, distribution, purification, management, and associated costs. Fotable water is becoming scarce and the costs of building delivery systems and water treatment plants prohibitive. Consequently, there is a need to conserve water, not only during droughts, but to reduce demands of peak loading on systems in an attempt to delay construction of larger, expensive facilities. Saving water saves energy while conserving other valuable resources.

Water conservation takes on two broad aspects. First, efficient manipulation of physical factors in the landscape - delivery and irrigation systems, soils, percent hardscape used in a design, plants, microclimates, mulch, etc. Secondly, the people factors, which are often more important.

The incorrect perception that water is "ineap" or "inexpensive" has led to the ideas that the water supply is not finite and that it flows towards money. This in turn has fostered a national consciousness that high water use landscapes are normal, desirable and acceptable. Little has been sone to change this mind set, particularly as it relates to water conservation in the landscape.

With the increased, continuous demand for high quality water exceeding supply of both surface and below ground sources, a new, philosophy for conservation must be engendered: billing must reflect the real costs of water and people must learn and practice the "whys" and "hows" of water conservation. This is why Xeriscape began.

### Xeriscape Defined

XERISCAPE (zir' i scap) is an integrated approach to landscape water conservation. Xeriscape was coined from the Greek word "mero" for dry. Thus, Xeriscape means dryscape or low water use landscaping. Xeriscapes are designed through wise planning, plant and construction materials selection, and proper installation to provide beautiful, water efficient, low maintenance landscapes.

In Hawaiian E' Malama Wai meaning "Cherish Gur Water" is used to refer to Xeriscaping.

Many have mished the term as teroscape, which would imply noscape or no landscape plantings. Others have equated eriscape landscaping with "mockscapes," many of which are not aesthetically pleasing and may not always conserve water or energy. Rockscapes are harsh, produce glans, and do little to prevent noise and air pollution, making them a poor substitute for Xeriscape landscaping.

### Seven Water Conservation Fundamentals

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The Xeriscape motto, "Water conservation through creative landscaping," provides the umbrella under which a wide variety of landscape water conservation activities may be taught and employed in a community. And although there are many landscape and horticultural techniques that conserve water, Xeriscape programming has focused on seven broad, fundamental areas.

- 1. Flanning and Design
- 2. Soil Improvement
- 3. Efficient, Zoned Irrigation
- 4. Limited Turf Areas
- 5. Use of Mulches
- 6. Use of Low Water Demand Plants
- 7. Appropriate Maintenance

### Planning and Design

Architects, planners, and homeowners are encouraged and taught to incorporate standard design elements of function, circulation, topography, exposure, seasonal color, texture, safety, etc. into existing landscapes and new designs with emphasis on conserving, limiting and/or reusing water. 40% to 50% of the water homeowners use goes for yard watering. Appropriate design and planning can provide these very necessary aspects of urban life and conserve water at the same time. Keriscapes can ameliorate the impact of a severe drought and avoid the costly clean-up resulting from a "boom and bust" water policy. Tree removal, replanting of landscapes and turfgrass fields are eliminated and real savings to Maui County.

Thayer and Richman (1984) suggest that designing water-conserving landscapes should be considered in two parts. First, the physical ecology of plants and plant communities must be integrated within the microclimates of the landscape. Logically, plants best adapted to the climate, temperatures, sun, wind, and physical nuances of the site thrive best and require the least expenditures for water, energy and maintenance. Secondly, landscape designers must accept that there is a "human scology" of water use in landscapes. That is, the intensity of human

activity dictates landscape water use. This includes ill uses, whether functional or aesthetic. Theyer and filtimas: clined the term "hydrozone" to describe the type and intensity of human activity in the landscape and identified four classes of hydrozones. These will be discussed under the heading "Efficient, Zoned Irrigation".

### Soil Improvement

Residential soils can be difficult soils to manage because they have been badly disturbed by construction and orban activities. Normal soil horizons are mixed unevenly both vertically and horizontally. Often, hardpans exist and impeds drainage, and most urban soils have been compacted by heavy equipment or traffic. Many of the physical and chemical soil properties plants require for growth are present at less than optimum levels in urban soils. Soil improvements must correct poor water infiltration, percolation, and drainage, while providing adequate water holding capacity and improving the nutritional status of the soil. Organic amendments meet most of these requirements and improve tilth, making it easier to till the soil and manage weeds. Adding 3-5 cubic yards of well composted organic matter per 1000 square feet and tilling it into the top 8-12 inches of soil is recommended.

Other amendments such as lime be added to adjust an undesirable acid soil condition. These adjustments should be made prior to planting.

### Efficient, Zoned Irrigation

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Matching the amount of water supplied to each plant with the plant's water requirement is the most efficient way to irrigate.

Until recently this was difficult to do and most landscapes were irrigated to meet the needs of the turfgrass or other plants with high water requirements. Sprinklers cover large areas without regard to the water needs of individual plants. To eliminate waste by overwatering and run-off, group plants according to their water requirements and use zoned irrigation systems to deliver water to individual plants or to plants with similar moisture requirements (Figure 10-2). Fewer plants will develop disease or die from overwatering.

Not only are irrigation comes established to meet the physical or ecological water needs of plants, but Keriscape landscaping also recognizes that human activity will impact plant water needs. Theyer and Richman (1984) describe this irrigation coming to match man's activity as hydrozone planning, and they define four irrigation regimes (Figure 10-5).

The Principal Hydrozone represents the area with the greatest human activity and consequently the greatest water and energy use: sites in yards, parks, and play fields where people frequently, play, sit, walk, gather, or relax: places where people regularly contact plants.

