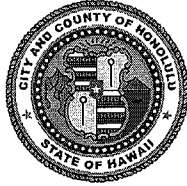


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Dear Ms. Evans:

SUBJECT: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu
Final Environmental Assessment (EA)
Project: Wailehua I Single-Family Residences
Applicant: Wailehua I, LLC
Agent: GK Environmental, LLC (Graham Knopp, Principal)
Location: Wailehua Road - Kaalaea
Tax Map Key: 4-7-014: 051; 4-7-014: 052 and 4-7-014: 055
Determination: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

We have reviewed the Final EA for the subject Project, which was received on March 15, 2022. Based on the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, we have determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, and hereby issue a FONSI.

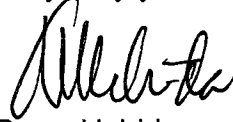
With this letter, the Department of Planning and Permitting transmits this FONSI for the Wailehua I Single-Family Residences Project for publication in the April 8, 2022 edition of *The Environmental Notice*. We have uploaded an electronic copy of the Final EA, Publication Form, and FONSI to your online submittal site.

The Final EA includes copies of public comments received and the corresponding responses from the Applicant that were received during the 30-day public comment period on the Draft EA and Anticipated FONSI.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Christi Keller, of our Zoning Regulations and Permits Branch, at (808) 768-8087 or via email at c.keller@honolulu.gov.

Very truly yours,

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**NON-CHAPTER 343 DOCUMENT
PUBLICATION FORM
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL**

Project Name: Wailehua I Single-Family Residences

Applicable Law: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinance of Honolulu, Special Management Area (SMA)

Type of Document: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Island: Oahu

District: Council District 2; Koolau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan Area

TMK: (1) 4-7-014: 051; (1) 4-7-014: 052; and (1) 4-7-014: 055

Permits Required: SMA Use Permit; Building Permits; Development Permits; Street Usage Permit, Occupancy Permit; Community Noise Permit; Individual Wastewater System Permit

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Status: Final EA

Project Summary: The overall Project involves the development of 10 zoning lots with 10 single-family detached dwelling units in the Special Management Area in Kahaluu, Oahu (Project). Building permits were previously obtained for four of the ten dwelling units. Construction of two of the dwelling units is nearly complete, and two more are in the building permit phase of development. Approval of a SMA Use Permit is required prior to the issuance of building permits for the remaining six dwelling units. A Subdivision application to allow the consolidation and resubdivision of three lots into 10 lots received tentative approval in February, 2021. Other than the two dwelling units already constructed, the majority of the site is currently vacant with overgrown vegetation. The site is in Flood

Zone X, and site runoff flows into a drainage along the northern side of the property. The Army Corps determined there are no jurisdictional wetlands on the site.

Reasons Supporting Determination: Please refer to the analysis in the Final EA, as well as any comment letters and responses received for the proposed Project.

March 2022

**NON-CHAPTER 343 DOCUMENT PUBLICATION FORM
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL**

Project Name: Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project

Applicable Law: Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Chapter 25 Special Management Area

Type of Document: Final Environmental Assessment – Anticipated Findings of No Significant Impact

Island: Oahu

District: Ko‘olaupoko

TMK: (1) 4-7-041: 051, 052 and 055

Permits Required:

State of Hawai‘i: Erosion Sediment Control Plan, Department of Health IWS permits

City and County of Honolulu: SMA Major Permit, Grubbing, Grading, and Stockpiling, Building Permit for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sidewalk/Driveway and Demolition

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Status: FEA/FONSI

Project Summary:

The Applicant proposes to build a total of ten detached single-family dwellings with consolidation and subdivision of the three existing parcels into ten parcels of approximately equal area of about 10,700 square feet. Two homes have been previously constructed and are within the project footprint. The proposed improvements require the approval of a Major SMA Use Permit by the Honolulu City Council.

Potential impacts on air quality, noise, and erosion during construction can be mitigated by adhering to existing public health regulations and Best Management Practices associated with site work. The project is not proposed near the shoreline; thus, there would be no impact on shoreline access, recreational resources, beach protection, and marine resources. There are no historical resources, coastal ecosystems, and scenic and open space resources to be affected. The site is located outside the 500-year flood plain, and drainage improvements, including French drains and preservation of a drainage easement, would minimize potential flooding impacts. The improvements are not anticipated to adversely affect Special Management Area resources.

Project	Wailehua 1 Kahalu'u Single Family Housing Project
Landowner/Applicant	Wailehua 1/HK Construction, Inc.
Accepting Agency	Department of Planning and Permitting City & County of Honolulu
Consultant	GK Environmental LLC
Location	Kaneohe, City & County of Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii
Tax Map Keys	(1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 & 055
Proposed Action	Construct ten (10) single-family homes in the Special Management Area, consolidation and resubdivision.
Land Area	2.4616 acres (total)
Present Use	Primarily vacant and two single-family dwellings
State Land Use District	Urban
Development Plan Land Use Designation	Low Density Residential
Present Zoning	R-10 Residential District
City Development Plan	Ko'olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan
Special Management Area	Yes
Flood Zone	X
Anticipated Determination	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
March 2022

Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project
Wailehua Road, Kaneohe City and County of Honolulu
TMKs: (1) 4-17-014: 051, 052 & 055

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LAND PARCEL LOCATION

Island: Oahu
County: Honolulu

CLASS OF ACTION:

Construction within the Special Management Area

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

March 2022

Wailehua 1 Single-Family Housing Project

Wailehua Road

Kaneohe, HI 96744

Tax Map Keys (TMKs): (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 & 055

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DETERMINING AGENCY:

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CLASS OF ACTION:

New Construction within the Special Management Area

This document is prepared pursuant to:

Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Hawai'i Environmental Protection Act, Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and Title 11, Chapter 200, Hawai'i Department of Health Administrative Rules (HAR).

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

HK Construction (applicant) and landowner, Wailehua 1, seek to build a total of 10 detached single-family homes, requiring consolidation and subdivision of the three existing lots with Tax Map Keys (TMKs) of 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055. The site is located on Wailehua Road in Kahalu'u. Construction of two of the proposed single family homes has been previously completed.

Figure 1 presents a location map of the proposed project site, Figure 2 a vicinity map and aerial image, Figure 3 a TMK map, and Figure 4 a subdivision map. Figure 5 shows site photographs in existing conditions, and Figure 6 through Figure 11 approved drawings of the planned dwellings.

Subdivision and reconsolidation of the three "parent" properties would create 10 roughly equal parcels of approximately 10,700 square feet. Wastewater from each dwelling would be treated on site by permitted individual wastewater systems. Each property would use Wailehua Road for access via private driveways. Structure design and layout is described in detail in Section 2.2 Design Considerations.

Potential impacts on air quality, noise, and erosion during construction can be mitigated by adhering to existing public health regulations and Best Management Practices associated with construction. The project is not proposed near the shoreline; thus, there should be no impact on shoreline access, recreational resources, beach protection, and marine resources. There are no historical resources, coastal ecosystems, and scenic and open space resources to be affected. The site is located outside the 500-year flood plain and is not prone to flooding.

1.2 Purpose of the Environmental Assessment Process

This Environmental Assessment (EA) process is being conducted in accordance with Chapter 343 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu (ROH). HRS343, along with its implementing regulations, Title 11, Chapter 200, of the Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), is the basis for the environmental impact assessment process in the State of Hawai'i. As the proposed project would involve new construction in the Special Management Area (SMA), ROH Chapter 25 requires preparation of the HRS 343 environmental impact assessment, as well as having its own criteria for evaluation of environmental impact.

According to Chapter 343, an EA is prepared to determine impacts associated with an action, to develop mitigation measures for adverse impacts, and to determine whether any of the impacts are significant according to thirteen specific criteria. If, after considering comments to the Draft EA, the approving agency concludes that no significant impacts would be expected to occur, then the agency will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and the action will be permitted to proceed to other necessary permits. If the agency concludes that significant impacts are expected to occur as a result of the proposed action, then an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be prepared.

Part 4 of this document states the findings that no significant impacts are expected to occur. Part 5 lists each criterion and presents the preliminary findings for each made by the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting, the approving agency. If, after considering comments to the Draft EA, the approving agency concludes that, as anticipated, no significant impacts would be expected to occur, the agency will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and the action will be permitted to proceed to necessary permits and approvals. If the agency concludes that significant impacts are expected to occur as a result of the proposed action, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared.

1.3 Previous Land Use Approvals

The following summarizes the major events with respect to previous efforts to develop the proposed project site:

- March 30, 2015: SMA Minor Permit application 2015/SMA-14 approved for TMKs (1) 4-7-14: 52 & 55 for stockpiling of soil with dust barrier and silt fence.
- May 19, 2015: 2015/CUP-32 Conditional Use Permit for joint development of TMKs (1) 4-7-14: 52 and 55.
- August 17, 2015: Building Permit Nos. 777670 and 777672, to allow two single-family detached dwelling units on Parcel 51.
- October 19, 2015: Building Permit Nos. 776496 and 776497 issued to allow two single-family detached dwelling units on joint developed parcels 51 and 55.
- November 15, 2015: SMA Minor Permit 2015/SMA-56 approved for consolidation of the three parcels and subdivision into 10 residential lots.
- January 12, 2016: SMA Minor Permit 2015/SMA-56 approved to allow the consolidation of the three subject parcels and resubdivision into 10 residential lots.
- February 23, 2016: “2016 COE Notice” determined portions of the proposed project site to be jurisdictional wetlands by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Army File No. POH-2015-00119.
- July 29, 2016: Tentative approval of consolidation and subdivision of application 2016/SUB-10, for consolidation and subdivision into 10 lots.
- October 7, 2016: SMA Minor Permit application 2016/SMA-59 approved for TMKs (1) 4-7-14: 51, 52 & 55 for consolidation and subdivision into 10 residential lots, and construction of French drain at the rear of the properties. This approval superseded SMA Permit No. 2015/SMA-56.
- February 14, 2017: Notice of potential violation from unauthorized discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S. on TMKs (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and :055, Army File No POH 2015-00119, referenced at a January 20, 2016 meeting.
- May 3, 2017: Revocation of SMA Minor Permit Nos. 2015/SMA-14 and 2016/SMA-59. This letter acknowledges a material change in circumstances, meaning that previously unrecognized wetlands are identified and delineated on the site.
- March 23, 2019: Draft Conceptual Proposal for Compensatory Mitigation filed relevant to 33 CFR 332.2., proposing compensatory mitigation of wetlands impacts, including conservation of wetlands on the proposed project site and preservation of off-site wetlands at Waihee Marsh.
- December 21, 2020: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determines that there are no waters of the U.S. present on the proposed project site.

- January 21, 2021: Mutual Settlement Agreement performed the following actions:
 - 2015 SMA Minor and 2016 SMA Minor Permits, City and County of Honolulu rescinds former revocation.
 - Acknowledgement that the construction of a 5th dwelling on the site would trigger an SMA major permit for the 10-dwelling project.
 - February 23, 2021: Tentative subdivision approval received, for consolidation and subdivision of the proposed project site into 10 lots.
 - Required SMA Major Permit, triggering this EA.

Additional County and State Permits, beyond completion of the Final Environmental Assessment/FONSI and the Special Management Area Major Use Permit, are needed to implement the proposed action are as follows:

- Grubbing, Grading, and Stockpiling Permit
- C&C of Honolulu Building Permit
- State Department of Health General Construction Individual Wastewater System (IWS) permits
- State Department of Health General Construction NPDES permit

1.4 Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide family housing in windward O‘ahu by construction of 10 detached single-family dwellings of similar design after consolidation and subdivision of the three parcels with Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers of (1) 4-7-14: 051, 052 and 055. Two such homes have been previously constructed under Building permits nos. 777670 and 777672. Two additional homes have been issued building permits, but the remaining proposed eight houses require SMA Major permit approval.

1.5 Agencies, Organizations and Individuals Contacted in Early Consultation

The following agencies and organizations have been consulted during the pre-consultation portion of the Draft Environmental Assessment Process. An “r” in parentheses indicates a response was received. Appendix A contains these comments, and specific responses made to each, if warranted.

- City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply (r)
- City & County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (r)
- City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction (r)
- City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services (r)
- Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi
- Department of Health, State of Hawai‘i
- Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai‘i (r)
- Hawaiian Telcom
- Hawaiian Electric Company (r)
- Honolulu Fire Department
- Kahaluu Neighborhood Board #29 (r)
- Office of Planning City and County of Honolulu & State of Hawaii

- Honolulu Police Department (r)
- Public Works Division, Construction Management Branch
- Public Works Division, Planning Branch
- State of Hawai'i Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Environmental Review Program (Office of Environmental Quality Control)
- State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Honolulu District (r), phone consultations only
- Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior (r)

The proposed project was presented to the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 on December 15, 2021.

A list of those organizations, entities, agencies and individuals consulted during the Draft Environmental Assessment comment period is presented in Section 6. Comments received on the Draft Environmental Assessment and responses made are compiled in Appendix B.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 General Description of the Proposed Action

The proposed project site is located in the community of Kahalu‘u on windward O‘ahu, in the district of Ko‘olau Poko and ahupua‘a of Ka‘alaea. The proposed project site consists of three adjacent parcels with TMKs (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 & 055 located along Wailehua Road, with Lamaula Road at the narrower eastern boundary of the site. The three parcels together occupy 2.4616 acres.

The surrounding area contains a mix of residential properties, vacant areas, agricultural lands, and commercial and light industrial uses. Properties to the west, south and east of the proposed project site are residential and areas immediately to the north are vacant. An unnamed drainage swale is to the north of the proposed project site, although a portion of this swale is located within the proposed project and is a drainage easement owned by Wailehua 1, LLC. To the east along Wailehua Road are a number of commercial and light industrial uses, including an auto and bus repair and maintenance yard.

The cost of construction of this project has been determined to be \$6,900,000. The timeline for completion of construction is about one year from receipt of all necessary permits.

Figure 1 shows a site location map, Figure 2 a vicinity map, Figure 3 a TMK map, Figure 4 a subdivision map, and Figure 5 photographs of existing site conditions taken November 11, 2021. Figure 6 through Figure 10 show project drawings of the proposed single-family dwellings.

2.2 Design Considerations

Consolidation and resubdivision would produce ten roughly equal-sized parcels of approximate area 10,700 square feet each. A subdivision map is shown in Figure 4, and tentative subdivision approval (File no. 2021/SUB-33) was received on February 12, 2021. An extension to this approval until August 12, 2022 was issued on February 4, 2022. The size of these parcels is representative of residential lots in the vicinity and allows for the minimum lot size in this zoning designation in addition to the area of the drainage easement in each lot. The existing two dwellings would occupy two of these lots. The new dwellings would be of similar design to these two previously constructed dwellings. Placement of structural fill would ensure adequate subgrade for drainage and IWS design considerations. Dwelling design would reflect one of two basic layouts, Model A and Model B. Lots would be enclosed by vinyl fencing. Work within the right-of-way of public streets including Wailehua Road would not be required as curb and gutter improvements are not part of the proposed project.

Model “A” is a one-story four-bedroom, three-bathroom single family design with attached garage and a total footprint of 1,922 square feet, including a 420 square foot optional lanai. Model “A” structures would have finished floor elevations of 15.7 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Model “B” is a 2-story four-bedroom, three-bathroom single family design with attached garage and a total footprint of 1,690 square feet, including an optional 352 square foot lanai. Finished floor elevation of the Model “B” structures would be 15.5 feet above MSL.

Electricity would be provided to the dwellings by HECO, and water by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply. Wastewater would be treated by on-site individual wastewater treatment systems, permitted by the State Department of Health.

The proposed project would involve a total grading of 3,943 square feet, with 379 cubic yards of excavation used as embankment on the property. Grading would not impact the 10-foot wide drainage easement along the north side of the proposed project site. Drainage improvements would include construction of French drains that would discharge to a swale at the rear of the properties and beyond. A portion of this swale is located on the proposed project site as part of a drainage easement.

Two single-family dwellings have been previously constructed on parcel TMK (1) 4-7-14:051 and are included in the project's 10 parcels and 10 single-family dwellings. These were constructed under building permit nos. 777670 and 777672, and are nearly constructed with the exception of landscaping, fencing, lanai, and septic systems remaining to be constructed.

Grading permits have been approved for placement of structural fill for home pads, numbered GP2021-09-0339 for parcels 052 and 055 and permit number GP 2021-09-0340 for parcel 051.

A grading permit for construction of the French drains has been issued, permit number GP 2021-07-0301.

The applicant was recently given an extension on their subdivision application file number 2021/SUB-33 to August 12, 2022.

2.3 Project Cost and Schedule

Construction of the proposed project would commence upon issuance of the SMA Major Permit. Completion of the project should be completed one year from commencement, including completion of extant appurtenant improvements to the two previously constructed residences on parcel 51 (i.e., landscaping, fencing, etc). The estimated cost of construction of the new detached dwellings and appurtenant improvements is approximately \$6,900,000.00 including the following costs: construction of 10 homes, site improvements, design fees, consultant fees, permitting fees, due diligence reports and entitlements. The proposed project will be funded solely by HK Construction and involves no public funds.

2.4 Alternatives Considered

The following three alternatives were considered: the No Action Alternative, alternative sites, and alternative designs.

The No Action Alternative is considered as a baseline against which the impacts of all other build alternatives can be compared. Under the No Action Alternative, development of the property

would not occur. This would avoid any adverse environmental impacts related to the development. It would also preclude economic benefits including jobs, income, and tax revenues associated with the development. The No Action Alternative is generally only discussed when No Action Alternative impacts are markedly different from those of the preferred alternative.

As the proposed project site is well-suited for this type of improvement, and the Applicant does not possess other properties in the vicinity that would appear to be preferable, no alternative sites were considered for the proposed project. The owner does not envision any other development scenarios that could reasonably satisfy its objectives and vision for the property, and therefore none are advanced or analyzed.

Alternative designs considered are constrained by zoning considerations, the topography of the site, and other considerations including building codes and residential development ordinances. Thus, design is site-specific. The zoning designation restricts total lot size to a minimum of 10,000 square feet. The applicant selected the lot configuration with zoning restrictions in mind, and the lots size, lot configurations, and the structure design are in keeping with those of lots and homes in the vicinity.

