Mr. Gary Gill, Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 South Beretania Street  
Suite 702  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2419

Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Negative Declaration for the Department of Agriculture - Maui Cattlemen's Association Cattle Staging and Quarantine Area Project, Tax Map Key: 3-8-08: Portion 01, Pulehuini, Wailuku, Maui.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division's Land Management Branch has reviewed the comments received during the thirty (30) day public review period which began on August 23, 1996 and its responses for the subject project. Accordingly, it has been determined that this project will not have a significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in your next scheduled OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four (4) copies of the final environmental assessment. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Maui District Land Office at (808) 984-8100.

Aloha,

"Hawaii, Earth's Best!"

MICHAEL D. WILSON, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Encl.

cc: Maui District Land Board Member  
Maui District Land Office
1998-09-23-MA-FEA-Maui Cattlemen's Association Livestock Export, Staging & Import, Quarantine Station

FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Prepared By:
Neal S. Fujiwara
USDA-NRCS
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Prepared for:
Maui Cattlemen Assn and
State of Hawaii
Department of Agriculture
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The following is submitted to the Department of Land & Natural Resources as an application to construct a portable holding area for cattle prior to shipment to neighbor islands or abroad by ship. The area will also be utilized as a quarantine area by the State Department of Agriculture.

Subject Parcel: The original parcel within the same TMK was changed due to a letter from Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company's Manager, Richard Cameron. (letter attached) Thus, an alternate #1 site recommended by Mr. Cameron will be utilized. The parcel will include approximately 4 acres of State owned land identified as TM: 3-8-08: 1 (por) located in Pulehunui, Wailuku, Wailuku, Maui. The area is situated near the abandoned Puunene Airport, on Kamaaina Road, approximately 1000 feet on the right side from the junction of Mokulele Highway and Kamaaina Road. The parcel was formerly leased to Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company.

Applicants: The Maui Cattlemen Association and the State of Hawaii, Department of Agriculture.

Approving Agency: Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Other Agencies Consulted: State of Hawaii, DLNR-State Historic Preservation Division, DLNR-Central Maui Soil & Water Conservation District, Department of Health-Environmental Health, and Department of Agriculture; County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management, Department of Planning and Department of Water Supply.

Others Consulted: Hawaii Commercial & Sugar Company.

Existing Site Condition: The area presently is a vacant parcel which is overgrown with brushy vegetation. The parcel is surrounded by sugarcane fields on the south, west and eastern borders of the parcel and Kamaaina Road to the north. Also on the eastern border include an irrigation supply ditch belonging to HC&S Company. Buffelgrass is the dominant vegetation with sparse growth of kiu, haele koa and ilima. The soil is mapped as Ewa silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes. This soil developed from alluvium derived from basic igneous rock. The surface layer is dark reddish-brown silty clay loam about 18 inches thick. The subsoil is about 42 inches thick dark reddish-brown and dark-red silty clay loam. The substratum is coral limestone, sand, or gravelly alluvium. The soil is neutral in the surface layer and subsoil. Permeability is moderate, runoff slow and erosion hazard no more than slight. Buffelgrass have prolific seeds and will germinate during the annual rainy season. There are no threatened and endangered fauna or flora within the area. Rainfall is approximately between 10 to 20 inches annually.
Zoning: The state and county land use designations are both agriculture. There is no conservation district.

Impacts: Noise will be limited to the loading and unloading of cattle. The impact is expected to be insignificant since the surrounding area is all agriculture and the nearest homes are approximately three miles away.

Traffic will increase, however, shipment of cattle abroad is periodic, thus, traffic is expected only intermittently and not impact the public significantly. There will be approximately a total of five truck loads at maximum capacity. Each load will take approximately fifteen minutes to a half hour to load, thus, trucks will be leaving the area at approximately a half hour to forty-five minutes interval. There are approximately five miles of public road between the site and the pier through Puunene and Kahului. The route expected to the pier include Kamaaina Road, Mokulele Highway, Puunene Avenue, Kaahumanu Avenue and Wharf Street or Hohron Avenue.