The Secondary Hydrozone is less physically impacted by humans, but is visually important: areas of passive activities space delineation or focal interest such as flower and shrub beds, entrances, prominent plantings, etc; areas of high visual impact, but seldom touched by humans.

Buffer cones, distant views, median strips, parkways, and embankments-these make up the third hydrocone, called the dinimal Hydrocone. In this case, plants are selected that need minimal supplemental water to survive the natural climatic conditions.

The Elemental hydrozone constitutes landscape plantings that require only natural precipitation to survive and seldom, if ever, incur human activity. Utility areas, mulched native plantings, and naturally sustainable, exotic vegetation belong to this hydrozone (Figure 10-4).

Flexible sprinkler heads and nozzles, adjustable delivery rates and coverage, modern valves, and automated controllers — these allow greater water conservation through zoned irrigation. On-off watering is easily programmed to match water infiltration rates into soils, thus avoiding surface runoff. Also, water is better applied to meet specific plant needs as impacted by seasonal human activity and changes in the weather.

Collection systems should be designed and constructed throughout the landscape to gather storm runoff from roofs, walks, drives, and slopes. By grouping high or moderate water requiring plants near swales and collection basins, much of their water needs can be met by natural moisture accumulations rather than irrigation. On the other hand, drought tolerant species may succumb to frequent accumulations of water and should be located on southern exposures or at the tops of slopes. Because they often only require supplemental irrigation during establishment or during a severe drought, a permanent irrigation system may not be needed.

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Limited Turf Area

Turfgrass plays a primary role in most landscapes. Turfgrasses make excellent ground covers. They tolerate heavy foot traffic in the backyard, at the park, or on the athletic field. And mowed or unmowed, they stabilize slopes and prevent erosion. They serve to unify designs and instill a sense of pride in home and neighborhood when well kept. Morever, turfhelps keep homes and communities cleaner by reducing particulate and chemical air pollution. Unfortunately, a lawn consumes approximately half the landscape water and requires weekly care. As well, equipment, pest control and periodic cultural practices, such as coring or dethatching contribute to the expense, both in time and money, of maintaining a lawn.

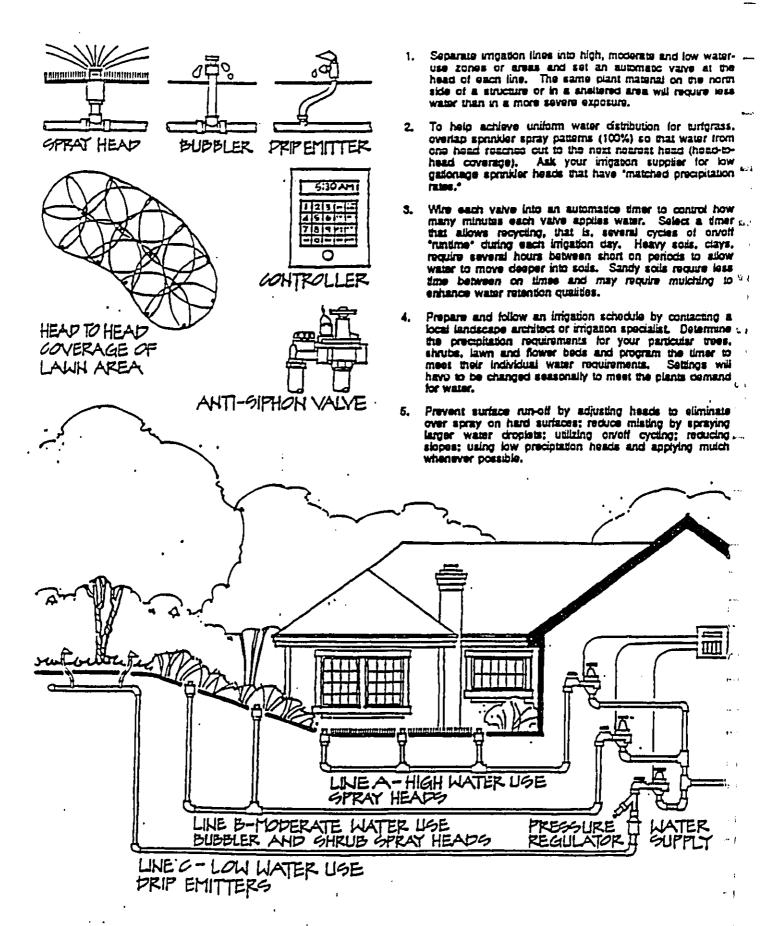


Figure 10-2. Five Steps to Efficient Imigation

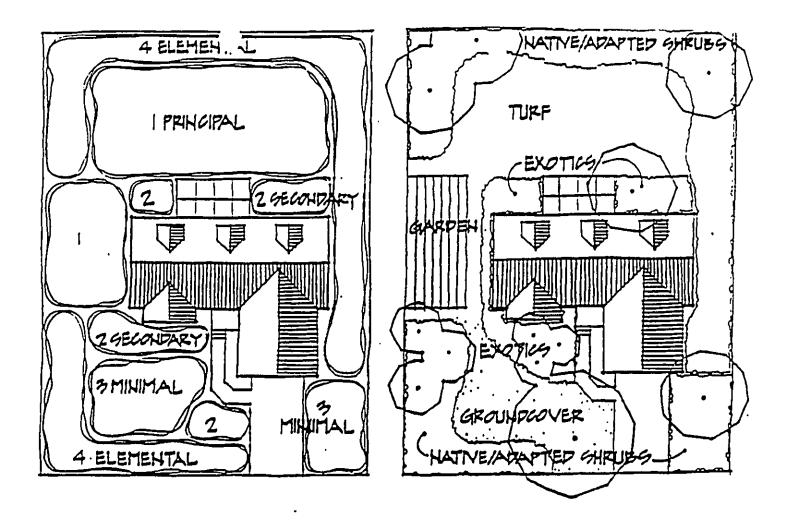


Figure 10-3. Hydrozone Concept Applied to Suburban Lot

Turf should be limited by design to high-use areas in landscapes and separated from other plantings with different water needs. After reviewing the landscape plans, classify the turf areas as either passive or active use and seed and irrigate accordingly. Plant drought-tolerant species with poor resistance to heavy traffic in less-frequented sites.