Figure 1. Proposed Project Site Location Map

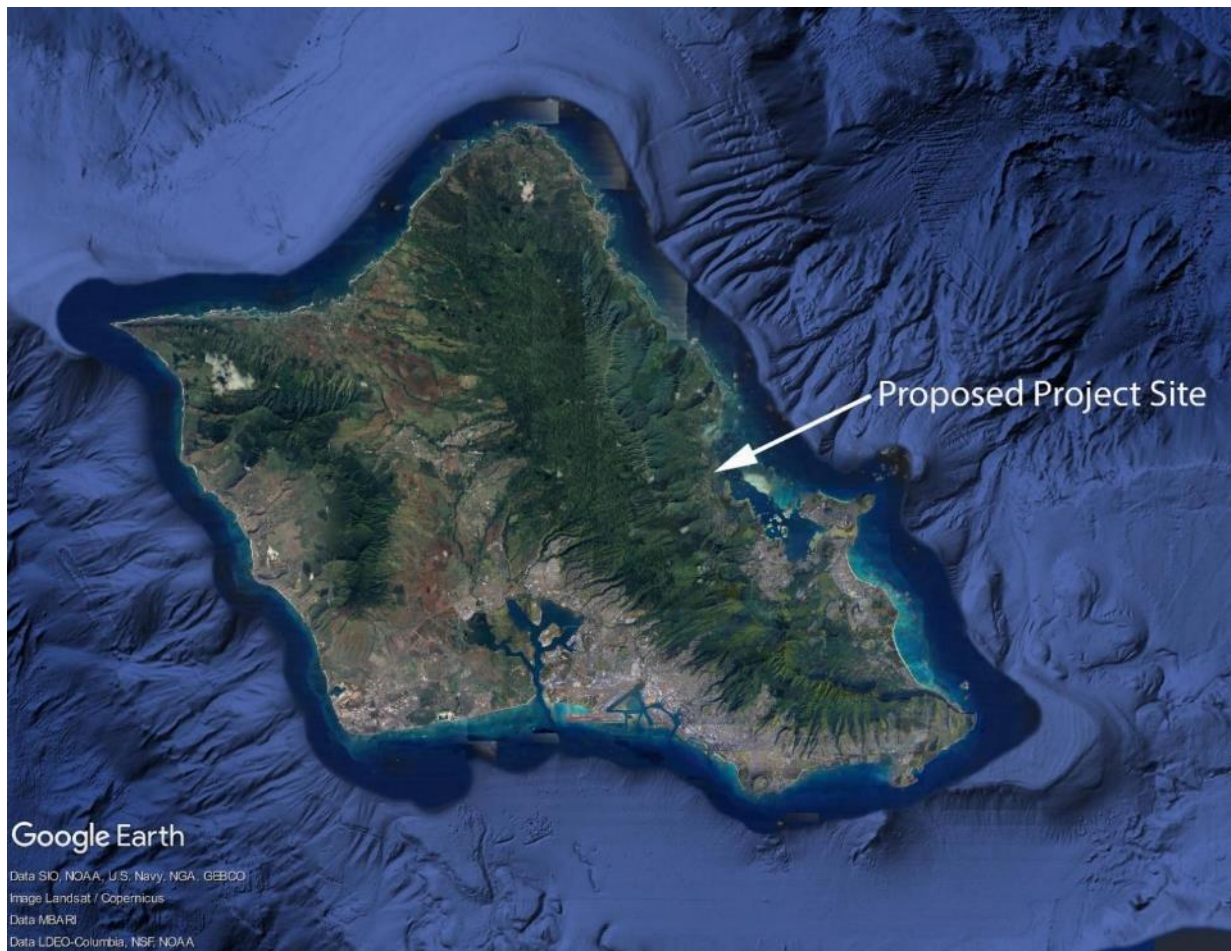


Figure 2. Vicinity Map



Figure 3. TMK Map

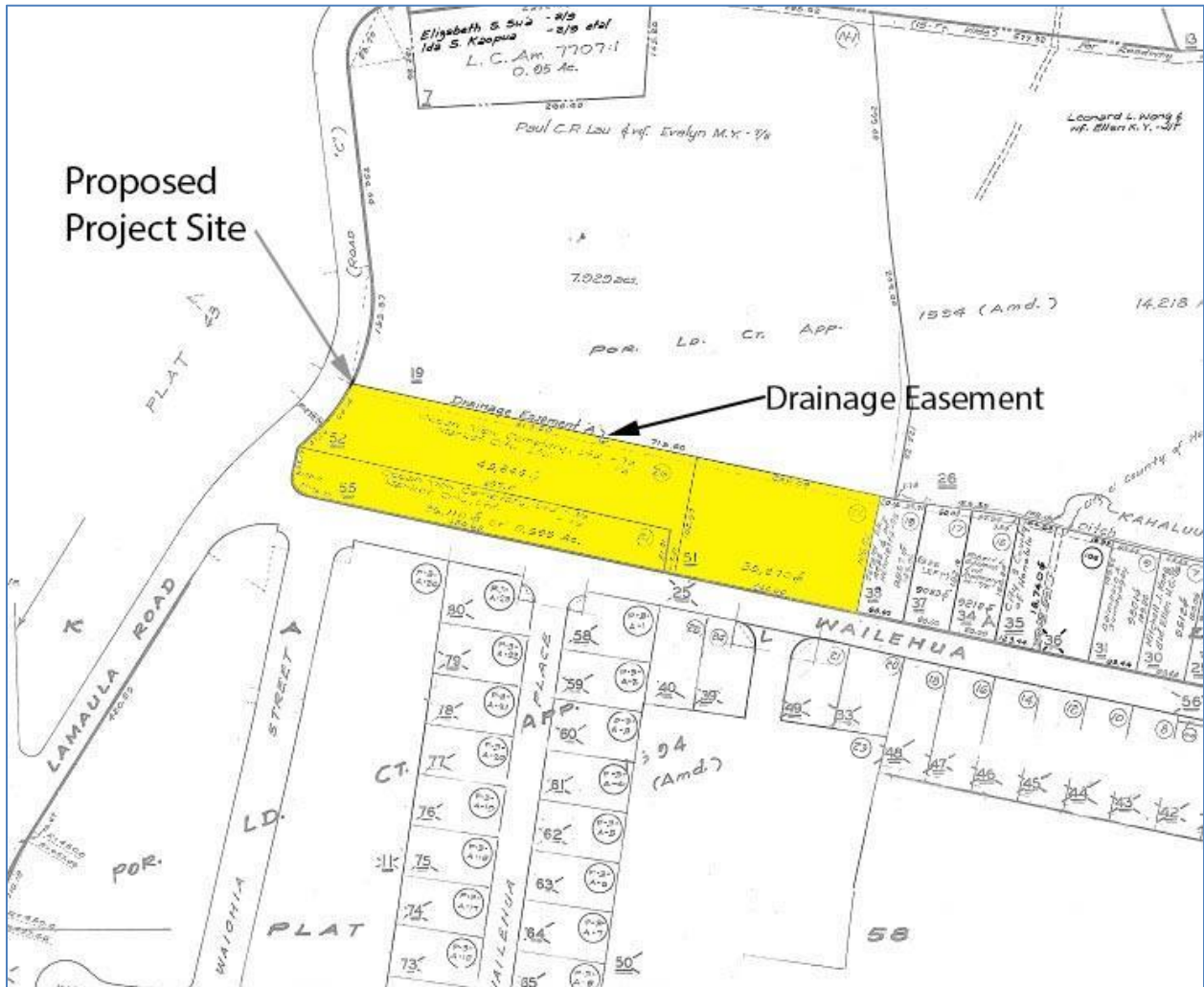


Figure 4. Subdivision Map

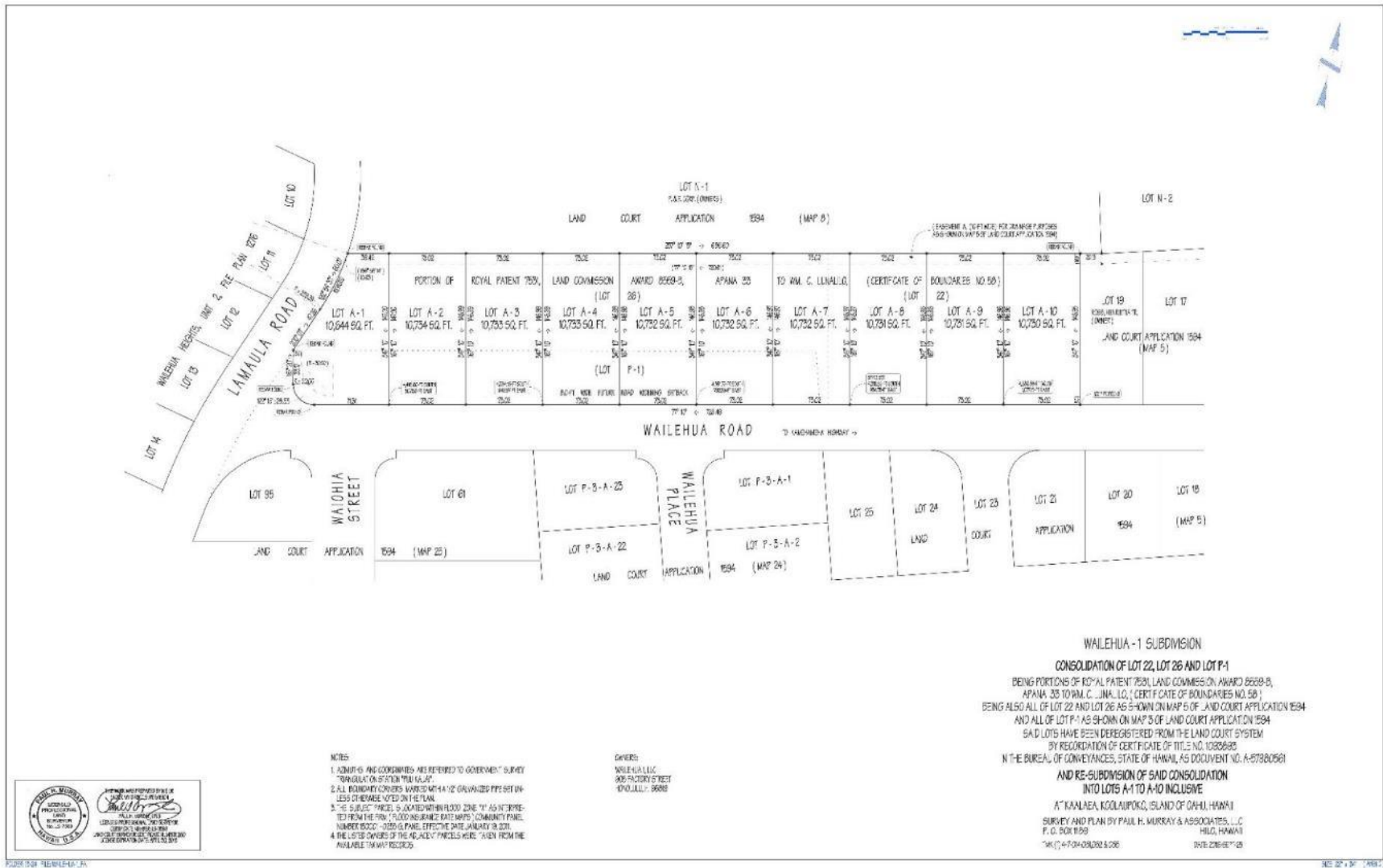


Figure 5. Site Photographs of Existing Site Conditions



Figure 6. Approved Drawing With Roof and Plot Plans

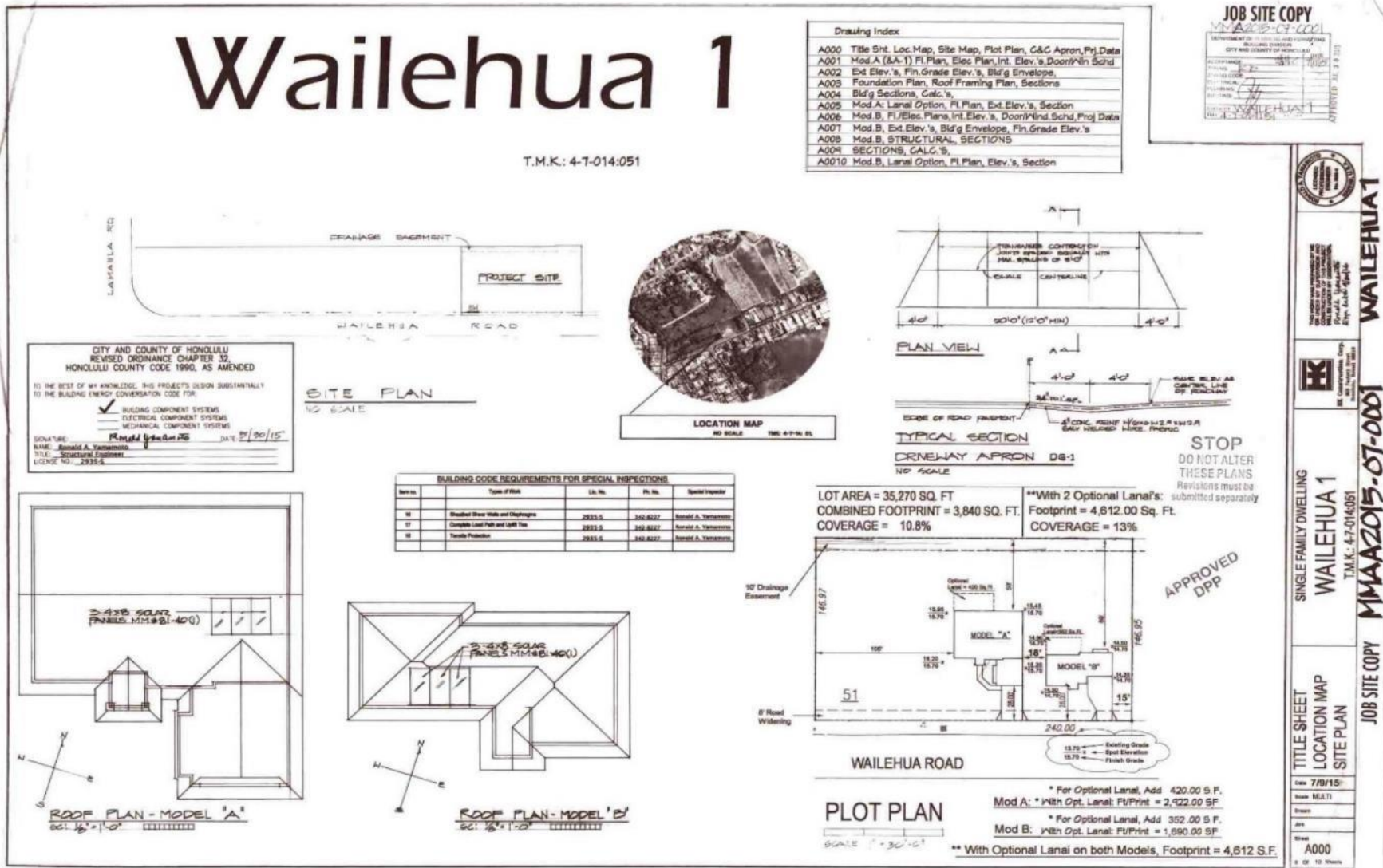


Figure 7. Floor Plan for Model "A"

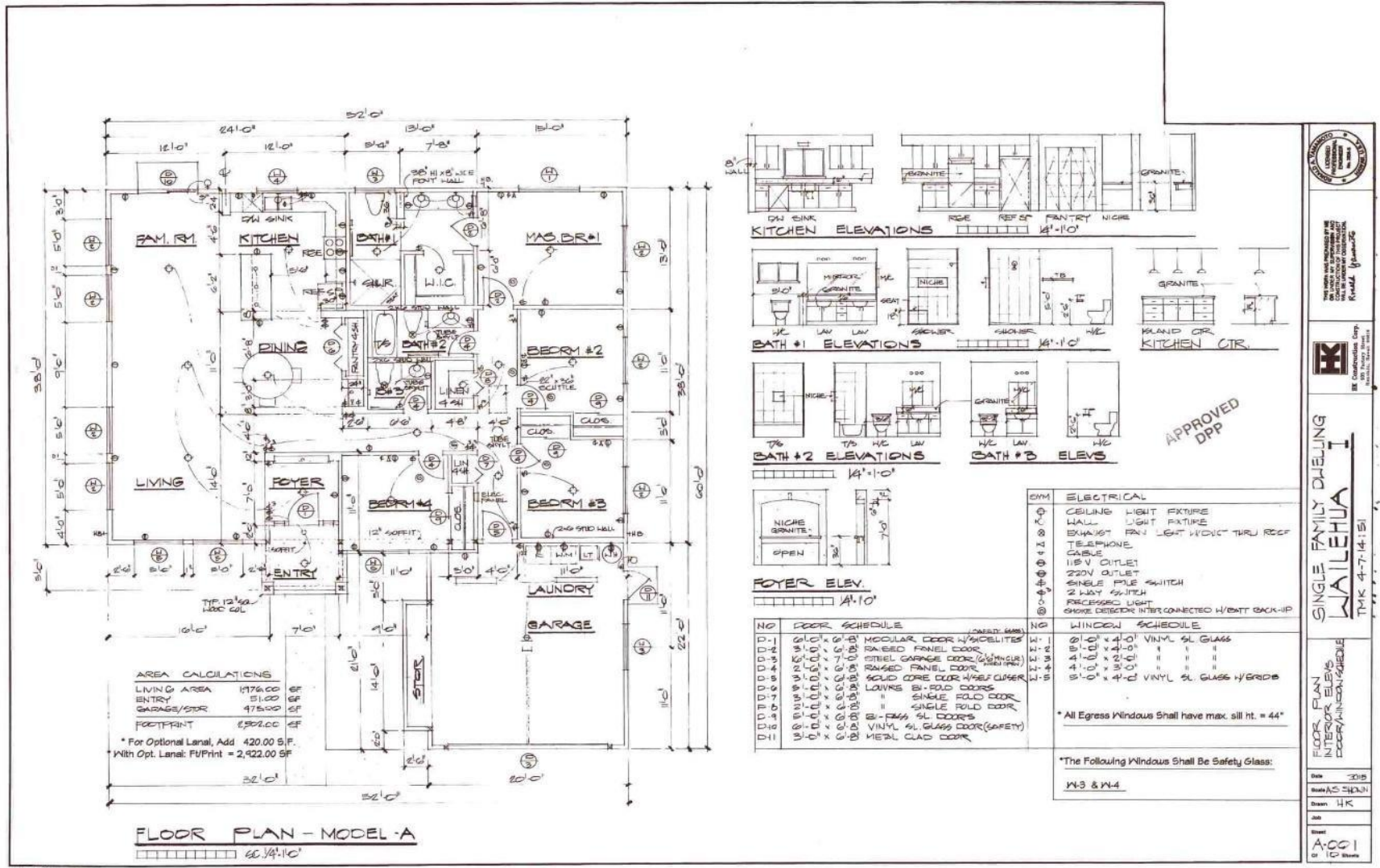
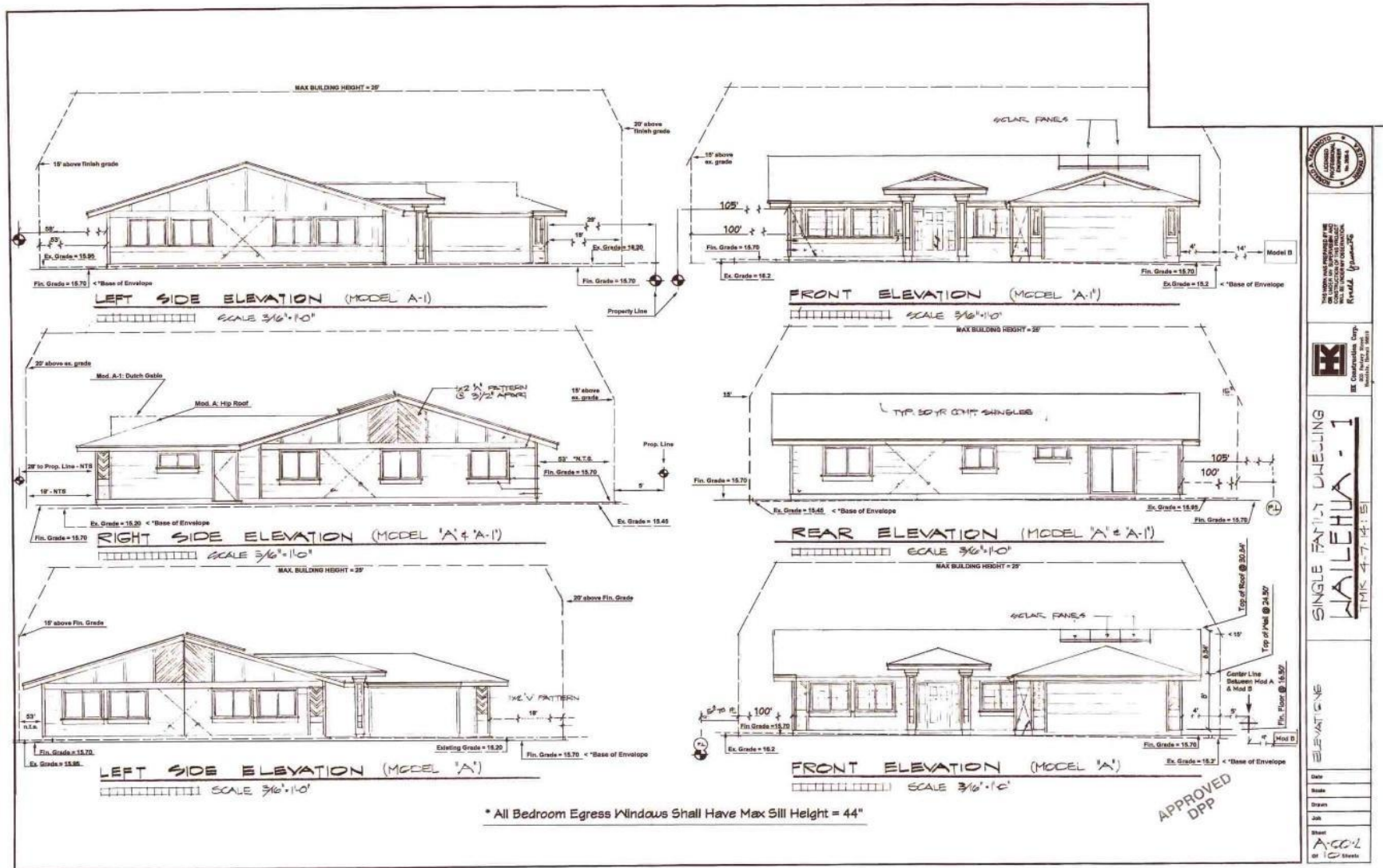