The area is unseen from any public roadway. Quarry traffic will have the only visual impact. The site will be planted with a landscape windbreak at its frontage.

There are no streams or dry gulches near the project site. The land area is relatively flat surrounded by sugarcane fields owned and leased by Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company and State land.

No odor nuisance within the area is anticipated. Cattle are expected to stay one to three days prior to shipment, thus, the area will not be consistently full as in a cattle feedlot. The nearest residential areas are Puunene, three miles north, and Kihei, three miles south. A piggery is located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the site.

Project Start: The project is expected to be initiated in July, 1996, or as soon as approvals are allowed by the Department of Land & Natural Resources, Land Division.

Funds: Approximately $90,000 of state funds will be utilized for the project. Use of funds include grubbing, constructing fencing around the parcel, installation of a water meter, fencing materials including wire and fence posts, portable fences for the staging area, portable loading/unloading ramp, squeeze chute, portable troughs and feed bins, gates, and PVC pipes and appurtenances for water delivery.
General Objective: To provide a cattle staging area for Maui cattlemen prior to shipment to neighbor islands or abroad. This will alleviate the need for cattlemen to round up and truck cattle to the pier on shipping day. Instead, cattle can be trucked to the staging area several days prior to shipment without any rush and brought to the pier on shipping day.

The facility will also be used as the State Department of Agriculture’s Maui Livestock Quarantine Facility. Livestock imported into Maui may be isolated, examined, tested and treated at the facility by the Department of Agriculture prior to being allowed entry to ranches or throughout the state.

Summary of Proposed Use: The total area will be grubbed to allow for viewing the parcel’s grounds and to provide surveying for the construction of the staging pens, roadway, parking lot and waste management lagoon. All vegetal grubbed material will be coordinated with the County composting facility for their use or buried. The grubbing will reduce fire hazard in the area due to dry vegetal material on the parcel. The applicants’ will become a cooperator with the Central Maui Soil & Water Conservation District, and follow the conservation plan to be developed by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service through the district.

The area will initially include approximately 6 staging pens measuring 48 x 48 feet. There will be a 12 feet alley leading into a sweep alley and into a crowding alley onto the loading/unloading ramp or to a squeeze chute. Adjacent the squeeze chute will be a temporary holding pen linked back into the alley and the staging pens. All of these materials will be portable. Each staging pen will include a 12 feet gate with a feeder and water trough. An approximately 20 x 40 feet of roofed working area will be constructed over the squeeze chute.

The perimeter of the 4 acre parcel will be fenced with hog wire 48 inches high and 2 strands of high tensile barbed wire at the top. Galvanized steel rails will be positioned 10 feet apart. Wooden post of keawe or treated pine (7"x8") will be used for corner stress points and (5"x7") to be used as braces for the corner posts. One or two 20 feet gates to be constructed for entrance and departure.
Approximately 325 head of cattle is expected within the facility at one time. An average stay of one to three days is expected for a group of cattle prior to shipment. The stay may be extended to two weeks if cattle are staged for shipment to foreign countries like Canada.

A 15 feet roadway constructed with rock gravel will be provided into the facility from the main road to the loading/unloading ramp. A parking area for trucks and trailers will be constructed with rock gravel.

A County water line fronts the parcel on Kamaaina Road which feeds water to a piggery. An application for a County water meter will be filed with the Department of Water Supply to provide drinking water for the animals.

Due to the relatively short period of time (2-3 days) the cattle are expected to be confined, the low annual rainfall and the flat terrain, no major nonpoint pollution problem is expected. Cattle shipment are not expected to be daily or weekly, thus, less of a pollution problem. The cattle pens will be rotated so the waste are allowed to dry. The dry solids will then be raked and stockpiled. The dry solids will be used for spreading on pastures of cattlemen frequenting the site and composted. A waste lagoon will be planned to handle potential runoff during a large storm. The lagoon will be designed to handle a 25 year, 24 hour storm. A conservation plan including a waste management system will be prepared by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service through the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District. A copy will be forwarded to the Department of Health for review.