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Not only should the total turf areas be reduced in a landscape, but the perimeter measurement also must be reduced as much as possible. Long, narrow strips of turf are diffcult to properly mow, fertilize, keep pest free, and irrigate. Such strips require hand work to keep them attractive, which increases maintenance time and labor costs. Water from over-spraying turf in narrow planter islands, parkways, side yards, and around entrances not only runs off and is wasted but also contributes to the deterioration of paint, walls, walks, and asphalt in parking lots and streets. Mulches or groundcovers and shrubs on drip or underground irrigation can appropriately replace turf in many landscape sites. Drip emitters or bubblers can be used to irrigate individual plants and eliminate waste caused by overspray. Mulches need no water, and well chosen groundcovers require less water and maintenance than turf.

Likewise, the amount of turfgrass in a landscape may be reduced by increasing the hardscape. Patios, wooden decis, rocked and graveled walks limit the turf area while reducing the water requirement.

### Use of Mulches

Mulches function to buffer soils against climatic extremes. In summer, they reduce soil heating and slow evaporation water loss from soil surfaces. They also reduce weeds and make those present easier to remove. Proper use of mulches reduces or prevents soil erosion. Organic mulches also contribute to the nutritional level and tilth of the soil as they breakdown.

These practical functions are important; however, many mulches are included in the landscape for their design flexibility and attractiveness, not simply because they save water, protect roots, and reduce maintenance.

Mulches are classified as organic, inorganic, and living. Organic mulches include plant refuse, such as chips and slash from tree trimming operations, saw dust, composted leaves and manures, peat moss, and graded bark products. Sized and washed rocks and gravels are popular inorganic mulches which come in many sizes, colors, and textures. Impervious sheet plastics covered with either organic or inorganic mulches were popular, but because sheet plastic prevents gas and water exchange between air and soil and creates a water-logged root environment, woven, porous plastics are now preferred. Mulches are applied 3 to 4 inches deep over bare soil and only 2 to 3 inches deep over woven fabrics. Living mulches include low growing groundcovers and low maintenance turfgrasses. They function well as mulches, but may be heavy competitors for water and nutrients under newly planted trees and shrubs. If used, select hardy, drought-tolerant species that resist common diseases. These species provide the best results and require less maintenance.

### Use Of Low Water-Demand Plants

Many beautiful and functional plants, both exotics and natives, are available that thrive with natural precipitation or small amounts of supplemental water.

Chapter Two lists tree characteristics including their water requirements ranging from dry (less-thirsty) to wet (very-thirsty).

All types of plants with low water requirements are now available and more will become available as demand increases. The range of drought-tolerant plant species and those with low water requirements is now wide enough to permit selecting for function, ceauty, and seasonal interest. As with all tlant selections and planting, take care to match the specific reeds of the plant to the environmental conditions and the intensity of human activity at the planting site. This is critical when using drought tolerant and low water use plants in the landscape. Choosing the proper plants and planting them correctly will reduce water consumption and maintenance costs over many years.

### Appropriate Maintenance

Low maintenance is not no maintenance. The use of all crost of the Xeriscape principles will reduce but not eliminate maintenance. And generally, the greater the human activity at a site, the greater its maintenance requirements will be. Trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and turfgrasses are living organisms that require care. Timely fertilizing, watering, pruning, pest management, and other cultural practices are necessary in Xeriscape landscapes, but at reduced levels compared to conventional landscape plantings. Even mulched sites without plants must have litter removed periodically. Irrigation components for drip and sprinkler systems require routine checks and servicing. Xeriscape landscaping coupled with sound maintenance produces water and energy savings and environmentally adapted landscapes that are aesthetically pleasing.

As has been stressed, integrating these principles in landscapes will conserve water and reduce annual maintenances costs. Most importantly though, Xeriscape landscaping provides these benefits without sacrificing function or beauty. And although these seven points are stressed in Xeriscape literature and are the basis for Xeriscape programming, there is no substitute for creativity as a means of discovering and sharing new ways to conserve water without making yards and parks into zeroscapes.

Community education in Xeriscape landscaping is the key to a successful water conservation program. The principles of Xeriscape landscaping challenge the widespread but mistaken belief that water is cheap, unlimited resource which will always be available. Hopefully, the public will recognize that this is a misconception and that water conserving landscapes are necessary and should be considered "normal" within our society. At the same time, it teaches people the "whys" and "hows" of effective water conserving horticulture. To reach these objectives requires the cooperation of government leaders,