Figure 8. Elevation Views for Model "A" and "A-1"





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Figure 9. Model "B" Elevation Views

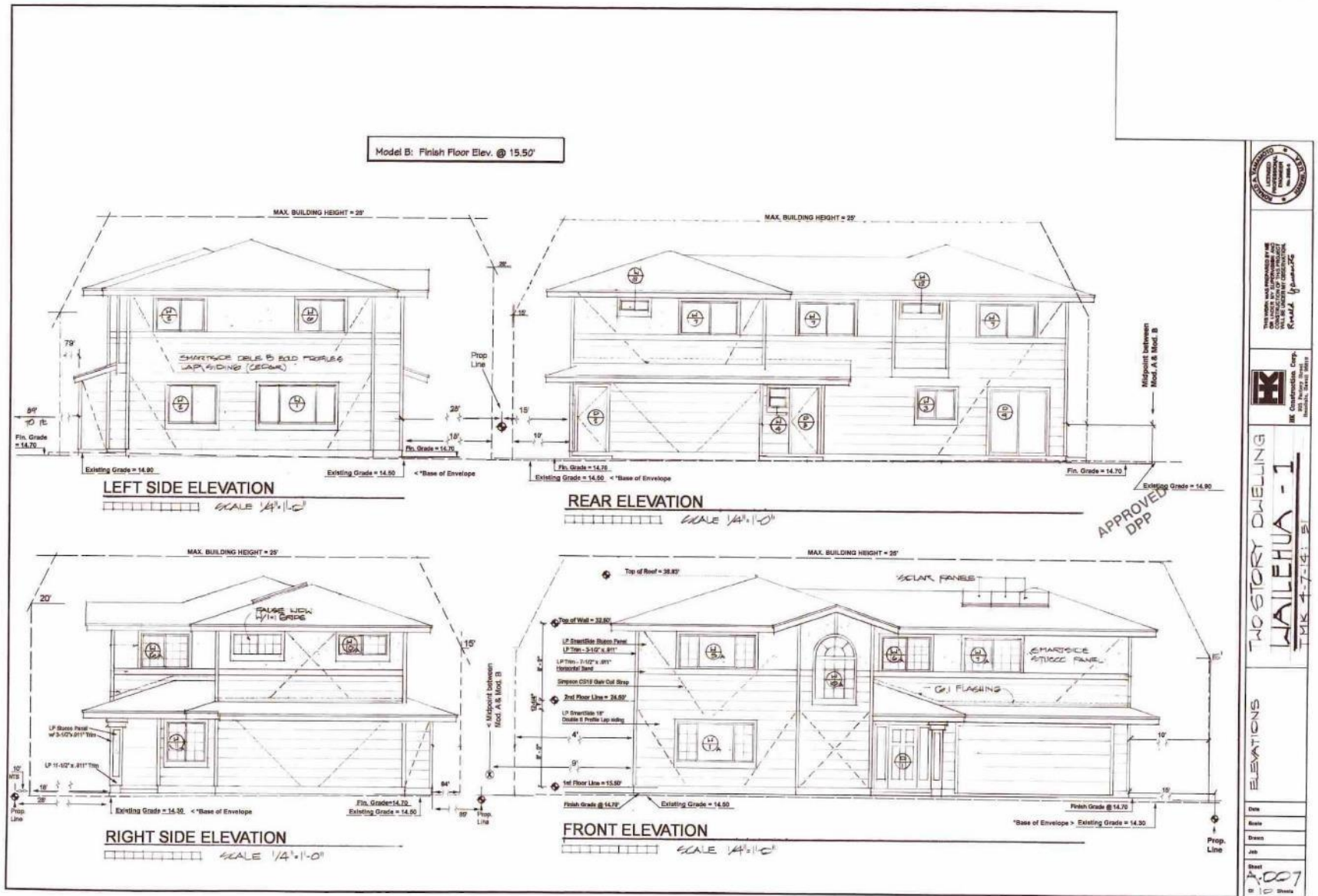
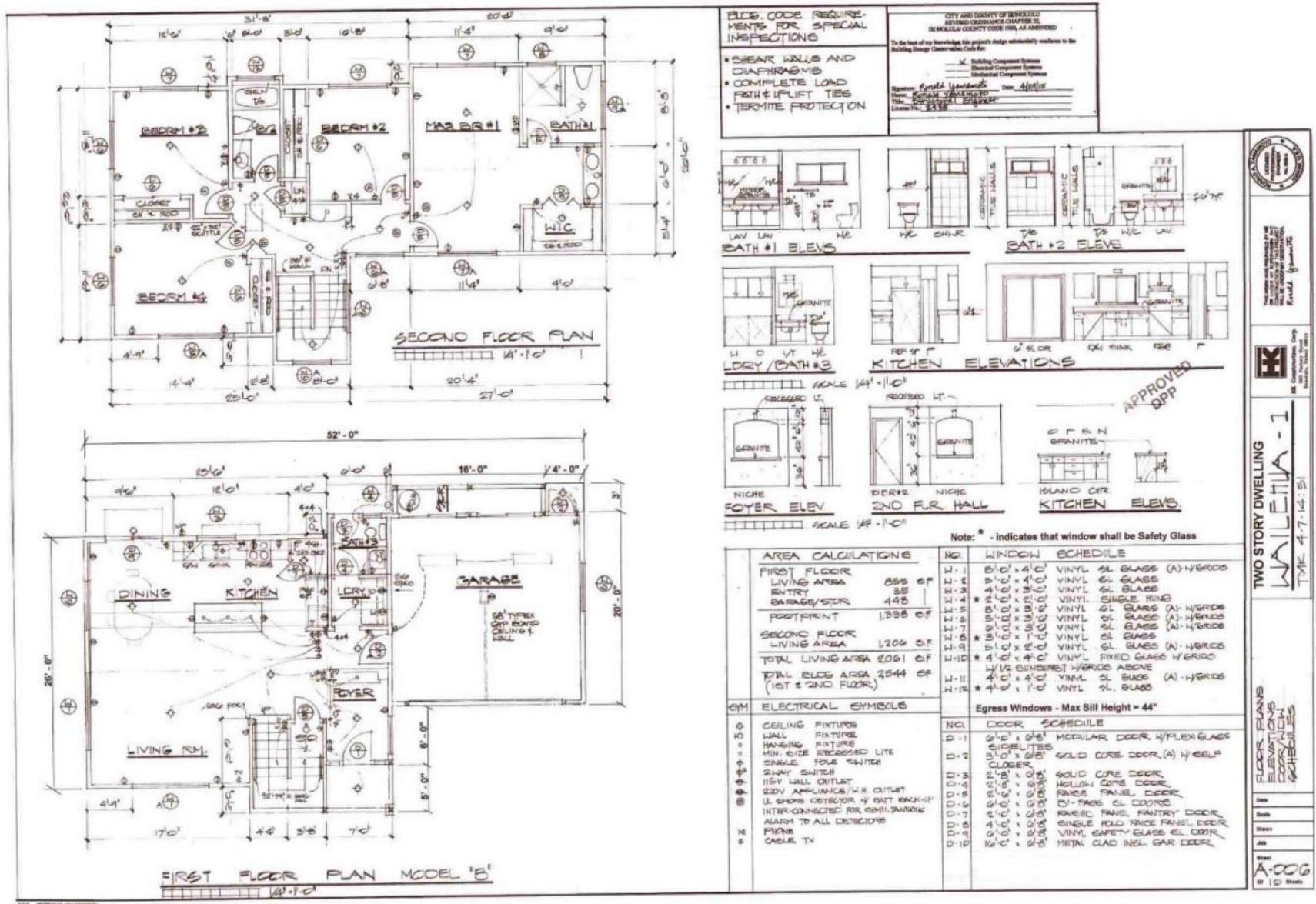


Figure 10. Model "B" Floor Plan



3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING – POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

This section describes existing conditions of the physical or natural environment, potential environmental impacts related to the proposed project and mitigation measures to minimize or negate impact.

3.1 General Physical Setting

The three parcels owned by Wailehua 1 are referred to throughout this document as *the proposed project site*, or simply as the *site*. The term *vicinity* is used to describe the general environs of this area of windward O‘ahu. Most of the 2.4616-acre parcel is located within the Special Management Area (Figure 11) and is entirely located within the State Land Use Urban District (Figure 12). The proposed project site is located about 1000 feet inland from Kaneohe Bay. Adjacent land use is primarily residential, with a mix of agricultural, vacant, and commercial uses. The site is bounded by Wailehua Road, Lamaula Road, the unnamed drainage ditch to the north, and the privately-owned parcel TMK 4-7-014:038 to the east.

The climate of O‘ahu has low annual variability with daily temperatures variation of less than 10 degrees at sea level. The Hawaiian Islands experience two seasons; summer and winter, with the summer months of May-September characterized by temperatures averaging 80 – 90 degrees and winter temperatures dropping to the mid 60’s with an increase in precipitation. The proposed project site has a mean total annual precipitation of about 68 inches. Trade-wind driven orographic precipitation increases with elevation, and areas directly inland of the site on the windward side of the Ko‘olau mountains receive more than 130 inches of precipitation annually.

The Island of O‘ahu is made up of two highly eroded remnants of shield volcanoes; Waianae and Ko‘olau. While there are some more recent Ko‘olau volcanics, the Honolulu Volcanics, the exposed base rocks forming the mass of the Ko‘olau Mountains of the Ko‘olau Basalt series here are from 1.7 to 2.6 million years of age. The proposed project site is located approximately 1,000 feet inland from Kaneohe Bay on a broad plain formed from the erosion of the Ko‘olau Mountains. Topography in the area is determined by water erosion, which conveys surface flow, as well as groundwater, towards Kaneohe Bay. The coastal plain of windward O‘ahu contains an abundance of surface streams, stream-side and estuarine wetlands and freshwater springs, some with positive hydraulic head, that ultimately enter marine waters. On windward O‘ahu the combination of orographic precipitation and the highly eroded Ko‘olau Volcano produce characteristic cathedral valleys, with alluvial coastal plains below. The shoreline is laterally interrupted by dramatic ridgelines or headlands, including Pu‘u Kiolea to the north and Pu‘u Maeleili, to the south beyond Ahuimanu and Kahalu‘u.

Thus, the topographical characteristics of the proposed project site are determined by its hydrologic context, more specifically by its location relative to nearby drainages, and are discussed at length in Section 3.3 Hydrology and Drainage. The nearest mapped streams from the proposed project site are Haiamoa Stream, a transient stream located about 850 feet south of the proposed project site, with a watershed area of 410 acres. In the vicinity of the proposed project site are also found Ka‘alaea Stream, located about 1,300 feet to the north, Waihe‘e Stream, located about

1,600 feet south, and Kahalu'u Stream, located about the same distance to the south, as Waihe'e Stream is a tributary of Kahalu'u Stream with its confluence near Kahalu'u Pond.

Figure 11. Special Management Area Map

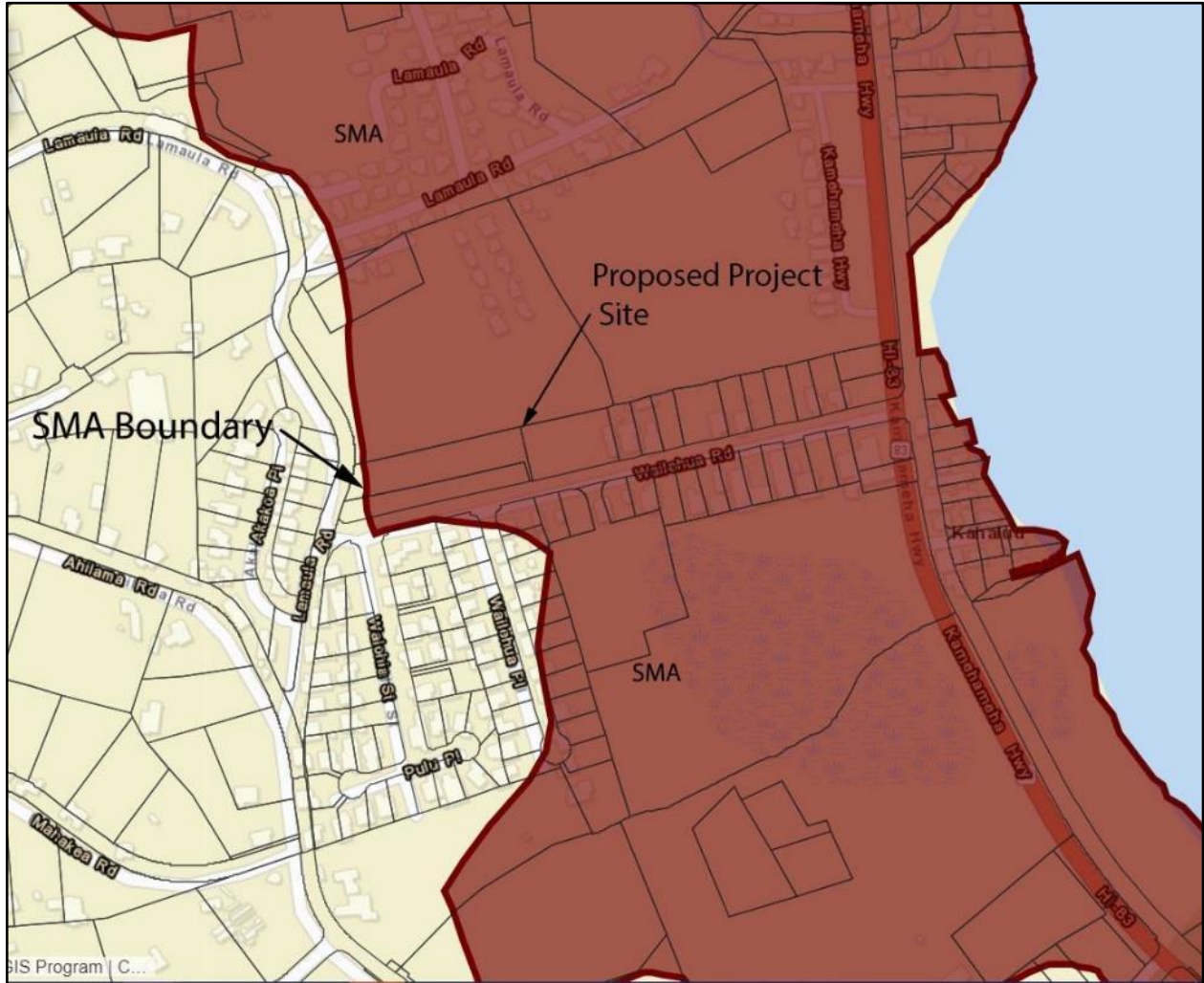
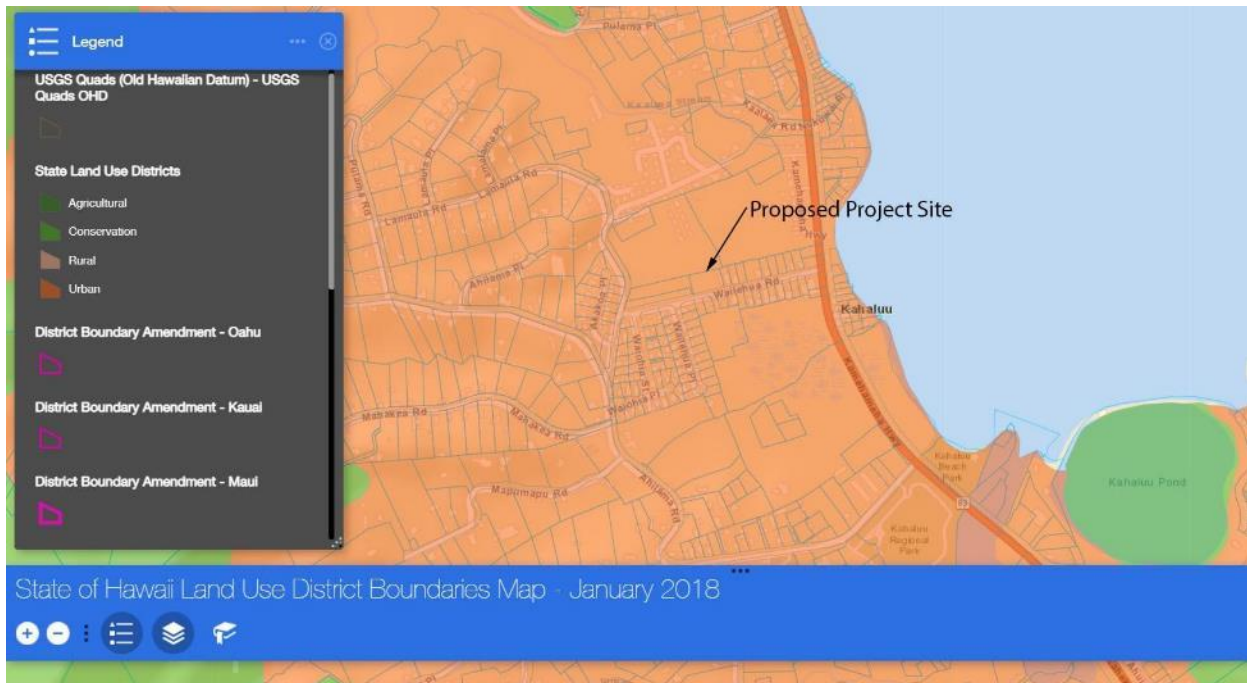


Figure 12. State Land Use District Map



3.2 Geology and Geohazards

Existing Setting, Impacts and Mitigation

The geologic map for the Island of O‘ahu (Sherrod et al. 2007) shows that the site is underlain by Holocene alluvium, and the inland portion may be underlain by older Pleistocene and Pliocene alluvium. The presence of low-permeability karst “caprock” is not noted in any references but is often commonly found in near-shore, low-lying areas of O‘ahu, sometimes representing older marine terraces. The proposed project site has relatively little slope overall but varies from about 11 feet to 18 feet above mean sea level, with the swale on the northern boundary of the site forming the lowest areas. The area has been modified by agriculture, road building, and other grading, therefore specific areas may contain non-native fill soils.

