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Aloha Chair Thoene,

Please find attached the scoping request for the proposed tank replacement project in Kīlauea, Kauaʻi.

Details regarding the proposed project and contact information are provided in the letter.

As the letter indicates, we would appreciate a response within thirty (30) days from today's date.

Mahalo,  
Mākena White, AICP

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May 26, 2023

**Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation  
Proposed Tank Replacement Project  
Wailapa Road, Halele‘a District, Kīlauea, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i 96754  
Tax Map Key (4) 5-1-005:131**

Dear Recipient,

The County of Kaua‘i, Department of Water (DOW) has initiated the process to update the Chapter 343, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS), Environmental Assessment (EA) for system improvements in the Kīlauea-Waipake-Kalihiwai service area. An EA was previously completed, October 6, 2012. The project site is identified as TMK No. 5-1-005:131. At that site, DOW is proposing to replace an existing 0.1-million-gallon (MG) water storage tank with a 1.0 MG tank. See Attachment 1 for the project location map. Planning Solutions, Inc. (PSI) is a consultant for project planning, including the preparation of the EA.

Providing safe, high-quality potable water involves constant planning to ensure continuous, reliable, and affordable water to residences and businesses on Kaua‘i. The purpose of this project is to improve long-term stability and reliability within the Kīlauea-Waipake-Kalihiwai service area and allow for cost-effective operation and maintenance. The proposed project addresses current and forecast increases in water use in the Kīlauea-Waipake-Kalihiwai service area.

DOW currently utilizes the subject site for a 0.1 MG concrete water storage tank and related infrastructure, which is connected to the water system via a 12-inch diameter water main. This site is in the State’s and County’s Agricultural District/Zone, off Wailapa Road, in the Pu‘u Pane subdivision, at an elevation of approximately 450 feet above sea level (Attachment 2). Although the site is only 0.525 acres, it is big enough to host the proposed 1.0 MG tank (Attachment 3). Because the project will utilize County of Kaua‘i and Federal funds and County of Kaua‘i land, it is subject to the requirements of HRS, Chapter 343 and its implementing regulations contained in Hawai‘i Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 200.1 as well as the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. It is anticipated that several permits and approvals will be required, including a Class IV Zoning Permit.

The EA will document potential environmental impacts associated with alternative(s) selected for further consideration. The no action alternative will be included as a baseline for comparison. We are seeking your input on the following topics:

- The range and content of the alternatives that should be considered.
- The nature and scope of the analyses to be included in the Draft EA.
- Information regarding resources, uses, or activities present in the region and information regarding other projects in the region.

- Potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, and measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate those potential impacts.

Please provide your written comments within 30 days of the date of this letter. Comments should be sent via regular or electronic mail to:

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Thank you for participating in the planning process for this proposal. If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the proposal, please contact me at [makena@psi-hi.com](mailto:makena@psi-hi.com) or (808) 550-4538.

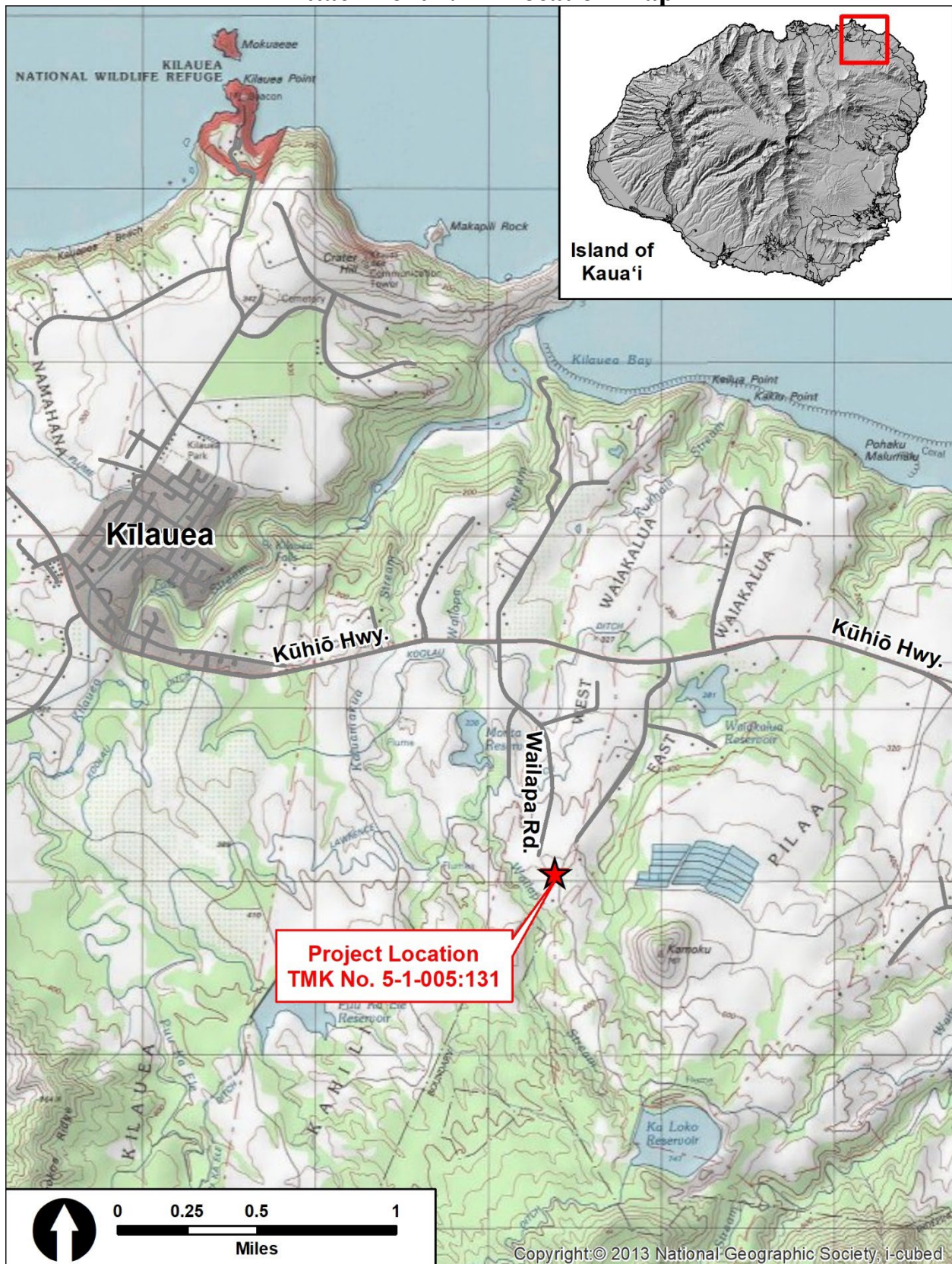
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Makena".