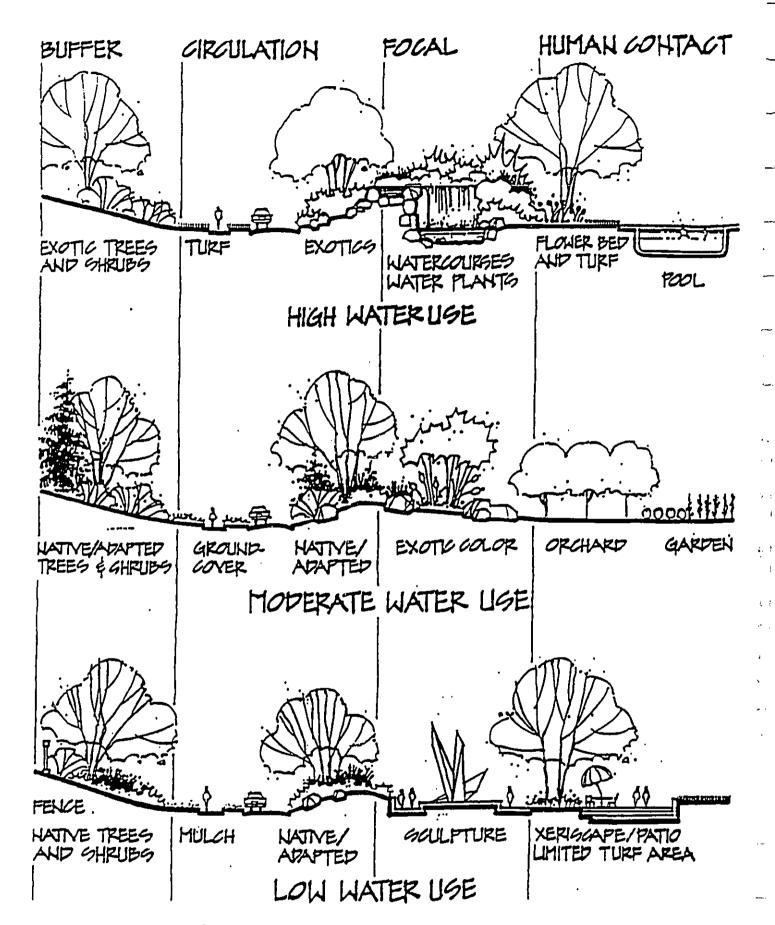


Figure 10-4. Water Use Relating to Human Use-Three Approaches

agencies. landscade professionals, norticulturists, projettor specialists, concerned citizens, and an army of volunteers enthusiastically supporting and promoting periscaps programming.

Community Water Management

Xeriscape landscaping, when followed, will conserve water, reduce maintenance costs, and establish beautiful, environmentally sound landscapes, parks, recreational facilities and greenspaces throughout a community. Conserving water evertained to construct costly new delivery systems and waste treatment plants that would otherwise be needed to meet periods of peak loading. Xeriscaping also leads to changes in attitudes about water quality, water use, and how a community's water should be managed, especially in landscape irrigation.

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### A Checklist of Water Conservation Ideas For



### **COOLING TOWERS**

### Unde

rstand	ing Your System
[]	Prepare an inventory of each cooling tower you have, its cooling capacity, and the equipment or processes that it serves.
[ ]	Meter and record the amount of make-up water added to each tower, and the amount of blow-down water discharged from each tower.
[]	If you purchase chemicals for the treatment of the recirculating cooling tower water, have the chemical vendor explain the purpose and action of each chemical.
[]	Have your chemical vendor provide a written report of each service call, and be sure that the vendor explains the meaning of each analysis performed, as well as the test results.
[ ]	Tell your chemical vendor that water conservation is a priority at your facility. Ask your vendor to tell you about alternative programs that could reduce the amount of water that is bled-off from the towers.
Conse	rvation Opportunities
[]	If you are using conventional water treatment work with your chamical and to

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### Water

- onal water treatment, work with your chemical vendor to increase your cycles of concentration, thereby decreasing the amount of water bled
- [] Establish a performance-based specification, and have vendors make proposals for your facility's cooling tower water treatment. Require that vendors commit to a predetermined minimum level of water-efficiency. Have them provide figures showing projected annual water and chemical consumption and costs.
- Consider incorporating sulfuric acid in your treatment program. This could enable [] you to reduce carbonate scale and achieve significantly higher cycles of concentration. If you use sulfuric acid, e sure to observe the appropriate safety precautions.

	[]	Ozone is another alternative to consider for cooling water treatment in appropriate situations. Ozone can help remove dissolved minerals and act as a biocide. Again observe the appropriate safety precautions.
	[]	If available, use reclaimed water as a source of cooling tower make-up water. Be sure to verify that the water is sufficiently clean for use in your system.
	[]	Re-use blow-down for lower-grade non-potable uses.
EVAPO	)RATI	VE COOLERS
	[]	Be sure your coolers have pumps to recirculate the water through them.
	[]	Check to make sure you are not bleeding off an excessive amount of water. For a typical small cooler, anything more than a few gallons per hour may be excessive.
	[]	Pipe the bleed-off from your coolers to help water a landscaped area.
ONCE-	THRO	UGH COOLING
•	cooling	of The Maui County Code prohibits discharge of drainage or filter backwash from systems into the public wastewater system, or private wastewater systems connected to blic wastewater system.
	[ ]	Eliminate all uses of water for once-through or "single-pass" cooling, unless you reuse the water elsewhere for a beneficial purpose-
ļ	[ ]	Many items of water-cooled equipment can be replaced by very similar air-cooled models.
!	[ ]	Connect to a recirculating cooling water loop (such as the plant chilled water system) instead of using once-through cooling.

This checklist provides water conservation tips successfully implemented by facilities which utilize cooling systems. This list has been revised from the original copy first published and distributed by the City of Phoenix Water Conservation and Resources Division. For more information, contact the Board of Water Supply's Water Resources Planning Division at 243-7835, or the Public Works Department's Wastewater Division at 243-7417.