Soils underlying the proposed project site are consolidated alluvial soils. Soils of the proposed project site are defined by the NRCS Web Soil Survey (USGS 2021) as being of the three following types: (1) approximately the inland ¼ of the site contains Lolekaa silty clay, (2) approximately the middle half of the site contains typic endoaquepts mucky silt loam, and (3) approximately the seaward ¼ of the site contains Pearl Harbor clay. Lelekaa silty clay has a thickness of more than 80 inches and is a well-drained soil with a moderately low to moderately high capacity to transmit water (0.06 to 0.60 inches/hour). Typical endoaquepts denotes a soil largely found on atolls and does not indicate a hydric wetlands type of soil, and is further described as a poorly drained soil of thickness greater than 80 inches and a moderately high capacity to transmit ground water. An endoaquept is a soil produced by weathering of base rocks with groundwater located close to their bottom layers, or are endo saturated. Pearl Harbor clay is a very poorly drained soil

with a thickness of more than 80 inches, a very low to moderately low capacity to transmit water (0.00 to 0.06 inches/hour), and is a hydric soil indicative of wetlands. It should be noted, however, that grading and placement of fill on the site has likely buried the native soils, particularly in the areas intended for structures.

The Island of O‘ahu may be impacted by earthquakes, generally originating from Hawai‘i Island. The most recent large earthquake felt on O‘ahu was the 6.9 magnitude event centered in the Puna District of Hawai‘i Island. The Universal Building Code determines structural resistance to seismic energy relative to a designated “risk category” that is based upon the peak acceleration. The Island of O‘ahu is designated by the UBC as being in Seismic Zone 2A, with a peak ground acceleration of 0.15 g, or 0.15 times the acceleration of gravity. Through compliance with the UBC and ROH Chapter 16 Building Code, the proposed project would involve adequate engineering for geologic hazards. Further, geologic and soil conditions on the proposed project site would appear to present no hazards or conditions that would require mitigation. The proposed property would not appear to be impacted by landslides.

The proposed project site does not appear to be affected by geological hazards therefore no such mitigation is required. In general, soil and geologic conditions impose no constraints, and the proposed use is reasonable. Appropriate seismic standards would be adhered to during design and construction, per building codes.

3.3 Hydrology and Drainage

Existing Environment

As the topography of O‘ahu is determined by erosion, the topographical characteristics of the proposed project site and vicinity are determined by its hydrologic context, more specifically by its location relative to nearby drainages. The nearest mapped streams from the proposed project site are Haiamoa Stream, located about 900 feet south, Ka‘alaea Stream, located about 1,300 feet north, Waihe‘e Stream, located about 1,600 feet south, and Kahalu‘u Stream, located about the same distance to the south, as Waihe‘e Stream is a tributary of Kahalu‘u Stream, with its confluence near Kahalu‘u Pond.

The proposed project site lies within the Haiamoa watershed (DAR 2008), which has an area of 0.6 square miles and a total stream length of 1.0 mile. The unnamed swale to the rear of the proposed project site was described at length in Paahana (2015), Wailehua 1 (2019).

The FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) viewer (FEMA 2021) shows that the proposed project site is entirely located in Flood Zone X, areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain, as mapped on FEMA FIRM panel 15003CO255G (Figure 13). The proposed project site is not located within the tsunami evacuation zone but is located within the extreme tsunami evacuation zone (State of Hawaii, 2021).

According to Mink & Lau (1990) groundwater under the proposed project site is part of the Windward Aquifer Sector and the Koolaupoko Aquifer System, and is basal and unconfined. The latter descriptors of basal and unconfined indicate that groundwater under the proposed project site

is likely to be found at a depth nearly corresponding to sea level. Thus, it is likely that the depth to groundwater beneath the proposed project site is likely to be in excess of five feet and may be as much as eight feet, given that the ground surface elevation of the majority of the proposed project site is about 11 to 18 feet above mean sea level.

There are no potential wetlands impacts from the proposed project as determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in a jurisdictional determination on December 21, 2020 (Appendix B). Figure 14 shows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory for the proposed project site and vicinity. This finding was issued after wetlands were delineated on the proposed project site under a previous study in 2015 (Paahana 2015) and was associated with a notice of violation dated February 14, 2017 for placement of fill in waters of the U.S. by the Applicant on a portion of the proposed project site. The change in jurisdictional determination is due to the halting of implementation of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, which essentially rolled back interpretation of the definition of “waters of the United States” to the pre-2015 regulatory status. In the December 21, 2021 jurisdictional determination, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the “Wailehua 1 drainage feature” was created by excavation for the purpose of drainage of stormwater and, furthermore, conveys flow only ephemerally, and is therefore not a water of the United States as per 33 CFR Section 328(b)(10). This determination is fixed for a period of five years, meaning that another rule change would not affect the determination for this term.

Under the implementation of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, the swale adjoining the proposed project site, as well as portions of the proposed project site, were previously considered waters of the U.S., and hence protected from development, alteration, or fill, unless permitted. This interpretation was terminated by the jurisdictional determination of 2021, as discussed above. The Paahana 2015 wetlands delineation determined that wetlands existed on the proposed project site (Appendix C, Figures 8 and 9). Wetlands are defined, or delineated, by the presence of characteristic wetlands vegetation, characteristic wetlands soil, and, of course, water. The wetlands delineation of Paahana in 2016 (Appendix B) noted only the presence of wetlands plants on a portion of the site. The notice of violation of February 14, 2017 observed the unauthorized placement of fill on a significant portion of the proposed project site. This notice of violation set into motion an effort to achieve compensatory mitigation to offset the loss of wetlands, resulting in the preparation of the Draft Conceptual Proposal for Compensatory Mitigation. With the roll-back of the definition of “waters of the U.S.” to the pre-2015 regulatory definition, the adjoining drainage swale and hydrologically connected portions of the proposed project site no longer were considered wetlands, meaning that the compensatory mitigation of wetland impacts was no longer needed.

A Drainage Study has been prepared for the proposed project by Hida, Okamoto & Associates, Inc. (Appendix D). This study determined that, under existing drainage conditions, all stormwater runoff flows towards and into the drainage easement on the north side of the site. The study further analyzed off site conditions including construction of a standard sidewalk, curb and gutter, which action was found to result in discharge of runoff from the proposed project site to neighboring properties downslope. To mitigate this, the drainage study proposed construction of French drains to transport this runoff to the drainage easement on the north side of the site. Design of these French drains is detailed in Appendix D. Because all stormwater runoff is directed to the north the proposed project would not result in increased flooding in the vicinity. In fact, the drainage study

states that drainage enters the property from Wailehua Road. Placement of fill and grading of the property is not expected to change the overall site flow patterns that direct runoff to the drainage ditch.

Climate Change and Sea Level Rise

There is a scientific consensus that the Earth is warming due to increases in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere due to human activities, according to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC 2021). Global mean air temperatures have increased by about 1.6° F to date, compared to the 19th century baseline, and are projected to increase by about 3.0°F by 2030 to 2052. This will be accompanied by the warming of ocean waters, expected to be highest in tropical and subtropical seas of the Northern Hemisphere. Wet and dry season contrasts will increase, and wet tropical areas in particular are likely to experience more frequent and extreme precipitation. For Hawai'i, where warming air temperatures are already quite apparent, not only is the equable climate at risk but also agriculture, ecosystems, the visitor industry and public health.

For subdivisions near the shoreline in Hawai'i, key related considerations are the potential for increased runoff from storms and rising sea levels. We are not able to predict with certainty how fast and high sea levels will rise within 10 years, 20 years or 50 years. An overall global rise in sea level of 3.3 feet by the end of the 21st century was proposed by Fletcher (2012) and others. A 2012 scientific assessment (e.g., Rahmstorf 2012) posited four feet as a reasonable upper bound by 2100. Some recent research, that concentrates on the potential for Antarctic melting to contribute more to sea level than generally modeled, envisions as much as an additional 3.3 feet of sea level rise (DeConto and Pollard 2016). Relative sea-level rise, of course, is a result of the combined water rise and land subsidence. Additionally, the timing of sea level rise, as well as the magnitude, is the subject of debate and scientific uncertainty. While the IPCC's "business as usual" scenario, where GHG emissions continue at the current rate of increase, predicts up to 3.2 feet of global sea level rise by year 2100 (IPCC 2014), recent observations and projections suggest that this magnitude of sea level rise could occur as early as year 2060 under more recently published highest-end scenarios...

In 2014 the Hawai'i State Legislature passed the Hawai'i Climate Adaptation Initiative Act (Act 83, Session of Laws of Hawai'i), declaring that climate change poses both an urgent and longer threat to the state's economy, sustainability, security and way of life. A statewide Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report was developed to help Hawai'i prepare for the impact of sea level rise and also it intended to serve as a model for future efforts to address other climate related threats and climate change adaptation priorities, ultimately leading to a Climate Adaptation Plan for the State of Hawai'i. In 2017 the State legislature passed Act 32 further solidifying Hawai'i's commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation and created a Hawaii Climate Change and Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to further the work of the committee. Hawai'i Boat Harbors would be a focus of these committees in determining mitigation as well as properties along low lying coastal areas, which would be impacted. Adaptation to sea level rise and action are in the works now in Hawai'i. Hawai'i was the first state to require 100% renewable power supply by year 2045 (Act 97, SLH 2015), Act 99 SLH 2015 and Act 176 SLH 2016 direct all public schools and universities to be net-zero by 2035.

The State of Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Viewer is an interactive mapping tool to facilitate

understanding of potential impacts from climate change-induced sea level rise in a number of scenarios. Specific basemap layers show the potential impacts from sea level rise, passive flooding, annual high wave flooding, and coastal erosion, and also evaluate potential economic loss and highway flooding. According to this online tool, the proposed project site is not impacted by flooding under the maximum degree of sea level rise of 3.2 feet (Figure 15), or the maximum degree of passive flooding of 3.2 feet (Figure 16). Nor are there any impacts predicted in the vicinity of the proposed project site for the maximum amount of annual high wave flooding of 3.2 feet, and the maximum degree of coastal erosion of 3.2 feet.

The National Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) produces national storm surge hazard maps to depict storm surge flooding vulnerability for areas vulnerable to tropical storms and hurricanes. The maps depict the SLOSH (Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes) numerical model for hurricane strength categories 1-4. The predicted storm surge for a Category 4 hurricane is shown in Figure 17 and shows no storm surge inundation on the proposed project site.

Comments received on the DEA by the Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board expressed concern that the above evaluation of climate-change related impacts did not include consideration of the increase in frequency of extreme rainfall events. Many of the impacts related to climate change, however, are local. While extreme rainfall events are anticipated to become more frequent in many places, on Oahu they are not. In fact, research has shown that extreme rainfall events on Oahu have become less frequent and this trend is expected to continue. There is no evidence that extreme rainfall events have become more frequent on Oahu. In fact, the oft-cited work of Chen and Chu (2014) on this subject shows a reduction in the frequency of extreme-rainfall events on Oahu. Rainfall data and stream discharge data show a trend toward lower annual mean precipitation as well (Diaz et al. 2005, Oki 2004).

Mitigation

The proposed detached single-family dwellings are to be constructed in accordance with the requirements set forth by Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) Chapter 21A Flood Hazard Areas. The existing dwellings have also been constructed in a manner compliant with ROH Chapter 21A. The proposed project will comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations and subchapter B along with City and County, and State rules and regulations. As a condition of subdivision, the Applicant would construct French drains to conduct runoff towards and into the adjoining drainage swale. The proposed project site is located in Flood Zone X, outside of the 500-year flood zone. As the proposed project site is not expected to be impacted by other sources of flooding, including storm surge, coastal flooding due to high waves, and sea level rise under the cases examined, no further mitigation is warranted.

Figure 13. Flood Zone Map

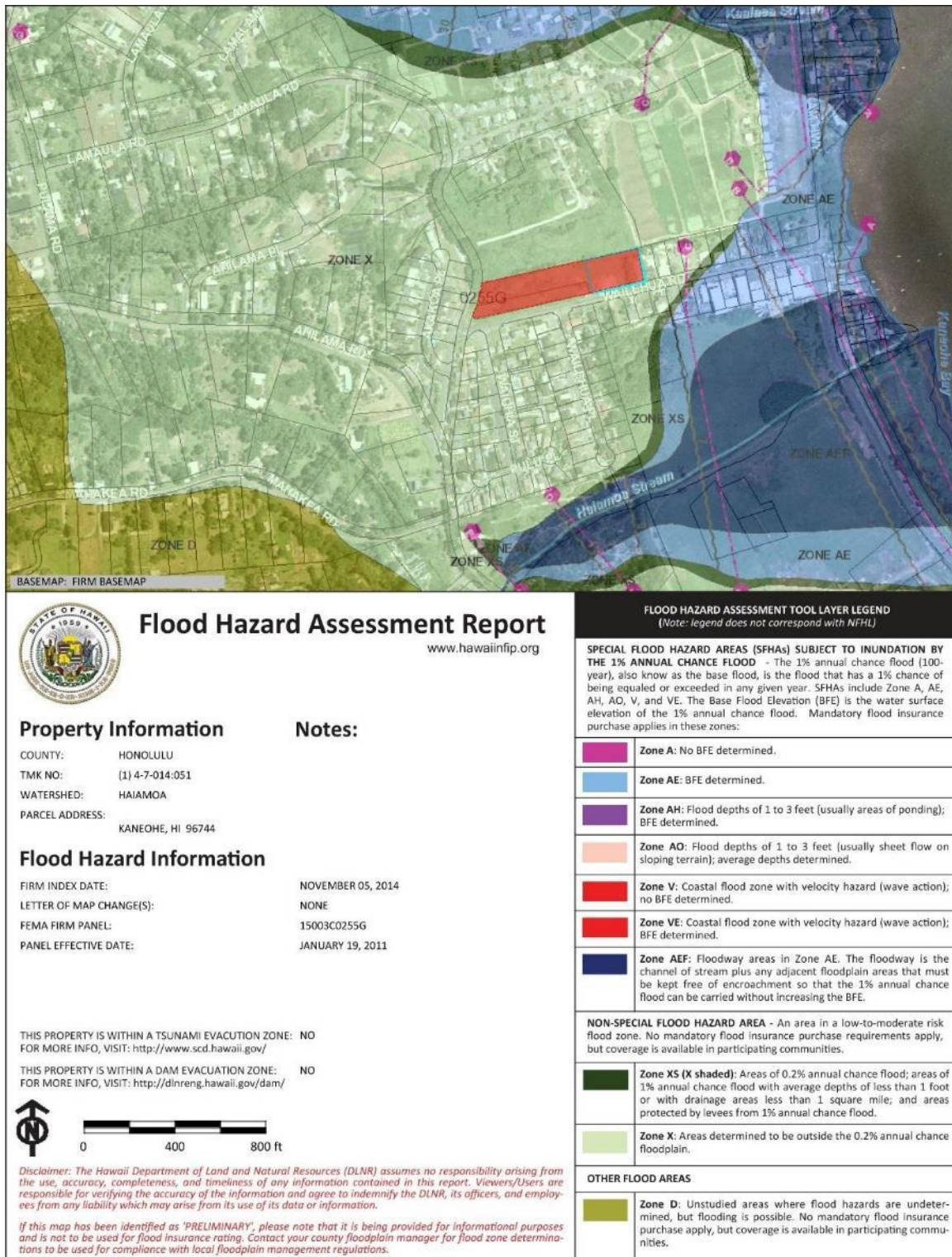


Figure 14. FWS Wetlands Map

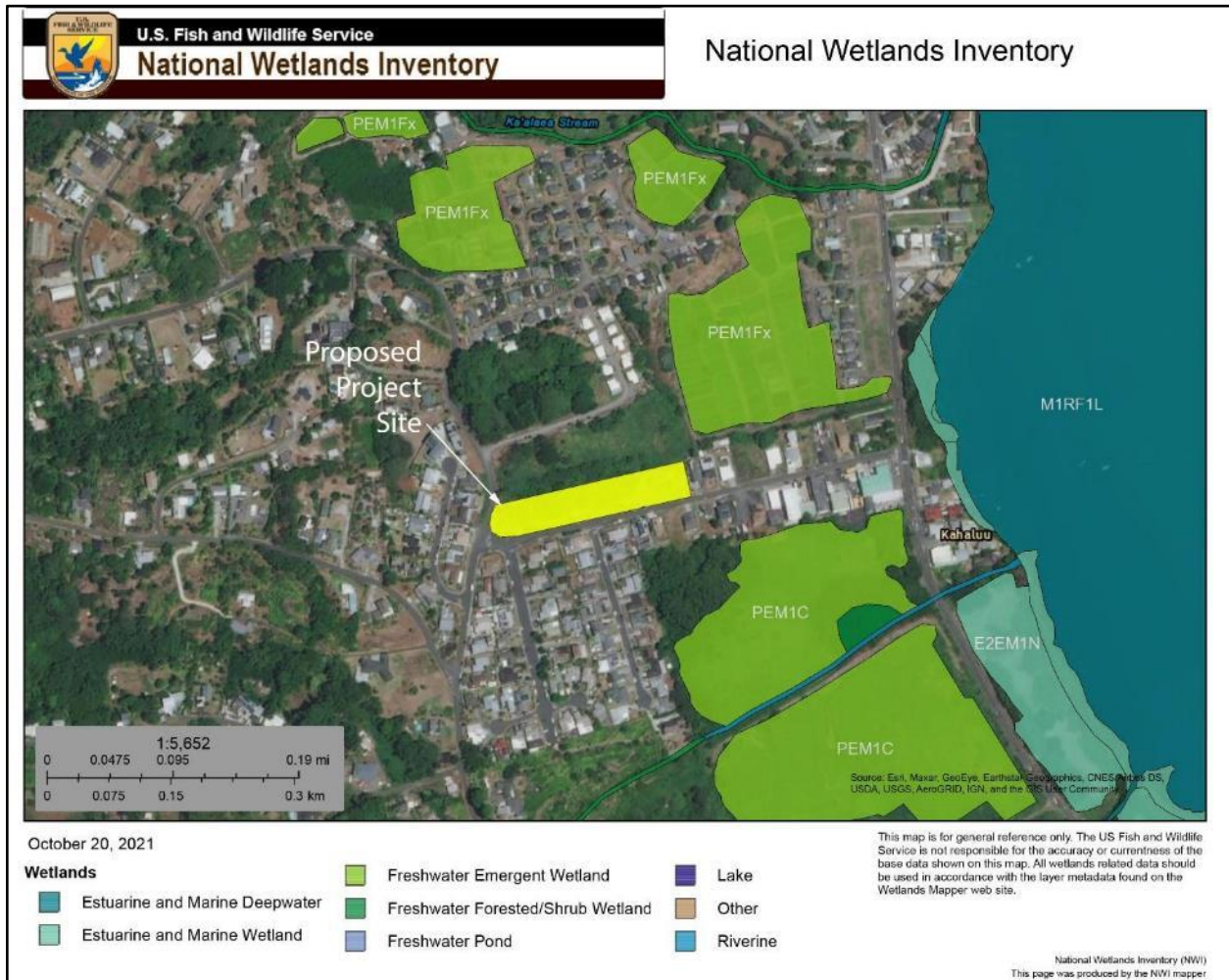
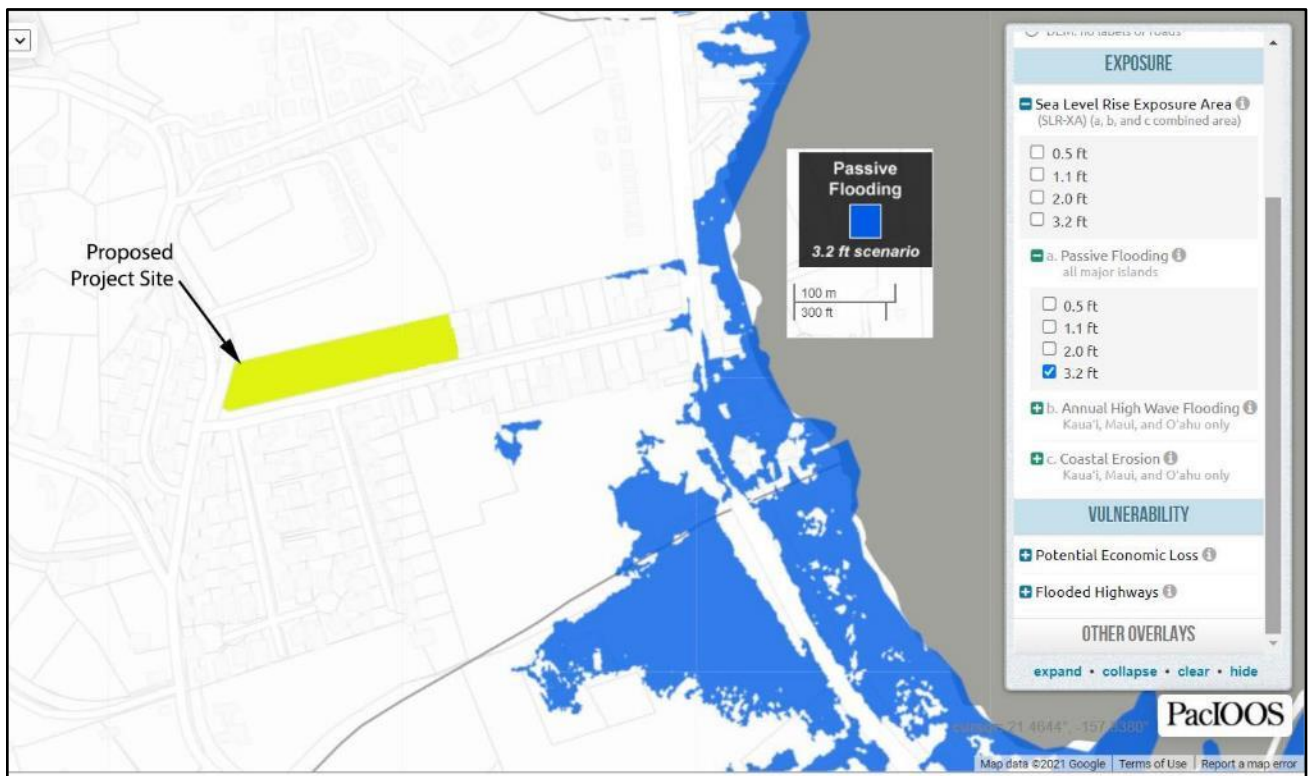


