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November 12, 2019

Mr. Keith Kawaoka, Acting Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Department of Health
State of Hawai'i
235 South Beretania Street, Room 702
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Mr. Kawaoka:

I hereby accept the Department of Design and Construction's (DDC) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Waikiki War Memorial Complex situated at TMKs (1) 3-1-031:003, 009 and 010 in the Honolulu District on the Island of O'ahu. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published on November 8, 2018, and DDC satisfactorily responded to the written comments received during the 45-day public comment period ending on December 24, 2018. The FEIS fulfills the definition of an EIS and adequately discloses and describes all identifiable environmental impacts. This FEIS meets the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and its implementing rules in Chapter 11-200, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, with respect to procedure and content.

The FEIS discloses anticipated significant beneficial impacts on water quality, historic and cultural resources, and visual and aesthetic resources with the proposed action (Perimeter Deck). With best management practices, no significant adverse impacts are anticipated. Specific mitigation measures will be identified with the required U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) the State of Hawai'i Department of Health in-water permits and authorizations, along with the completion of the State and Federal historic preservation review processes.

Should there be any questions, please contact Robert J. Kroning, P.E., Director of the Department of Design and Construction, at 768-8480.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

Kirk Caldwell
Mayor

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AGENCY PUBLICATION FORM

Project Name:	Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Waikiki War Memorial Complex
Project Short Name:	Waikiki War Memorial Complex
HRS §343-5 Trigger(s):	Use of State or County lands or funds, proposed use within the shoreline area, proposed use of registered historic site.
Island(s):	O'ahu
Judicial District(s):	Honolulu
TMK(s):	(1) 3-1-031:003, 009, 010
Permit(s)/Approval(s):	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation; Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10 permit; Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit; CWA Section 402 NPDES permit; CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification; Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation; Essential Fish Habitat consultation; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act consultation; HRS Chapter 6E review; Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Certification; Shoreline Setback Variance; SMA Permit (Major); Diamond Head Special District Permit; building, grading-grubbing, and demolition permits.
Proposing/Determining Agency:	City and County of Honolulu – Department of Design and Construction
<i>Contact Name, Email, Telephone, Address</i>	Lansing Sugita 650 South King Street, 11 th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813 808-768-8480 WWMCNatorium@aecom.com
Accepting Authority:	Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu
<i>Contact Name, Email, Telephone, Address</i>	Kirk Caldwell, Mayor 650 South King Street, 11 th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813 WWMCNatorium@aecom.com
Consultant:	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
<i>Contact Name, Email, Telephone, Address</i>	Lesley Matsumoto 1001 Bishop Street, 16 th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 529-7259 Lesley.Matsumoto@aecom.com

Status (select one)
 DEA-AFNSI
Submittal Requirements

Submit 1) the proposing agency notice of determination/transmittal letter on agency letterhead, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEA, and 4) a searchable PDF of the DEA; a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

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 FEA-EISPN

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 Act 172-12 EISPN
("Direct to EIS")

Submit 1) the proposing agency notice of determination letter on agency letterhead and 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file; no EA is required and a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

- DEIS Submit 1) a transmittal letter to the OEQC and to the accepting authority, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEIS, 4) a searchable PDF of the DEIS, and 5) a searchable PDF of the distribution list; a 45-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Submit 1) a transmittal letter to the OEQC and to the accepting authority, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the FEIS, 4) a searchable PDF of the FEIS, and 5) a searchable PDF of the distribution list; no comment period follows from publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Acceptance
Determination The accepting authority simultaneously transmits to both the OEQC and the proposing agency a letter of its determination of acceptance or nonacceptance (pursuant to Section 11-200-23, HAR) of the FEIS; no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Statutory
Acceptance Timely statutory acceptance of the FEIS under Section 343-5(c), HRS, is not applicable to agency actions.
- Supplemental EIS
determination The accepting authority simultaneously transmits its notice to both the proposing agency and the OEQC that it has reviewed (pursuant to Section 11-200-27, HAR) the previously accepted FEIS and determines that a supplemental EIS is or is not required; no EA is required and no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- Withdrawal Identify the specific document(s) to withdraw and explain in the project summary section.
- Other Contact the OEQC if your action is not one of the above items.

Project Summary

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction (City) proposes to remedy the current deteriorated state of the Waikiki War Memorial Complex (WWMC) Natatorium in a manner that renews the memorial to World War I veterans and reestablishes public access to this portion of Kapi'olani Regional Park. The Natatorium was constructed in 1927 as a monument to Hawai'i's men and women that served during World War I. The facility consists of a saltwater swimming pool, bleachers, restrooms, and an area currently used as office space.

The City's proposed action is to construct and operate a rehabilitated WWMC as described by the Perimeter Deck in this EIS. This action would comply with the rehabilitation approach outlined in the United States Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. It would retain as much of the physical structure that defines the historic integrity of the Natatorium as possible without subjecting the Natatorium to the State requirements for public swimming pools, Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 10.