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### A Checklist of Water Conservation Ideas For

# Commercial Buildings

This checklist provides water conservation tips successfully implemented by industrial and commercial users. This list has been revised from the original copy first published and distributed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

### General suggestions

Increase employee awareness of water conservation.

Install signs encouraging water conservation in employee and customer restrooms.

When cleaning with water is necessary, use budgeted amounts.

Determine the quantity and purpose of water being used.

Read water meter weekly to monitor success of water conservation efforts.

Assign an employee to monitor water use and waste.

Seek employee suggestions on water conservation; put suggestion boxes in prominent areas.

Determine other methods of water conservation.

### **Building maintenance**

Check water supply for leaks.

Turn off any unnecessary flows.

Repair dripping faucets and showers and continuously running or leaking toilets.

Install faucet aerators where possible.

Reduce toilet water use by adjusting flush valves or installing dams and flapper mechanisms.

As appliances or fixtures wear out, replace them with water-saving models.

Shut off water supply to equipment rooms not in use.

Minimize the water used in cooling equipment in accordance with manufacturers recommendations. Shut off cooling units when not needed.

### Cafeteria area

Turn off continuous flow used to clean the drain trays.

Turn off dishwasher when not in use. Wash full loads only.

Use water from steam tables to wash down cooking area.

Do not use running water to melt ice or frozen foods.

Use water-conserving ice makers.

### Exterior areas

Convert from water intensive lawns, trees, and shrubs to Xeriscape -- Landscape design incorporating plants that provide beautiful color and require less water.

- Inventory outdoor water use for landscaped areas.
- Water landscape only when needed. Two-tothree times a week is usually sufficient.

Water in the early morning or evening.

Make sure that water does not run into the streets or alleys.

Stop hosing down sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots.

Use time controllers on sprinkler systems.

Do not water on windy days.

Water in winter only during prolonged hot and dry periods. (During spring and fall, most plants need approximately half the amount they need during the summer.)

For more information, contact:

Maui County Board of Water Supply Water Resources Planning Division 200 South High Street - 5th Floor Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Telephone: FAX:

(808) 243-7835 (808) 243-7833

# Chapter XI

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Letters Received During the Draft Environmental Assessment Public Comment Period and Responses to Substantive Comments

## XI. LETTERS RECEIVED DURING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND RESPONSES TO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS

The Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment appeared in the December 23, 1997 edition of the Office of Environmental Quality Control's Environmental Notice. The 30-day comment period on the Draft EA expired on January 22, 1998. During this period, a total of thirteen (13) comment letters on the Draft EA were received. This section includes the comment letters received during this 30-day public comment period. In addition, where substantive comments have been provided, response letters to the commenting parties have been transmitted to address those substantive issues.

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January 2, 1998

David Blane, Director Maui Planning Department 250 South High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Attn: Julie Higa

Dear Mr. Blane:

Subject:

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Maui Park, Honokowai, general

plan amendment allowing conversion of use to time-share

We have the following comments to offer:

The owner is seeking to convert 288 short-term and extended-stay rental units to time-share.

- 1. Please describe the number of units that are currently used as housing for Maui residents.
- 2. With the change of zoning from Apartment to Hotel, what is the potential maximum future development of the site? Are there any plans in the foreseeable future for such development? What are the cumulative impacts associated with any future development of the site?

If you have any questions, call Nancy Heinrich at 586-4185.

Sincerely,

Director

c: Michael Munekiyo

DIA Pacific Development Corp.



Gary Gill, Director
Office of Environmental
Quality Control
235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Maui Park

TMK 4-4-01:34, Honokowai, Maui, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Gill:

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Thank you for your letter of January 2, 1998, offering comments on the Draft EA for the Maui Park. In response to your comments, the following information is provided:

- 1. The Maui Park operates as a hotel with 288 short-term and extended-stay vacation rental units. As such, there are no units that are used for residential housing.
- 2. The purpose and intent of the change in zoning for the Maui Park property from A-2 Apartment District Zoning to H-M Hotel District Zoning is to provide the owners of the Maui Park the flexibility to convert all or a portion of the existing 288 transient vacation rentals to time share units. There are no physical improvements to the property associated with the conversion to time share. It is noted that in order for the owners to convert any of its transient vacation rentals to time share operations, the Maui Park property must be zoned "Hotel" since the County of Maui's Comprehensive Zoning Code permits time share operations only within the Hotel zoning district.

It is noted that while the H-M, Hotel zoning standards allow for greater density than the A-2, Apartment district standards (e.g., six-story height limit for the H-M district versus four-story height limit for the A-2 district), the applicant has no plans to redevelop the site or add new structures to the site to increase overall project densities. Moreover, the applicant understands that should physical plant, market or development conditions require or support property improvements at a future point in time, such improvements will be subject to the County of Maui's SMA requirements which will require approval from the Maui Planning Commis-

Gary Gill, Director February 9, 1998 Page 2

sion. With this in mind, the assessment of cumulative impacts is limited to the project's existing development conditions.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Munekiyo, A.I.C.P. Project Manager

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CC:

Julie Higa, Planning Department (Via mart)
Yoshiaki Kubodera, DIA Pacific Development Corporation (Via mart)

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF LAND MANAGEMENT 54 SOUTH HIGH STREET, ROOM 101 WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793-2198

January 5, 1998

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Mr. David W. Blane, Director Planning Department County of Maui 250 South High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Attn: Ms. Julie Higa, Staff Planner

Dear Mr. Blane:

Subject:

DIA Pacific Development Corporation Request for Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for the Maui Park, Tax Map Key: 4-4-01: 34, Lower Honokowai, Lahaina, Maui (CPA 97005, CIZ970014 and EA 970008).