Figure 15. Predicted Impacts of 3.2 ft of Sea Level Rise



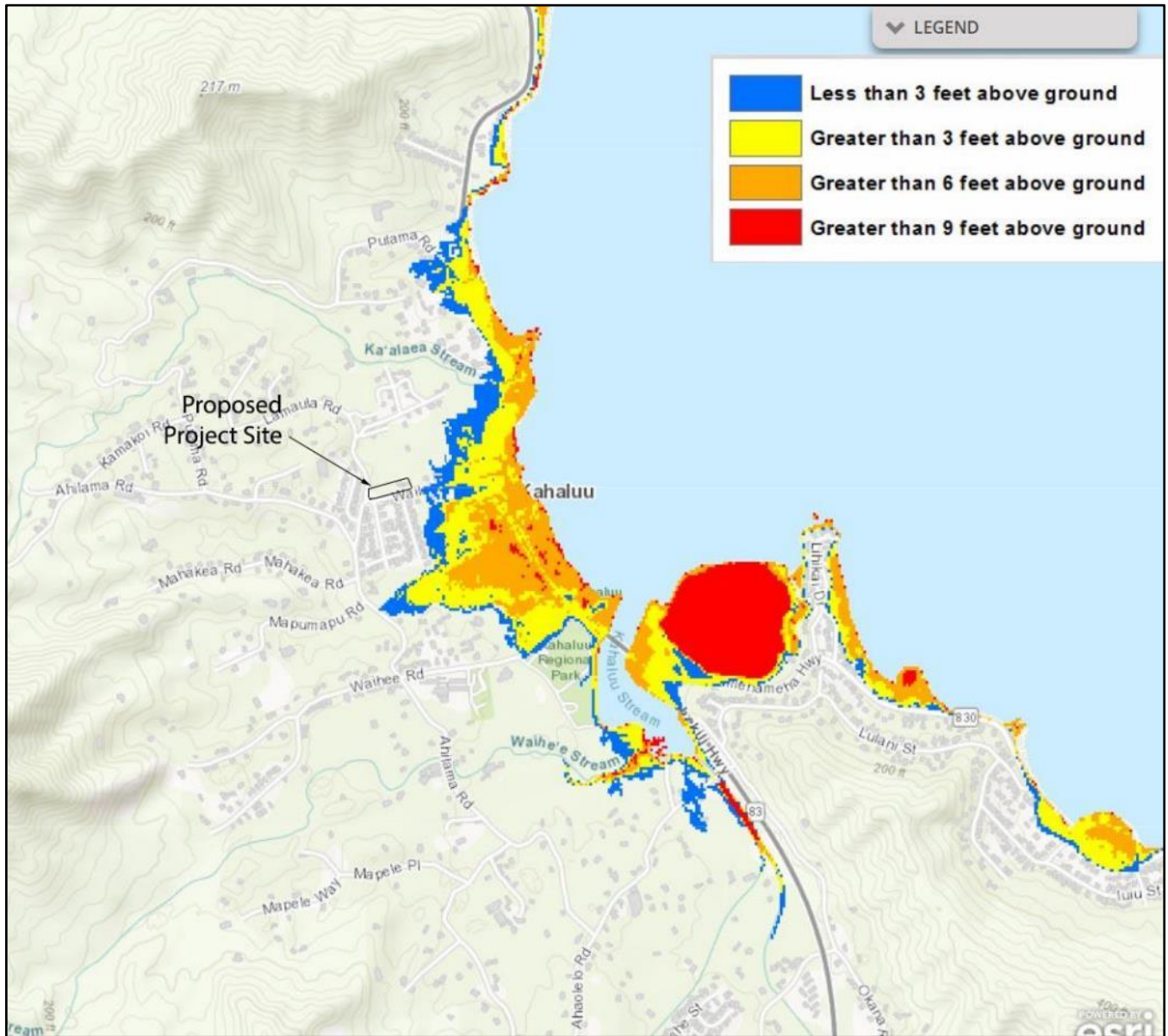
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Figure 16. Predicted Impacts from 3.2 ft of Passive Flooding



Source: <https://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/shoreline/slr-hawaii/>

Figure 17. The SLOSH Model for Storm Surge from a Category 4 Hurricane.



Source: <https://noaa.maps.arcgis.com/>

3.4 Water Quality and Erosion

Existing Setting, Impacts and Mitigation

There would be no long-term adverse impacts to water quality as a result of the proposed project. Each dwelling would have its own individual wastewater system (IWS) permitted by the State Department of Health, and design would be conformant with HAR Title 11, Chapter 62 Wastewater Systems. This includes a requirement in HAR 11-62-34(c) that absorption beds be located in order to maximize the vertical separation distance from the bottom of the absorption bed to the seasonal high groundwater level, bedrock, or other limiting layer, with the minimum separation never less than three vertical feet. As groundwater is basal in this area, and is likely to be found near sea level, there would appear to be more than adequate soil horizon to accommodate absorption beds for the proposed single-family residence wastewater treatment systems. Furthermore, the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends that septic tank wastewater systems be inspected every three years and pumped every three to five years (US EPA 2021).

A comment received from the Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board as part of the pre consultation process expressed concern over water quality impacts from the proposed project, noting that cesspools in the subdivision “across the street”- apparently indicating the residences located on Waiohia Street, Waiohia Place, Pulu Place and Wailehua Place contain wastewater systems that have overflowed on occasion. Cess pools are inferior wastewater systems that can adversely impact water quality, as they provide very little reduction in wastewater nutrient concentrations and organic carbon and are only allowed as grandfathered systems. Permitted IWS “Septic systems”, including absorption beds, are vastly superior systems to cess pools that reduce organic carbon and macronutrient (i.e., phosphorus species, nitrogen species) concentrations in wastewater. Although difficult to quantify, it can be confidently stated that a single cesspool is a much greater concern to groundwater quality than a larger number of permitted individual wastewater systems. However, the only means for a nearly 100% reduction in local potential impacts to groundwater quality is through sewer systems and treatment at a wastewater treatment plant with a minimum of secondary treatment. A response was transmitted to the Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board and is included in Appendix A.

The comment received from the Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board also stated that any wetlands present should be preserved, as they favor water quality. The proposed project would not impact wetlands, as none are present, and would not affect the adjoining drainage swale/ditch.

A comment received from the City and County Department of Environmental Services as part of the pre consultation process stated that the proposed project site may be included in proposed sewerage improvements. The stated timeline for this project on Wailehua Road is 10 years. Therefore, it is recommended that it be ensured that the dwellings of the Wailehua 1 project connect to the City sewer service immediately when it becomes available. The United States Environment Protection Agency has recommendation for IWS septic system maintenance available at <https://www.epa.gov/septic/how-care-your-septic-system>, and recommend that septic systems be inspected every three years and pumped every three to five years; we recommend this as mitigation for potential impacts of the proposed project.

The proposed project includes construction of French drains for each dwelling along the 10-foot wide drainage easement on the north side of the site. The design of these consists of a three-foot wide section filled with drain rock to a depth of three feet along the entirety of the length of the proposed project site on the north side, abutting, but not extending into, the drainage easement. The French drains would be surfaced with a three-inch layer of planting medium. This design would allow infiltration of runoff into the subsurface at a lower rate, and would effectively mitigate the increase in runoff rate presented by construction of impermeable surfaces on the site. Further, there would be an improvement in water quality to the runoff by the filtering effect of the French drains.

The potential for short-term construction-phase water quality impacts exists, primarily due to the potential for polluted stormwater runoff from disturbed soil surfaces. The contractor would comply with HAR Title 11, Chapter 54, Water Quality Standards, Title 11 Chapter 55 Water Pollution Control, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Chapter 14, Articles 13, 14, 15, 16 and City Administrative Rules, Section 20-3, "Rules Relating to Water Quality". As construction would disturb more than one acre, a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Construction Permit would be required. This permit would likely require the following erosion control best management practices would be implemented:

- Erosion control measures shall be installed before demolition and maintained until completion of grading phase.
- The silt fence shall be installed before any grading operations and shall be maintained until completion of construction activities.
- Contractor to periodically inspect silt fence, especially during periods of heavy rainfall.
- The final lift of each day's work shall be compacted to prevent erosion of fill materials.
- The contractor shall dispose of vegetation and equipment and hydraulic oils off-site.
- No oil or fuel shall be stored on site.
- All equipment shall be serviced in a confined area, and all fluids shall drain into pans for handling.
- All exposed areas would be grassed upon completion of grading work.
- Minimization of soil loss and erosion by revegetation and stabilization of slopes and disturbed areas of soil, possibly using hydromulch, geotextiles, or binding substances, as soon as possible after working.
- Minimization of sediment loss by emplacement of structural controls, possibly including silt fences, gravel bags, sediment ponds, check dams, and other barriers, in order to retard and prevent the loss of sediment from the site.
- Minimizing disturbance of soil during periods of heavy rain.
- Phasing of large projects in order to disturb a minimum necessary area of soil at a particular time.
- Application of protective covers to soil and material stockpiles.
- Construction and use of a stabilized construction vehicle entrance.
- Use of drip pans beneath vehicles not in use in order to trap vehicle fluids.
- Routine maintenance of BMPs by adequately trained personnel; and
- Cleanup of significant leaks or spills and disposal at an approved site, if they occur.

3.4 Air Quality

Existing Environment

The ambient air quality in the site vicinity is considered good, below criteria levels for most pollutants in most locations at almost all times, due to the prevailing northeasterly trade winds and the absence of major industrial activities. Air quality in the vicinity can be affected by air pollutants from natural and/or human sources. Natural sources of pollution may include wind-blown dust, wildfires, and occasional distant volcanic emissions (vog) from the Island of Hawai'i. Human sources include vehicular emissions from motorists traveling on residential streets, refuse and green waste burning, emissions from equipment using internal combustion engines, barbeque grills, and other intermittent sources. Air pollutant levels are monitored by the DOH at a network of sampling stations statewide, although there are no sampling stations in windward O'ahu. State air quality monitoring consistently shows readings well in compliance with state and Federal air quality standards (DOH, 2021).

Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Adequate fugitive dust control can typically be accomplished by the establishment of a frequent watering program to keep bare dirt surfaces in construction areas from becoming significant sources of dust. In dust prone or dust sensitive areas, other control measures, such as limiting the area that can be disturbed at any given time, applying chemical soil stabilizers, mulching and/or using wind screens may be necessary. Onsite mobile and stationary construction equipment also would emit air pollutants from engine exhausts, but no sensitive receptors are present. The contractor will be required to prepare a dust control plan during construction compliant with provisions of HAR, Chapter 11-60.1, "Air Pollution Control," and Section 11-60.1-33, "Fugitive Dust."

Construction-related exhaust emissions will be mitigated by ensuring that project contractors properly maintain their internal combustion engines and comply with DOH Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 11, Chapter 59 and 60, regarding Air Pollution Control. Construction related impacts to air quality will be temporary and will cease when construction is completed.

3.5 Flora and Fauna

Flora – Existing Setting, Impacts and Mitigation

The ecological setting of the project site and vicinity have been surveyed and described by Paahana (2015) and the Draft Conceptual Compensatory Mitigation Plan prepared by Wailehua 1 (2019) and we rely on these investigations in this section. Section 3.7 Historical and Cultural Resources also discusses the history of land use of the proposed project site and vicinity.

Handy (1940) stated that, "The broad flats of Waihee from the seashore inland are continuous with those of Kaalaea to the north and Kahaluu to the south. These contiguous flats, all sectioned with terraces, make one of the largest single areas of wet taro land on the Koolau coast ... The old terraces, now abandoned, ran back into these valleys for about 1.5 miles." The project site on Wailehua Road lies just north of center for this expansive field system. Kennedy (1981) felt certain

that none of the terrace walls or other irrigation features survived due to subsequent land clearing for sugar cane, rice, pineapple, and pasture lands in the 1800's through early 1900's.

In 1865, the lowlands within the Haiamoa, Waihee, and Kaalaea watersheds, including the project site, were cultivated in sugar by Kaalaea Sugar Plantation (<http://www.hawaiianstamps.com/isoahust.html>). This was one of eight sugar plantations within the Kaneohe Bay area (Townscape 2012). A Hawaiian Government Survey map drawn by J.S. Gay dated 1874 illustrated the Kaalaea Sugar Plantation. Bowser (1880) noted that the 365-acre Kaalaea Sugar Plantation had 160 acres under cultivation in sugar cane at that time, with an estimated yield that year of 200 tons. The sugar plantation was given up around 1883. In 1888, the area was known for rice and taro cultivation. The last sugar plantation in the Kaneohe region ceased production in 1903 (Townscape 2012). A resident from a neighboring property was recently interviewed by Environmental Risk Analysis (2014) and indicated that the area surrounding the project site was formerly cultivated in pineapple from 1920 through 1940 but insisted that the project site was not used for agriculture. Townscape (2012) notes that some 2,500 acres within the Kaneohe region were cultivated in pineapple. Mello (2019) said that pineapple cultivation extended to the upper reaches of Kaalaea Valley. Much of the cultivated fields reverted back to pasture lands between 1925-1940. An abandoned water valve, a gaging station, and old piping recently discovered on the southern edge of the Kaalaea watershed near the project site provide historical evidence of modern agricultural irrigation systems. Thus, the Wailehua 1 (2019) draft conceptual compensatory mitigation plan provided evidence that the proposed project site was used for agriculture.

US Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle maps from the mid- to late-1950's reveal widely scattered buildings and dwellings throughout the region. The housing subdivision at the intersection of Lamaula Road and Wailehua Road appears to have been developed in the 1970's, and is illustrated in historical aerial photographs dating from 1975 (Environmental Risk Analysis LLC 2014). Paahana (2015) noted that the project site had not been previously developed for residential purposes or formally managed. Aerial photos of the project site prior to 1978 demonstrate that the parcel was undeveloped and completely covered with dense vegetation. Aerial photos available from Google Maps support anecdotal accounts that the center of the project site had previously been used as an undesignated parking lot for a commercial bus company, additional parking for area residents, and as an undesignated dumping ground by the former landowner (Paahana 2015). Between 1978 and 2008, marginal fills can be seen in aerial photos at differing locations within the project site immediately adjacent to Wailehua Road. A fill of roughly 2,398 square feet is visible in an August 2000 image of the site (Appendix C, Figure 2) and was expanded in subsequent years. The largest of these fills appears in an August 2004 Google Earth image to be approximately 0.40 acres in size (Appendix C, Figure 3); and vehicles can be seen parked there. Aerial images collected in Jan 2013 show that the filled area had been totally overgrown with dense vegetation (Appendix C, Figure 4). The full extent of clearing, grubbing and filling associated with the Wailehua I project can be seen in the 16 August 2016 aerial image (Appendix C, Figure 5). The area shown in white outline in Figure 5 represents the greatest extent of fill associated with the bus parking lot. The uneven elevated lands at the center of the project site, which appear as dark spots in Figure 5, appear to be mounds of rubble created by grubbing and grading of the site for Wailehua I as well as grading/filling for the bus parking area in the early 2000s. Irregular blocks of broken asphalt, concrete and gravel, previously used as fill for the bus parking lot, are evident under the heavy mats of grass at the project site (Appendix C, Photo 1).

The GAP Land Cover Ecological System Land Use map of the project area and surrounding lands identify the area around Wailehua Road as having a mix of low and high density development, alien grasslands and shrublands, and cultivated cropland (USGS 2011). Further details and photographs of the physical and biological setting of the project site appear in Paahana (2015). Price et al (2007) described the proposed project site as located within a seasonal mesic moisture regime with a mix of low (i.e., converted) and medium (non-native) terrestrial habitat values. Wailehua I (Appendix D) noted that there are no significant open water habitats at the project site.

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The unnamed drainage ditch that plays a key role in the hydrology of the project site today was apparently constructed by the Kaalaea Sugar Plantation sometime during the mid- to late-1870's to drain adjoining wetlands for sugar cultivation. This ditch, running in a straight line from Lamaula Road to Kaneohe Bay along the northern boundary of the project site, first appears in a map of the Kaalaea Sugar Company published in 1880 by M.D. Monsarrat (Appendix D, Figure 8). The Monsarrat map also shows another drainage that flows from the Kaalaea watershed through the area occupied today by Wong Village and drains into the unnamed ditch just makai of the project area. Mello (2019) identified this drainage as an auwai that carries water for taro irrigation from Kaalaea Stream.

Paahana (2015, Appendix C) performed a survey of plant species on the proposed project site. Paahana did not survey the fill area, as it would have contained only colonizing weedy plant species. Paahana described the site as containing a dominant herb stratum, lacking both sapling/shrub and woody vine strata. All observed vegetation, with the exception of the remnant plant community west of the center of the property, represents regrowth of successional plants since the proposed project site was mechanically grubbed in 2015. A list of the plant species observed is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Plant Species Identified on the Proposed Project Site

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>	<i>Biogeographic Status</i>
California grass, para grass	<i>Urochloa mutica</i>	Non-native
Guinea grass	<i>Megathyrsus maximus</i>	Non-native
Elephant Grass	<i>Cenchrus purpureus</i>	Non-native
Job's Tears	<i>Coix lacryma-jobi</i>	Non-native: Naturalized
Parasol Leaf Tree	<i>Macaranga tanarius</i>	Endemic
Primrose Willow	<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i>	Non-native
Cyperus	<i>Cyperus difformis</i>	Non-native
Pycurus	<i>Cyperus polystachyos</i>	Native: indigenous
Bitter melon	<i>Momordica charantia</i>	Non-native: naturalized
Moon flower	<i>Ipomoea alba</i>	Non-native: naturalized
Juniper berry	<i>Citharexylum caudatum</i>	Non-native: naturalized
Scarlet Spiral Flag	<i>Costus woodsonii</i>	Non-native: naturalized
Koa haole/haole koa	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Non-native: naturalized

Although this survey was completed in 2015, we do not expect appreciable changes to the species present apart from successional colonization by weedy and non-native species. No habitat is located on or near the proposed project site that may provide habitat for threatened or endangered species, therefore no significant impacts to plant resources are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

Fauna – Existing Setting, Impacts and Mitigation

Maps developed by Price et al (2007) identify the project site as being within a seasonal mesic moisture regime with a mix of low (converted) and medium (non-native) terrestrial habitat values. Today, there are no significant open water habitats either at the project site or in neighboring Waihee Marsh. Dense vegetation, lack of open water, and proximity to residential subdivisions and associated human disturbances have rendered the project site as poor habitat for endangered and migratory waterbirds.

