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Submitted via: SHPD HICRIS

Dear Dr. Downer:

Subject: National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
Request to Initiate Section 106 Consultation
North Kihei Mauka Transmission System
Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project No. C150077-29
Waiohuli Ahupua‘a, Wailuku and Makawao (Kula) District, Island of Maui
TMK: (2) 3-8-077:011; (2) 3-9-001:147 (por.); (2) 3-9-052:037; (2) 3-9-027:028; (2) 2-2-024:023 (por.); (2) 2-2-002:042 (por.); (2) 2-2-002:087; (2) 2-2-002:088; (2) 2-2-002:084 (por.); (2) 2-2-024:010; (2) 2-2-024:011; (2) 3-9-001; (2) 3-9-007; (2) 3-9-002; (2) 2-2-024; (2) 2-2-002; (2) 2-2-029; (2) 2-2-999
State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) Project No. 2021PR00558

On behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of Hawai‘i Department of Health (DOH) requests to initiate Section 106 consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for the proposed North Kihei Mauka Transmission System project located in Waiohuli Ahupua‘a, Wailuku and Makawao (Kula) District, Island of Maui.

The proposed project may be eligible to utilize federal funding that is administered by the DOH through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and will be considered a federal action and undertaking, as defined by Section 106 of the NHPA of 1966 (as amended 2014), Title 54 of the United States Code (54 USC) Section 306108, and Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR) Part 800.

The EPA has authorized the DOH to act on behalf of the EPA regarding NHPA Section 106 notification and consultation. This letter is to request to initiate the Section 106 consultation process with the SHPO and State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) in accordance with 36 CFR, Section 800.3.

The DOH may provide funding under the CWSRF to the County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management for the North Kihei Mauka Transmission System project.
Undertaking Description and Area of Potential Effect

The proposed project will include replacing the gravity sewer line to Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) No. 3 with a larger pipe; replacing the gravity sewer lines to WWPS No. 4 with larger pipes; installing a new force main starting at WWPS No. 4 that heads south on South Kihei Road, turns east on Piʻikea Avenue, turns south on Liloa Drive, and transitions to a gravity sewer line for 500 feet (ft) until it reaches a new proposed WWPS near the Kihei Aquatic Center; constructing a new WWPS at the Lipoa Street and Liloa Drive intersection; and installing a second new force main that heads south on Liloa Drive and continues on to the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

In addition, the proposed project will also involve improvements to WWPS Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5. Pump station upgrades work will entail replacing the existing dry well pumps with wet well submersible pumps and resizing them to accommodate anticipated future flows. The electrical systems and controls will also be replaced to match other upgraded County WWPSs. The improvements to the WWPSs are a process the County is working towards to standardize their facilities. Depending upon the existing conditions of each WWPS, building improvements may be necessary. All improvements at the existing WWPSs will occur within existing developed areas of the parcel. See Attachment A.

Environmental, Historical, and Archaeological Background

The area of potential effects (APE) for the project encompasses approximately 32.7 acres, with work proposed along roadways and within WWPS sites. See Attachment B. While the APE has not previously undergone an AIS itself, there have been many archaeological projects conducted along and nearby the route. Multiple sites have been documented as well, particularly in the southern portion of the APE.

Two (2) sites occur close to the APE: Site 50-50-10-1710 and -1711, both in the southern portion of the project. Site-1710 is a Historic era animal enclosure and Site-1711 consists of the Keōkea agricultural complex. Both sites have been fully documented, occur outside of the APE, and will not be affected at all by this undertaking.

There are multiple sites in the general area of the corridor and WWPS locations, but it is notable that no sites have been documented within the current APE.

Consultation

Section 106 consultation letters have also been sent to Native Hawaiian organizations, consulting parties, and/or interested persons that might attach significance to this area and have invited them to participate in the process. The mailing list is provided as Attachment C.

We welcome any comments that you may have on this project’s proposed improvements.

We are particularly interested in any information you may have on the historic and cultural sites that have been recorded in the area. In addition, if you are acquainted with any persons or organizations that are knowledgeable about the proposed project area or any descendants with ancestral, lineal, or cultural ties to, cultural knowledge or concerns for, and/or cultural or religious attachment to the proposed project area, then we would appreciate receiving their names and contact information.
We would appreciate a written response within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of this letter. Please address any written comments to email: jonathan.nagato@doh.hawaii.gov or the following address:

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Should you have any questions, please call Jon Nagato of our Branch at (808) 586-4294.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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Attachment A
Figure 1
Proposed North Kīhei Mauka Transmission System Improvements
Project Location Map

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGeN, and the GIS User Community, County of Maui Department of Planning and Department of Environmental Management

Prepared for: County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management
Attachment B
Proposed North Kihei Mauka Transmission System Improvements
Area of Potential Effects Map
Attachment C
NORTH KĪHEI MAUKA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM PROJECT
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