The Maui District Land Office has reviewed the subject request by DIA Pacific Development Corporation involving a Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for the Maui Park on land identified by Tax Map Key: 4-4-01: 34, situate in Lower Honokowai, Lahaina, Maui, and has no comments and/or objections to said request.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject request. Should you have any questions regarding the above subject matter, please contact the Maui District Land Office at the address described on the letter head or by telephone at 984-8100.

Very truly yours,

PI<del>HL</del>IP OMTA Maui District Land Agent

cc: Mr. D. Y. Uchida Mr. W. Kennison

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To: DIA Pacific Development Corp. - 1001 Bishop St. Pauahi Tower, Suite 2280,

Honolulu, Hi. 96813

From: JoAnne Johnson - 50 PuuAnoano #508, Lahaina, Hi. 96761

CC: OEQC - Munekiyo & Arakawa
Re: Maui Park - TMK #4-4-01:34

Date: 1-13-98

Dear Sirs-

I am writing to object to the conversion of Maui Park to a timeshare development. I have visited with area residents who were present when the original development was proposed and granted. It was to be either affordable or low-income housing, according to their recollection. From the beginning, it seems unclear as to what the developer truly intended for this development. In any case, the project has now been altered and the Planning Commission should be made aware of this fact, as it may invalidate the original permits.

Our community is now faced with yet another timeshare project. The Embassy Suitas is converting to timeshare and they will dump another 25,500 time intervals on the market. With all of the current timeshares being marketed, West Maui's timeshare sales industry is saturated. Further, this will send the wrong impression to our visitors as to how we market our tourism industry. The Coney Island type of atmosphere is not the type of marketing approach that most upscale visitors appreciate.

Just look in the Maui News at the number of timeshare foreclosures - it is staggering. I am concerned that this oversupply of time interval units will flood the market and cause serious damage to our tourism industry and possibly damage existing timeshare sales and marketing efforts. Enough is enough.

West Maui provides the County with over one third of its operating budget, which is generated primarily from tourism revenues. We are now getting an increasing number of complaints about the high pressure sales tactics that are being used on Front Street. I am Vice Chair of the Mayor's West Maui Advisory Committee, and believe me, we do not want to damage Maui's image or our tourism revenues.

The looming threat of a glut of timeshares, that are being marketed in a high pressure manner is a threat to our economic well-being and will further erode our credibility as a high quality, upscale tourist destination which provides a relaxed and tasteful vacation experience.

Please consider a condominium conversion for this complex, rather than a timeshare.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Johnson



Ms. JoAnne Johnson 50 PuuAnoano #508 Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

SUBJECT: Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for Maui Park

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, 1998, commenting on the application for the Maui Park.

As noted in the Draft Environmental Assessment, the Maui Park was constructed in 1987 as an apartment complex, known as Holo Honokowai Apartments, intended for long-term residential rental. In 1988, the owners (JDH & Associates) of Holo Honokowai decided to convert its long-term residential rental operations to transient vacation rentals. Along with this conversion, JDH & Associates transferred its management operations to Aston Hotels & Resorts and changed the name of the complex to Maui Park. Aston Hotels & Resorts was retained to convert and operate the property primarily for transient occupancy.

DIA Pacific acquired the Maui Park in 1990 and has continued to operate the property as a transient vacation rental project, managed by Castle Resorts & Hotels. DIA Pacific is seeking the flexibility to convert all or a portion of its existing 288 transient vacation rental units to time share units. There are no physical improvements to the property associated with this conversion, however, a Community Plan Amendment from "Multi-Family" to "Hotel" and a Change in Zoning from "A-2 Apartment" District to "H-M Hotel" District is necessary since time share programs are permitted only within the hotel zoning district.

Should DIA Pacific decide to convert all or a portion of its hotel units at the Maui Park to time share, the sales and marketing program will be developed to reflect a straight forward and professional approach, without the use of high pressure tactics.

Ms. JoAnne Johnson February 11, 1998 Page 2

We hope the foregoing information helps in clarifying the issues and concerns which you have raised.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Munekiyo, A.I.C.P. Project Manager

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cc: David Blane, Planning Department
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STATE OF HAWAII **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** P O. BOX 3378

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801

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January 12, 1998

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Mr. David W. Blane, Planning Director County of Maui Planning Department 250 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Blane:

Subject: COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION [CPA97005]

CHANGE IN ZONING [CIZ 970014]

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT [EA 970008]

Project: Maui Park

Location: 3626 Lower Honoapiilani Road

Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

TMK:

(2) 4-4-01: 34

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject applications. We do not have any comments to offer at this time.

Sincerely,

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WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

January 7, 1998

Mr. David W. Blane Director Planning Department County of Maui 250 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Blane:

Subject: Maui Park

TMK: (2) 4-4-001: 034

CPA 97005, CIZ 970014, EA 970008

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

Should you have any questions, please call me at 984-8230.

Sincerely,

HERBERT S. MATSUBAYASHI

District Environmental Health Program Chief

c: Art Bauckham

LINDA CROCKETT LINGLE STEPHANIE AVEIRO Director MARK PERCELL Deputy Director

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January 6, 1998

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TO:

Mr. David Blane

Director of Planning

FROM:

Ms. Stephanie Aveiro

Director of Housing and Human Concerns

SUBJECT:

Maui Park

Application For Community Plan Amendment

Application For Change In Zoning

I.D. Nos. CPA 97005, CIZ 970014, EA 970008

TMK: 4-4-001:034

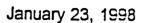
We have reviewed DIA Pacific Development Corporation's Application for Community Plan Amendment and Change In Zoning for the subject project, and would like to offer the following

- A legal opinion from the Corporation Counsel should be obtained to determine if Chapter 2.94 of the Maui County Code (MCC) is applicable to the project.
- If the Corporation Counsel determines that Chapter 2.94, 2. MCC, is applicable to the project, we request that the applicant inform us of how they propose to comply with the requirements of that chapter.