No critical habitat (<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/table/critical-habitat.html>) for terrestrial fauna is present in the area, but some endangered species may overfly this and all other areas of the Island of Oahu. The Hawaiian petrel (*Pterodroma sandwichensis*), the Hawaiian sub-species of Newell's shearwater (*Puffinus newelli*), and the band-rumped storm-petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*) have been recorded over-flying various areas on the Island of Oahu. The Hawaiian petrel and band-rumped storm-petrel are listed as endangered, and Newell's shearwater as threatened, under both

federal and State of Hawai‘i endangered species statutes. These seabirds hunt over the ocean during the day and fly to higher elevations at night to roost and nest. The Hawaiian petrel and the band-rumped storm petrel are not known to nest on the Island of O‘ahu, but may overfly portions of the Island. During the breeding season from April through November, the Newell’s shearwater burrows under ferns on forested mountain slopes. These burrows are used year after year and usually by the same pair of birds. Although capable of climbing shrubs and trees before taking flight, it needs an open downhill flight path through which it can become airborne. Once abundant on all the main Hawaiian Islands, most Newell’s shearwaters are today found in the steep terrain between 500 to 2,300 feet on only Kaua‘i. (<https://www.fws.gov/pacificislands/fauna/newellsshearwater.html>)

The primary cause of mortality for all three species in Hawai‘i is thought to be predation by alien mammalian species at the nesting colonies. Collision with man-made structures is another significant cause. Nocturnally flying seabirds, especially fledglings on their way to sea in the summer and fall, can become disoriented by exterior lighting. Disoriented seabirds may collide with manmade structures and, if not killed outright, become easy targets of predatory mammals. These listed seabirds would not directly utilize the property but could occasionally overfly it.

The only native Hawaiian land mammal, the Hawaiian hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*), may also occur in the area, as it has been observed in almost all parts of the island of Oahu, having had its range described in acoustic studies including Thompson et al. (2019). Although the vegetation of the proposed project site does not represent essential habitat for this endangered species, bats have been observed in kiawe scrub vegetation in other parts of Oahu and are undoubtedly present at least occasionally

However, recent research by van Rees et al. (2018) on the Hawaiian gallinule (*alae ula*) suggests that forested and vegetated streams, ditches, canals, and roadside swales play a significant role in the distribution of this species on O‘ahu. Their study implies that marginal habitats formerly assumed to have little value to Hawaiian gallinules may contribute to their persistence by increasing population connectivity (van Rees et al 2017). They believe that some of these unmanaged water features may actually alleviate problems of genetic isolation in gallinule. van Rees and Reed (2015) speculated that changing water management goals with a greater emphasis on green stormwater infrastructure might simultaneously provide conservation benefits for waterbirds and help alleviate polluted water resources.

The roughly 8.3-acre taro pond complex, located approximately 130-feet northeast of the project site, appears to be the nearest open waters suitable as loafing and feeding habitat for endangered Hawaiian waterbirds, migratory waterfowl and shorebirds. At the present time, not all of these ponds appear to be simultaneously flooded, farmed, or managed to maximize value to wildlife. Recently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2016a, 2016b) indicated that endangered species discussed in the following paragraphs may occur within the Kahalu‘u region:

1. The Hawaiian hoary bat or opeapea (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*) roosts in both exotic and native woody vegetation and, while foraging, will leave young unattended in "nursery" trees and shrubs when they forage. If trees or shrubs suitable for bat roosting are cleared during the breeding season, there is a risk that young bats could inadvertently be harmed or killed since they are too young to fly or may not move away.

2. Four species of endangered Hawaiian waterbirds are known from windward O’ahu wetlands. The Hawaiian stilt or *aeo* (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*), Hawaiian coot or *alae keokeo* (*Fulica alai*), Hawaiian gallinule or *alae ula* (*Gallinula galeata sandvicensis*), and Hawaiian duck or *koloa maoli* (*Anas wyvilliana*), collectively referred to as Hawaiian waterbirds, occur at various sites within the vicinity of the project area (e.g. Heeia Pond and various locations along Kaneohe Bay).
3. The wedge-tailed shearwater or *ua u kani* (*Puffinus pacificus*), a species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712] (MBTA), may occur in the area. Wedge-tailed shearwater nesting colonies are located on offshore islets and several locations on O’ahu and every year many young shearwaters are downed and struck along O’ahu roadways. Any increase in the use of night-time lighting, particularly during each year's peak fallout period (September 15 through December 15), could result in additional seabird injury or mortality. Outdoor lighting, such as street lights and night-time work, can adversely impact listed and migratory seabird species found in the vicinity of the proposed project. Seabirds fly at night and are attracted to artificially lighted areas which can result in disorientation and subsequent fallout due to exhaustion or collision with objects such as utility lines, guy wires, and towers that protrude above the vegetation layer. Once grounded, they are vulnerable to predators or often struck by vehicles along roadways.

Table 2. Macrofauna Observed or Likely to Be Observed In the Vicinity

Common Name/ Hawaiian Name	Scientific Name	Diadromous	Biogeographic Status
Amphibians			
Marine toad/None	<i>Rhinella marina</i>	N	Naturalized
American bullfrog/None	<i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>	N	Naturalized
Fishes			
Flagtail/aholehole	<i>Kuhlia xenura</i>	N	Endemic
Sleeper/ooopu akupa	<i>Eleotris sandwicensis</i>	Y	Endemic
Goby/ooopu naniha	<i>Stenogobius hawaiiensis</i>	Y	Endemic
Goby/o'opu nakea	<i>Awaous stamineus</i>	Y	Endemic
Blackchin tilapia/None	<i>Sarotherodon melanothron</i>	N	Introduced
Western mosquitofish/None	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	N	Introduced
Mexican Molly/None	<i>Poecilia</i> sp. (hybrid complex)	N	Introduced
Swordtail molly/None	<i>Xiphophorus helleri</i>	N	Introduced
Chinese walking catfish/None	<i>Clarias fuscus</i>	N	Introduced
Crustaceans			
Feeble shrimp/opae huna	<i>Palaemon debilis</i>	N	Indigenous
Hawaiian prawn/opae 'oeha'a	<i>Macrobrachium grandimanus</i>	Y	Endemic
Tahitian prawn/None	<i>Macrobrachium lar</i>	Y	Introduced
Crayfish/None	<i>Procambarus clarkii</i>	N	Introduced
Mollusks			
Estuarine neritid/hapawai	<i>Neritina vespertina</i>	Y	Indigenous
Red-rimmed melania/None	<i>Melanoides tuberculata</i>	N	Naturalized
Insects			
Wandering glider dragonfly	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>	N	Indigenous
Roseate skimmer damselfly	<i>Orthemis ferruginia</i>	N	Naturalized
Rambur's forktail damselfly	<i>Ischnura ramburi</i>	N	Naturalized
Familiar bluet damselfly	<i>Enallagma civile</i>	N	Naturalized

Mitigation

As the proposed project site is not used as habitat by native animals, the proposed project would present no adverse impacts to such resources.

The possibility exists, however, that the native Hawaiian hoary bat may use trees on the site, if any exist, for roosting. To minimize impacts to endangered Hawaiian hoary bats, woody plants taller than 15 feet will not be disturbed, removed, or trimmed during the bat birthing and pup rearing season (June 1 through September 15).

In order to minimize potential impacts to birds, all lighting associated with the residential subdivision and appurtenances will be designed with accepted federal, state, and county mitigation measures to help prevent the fallout of fledgling seabirds, which can be confused by stray lighting. New information is available from the International Dark Sky Association that can assist in finding acceptable lighting fixtures for virtually all applications: <http://darksky.org/fsa/fsa-products/>.

3.6 Historical and Cultural Resources

Existing Setting

Hawaiians first settled on the windward coast of O‘ahu as early as about 1,200 years ago. The favorable climate, rich soils, and the marine environment of Kāne‘ohe Bay, along with the plentiful sources of fresh water in the many streams and springs of windward O‘ahu lent naturally to its development into a major food production area (Klieger, et al. 2005). Lo‘i dominated the valleys and coastal plains of the region while loko i‘a (fishponds) were common features along the district’s coastlines. During pre-contact times Ko‘olau Poko supported the largest concentration of O‘ahu’s population, estimated between 20,000 to 25,000 people. As one of eleven ahupua‘a in Ko‘olau Poko, the Waihe‘e ahupua‘a was part of this primary population center (City and County of Honolulu 2017).

The proposed project site is located within the ahupua‘a of Ka‘alaea, which refers to the red color of the soil in this area while Kahalu‘u literally translates as “diving place”. To the south is the ahupua‘a of Waihe‘e, and to the north that of Waiahole. The concept of the ahupua‘a was established in Hawai‘i during the 15th century, adding a new component to what was already a well-stratified society. Ahupua‘a were usually wedge or pie-shaped, encompassing all of the eco-zones from the mountains to the sea and extending several hundred yards beyond the shoreline, assuring a diverse subsistence resource base. This land unit became the equivalent of a local community, with its own social, economic and political identity. Ahupua‘a were ruled by ali‘i ‘ai ahupua‘a or lesser chiefs and managed by a konohiki. Ali‘i and maka‘ainana, or commoners, were not confined to the boundaries of ahupua‘a, as resources were shared when a need was identified. Ahupua‘a were further divided into smaller sections such as ‘ili, mo‘o‘aina, pauku‘aina, kihapai, koele, hakuone and kuakua. The chiefs of these land units have their allegiance to a territorial chief or mo‘i (often translated as king).

According to the model developed by Kirch (1974) and later revised in terms of initial settlement date (Kirch 2011), the Settlement or Colonization period of Hawai‘i was around A.D. 1000, with colonists possibly from the Marquesas Islands. Early Hawaiian farmers developed new subsistence

strategies during this period, adapting familiar patterns and traditional tools for use in their new environment. Order was kept through adherence to their ancient and ingrained philosophy of life and through the principle of genealogical seniority. According to Fornander (1969), Hawaiians brought from their homeland a variety of Polynesian customs including the major gods of Kane, Ku and Lono; the kapu system of law and order; pu'uhonua or places of refuge or asylum; the 'aumakua concept of a family or ancestral spirit and the concept of mana, or spiritual power.

The Development Period, which lasted from about A.D. 1100 to 1350, brought changes that included an evolution of traditional tools as well as some distinctly Hawaiian inventions. The evolution of the adze was an example of the former, while the latter included the two-piece fishhook and the octopus-lure breadloaf sinker. Another new article was the lei niho palaoa, an item worn by those of high rank which represented a trend toward greater status differentiation.

The Expansion Period from about A.D. 1350 to 1650 saw an increase in social stratification and major socioeconomic changes. It also was a time of expansive settling, with the development of the most favorable windward areas as well as more marginal areas on the island's leeward side. This was the time of the greatest population growth as large irrigated field systems were developed and expanded into more arid areas. Loko or fishpond aquaculture also flourished during this period. The second major migration to Hawai'i also occurred during the Expansion Period, with the settlers for this expansion coming from Tahiti in the Society Islands. An increase in war marked the Proto-Historic Period (A.D. 1650-1795), both locally and between islands.

After Kamehameha III's Māhele in 1848, land claims in windward O'ahu were awarded to some commoners. In the Ko'olaupoko District, 199 awards were awarded in the Kailua and Waimānalo ahupua'a. Most of the lands in windward O'ahu went to Queen Kalama. Two kuleana land claims are located in the vicinity of the proposed project site. Land Commission Award 7701 was awarded to Kohale, a 0.95-acre TMK (1) 4-7-014:007 property located about 400 feet north of the site, and Land Commission Award 5804 was awarded to Kokoi and is located about 900 feet northeast of the site. Kuleana awards were made to subsistence farmers for the purpose of food production and indicate this use in the vicinity of the proposed project site.

The proposed project site vicinity would have reflected these changes and developments keenly, as the close combination of marine aquaculture resources and freshwater streams supplying lo'i year round would have made the vicinity very lucrative for food production.

Handy (1940) stated that, "The broad flats of Waihe'e from the seashore inland are continuous with those of Kaalaea to the north and Kahalu'u to the south. These contiguous flats, all sectioned with terraces, make one of the largest single areas of wet taro land on the Ko'olau coast...the old terraces now abandoned ran back into these valleys for about 1.5 miles." The proposed project site on Wailehua Road is just north of center of this expansive field system. Kennedy (1981) felt certain that none of the terrace walls or other irrigation features survived due to subsequent land clearing for sugar cane, rice, pineapple, and pasture lands in the 1800's through early 1900's.

Historic use of the proposed project site and vicinity appear to have been largely agricultural. Handy (1940) noted that this area was a portion of one of the largest areas of pondfield agriculture on the windward coast. In the 19th century as kalo production declined, it was replaced by sugar cane, later by pineapples, followed by rice cultivation (Devaney et al. 1982). A Libby, McNeil &

Libby pineapple cannery operated near the mouth of Kahalu‘u Stream until the 1920s.

In 1965, the lowlands within the Haiamoa, Waihee, and Kaalaea watersheds, including the project site, were cultivated in sugar by Kaalaea Sugar Plantation, one of eight sugar plantations within the Kaneohe Bay Area (Townscape 2012). Bowser (1880) noted that the 365-acre Kaalaea Sugar Plantation had 160 acres under cultivation in sugarcane at that time, with an estimated yield of 200 tons per year. The sugar plantation was given up around 1883, although the last sugar plantation in the Kaneohe Bay region ceased production in 1903 (Townscape 2012), after which the area was noted for rice and kalo production. Townscape (2012) noted that some 2,500 acres within the Kaneohe region were cultivated in pineapple. A nearby resident, interviewed for the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ERA 2014) for the proposed project site, stated that the proposed project site was cultivated in pineapple from 1920 to 1940. Wailehua 1 (2020) noted that an abandoned water valve, a gaging station, and old piping have recently been discovered on the southern edge of the Kaalaea watershed near the proposed project site, providing historical evidence of modern agricultural irrigation systems on the proposed project site. The 1954 USGS topographic map for the area, the Kaneohe quadrangle (USGS 1954), clearly shows an unimproved roadway entering the proposed project site near its southwest corner and looping back towards Lamaula Street. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2020) jurisdictional determination stated that the adjoining drainage swale or ditch had been excavated to convey stormwater runoff from adjoining roadways and the neighboring development located to the west, but could not determine when, or by whom, the ditch had been constructed. It is possible that the prior landowner, Oceanview Cemetery Lmtd., may have constructed the feature, or it may have been excavated/constructed during the sugar cane/pineapple agricultural period.

A literature review was performed to identify sites in the vicinity that may have relevance to the proposed project site. In addition to other resources, the Bishop Museum database and the SHPD HICRIS database were searched. Archaeological studies performed in the vicinity of the proposed project site include those performed for the Waihe‘e Lo‘i Restoration and Riparian Learning Center (G70 2021) by Keala Pono Archaeological Consulting. The Waihe‘e Lo‘i site is located in the mauka portion of the Waihe‘e Valley approximately 0.9 mile southwest of the proposed project site in the Waihe‘e Valley. As this site is located farther back within a valley in a different watershed and ahupua‘a, this information is not directly relevant to the proposed project site.

Tulchin and Hammatt (2007) performed an archaeological assessment for the Kahalu‘u Regional Park park project, located about 2,500 feet southeast of the proposed project site.

McAllister (1930) noted Kalaealakihi heiau, “probably a small fisherman’s temple...on a point of land on the sea side of the government road, Kahaluu.” This was located more than a mile from the proposed project site and was destroyed by road building.

Clark (1974) performed an archaeological reconnaissance survey of a 50-acre study area of the Kahalu‘u Stream estuary and adjoining waterways, and identified no resources.

One site in the vicinity is listed on the Hawai‘i Register of Historic Places, the Kahalu‘u or Kahouna Fishpond (TMK 1-4-7-011:001), located about 0.55 mile east of the proposed project site. No other historic sites listed on the Hawai‘i Register of Historic Places are located within about two miles of the proposed project site (DLNR 2021).

A survey of aerial photos available from Google Maps and the USGS EarthExplorer (USGS 2021) reveal more recent land uses of the proposed project site, including use as a parking lot for commercial buses, and an undesignated dumping ground (Paahana 2015, Appendix C). Wailehua 1 (2020, Appendix D) noted that between 1978 and 2008, marginal fills could be seen at different locations on the proposed project site immediately adjacent to Wailehua Road. Alexander (2018) noted that a neighbor stated that this formerly heavily wooded parcel was used as a ballpark and playing field by area residents. Additionally, the presence of old cattle fencing and an abandoned bathtub demonstrate its use for grazing, as noted by Shallenberger (1977, 2019) and Mello (2019).

Impacts and Mitigation

The Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i states the duty of the State and its agencies to preserve, protect, and prevent interference with the traditional and customary rights of native Hawaiians. Article XII, Section 7 requires the State to “protect all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by ahupua‘a tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778.” This right has been reaffirmed by the State of Hawai‘i Supreme Court, who, in 1992, ruled that, “native Hawaiian rights...may extend beyond the ahupua‘a in which a native Hawaiian resides where such rights have been customarily and traditionally exercised in this manner”.

To assist in consideration of cultural resources and their impacts during the EA/EIS process, the Hawai‘i State Office of Planning, Environmental Review Program (formerly the Office of Environmental Quality Control) developed the Guidelines for Assessing Cultural Impacts (<http://health.hawaii.gov/oeqc/>). The types of cultural practices and beliefs subject to assessment may include subsistence, commercial, residential, agricultural, access- related, recreational, and religious and spiritual customs. A cultural impact assessment must evaluate the probability of impacts on identified cultural resources, including values, rights, beliefs, objects, records, properties, and stories occurring within the project area and its vicinity.

As part of the effort to identify valued natural, cultural and historical resources, the physical resources of the proposed project site, such as plants and water features, were assessed. In general, it was observed that no culturally important native vegetation, springs, groves of native trees, caves or pu‘u, all of which may have cultural significance, are present on the proposed project site. The vegetation of almost the entire property, and all areas potentially affected by construction, is heavily disturbed and dominated by alien plants, as discussed in Section 3.6, above, and there would appear to be no notable or even common floral resources that would be valuable for gathering. Due to the characteristics of the proposed project site it is highly unlikely that the site contains either archaeological or cultural resources.

No adverse impacts to cultural resources are anticipated because no resources are present. There are no special plants or other resources that would be useful for cultural purposes present on the proposed project site. Gathering of plant materials has not been observed on the proposed project site and there is no reason to suspect that such materials may exist. The proposed project site does not possess special lore, or wahi pana that may relate it to the Hawaiian mythological cosmos.

No adverse impacts to archaeological or historical resources are anticipated because the proposed

project site has been highly modified in the historic period. This includes construction of the adjoining drainage ditch by Ka'alaea Sugar Cane Plantation or other entity. Although the timeline of agricultural use of the proposed project site is not certain, it seems likely that it was used for sugar cane cultivation by Ka'alaea Sugar and later for pineapple cultivation.