Determination: No adverse environmental problems are expected with this project. Temporary dust problems may be associated with grubbing of the site. Strict operation and management of the facility will be adhered by the operators. Since the area is expected to act as Maui’s quarantine facility by the State Department of Agriculture, all health standards will be met.
CORRECTION

THE PRECEDED DOCUMENT(S) HAS BEEN REPHOTOGRAPHED TO ASSURE LEGIBILITY
SEE FRAME(S) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
Cattle Staging & Quarantine Area

To Mokulele Hwy.

Kamaaina Road

Parking

2D' Gate

Field Road

Straight

Talley 26'

Squeeze

Gate

Loading,

Unloading

Ramp

Sweep

Rug

Staging

Pens

Leap

Pens

Bunk Feeder

2EA

Windbreak
Quarantine Area

naaina Road

Legend

+++ Proposed windbreak
---/--- Planned fence

SCALE: 1" = 50'

WINDBREAK
BUNK FEEDER ZEA
GATES
WATER TROUGH
HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL & SUGAR COMPANY
P.O. BOX 263, PUUNENE, MAUI, HAWAII 96784

September 24, 1996

Department of Agriculture
1428 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96814

Attention: Mr. James Nakatani

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for Maui Cattleman's Association
Livestock Export/Staging and Import/Quarantine Station at Puunene Airport

Dear Mr. Nakatani:

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company (HC&S) supports the subject project as we believe it will help the cattle industry on Maui. However, we offer the following comments concerning the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Cattle Staging/Quarantine Station at Puunene Airport:

1. The project will increase the traffic on the South Firebreak Cane Hauler Road at HC&S Field 911. This section of the South Firebreak Cane Hauler Road serves as one of HC&S' major cane hauler roads and as the access road for Hawaiian Cement quarry and related businesses. The road handles a considerable volume of private traffic presently. When HC&S is harvesting in this area, we have a dangerous mix of large cane hauler trucks with trailers and private trucks and small vehicles. This Cattle Staging/Quarantine Station would add to the traffic volume and safety concerns.

The road is very narrow (one lane) where it crosses the Haiku Ditch and at a cattle guard. These narrow sections and some of the sharp curves are a safety concern. Road widening and other improvements may be needed in some areas.

We need additional information concerning the number of vehicles, size of equipment, frequency, etc. that will be using this facility. Mitigating measures, such as road improvements and additional signs, will be needed to allay our traffic concerns.
2. The DOA plans to use water from the County of Maui Department of Water Supply (DWS) system via a pipeline at Elmer Cravalho’s piggery operations. Low water pressure and water availability may be a problem with this pipe system. The 2" PVC pipe, from the DWS meter to the Elmer Cravalho’s piggery, is owned by ABHI.

If this pipeline is used, DOA should pay for any repairs to the pipeline. They will need to obtain an easement for a new pipeline from the piggery to the cattle staging site from A&B-Hawaii, Inc. (ABHI).

HC&S recommends that this project secure a separate water meter from the DWS. The DWS pipeline ends about 0.5 miles above the Mokulele Highway.

3. The proposed site is located on State land near Puunene Airport. Since the site is part of an 1,825 acre parcel that is leased to ABHI, the DLNR would need to withdraw this area from the ABHI lease and lease it to the DOA. Please be advised that the State Land Board would need to approve this action.