Please call Wayde Oshiro of our Housing Division at extension 7351 if you have any questions.

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xc: Housing Administrator



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Stephanie Aveiro, Director
Department of Housing and Human
Concerns
County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for Maui Park

TMK 4-4-01:34, Honokowai, Maui, Hawaii

Dear Ms. Aveiro:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 1998, offering comments on the application for the Maui Park. In response to a comment made by the Department of Planning on September 4, 1997, and your letter dated October 6, 1997, commenting on the Early Consultation Letter for the proposed action, we contacted the Department of the Corporation Counsel on September 10, 1997 and November 10, 1997 regarding the applicability of Chapter 2.94 relative to this project.

We were advised that the affordable/employee housing requirements are not applicable since new units are not being constructed, and because the Maui Park project had previously met the County's requirements.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have questions or if you would like our office to arrange a follow-up coordination meeting with the Department of the Corporation Counsel and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

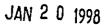
Very truly yours,

Michael T. Munekiyo, A.I.C.P. Project Manager

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CC: Julie Higa, Planning Department
Yoshiaki Kubodera, DIA Pacific Development Corporation

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January 7, 1998

Mr. David W. Blane Planning Director Maui Planning Department 250 S. High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Mr. Blane:

Subject: Maui Park

TMK 4-4-01:34

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the subject project.

In reviewing the information transmitted and our records, we have no objection to the subject project. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Dan Takahata at 871-2385.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Engineering

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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE CONTROLLE TO A VANA KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII 96738 CETY (808) 243-7561

January 8, 1998

Julie Higa, Staff Planner County of Maui, Department of Planning 250 South High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Land Use Amendments for the Maui Park

Dear Ms Higa,

The Department of Fire Control continues to have two major requirements which must be considered. They are :

- 1. Fire department apparatus access roadways be provided in accordance with the requirements of Section 10.207(a) through (I) of the uniform Fire Code, 1988 Edition as amended.
  - 2. Adequate water supplies for fire fighting be provided.

If you have any questions, contact me at extension 7566

Sincerely,

Captain, FPB



Leonard F. Niemczyk, Captain Fire Prevention Bureau Department of Fire Control County of Maui 200 Dairy Road Kahului, Hawaii 96732

SUBJECT: Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for Maui Park

TMK 4-4-01:34, Honokowai, Maui, Hawaii

Dear Captain Niemczyk:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 1998, noting requirements of the Department of Fire Control on the application for the Maui Park. Please note that the proposed land use amendments do not involve any physical improvements to the property.

The Maui Park project was constructed in 1987. A condition of the Special Management Area (SMA) Permit for the project required compliance with all Federal, State and County requirements. The Department of Fire Control requirements were met when the project was developed.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Munekiyo, A.I.C.P.

Project Manager

MTM:to

cc: Julie Higa, Planning Department (via mail)

Yoshiaki Kubodera, DIA Pacific Development Corporation (via mail)

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January 6, 1998

Julie Higa Staff Planner Maui Planning Department 250 S. High Street Wailuku, Maui 96793

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment, Community Plan Amendment, and Change in Zoning Application for The Maui Park Apartment Complex, Island of Maui

Dear Ms.: Higa

Thank you very much for the opportunity to review the above-referenced documents. The applicant, DIA Pacific Development Corporation is seeking to convert all or a portion of its existing 288 transient vacation rental units to timeshare units at the Maui Park. Project requires a CIZ from (A-2 Apartment to H-M Hotel) and a CPA (Community Plan Amendment) amending parcel designation from "Multi-family" to "Hotel" in the West Maui Community Plan.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has no objections to the proposed project at this time as there will be no physical improvements to the property associated with this proposed conversion. Furthermore, the proposed project bears no significant long-term adverse impacts on adjacent areas and the proposed project will not significantly affect scenic resources.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter please contact Colin Kippen, Land and Natural Resources Division Officer, or Richard Stook, EIS Planner at 594-1755.

Sincerely yours,

Randall Ogafa Administrator

Colin Kippen, Officer Land and Natural Resources

ce: DIA Pacific Development Corporation Michael Munekiyo, Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. Gary Gill, Director, OEQC Board of Trustees CAC, Maui Island

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### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COUNTY OF MAUI

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January 16, 1998

David W. Blane County of Maui Planning Director 250 S. High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Blane:

SUBJECT: MAUI PARK

We have reviewed the Application for Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for the above-referenced project and have no comments or objections to the proposed action.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this. Please feel free to contact Mr. Patrick Matsui, Chief of Parks Planning and Development, at extension 7387 if there are any further questions.

Sincerely,

HENRY OLIVA

Director

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MEMO TO: DAVID W. BLANE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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MAUI PARK

TMK (2) 4-4-001:034

CPA 97/005 , CIZ 97/014, EA 97/008

We reviewed the subject submittal and have the following comments.

- Agreement dated August 7, 1989 between JDH & Associates; Hotel 1. Corporation of the Pacific, Inc., dba Aston Hotels & Resorts (Aston); and the County of Maui provided for long-term tenancies and employee housing units.
- 2. The applicant should provide an explanation as to the status of this agreement. If the agreement or portion of it is still in effect, then an explanation of how the agreement will affect the change in land use is warranted.

If you have any questions, please call David Goode at 243-7845.