Project information was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Division's (SHPD) HICRIS electronic document review system on August 23, 2021 requesting concurrence of no impact to historic properties, and received project number 2021PRO1010. Under HRS 6E-10 SHPD has 90 days to concur or not concur with the proposed project. The 90-day period expired on November 21, 2021, therefore, SHPD has indicated their concurrence with our request to recognize no impact from the proposed project on historical and archaeological resources.

Pursuant to HRS Chapter 6E, in the event any artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction operation, the contractor will immediately suspend work and notify the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, in addition to the Department of Planning and Permitting Civil Engineering Branch.

3.7 Socio-economic Characteristics

Existing Environment

Kahalu'u itself is a census-designated place and therefore census data is available specifically for this community. Table 3 shows the U.S. census data for Kahalu'u compared to those for the Island of O'ahu and the United States. These numbers show that Kahaluu, with a population of 5,241 in 2020, showed nearly 11% population growth in the preceding decade, compared to only 2.2% growth for O'ahu. Kahalu'u shows a median household income above that of O'ahu, partly due to the greater household size of 3.52, compared to that of 3.03 for O'ahu. Socioeconomic data do not suggest any conditions that would warrant mitigation.

Table 3. Selected Socioeconomic Characteristics

Value	Region	Kahalu‘u CDP	City and County of Honolulu	United States
Population (2020)		5,241	974,563	331,449,281
Population (2010)		4,738	953,206	308,745,538
Percent pop. 65 years and over		23.7%	18.2%	16.5%
Race/ethnicity - White		24.0%	21.6%	76.3%
Race/ethnicity - Asian		24.0%	42.9%	5.9%
Race/ethnicity - Native Hawaiian		12.5%	9.6%	0.2%
Percent two or more races		38.4%	22.8%	2.8%
Median household income (2019)		\$112,045	\$85,857	\$62,843
Per capita income (2019)		\$37,417	\$36,816	\$34,103
Percent persons in poverty		9.3%	7.9%	11.4%
Persons per household		3.52	3.03	2.52

Note: CDP = census designated place

Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder:
<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

Impacts and Mitigation

The development of the additional eight (8) single-family dwellings, in addition to the two dwellings previously built, would lead to only a minor increase in population. Given the persons per household indicated by the U.S. Census for the Kahalu‘u CDP, the resulting increase in population would be approximately 35 individuals. This would lead to minor shifts in demographic characteristics, employment rates, and demands on public services. Importantly, the population increase is consistent with the expectations of single-family zoning and the low-density Sustainable Community Plan designation.

3.8 Visual Resources, Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Views from both land and air are iconic and highlight the beauty of the island of O‘ahu. The Ko‘olaupoko Sustainable Community Plan (KSCP) identifies views of the Ko‘olau Mountains and coastal headlands of O‘ahu’s windward side as important components of the Ko‘olaupoko regional identity, offering both residents and visitors a unique perspective of the Hawaiian Islands scenery (DPP, 2000). Within the project area along the Ha‘ikū Road corridor, there are mauka views of the Ko‘olau Mountains ridgeline. There are no coastal views from any part of the project site.

The project will not result in any adverse impacts to the scenic views identified in the KSCP. Views of the construction activities and equipment will be apparent in various locations for the duration of the project but will not completely block scenic views at any given point in time.

3.9 Noise

Environmental Setting

Noise on the proposed project site is low to moderate; the main source of noise at the site is traffic traveling on Wailehua Road, Lamaula Road and the Kamehameha Highway (SR 83), as well as occasional noise from airplanes and helicopters.

The noise descriptor used to assess environmental noise by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the day-night average A-weighted (dBA) sound level (DNL). DNL is a representation of the average noise during a typical day of the year. DNL levels of 55 or less are typical of quiet, rural or suburban areas. DNL exposure levels of 55 to 65 are typical of urbanized areas with medium to high levels of activity and street traffic. DNL exposure levels above 65 are representative of dense urban sites and areas near large highways or airports.

Administrative Rules for the Department of Health, Chapter 11-46, Community Noise Control (HAR 11-46) set permissible noise levels to provide for the prevention, control, and abatement of noise pollution in the state. The Project Site is zoned Residential with a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet (R-10) and is therefore in the Class A zoning district with respect to HAR 11-46. The maximum permissible sound level in a Class A zoning district is 55 dBA from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and 45 dBA from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (HAR §11-46-4). Noise levels are not to exceed the maximum permissible sound levels for more than ten percent of the time within any 20-minute period, except by permit. The maximum for impulsive noise is 10 dBA above the maximum permissible sound levels.

Various agencies have different standards of noise compatibility. Per 24 CFR 51.103, HUD exterior standards are as follows:

- Acceptable (DNL not exceeding 65 dBA): The noise exposure may be of some concern but common building constructions will make the indoor environment acceptable and the outdoor environment will be reasonably pleasant for recreation and play.
- Normally Unacceptable (DNL above 65 but not exceeding 75 dBA): The noise exposure is significantly more severe; barriers may be necessary between the Project Site and prominent noise sources to make the outdoor environment acceptable; special building constructions may be necessary to ensure that people indoors are sufficiently protected from outdoor noise.
- Unacceptable (DNL above 75 dBA): The noise exposure at the site is so severe that the construction cost to make the indoor noise environment acceptable may be prohibitive and the outdoor environment would still be unacceptable.

Impacts and Mitigation Measures

During construction of the Proposed Project, there would be moderate levels of noise from the operation of heavy equipment during grading, and by vehicles and tools during construction. In cases where construction noise is expected to exceed the State DOH “maximum permissible” property-line noise levels, builders must obtain a permit per Title 11, Chapter 46, HAR (Community Noise Control) prior to construction. The DOH reviews the proposed activity,

location, equipment, project purpose, and timetable in order to decide upon conditions and mitigation measures, such as restriction of equipment type, maintenance requirements, restricted hours, and portable noise barriers. The Applicant will consult with DOH to determine if a permit will be required and what, if any, noise reduction measures are necessary. During operation, moderate levels of noise which would be consistent with the level of noise from neighboring residential subdivisions and roadways is anticipated. Therefore, the Proposed Action is not expected to significantly impact any existing residential areas within the vicinity of the proposed project site. Further, as the vicinity includes residential uses, construction work will be performed only during the hours of 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

Under the No Action Alternative, the proposed project would not be constructed and the site would remain unchanged from current conditions. There would be no additional impacts to noise from this alternative.

3.10 Utilities and Public Services including Wastewater and Waste Management

Existing Setting

The Project would increase demand for services from residents during construction and occupancy including utilities, services, infrastructure, school, and government. Electrical power to the Project Site would be supplied by Hawaiian Electric Light Company (HECO). Telephone and data service are provided by local utilities.

During Project operation, solid waste would be hauled off site by a private contractor on a regular basis to a solid waste management facility in compliance with the applicable provisions (HAR, Chapter 11-58.1, "Solid Waste Management Control"). No burning of wastes would occur on site during construction or during operation of the proposed project.

Fire, police, and emergency management services are available in this part of windward Oahu. The Kaneohe Police station is located about 4.7 miles (about 6 miles by road). The Kahaluu 37 Fire Station is located approximately 0.4 miles south (0.5 by road) of the proposed project site. Emergency medical services are provided by the Honolulu Fire Department. The nearest emergency medical services are available at Windward Urgent Care about 4.0 miles to the south (5.1 miles by road) and Adventist Health Castle Urgent Care Kailua, located approximately 7.5 miles to the southeast (11.0 miles by road).

Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The proposed project is expected to serve the existing demand for mid-market housing for on-island residents. Under the No Action Alternative, the proposed project would not be constructed and the site would remain unchanged from current conditions, no utilities would be needed and no solid waste from the Proposed Project would be generated.

The proposed project plans and drawings shall be submitted as required per the permitting process for review, comments and approval by the Honolulu Fire Department and the residential dwelling shall comply with all National Fire Code (UFC) and the ROH Chapter 20 Article 3 Section 20.3.1.

No impacts to public facilities are anticipated.

3.11 Traffic and Roadways

Existing Setting, Impacts and Mitigation

Wailehua Road is a bicycle route and a two-lane County Road with a posted speed limit of 25 mpg, while Kamehameha Highway (SR 83) is an arterial, two-lane highway under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation, with a posted speed limit of 35 mph. All of the proposed and existing dwellings would utilize Wailehua Road for access. The State Department of Transportation Highways Program Status viewer (HDOT 2021) states that the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) for SR 83 between MP 34.31 and 36.26, in the proposed project vicinity, is 15,000 for all vehicles, 859 for single unit trucks, and 151 for combination trucks. Assuming two vehicles per household and two vehicle trips per day, all utilizing the Wailehua Road and SR 83, an increase of 40 vehicle trips on SR 83 is implied, an increase of less than 0.3%. This is a negligible impact and does not warrant further investigation.

No construction within the right-of-way of Wailehua Road or Ahilama Road is planned. The proposed project does not include construction of curb and gutter. Therefore, no construction-phase traffic impacts are anticipated.

3.12 Hazardous Materials

Existing Setting, Impacts and Mitigation Measures

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was performed for the proposed project site in 2014 and identified no Recognized Environmental Conditions. A Recognized Environmental Condition (REC) is a situation that indicates the likely past release of hazardous materials, or the ongoing potential for a release, thereby warranting further investigation. The standard “shelf life” for a Phase I is six months, however, uses of the subject property do not suggest the presence of environmental hazards after 2014.

No conditions or activities that would lead to such site contamination are known to be present or are expected to be present on the property. The property does not contain quarries, former explosives sites, or other hazardous conditions. The property is vacant and does not appear to have undergone any active land use in modern times. No farming has been conducted in recent years, and there is no known use that would have involved pesticides or industrial uses. The history of the site and its surroundings as understood by the owner does not suggest the presence of hazardous materials or toxic substances. State databases did not indicate any Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUSTs), or records of incidents or releases on the site or in surrounding properties. (<https://eha-cloud.doh.hawaii.gov/iheer/#!/viewer>) Although it is unlikely that any potentially hazardous, toxic or radioactive waste would be found on the project site, reasonable precautions would be undertaken by contractors in the context of the project construction Best Management Practices for the appropriate response and remediation should any such hazardous, toxic, or radioactive material be encountered during construction.

3.13 Unresolved Issues

There appear to be no unresolved issues.

3.14 Potential Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

A development of this type is of small scale and represents a very small increase in population and consequent impacts. As significant development and growth in Ko'olau Poko is not anticipated by the Ko'olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan, many of the secondary, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with growth are not anticipated for this area. The proposed project would not appear to have the potential to produce secondary impacts. The proposed project would not modify any wetlands, and drainage from the site would be managed through construction of French drains that would have a positive effect on water quality. There do not appear to be other projects planned for the vicinity that would combine to produce adverse cumulative impacts.

Comments received on the DEA from the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 expressed concern about cumulative water quality impacts and flooding from the proposed project. However, the proposed project would not cause adverse flooding impacts to the vicinity as stormwater runoff on the site is directed towards the drainage ditch and away from roadways. Runoff would not be directed towards Wailehua Road, or other roadways. While the proposed project would include an increase in the area of impermeable surface from the construction of buildings and driveways, the increase in the rate of runoff would be mitigated by the proposed French drains, which would also have a positive water quality benefit through filtration of sediment.

Cumulative water quality impacts from the proposed project would be negligible. A map of the database of cess pools shows approximately 65 cess pools associated with the residences makai of Ahilama Street along Waionia Street, Wailehua Place and Wailehua Road, and many more cess pools located at greater distances from the proposed project site. Cess pools present virtually no water quality treatment and no reduction of nutrients or organic carbon. Therefore, the construction and use of 10 permitted individual wastewater systems on the proposed project site represents a negligible increase in water quality impacts.

PLANS AND POLICIES

4.1 Hawai'i State Plan

Adopted in 1978 and last revised in 1991 (Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 226, as amended), the Plan establishes a set of themes, goals, objectives and policies that are meant to guide the State's long-run growth and development activities. The three themes that express the basic purpose of the Hawai'i State Plan are individual and family self-sufficiency, social and economic mobility and community or social well-being. The proposed project would promote these goals by adding housing, thereby enhancing quality-of-life and community and social well-being.

4.2 Hawai'i State Land Use Law

All land in the State of Hawai'i is classified into one of four land use categories – Urban, Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation – by the State Land Use Commission, pursuant to Chapter 205, HRS. The property is in the State Land Use Urban District. The proposed use is consistent with intended uses for this land use district.

This project is located within the State Land Use Urban District. The counties primarily have jurisdiction over urban lands through their land use ordinances and regulations. Private residences are a permitted use in the State Land Use Urban District and are therefore consistent with the existing State Land Use classification.

4.3 Oahu General Plan (2002 Amendment)

Adopted by resolution in 1977, the 1992 revised edition of the General Plan for the City and County of Honolulu sets forth the long-range objectives for the general welfare and prosperity of the people of O'ahu and broad policies to attain those objectives. A Proposed Revised General Plan was transmitted to the Planning Commission to the City Council on April 20, 2018. The General Plan Update provides objectives and policies intended to guide and coordinate City land use planning and regulation, and budgeting for operations and capital improvements. As the Proposed Revised General Plan is under consideration, we excerpt and discuss the relevant portion of the 1992 revised General Plan below.

Natural Environment

Objective A: To protect and preserve the natural environment.

- *Policy 1: Protect Oahu's natural environment, especially the shoreline, valleys, and ridges from incompatible development.*
- *Policy 2: Seek the restoration of environmentally damaged areas and natural resources.*
- *Policy 3: Retain the Island's streams as scenic, aquatic, and recreation resources.*
- *Policy 4: Require development projects to give due consideration to natural features such as slope, flood and erosion hazards, water-recharge areas, distinctive landforms, and existing vegetation, as well as plan for coastal hazards that threaten*

life and property.

- *Policy 5: Require sufficient setbacks of improvements in unstable shoreline areas to avoid the future need for protective structures.*
- *Policy 6: Design surface drainage and flood-control systems in a manner which will help preserve their natural settings.*
- *Policy 7: Protect the natural environment from damaging levels of air, water, and noise pollution.*
- *Policy 8: Protect plants, birds, and other animals that are unique to the State of Hawai'i and the Island of O'ahu, and protect their habitats.*

Objective B: To preserve and enhance natural landmarks and scenic views of O'ahu for the benefit of both residents and visitors as well as future generations.

- *Policy 2: Protect O'ahu's scenic views, especially those seen from highly developed and heavily traveled areas.*

Housing

Objective A: To provide decent housing for all the people of O'ahu at prices they can afford.

- *Policy 1: Develop programs and controls which will provide decent homes at the least possible cost.*
- *Policy 3: Encourage innovative residential development which will result in lower costs, added convenience and privacy, and the more efficient use of streets and utilities.*
- *Policy 4: Establish public, and encourage private, programs to maintain and improve the condition of existing housing.*
- *Policy 10: Promote the construction of affordable dwellings which take advantage of Oahu's year-round moderate climate.*
- *Policy 11: Encourage the construction of affordable homes within established low-density communities by such means as 'ohana' units, duplex dwellings, and cluster development.*

Objective B: To reduce speculation in land and housing.

- *Policy 1: Encourage the State government to coordinate its urban-area designations with the developmental policies of the City and County.*
- *Policy 2: Discourage private developers from acquiring and assembling land outside of areas planned for urban use.*

Objective C: To provide the people of Oahu with a choice of living environments which are reasonably close to employment, recreation, and commercial centers and which are adequately served by public utilities.

- *Policy 1 Encourage residential developments that offer a variety of homes to people of different income levels and to families of various sizes.*
- *Policy 2 Encourage the fair distribution of low and moderate-income housing throughout the island.*
- *Policy 3 Encourage residential development near employment centers.*
- *Policy 4 Encourage residential development in areas where existing roads, utilities, and other community facilities are not being used to capacity.*
- *Policy 5 Discourage residential development where roads, utilities, and community*

- facilities cannot be provided at a reasonable cost.*
- *Policy 6 Preserve older communities through self-help, housing-rehabilitation, improvement districts, and other governmental programs.*

Public Safety

Objective B: To protect the people of O’ahu and their property against natural disasters and other emergencies, traffic and fire hazards, and unsafe conditions.

- *Policy 2 Require all developments in areas subject to floods and tsunamis to be located and constructed in a manner that will not create any health or safety hazard.*

Discussion: The project supports the objectives of the Revised General Plan Update. Development of the project will not pose significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and would not have any impacts to the shoreline, or cultural, historic, architectural and archaeological resources.

4.4 City and County of Honolulu Ko’olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan

Complementing the General Plan are the eight regional plans prepared by the City DPP. Two areas are identified as “development plans,” which provide guidance for future growth and development, while the other six areas are identified as “sustainable communities plans” which aim to maintain the region’s character and ensure modest development. Each regional plan implements the objectives and policies of the General Plan and provides direction on public policy, investment, and decision- making within each respective region. Together with the General Plan, they guide population and land use growth over a 20- to 25-year time span.

The project is within the Ko’olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan (Ko’olau Poko SCP) area. The Ko’olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan was first adopted by Ordinance 97-49 in 1997, and last revised in 2017 (Ordinance No. 17-42). The Ko’olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan establishes policy to preserve the character and promote sustainable development in the Ko’olau Poko District. This vision for Ko’olau Poko’s future is shaped around the following two principal concepts: first, the protection of the communities’ natural, scenic, cultural, historic and agricultural resources, and, second, the need to improve and replace, as necessary, the region’s aging infrastructure systems. The SCP is intended to guide orderly and coordinated public and private sector development in a manner that is consistent with applicable general plan provisions, although the SCP is not regulatory, and intends to provide a coherent vision for such development.

The Ko’olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan establishes the region’s role in O’ahu’s development pattern by establishing policies for the following land use types: Open Space Preservation; Parks and Recreation; Historic and Cultural Resources; Agricultural Use; Residential Use; Commercial and Industrial Uses; Institutional Uses; and Military Uses. The policies and/or guidelines applicable to the project area provided below:

Residential Uses:

- Modify residential street design to provide emphasis on safe, accessible, convenient and comfortable pedestrian routes, bus stops and bike routes.
- Maintain the predominantly low-rise, low-density, single-family character of the region.
- Protect the integrity of existing residential neighborhoods.

- Establish average density guidelines of 2-6 units maximum per acre in urban fringe areas and 0.2 – 4 units per acre in rural areas.

The proposed project site appears to be located within a designated Community Growth Boundary, as well as a designated urban area, by the Ko‘olau Poko SCP. The Ko‘olau Poko SCP notes that housing capacity in Ko‘olau Poko will be increased only by “Infill development of remaining vacant lands in areas that are already urbanized” and “Subdivision of larger residential lots into smaller parcels at various locations throughout the region.”

Further, the Ko‘olau Poko SCP states the following policies pertinent to residential development in the region:

- Protect the character of existing residential areas and enhance desirable residential amenities.
- In accordance with the General Plan, increase housing capacity and address the trend toward decreasing household size through the development of new homes on lots presently designated for low-density residential use, and the expansion of existing homes in existing residential neighborhoods.

3. Land Use Policies and Guidelines

3.1.1 Open Space Preservation

3.1.1.1 Policies

- *Protect endangered species and their habitats.*
- *Protect scenic beauty and scenic views and provide recreation.*

3.1.3.2 Shoreline Areas

- *Prohibit the use of shore armoring structures, considering alternative measures such as beach replenishment.*
- *Analyze the possible impact of sea level rise for new public and private projects in shoreline areas and incorporate, where appropriate and feasible, measures to reduce risks and increase resiliency to impacts of sea level rise.*

Discussion: The Ko‘olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan Urban Land Use Map identifies the proposed project site within the community growth boundary in an area designated as low-density residential. The proposed project would not significantly alter the appearance of the area, nor would it affect notable view planes . Construction activities will employ BMPs as discussed throughout this EA to protect water quality and marine species.