4. Crop damages may be a problem if any cattle escape from the facility. The DOA should pay for any crop damages.

HC&S supports this agriculture use for the site, however we suggest that an alternate site closer to the Mokulele Highway and the County water pipeline may be more appropriate. Given the need and the cost to mitigate traffic impacts and install an appropriate water system, an alternative site may be a preferable choice. Two alternative sites are shown on the attached maps (Fields 914 and 915).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Draft Environmental Assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Richard F. Cameron
Plantation General Manager

Attachments (2)

cc: USDA-NRCS
DLNR
OEQC
FIELD 9151
AREA 172.6 ACS.
PLANTED
JUNE 30-JULY 6, 1994
CAKE VARIETY 73-616
WATER SOURCE - RESERVOIR 90

Alternate Site #2
May 1, 1998

Mr. Neal Fujivara  
District Conservationist  
United States Department of Agriculture  
210 Iihi Kala Street, Suite 209  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2100  

SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review of a Draft EA for a Proposed Cattle Staging and Quarantine Area Wailuku Ahupua’a, Wailuku District, Island of Maui TMK 3-8-08: Portion of I

This letter is a Historic Preservation review of a draft Environmental Assessment for a proposed cattle staging and quarantine area located in Wailuku 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 properties for this review.

The subject property seems likely to have been the location of pre-Contact farming, perhaps with scattered houses. However, the subject property has been subjected to considerable alteration due to historic period agriculture, so it is unlikely that significant historic sites will be encountered today. We therefore find the proposed undertaking to have "no effect" on significant historic sites.

As a contingency, should any unrecorded historic sites (i.e. subsurface pavings, artifacts, or human skeletal remains) be inadvertently uncovered during construction, we recommend that all work should cease in the vicinity and the contractor should immediately contact the State Historic Preservation Division.

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

Aloha,

DON HIBBARD, Administrator  
State Historic Preservation Division

BD:jen

cc. Ralph Nagamine, Maui County Department of Public Works (fax: 243-7972)  
David Blanc, Maui County Department of Planning (fax: 243-7634)
DATE: May 26, 1998

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

Dear Mr. Blane,

SUBJECT: Draft EA, Cattle Staging Area; TMK: 3-8-08: por. 1

Regarding your letter dated May 7, 1998, I have written to the State Department of Transportation and County Department of Public Works and Waste Management regarding your concerns of possible mitigating measures. Enclosed are copies of letters from both agencies regarding your concern.

Please call me at 244-3729 should you need more information regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Neal S. Fujiwara
District Conservationist

enclosures
Mr. Neal S. Fujiwara, District Conservationist  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 209  
Wailuku, Hawaii  96793-2100

Dear Mr. Fujiwara:

RE: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cattle-Staging and Quarantine Area at TMK: 3-8-008:Por. of 1, Puunene, Island of Maui, Hawaii

The Maui Planning Department (Department) has reviewed the Draft EA and confirms that the subject property is designated County Agriculture and is identified for agricultural use on the Kihel-Makena Community Plan Map. Within the County Agricultural District the “raising of livestock, including, but not limited to poultry, bees, fish, or other domestic animals” and “public institutions and buildings” are permitted uses. Further, “buildings and uses, including, but not limited to, mills, storage and processing facilities, and maintenance facilities that are normally considered direct accessory to the permitted uses” are also allowed.

The proposed cattle-staging area is a facility that can be considered accessory to the raising of livestock similar to storage and processing facilities. Although it is not located on the same lot as the raising of livestock, it is an operation that is clearly accessory to cattle raising. The staging area is a centralized facility near existing transportation networks that will be used to hold cattle prior to delivery to the market. It would not be feasible to require each cattle operation on Maui to have its own staging area. The proposed facility is similar to sugar cane mills which process sugar cane from surrounding agricultural lots but are not located on the same agricultural lot. Further, the quarantine area operated by the Department of Agriculture is a public facility which is permitted in the County Agricultural District.
Relative to your comments on traffic-related impacts, the Department is concerned that the transportation of approximately 500 steers within a one-two day time period on slow-moving vehicles may have an impact at the intersection of Kamaaina Road and Mokulele Highway. Further, analysis should be included in the EA addressing the number of daily trips and the peak and non-peak hours of traffic on the roadway. You are advised to contact both the State Department of Transportation, Highways Division, and the Department of Public Works and Waste Management for additional comments and possible mitigation measures that may be necessary.

