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April 16, 2020

Mr. Keith Kawaoka, Acting Director Office of Environmental Quality Control 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Kawaoka:

SUBJECT: Proposed Lāna'i Youth Center located along Fifth Street, Lanai City, Hawai'i on property identified as TMK No. (2) 4-9-014:002

This letter serves as notification to the Office of Environmental Quality Control that the County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that the proposed Lāna'i Youth Center located on the above-referenced parcel is not required to conduct additional environmental review, pursuant to HAR §11-200.1-11 (1) and (2).

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination was made for the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), dated March 2011, prepared to address the development impacts associated with the Lāna'i High and Elementary School Master Plan. The master plan proposed 78,895 square feet of floor area expansion for facilities such as a new administrative center, classroom buildings, and multi-purpose cafeteria. A recreational facility was a component of the proposed scope with improvements that totaled 17.24 acres, and included baseball and softball fields, paved play courts, and tennis courts.

The Lāna'i Youth Center Improvements are substantially similar to those previously proposed, however, comprises 4,096 square feet of interior improvements and 25,350 square feet of exterior recreation and gathering area improvements. Thirty-five parking stalls are also to be provided. The improvements are proposed on a much smaller footprint of the same property addressed in the March 2011 FEA. The Youth Center will provide a range of community facilities focused on education, recreation, and community gatherings.

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After careful examination, the Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that the Lāna'i Youth Center Improvements are consistent with the location, types, and scale of uses evaluated in the prior Environmental Assessment document, and that the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project are similar to those that have already been adequately disclosed and evaluated, therefore the previously issued FONSI satisfies the requirements of Chapter 343 HRS for the proposed action pursuant to HAR §11-200.1-11. Accordingly, we request publication of this notification in the next available edition of the Environmental Notice pursuant to HAR §11-200.1-4.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or Robert Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development, at (808) 270-7931 or e-mail at robert.havorson@co.maui.hi.us.

Sincerely,

KARLA H. PETERS Director of Parks and Recreation

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