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Charles Jencks, Director
Department of Public Works and
Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for Maui Park

Dear Mr. Jencks:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, 1998, commenting on the application for the Maui Park.

The August 1989 Agreement between JDH & Associates, Hotel Corporation of the Pacific, Inc. dba Aston Hotels & Resorts and the County of Maui is no longer applicable. An Agreement to release DIA Pacific Development Corporation (purchaser of the project from JDH & Associates) from the terms and conditions of the 1989 Agreement was executed between the State of Hawaii (by its Board of Land and Natural Resources), County of Maui and DIA Pacific Development Corporation in May 1996.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Munekiyo, A.I.C.P. Project Manager

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cc: David Blane, Planning Department



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January 20, 1998

Mr. David Blane, Director Department of Planning 250 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

LOG NO: 20841 -DOC NO: 9801BD16

Dear Mr. Blane:

SUBJECT:

Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review of an Application for Community Plan Amendment and a Change in Zoning for the Maui Park Time Share Condominiums

Honokawai Ahupua'a, Lahaina District, Island of Maui

<u>TMK 4-4-01: 34</u>

This letter is a Historic Preservation review of an application for a Community Plan Amendment and a Change in Zoning for the proposed Maui Park time share condominiums in Honokawai Ahupua'a. Our review is based on reports, maps, and aerial photographs maintained at the State Historic Preservation Division: no field check was conducted of the subject property.

The subject property seems likely to have once been the location of pre-Contact agricultural fields and perhaps scattered housing. Twentieth century agriculture and later residential construction of the Maur Park rental units have since altered the landscape, making in unlikely that any historic sites remain intact on the property.

It is our understanding that the proposed project involves the conversion of rental units to time share condos, and does not entail any physical changes to the structures or the grounds (SHPD DOC NO. 9709CO02). We therefore find the project to have "no effect" on historic sites

If you have any questions please contact Boyd Dixon at 243-5169.

Aloha,

DON HIBBARD. Administrator State Historic Preservation Division

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CC

Ralph Nagamine, Maui County Department of Public Works (fax: 243-7972)



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January 20, 1998

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COUNTY OF MAIL

Dear Mr. Blane:

Subject: Maui Park

Community Plan Amendment (CPA 97005)

Change in Zoning (CIZ 970014)

Environmental Assessment (EA 970008)

TMK: 4-4-001: 034

Thank you for your transmittal of December 29, 1997.

The proposed amendment will not affect our State highway system.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

Very truly yours.

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KAZU HAYASHIDA

Director of Transportation

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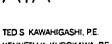
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# Appendix A

Traffic Letter Report

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#0-97-104 November 25, 1997 Via Fax [(808) 244-8729] and DHL

Ms. Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc. 305 High Street ● Suite 104 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Ohashi Hiraga:

Subject: Maui Park, Honokowai, Maui; TMK: 4-4-01:34

This report is in response to the request from the State Highways Division, Maui District Office, for additional information pertaining to the existing and proposed ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers) Codes and trip rates for the subject development.

Maui Park is located at 3626 Lower Honoapiilani Road in Honokowai, Lahaina, Maui. The 6.75 acre project site is identified as TMK: 4-4-01:34 and it has six (6) buildings containing 48 units each. A seventh building is used for offices and other administrative activities.

As we understand it, the site is presently zoned "A-2 Apartment" and the development was initially constructed as 288 apartment units in 1987. The development was converted to transient vacation units in 1988, with the name changed to "Maui Park" and is presently managed by Castle Resorts & Hotels. The transient accommodations (hotel) use was previously permitted in the Apartment zoning district.

The owner proposes to change the use from transient vacation rentals to time share operations. This change in use will require a change from the existing "A-2 Apartment" to "H-M Hotel" zoning.

In response to the Highways Division's request, the development was examined for traffic generation on the basis of the allowable uses under the existing and the proposed zoning. The land uses considered under the existing zoning were "ITE Code 221, Low Rise Apartment" and "ITE Code 310, Hotel". Under the "Apartment" classification, trip generation is based on the total number of dwelling units; under the "Hotel" classification, trip generation is based on the number of occupied rooms, generally 75%-80% of the total number of rooms. The trip generation data are as follows:

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Table 1
Trip Generation For
Existing Allowable Land Uses (288 Units)

Land Use	Daily	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
		Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total
ITE Code 221 Low-Rise Apartment Rate Trips	6.59 1,898	20% 27	80% 108	0.47 135	66% 110	34% 57	0.58 167
ITE Code 310 Hotel							
Rate Trips*	8.70 2,004	60% 93	40% 62	0.67 154	54% 95	46% 81	0.76 175

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 80% occupancy

There is no present ITE Code and land use for time share operations. However, the time share units operate similar to a hotel in that such operation is geared to tourist and vacation uses. If anything, the trip generation for time share operations may be somewhat lower than for hotel facilities because the users are limited to share owners or other vacationers, as authorized by the owners. Therefore, the "Hotel" land use classification would be a conservative use to determine the trips generated by time share operations.

Table 2
Trip Generation For
Proposed Time Share Land Use (288 Units)

Land Use	Daily	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
		Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total
ITE Code 310 Hotel Rate Trips*	8.70 2,004	60% 93	40% 62	0.67 154	54% 95	46% 81	0.76 175

Based on 80% occupancy

In summary, in our opinion, the existing and proposed land use classification and trip generation will not change from the existing transient accommodation use to time share operation.



Ms. Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.

November 25, 1997

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

AUSTIN, TSUTSUMI & ASSOCIATES, INC.

HOWARD H.W. MAU, P.E. Assistant Vice President and Principal Transportation Engineer

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