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,

[Signature]

DAVID W. BLANE
Director of Planning

DWB:CMS:osy

c: Clayton Yoshida, AICP, Planning Program Administrator
    Aaron Shinmoto, PE, Planning Program Administrator
    Colleen Suyama, Staff Planner
    Project File
    General File
    (S:\CMS\Seattle)
May 14, 1998

Mr. Charles Jencks, Director
Department of Public Works & Waste Management
County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Jencks

Subject: Draft EA Cattle Staging Area, TMK: 3-8-08: por. 1
Response from Department of Planning

I was advised by the Department of Planning to contact your department regarding comments or possible mitigation measures regarding increase traffic due to the subject project.

Included as attachments to this letter is a copy letter from the Department of Planning and a copy letter of my comments addressing their concerns. A Draft EA was sent to you earlier for your comments.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 244-3729.

Sincerely,

Neal S. Fujiwara
District Conservationist

c: Mr. David Blane, Department of Planning

attachments
Mr. Neal Fujiwara  
District Conservationist  
United States Department of Agriculture  
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 209  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2100

Dear Mr. Fujiwara:

SUBJECT: DRAFT EA CATTLE STAGING AREA, TMK: 3-8-08:POR 1

Based on your response letter dated May 14, 1998 to the Planning Department, we have the following comment.

A maximum of five truck loads of cattle leaving the facility up to 7:00 a.m. will not materially impact traffic on Kamaaina Road. Most traffic, if any, on Kamaaina Road would be after 7:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

DAVID GOODE  
Deputy Director of Public Works  
and Waste Management

DG:mt  
cc: Planning Department
May 14, 1998

Mr. Robert Siarot  
Department of Transportation  
State of Hawaii  
650 Palapala Drive  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732

Dear Mr. Siarot,

Subject: Draft EA Cattle Staging Area, TMK: 3-8-08: por.1  
Response from Department of Planning

I was advised by the Department of Planning to contact your department regarding comments or possible mitigation measures regarding increase traffic due to the subject project.

Included as attachments to this letter is a copy letter from the Department of Planning, a copy letter of my comments addressing their concerns and a Draft EA of the Cattle Staging Area.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 244-3729.

Sincerely,

Neal S. Fujiiwara  
District Conservationist

cc: Mr. David Blane, Department of Planning  
attachments
May 20, 1998

Mr. Neil Fujiwara  
District Conservationist  
United States of Agriculture  
210 Imi Kala Street  
Suite 209  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Fujiwara:

Subject: Draft EA Cattle Staging Area, THK: 3-8-08: por. 1

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft EA.

The proposed operation will not have an adverse impact on our facilities.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Robert O. Sttarot  
District Engineer, Maui

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

Dear Mr. Blane,

Subject: Draft EA, Cattle Staging Area; TMK: 3-8-08: por. 1

Regarding your letter dated May 7, 1998, I have the following to offer:

1. Regarding the 500 head of cattle maximum being staged at one time, the number has been substantially reduced to a maximum of 325 head. The reason being that Haleakala Ranch, the largest ranch on Maui, has developed their own staging area on ranch land. Thus, Haleakala Ranch will not utilize the staging area being proposed.

2. The maximum amount of truck loads at a maximum of 325 head will be five. Each truck will hold approximately sixty-five head. Each load will take approximately fifteen minutes to a half hour to load, thus, trucks will be leaving the staging area at approximately a half hour to forty-five minutes interval. The interval may be longer if trucks need to return for a second load.

3. Shippers require that animals be at the pier no later than 11:00 A.M. on shipping day. Ranchers like to have their animals at the pier at least three to four hours prior to the deadline to stabilize the animals in preparation for shipment. Thus, the final truck load from the staging area will be at approximately 7:00 A.M. All other loads will be prior to that time.