Mākena White, AICP  
Senior Planner

Attachments

## Attachment 1. Location Map



Source: PSI

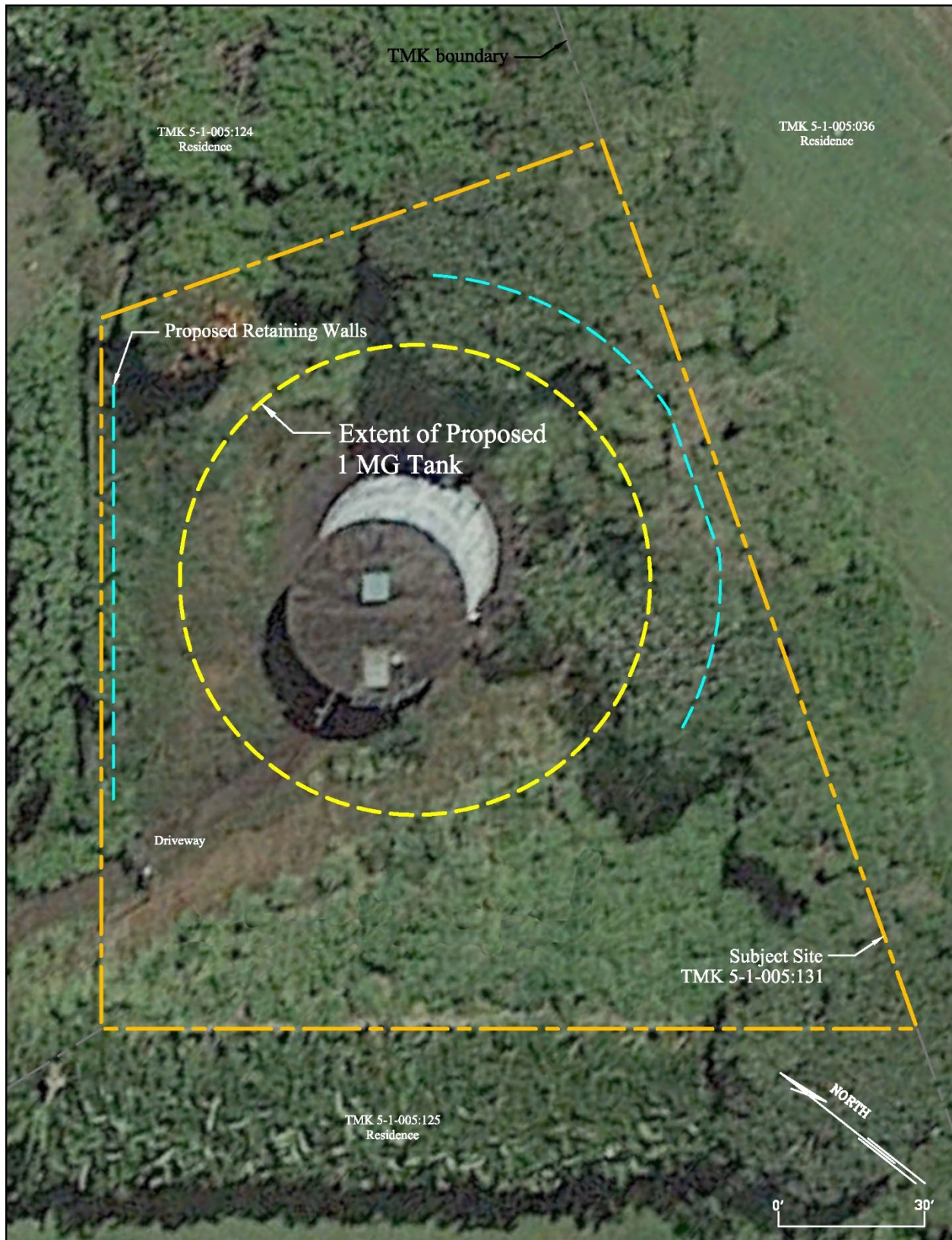


## Attachment 2. Vicinity Map





### Attachment 3. Site Plan



Source: Google Earth and Kodani & Associates Engineers