4. Presently, approximately thirty truck loads are shipped annually to the mainland United States from Maui. This includes Haleakala Ranch’s shipment of approximately 10 loads annually. Thus, approximately twenty loads will be shipped annually from the staging area. Presently, majority of the loads are shipped to meet spring feeding on the mainland. Thus, the peak traffic will be during the months of April and May.

Should you need more information, please contact me at 244-3729.

Sincerely,

Neal S. Fujii
District Conservationist

cc. Mr. Charles Jencks, DPW&WM  
Mr. Robert Siarot, Department of Transportation

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May 12, 1998

Mr. Neal S. Fujiwara
District Conservationist
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
210 Imi Kala St., Suite 209
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2100

Dear Mr. Fujiwara:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment, THK: 3-8-08: por.1

We have no comment on the draft environmental assessment for the cattle staging and quarantine area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the assessment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JAMES J. NAKATANI, CHAIRPERSON
Board of Agriculture

c: Div. of Animal Industry
Neal S. Fujiwara
District Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation
Service
United States Department of
Agriculture
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 209
Wailuku, Hawaii  96793-2100

Dear Mr. Fujiwara:

Subject:  Draft Environmental Assessment
          Cattle Staging and Quarantine Area
          TMK:(2) 3-5-08: por. 1

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment. We have completed our review of the proposed project and have no comments to offer at this time.

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

Sincerely,

HERBERT S. MATSUBAYASHI
District Environmental Health Program Chief
May 21, 1998

Mr. Philip Ohta, District Land Manager
Department of Land & Natural Resources
Division of Land Management
54 S. High Street, Rm. 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2198

Dear Mr. Ohta,

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment, TMK: 3-8-08: por. 1
Cattle Staging and Quarantine Area

Thank you very much for your comments to the Draft EA of the Cattle Staging and Quarantine Area.

Regarding your comment to have a section on agency comments, I have sent letters and a copy of the draft EA to all agencies noted in the EA. I am awaiting reply from one more agency before I finalize the EA. Responding letters from these agencies will be part of the final environment assessment.

I will be submitting the final assessment to you as soon as I receive the final agency comment.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Neal S. Fujiward
District Conservationist
Mr. Neal S. Fujiwara, District Conservationist
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
210 Imi Kala Street
Suite 209
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Fujiwara:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for Cattle Staging and Quarantine, Tax Map Key: 3-8-08: Portion 01, Portion of Pulehunui, Wailuku, Maui.

The Maui District Land Office has reviewed the subject draft environmental assessment for the Cattlemen’s staging and quarantine facility on State land identified by Tax Map Key: 3-8-08: Portion 01, situates in a Portion of Pulehunui, Wailuku, Maui, and has the following comments:

1. In order to expedite the assessment’s processing, this office will take the responsibility in being the approving agency as it did on the previous site, but, in actuality, the Department of Agriculture should be the approving agency since this is their project and funding.

2. There needs to be a section containing agency comments that would, in some way, be involved with this project, such as, the Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Health, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above subject draft environmental assessment, should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at 984-8100.

Very truly yours,

PHILIP OKTA
Maui District Land Manager

cc: Mr. D. Y. Uchida
    Mr. W. Kennison
May 20, 1998

Mr. Neal Fujiwara, District Conservationist
USDA
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 209
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Fujiwara:

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/MAUI
CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
TMK (2) 3-B-008:001

We reviewed the subject application and have the following comments.

1. Consideration should be given to making Kamaaina Road an all-
weather paved roadway.

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

Sincerely,

CHARLES JENCKS
Director of Public Works
and Waste Management

DG:co/mt
S:LUCAIICEMICATTLE.
May 26, 1998

Mr. Neal S. Fujiwara  
District Conservationist  
USDA-NRCS  
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 209  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Fujiwara,

SUBJECT: Cattle Staging Area; TMK: 3-8-08: por. 1

The Central Maui Soil & Water Conservation District has no comment to the draft environmental assessment of the Cattle Staging Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Doug MacCluer  
Chairman