4.5 City and County of Honolulu Land Use Ordinance Guidelines

The proposed project site is designated the R-10 zoning district and zoning restrictions are found in ROH Section 21-3.70 and 21-3.70-1 and summarized in Figure 18. The minimum lot size is 10,000 square feet. Multi-unit dwellings are not allowed within this zoning district. The minimum lot width and depth are 65 feet for dwellings and 100 feet for other uses. Required front, side and rear, yards are 10 feet and 5 feet, respectively, for dwellings, and 30 feet and 15 feet, respectively, for other uses. Maximum building area is 50% of the lot area, and maximum height is 25-30 feet.

Subdivision is the subject of ROH Chapter 22 Subdivision of Land. Subdivision of the three lots into the 10 proposed lots has been tentatively approved by the City and County of Honolulu

Department of Planning and Permitting, under the following conditions:

- Compliance with applicable comments and recommendations from the State Department of Health
- Compliance with the City and County of Honolulu Engineering Branch to designate easements for the proposed drainage improvements, and to construct the drainage improvements in accordance with the approved construction plan
- Compliance the the City and County of Honolulu Building Division's certification requirement including compliance with the provisions of the Land Use Ordinance
- Submission of the final subdivision map information to the Department of Planning and Permitting

Upon completion of all subdivision actions, the applicant will be required to submit a request to rescind the existing Conditional Use Permit that currently allows for the joint development of parcels 52 and 55.

Figure 18. ROH Chapter 12 Residential Districts Development Standards

**Table 21-3.2
Residential Districts
Development Standards**

Development Standard		District				
		R-3.5	R-5	R-7.5	R-10	R-20
Minimum lot area (square feet)	One-family dwelling, detached, and other uses	3,500	5,000	7,500	10,000	20,000
	Two-family dwelling, detached	7,000	7,500	14,000	Use not permitted	Use not permitted
	Duplex	3,500	3,750	7,000	Use not permitted	Use not permitted
Minimum lot width and depth (feet)		30 per duplex unit, 50 for other uses		35 per duplex unit, 65 for other uses	65 for dwellings, 100 for other uses	100
Yards (feet):	Front	10 for dwellings, 30 for other uses				
	Side and rear	5 for dwellings ¹ , 15 for other uses			5 for dwellings, 15 for other uses	
Maximum building area		50 percent of the zoning lot				
Maximum height (feet) ²		25-30				
Height setbacks		per Sec. 21-3.70-1(c)				

¹ For duplex lots, 5 feet for any portion of any structure not located on the common property line; the required side yard is zero feet for that portion of the lot containing the common wall.

² Heights above the minima of the given range may require height setbacks or may be subject to other requirements.

Source: ROH Chapter 21, Article 3 Establishment of Zoning Districts and Zoning District Regulations

4.6 Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management

The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 USC Section 1451), as amended through Public Law 104-150, created the coastal management program and the National Estuarine Research Reserve system. The coastal states are authorized to develop and implement a state coastal zone management program. The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program received federal approval in the late 1970's. The objectives of the State's CZM Program articulated in Chapter 205A HRS are to protect valuable and vulnerable coastal resources such as coastal ecosystems, special scenic and cultural values, and recreational opportunities. The objectives of the program are also to reduce coastal hazards and to improve the review process for activities proposed within the coastal zone.

Most recently, amendments to Chapter 205A HRS were adopted on September 15, 2020 through Act 16 Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (SB2060, SD2, HD2). The following subsections examine the project's conformance with the objectives of the Hawai'i CZM Law articulated in Parts I, II (Special Management Area), and III (Shoreline Setbacks) of Chapter 205A HRS, with adopted amendments presented below.

4.6.1 Coastal Zone Management

Section 205A-2 Coastal Zone Management Program; Objectives and Policies

(b) Objectives

(1) Recreational Resources

(A) Provide Coastal Recreational Opportunities Accessible to the Public.

(c) Policies

(1) Recreational Resources

(A) Improve coordination and funding of coastal recreation planning and management.

(B) Provide adequate, accessible, and diverse recreational opportunities in the coastal zone management area by:

(i) Protecting coastal resources uniquely suited for recreational activities that cannot be provided in other areas;

(ii) Requiring replacement of coastal resources having significant recreational value including, but not limited to surfing sites, fishponds, and sand beaches, when such resources will be unavoidably damaged by development; or requiring reasonable monetary compensation to the State for recreation when replacement is not feasible or desirable;

(iii) Providing and managing adequate public access, consistent with conservation of natural resources, to and along shorelines with recreational value;

(iv) Providing an adequate supply of shoreline parks and other recreational facilities suitable for public recreation;

(v) Ensuring public recreational uses of county, state, and federally owned or controlled shoreline lands and waters having recreational value consistent with public safety standards and conservation of natural resources;

(vi) Adopting water quality standards and regulating point and non-point sources

of pollution to protect, and where feasible, restore the recreational value of coastal waters;

(vii) Developing new shoreline recreational opportunities, where appropriate, such as artificial lagoons, artificial beaches, artificial reefs for surfing and fishing; and

(viii) Encouraging reasonable dedication of shoreline areas with recreational value for public use as part of discretionary approvals or permits by the land use commission, board of land and natural resources, county authorities; and crediting such dedication against the requirements of Section 46-6.

Discussion: The proposed project would not affect existing public access to coastal recreational resources as the proposed project site is located about 1000 feet from the shoreline and would not prevent any obstruction of coastal access. The proposed project would not affect coastal resources, nor would it impact water quality. Construction will be in accordance with State and Federal water quality regulations. Drainage improvements would reduce the potential for polluted stormwater runoff to reach surface water bodies or marine waters, as runoff on the proposed project site would discharge to a drainage easement that is not hydraulically connected to surface waters.

(b) Objectives

(2) Historic Resources

(A) Protect, preserve and, where desirable, restore those natural and man-made historic and pre-historic resources in the coastal zone management area that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.

(c) Policies

(2) Historic Resources

(A) Identify and analyze significant archaeological resources;

(B) Maximize information retention through preservation of remains and artifacts or salvage operations; and

(C) Support state goals for protection, restoration, interpretation and display of historic resources.

Discussion: No historic archaeological resources have been identified on the proposed project site, nor are any expected to be present. Compliance with HRS 6E during construction would mitigate potential impacts to resources, should any be discovered during site work.

(b) Objectives

(3) Scenic and Open Space Resources

(A) Protect, preserve and where desirable, restore or improve the quality of coastal scenic and open space resources.

(c) Policies

(A) Identify valued scenic resources in the coastal zone management area;

(B) Ensure that new developments are compatible with their visual environment by designing and locating such developments to minimize the alteration of natural landforms and existing public views to and along the shoreline.

(C) Preserve, maintain and where desirable, improve and restore shoreline open space and scenic resources; and

(D) Encourage those developments that are not coastal dependent to locate in inland

areas.

Discussion: As described in *Section 3.9*, the action will not adversely affect vistas or scenic resources in the surrounding area. The project is consistent with the City and County of Honolulu General Plan, Ko‘olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan, and Zoning regulations.

(b) *Objectives*

(4) *Coastal Ecosystems*

(A) *Protect valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, from disruption and minimize adverse impacts on all coastal ecosystems.*

(c) *Policies*

(A) *Exercise an overall conservation ethic, and practice stewardship in the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources;*

(B) *Improve the technical basis for natural resource management;*

(C) *Preserve valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, of significant biological or economic importance;*

(D) *Minimize disruption or degradation of coastal water ecosystems by effective regulation of stream diversions, channelization, and similar land and water uses, recognizing competing water needs; and*

(E) *Promote water quantity and quality planning and management practices that reflect the tolerance of fresh water and marine ecosystems and maintain and enhance water quality through the development and implementation of point and nonpoint source water pollution control measures.*

Discussion: The project would not affect coastal ecosystems. Potential adverse construction phase impacts would be mitigated principally through compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit required for construction projects that disturb more than one acre of area.

(b) *Objectives*

(5) *Economic Uses*

(A) *Provide public or private facilities and improvements important to the State's economy in suitable locations.*

Policies

(A) *Concentrate coastal dependent development in appropriate areas;*

(B) *Ensure that coastal dependent development such as harbors and ports, and coastal related development such as visitor industry facilities and energy generating facilities are located, designed, and constructed to minimize adverse social, visual, and environmental impacts in the coastal zone management area; and*

(C) *Direct the location and expansion of coastal dependent development to areas presently designated and used for such developments and permit reasonable long-term growth at such areas, and permit coastal dependent development outside of presently designated areas when:*

i. *Use of designated locations is not feasible;*

ii. *Adverse environmental effects are minimized; and*

iii. *The development is important to the State's economy*

Discussion: The project is consistent with State and County plans and land use regulations, and furthermore is not a shoreline development. The residential housing project is consistent with the characteristics of the vicinity, which is primarily residential. The project is not anticipated to result in adverse social, visual, and environmental impacts in the coastal zone management area.

(b) Objectives

(6) Coastal Hazards

(A) Reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami, storm waves, stream flooding, erosion, subsidence, and pollution.

(c) Policies

(A) Develop and communicate adequate information about storm wave, tsunami, erosion, subsidence, and point and nonpoint pollution hazards;

(B) Control development in areas subject to storm wave, tsunami, flood, erosion, hurricane, wind, subsidence, and point and nonpoint source pollution hazards;

(C) Ensure that developments comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program; and

(D) Prevent coastal flooding from inland projects.

Discussion: The proposed project supports the objectives and policies with regards to coastal hazards, is not located in a flood area, and would not be impacted by coastal flooding and other coastal hazards.

(b) Objectives

(7) Managing Development

(A) Improve the development review process, communication, and public participation in the management of coastal resources and hazards.

(c) Policies

(A) Use, implement, and enforce existing law effectively to the maximum extent possible in managing present and future coastal zone development;

(B) Facilitate timely processing of applications for development permits and resolve overlapping or conflicting permit requirements; and

(C) Communicate the potential short and long-term impacts of proposed significant coastal developments early in their life-cycle and in terms understandable to the public to facilitate public participation in the planning and review process.

Discussion: The project supports the objectives and policies with regards to managing development in coastal areas. This EA is prepared in accordance with HRS, Chapter 343 and complies with the requirements for assessing and communicating the potential short and long-term impacts of the proposed project.

(b) Objectives

(8) Public Participation

(A) Stimulate public awareness, education, and participation in coastal management.

(c) Policies

(A) Promote public involvement in coastal zone management processes;

- (B) *Disseminate information on coastal management issues by means of educational materials, published reports, staff contact, and public workshops for persons and organizations concerned with coastal issues, developments, and government activities; and*
- (C) *Organize workshops, policy dialogues, and site-specific mediations to respond to coastal issues and conflicts.*

Discussion: Public participation is a requirement of the Chapter 343 HRS environmental review process. The State Office of Planning, Environmental Review office, formerly the Office of Environmental Quality Control, is the governing agency of EA publications, and makes available all EAs for public review and comment. The public is provided 30 days to submit comments on the Draft EA. Information regarding the coastal issues and processes is publicly provided in the EA. Consulted parties in the process are also encouraged to provide input regarding the project during the Draft EA. Following the EA process, the public will have additional opportunities to comment on the proposed project. The SMA Use Permit review process will require presentation of the project to the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board, an SMA Use Permit public hearing, a hearing for the Committee on Zoning and Planning, Finally, approval of the SMA Use Permits would require City Council resolution approval.

(b) *Objectives*

(9) *Beach Protection*

(A) *Protect beaches for public use and recreation.*

(c) *Policies*

(A) *Locate new structures inland from the shoreline setback to conserve open space, minimize interference with natural shoreline processes and minimize loss of improvements due to erosion;*

(B) *Prohibit construction of private erosion-protection structures seaward of the shoreline, except when they result in improved aesthetic and engineering solutions to erosion at the sites and do not interfere with existing recreational and waterline activities;*

(C) *Minimize the construction of public erosion-protection structures seaward of the shoreline;*

(D) *Prohibit private property owners from creating a public nuisance by inducing or cultivating the private property owner's vegetation in a beach transit corridor; and*

(E) *Prohibit private property owners from creating a public nuisance by allowing the private property owner's unmaintained vegetation to interfere or encroach upon a beach transit corridor.*

Discussion: The proposed project would not involve construction on or near the shoreline, nor would it involve any impacts to coastal access, as it is not located near the shoreline.

(b) *Objectives*

(10) *Marine resources*

(A) *Promote the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources to assure their sustainability.*

(c) *Policies*

- (A) *Ensure the use and development of marine and coastal resources are ecologically and environmentally sound and economically beneficial;*
- (B) *Coordinate the management of marine and coastal resources and activities management to improve effectiveness and efficiency;*
- (C) *Assert and articulate the interests of the State as a partner with federal agencies in the sound management of ocean resources within the United States exclusive economic zone;*
- (D) *Assert and articulate the interests of the State as a partner with federal agencies in the sound management of ocean resources within the United States exclusive economic zone;*
- (E) *Promote research, study, and understanding of ocean processes, marine life, and other ocean resources to acquire and inventory information necessary to understand how ocean development activities relate to and impact upon ocean and coastal resources; and*
- (F) *Encourage research and development of new, innovative technologies for exploring, using, or protecting marine and coastal resources.*

Discussion: The project will not adversely affect marine resources. Appropriate BMPs as discussed throughout this EA will be used during construction to prevent the release of materials that have the potential to be released to the environment and affect coastal resources.

4.6.2 Special Management Area

Each county is responsible for designating a Special Management Area that extends inland from the shoreline. Development within the SMA is subject to County approval to ensure the proposal is consistent with the policies and objectives of the Hawai'i CZM Program. Guidelines from Chapter 205A-26 are used to evaluate projects within the SMA.

Section 205A-22 Definitions

"Development" means any of the uses, activities, or operations on land or in or under water within a special management area that are included below:

- (1) *Placement or erection of any solid material or any gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste;*
- (2) *Grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of any materials;*
- (3) *Change in the density or intensity of use of land, including but not limited to the division or subdivision of land;*
- (4) *Change in the intensity of use of water, ecology related thereto, or of access thereto; and*
- (5) *Construction, reconstruction, demolition, or alteration of the size of any structure*

"Development" does not include the following:

- (1) *Construction or reconstruction of a single-family residence that is less than seven thousand five hundred square feet of floor area and is not part of a larger development;*
- (2) *Repair or maintenance of roads and highways within existing rights-of-way;*
- (3) *Routine maintenance dredging of existing streams, channels, and drainage ways;*
- (4) *Repair and maintenance of underground utility lines, including but not limited to*

- water, sewer, power, and telephone and minor appurtenant structures such as pad mounted transformers and sewer pump stations;*
- (5) Zoning variances, except for height, density, parking, and shoreline setback;*
 - (6) Repair, maintenance, or interior alterations to existing structures;*
 - (7) Demolition or removal of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in national or state registers;*
 - (8) Use of any land for the purpose of cultivating, planting, growing, and harvesting plants, crops, trees, and other agricultural, horticultural, or forestry products or animal husbandry, or aquaculture or mariculture of plants or animals, or other agricultural purposes;*
 - (9) Transfer of title to land;*
 - (10) Creation or termination of easements, covenants, or other rights in structures or land;*
 - (11) Final subdivision approval; provided that in counties that may automatically approve tentative subdivision applications as a ministerial act within a fixed time of the submission of a preliminary plat map, unless the director takes specific action, a special management area use permit if required, shall be processed concurrently with an application for tentative subdivision approval or after tentative subdivision approval and before final subdivision approval;*
 - (12) Subdivision of land into lots greater than twenty acres in size;*
 - (13) Subdivision of a parcel of land into four or fewer parcels when no associated construction activities are proposed; provided that any land that is so subdivided shall not thereafter qualify for this exception with respect to any subsequent subdivision of any of the resulting parcels;*
 - (14) Installation of underground utility lines and appurtenant aboveground fixtures less than four feet in height along existing corridors;;*
 - (15) Structural and nonstructural improvements to existing single-family residences, where otherwise permissible;*
 - (16) Nonstructural improvements to existing commercial structures; and*
 - (17) Construction, installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of emergency management warning or signal devices and sirens; provided that whenever the authority finds that any excluded use, activity, or operation may have a cumulative impact, or a significant environmental or ecological effect on a special management area, that use, activity, or operation shall be defined as "development" for the purpose of this part."*

Discussion: The proposed project is regulated under the Special Management Area ordinance ROH Chapter 25.

As discussed in Section 3.3, the proposed project site will not be vulnerable to passive flooding or annual high wave flooding under both the 0.5-foot and 3.2-foot scenarios. The site would not be exposed to erosion with 0.5 to 3.2 feet of sea level rise. The results of the erosion model represent the combined results of measured, historical erosion rates and the compounding impacts of projected higher water levels associated with projected sea level rise.

Section 205A-26 Special Management Area Guidelines

- (1) All development in the special management area shall be subject to reasonable terms and conditions set by the authority in order to ensure:*

- (A) *Adequate access, by dedication or other means, to publicly owned or used beaches, recreation areas, and natural reserves is provided to the extent consistent with sound conservation principles;*
- (B) *Adequate and properly located public recreation areas and wildlife preserves are reserved;*
- (C) *Provisions are made for solid and liquid waste treatment, disposition, and management that will minimize adverse effects upon special management area resources; and*
- (D) *Alterations to existing landforms and vegetation, except crops, and construction of structures shall cause minimum adverse effect to water resources and scenic and recreational amenities and minimum danger of floods, wind damage, storm surge, landslides, erosion, siltation, or failure in the event of earthquake.*

Discussion: The project will not adversely affect access to publicly owned or used beach, recreation, and natural areas. Shoreline access will not be affected by the project. During construction, potential effects to water quality will be mitigated through employment of BMPs to control potential sediment and stormwater runoff.

- (2) *No development shall be approved unless the authority has first found:*
 - (A) *That the development will not have any substantial adverse environmental or ecological effect, except as such adverse effect is minimized to the extent practicable and clearly outweighed by public health, safety, or compelling public interests. Such adverse effects shall include, but not be limited to, the potential cumulative impact of individual developments, each one of which taken in itself might not have a substantial adverse effect, and the elimination of planning options;*
 - (B) *That the development is consistent with the objectives, policies, and special management area guidelines of this chapter and any guidelines enacted by the legislature; and*
 - (C) *That the development is consistent with the county general plan and zoning. Such a finding of consistency does not preclude concurrent processing where a general plan or zoning amendment may also be required.*

Discussion: The proposed project would not have any substantial adverse environmental or ecological effects, as discussed in Section 5.0 Significance Criteria. The majority of the proposed project site is within the SMA as delineated by the City and County of Honolulu. The proposed project is consistent with the objectives, policies, and special management area guidelines of this chapter and any guidelines enacted by the legislature and is also consistent with the county general plan and zoning.

- (3) *The authority shall seek to minimize, where reasonable:*
 - (A) *Dredging, filling or otherwise altering any bay, estuary, salt marsh, river mouth, slough or lagoon;*
 - (B) *Any development which would reduce the size of any beach or other area usable for public recreation;*
 - (C) *Any development which would reduce or impose restrictions upon public access to tidal and submerged lands, beaches, portions of rivers and streams within the*

- special management areas and the mean high tide line where there is no beach;*
- (D) *Any development which would substantially interfere with or detract from the line of sight toward the sea from the state highway nearest the coast; and*
- (E) *Any development that would adversely affect water quality, existing areas of open water free of visible structures and potential fisheries and fishing grounds, wildlife habitats, or potential or existing agricultural uses of land."*

Discussion: The project does not involve dredging, filling, or alterations to surface waters, nor would it reduce the size of any beach or area usable for public recreation. During construction BMPs would be employed to minimize potential impacts to water quality. In order to minimize the possibility of spill hazards during construction, emergency spill treatment, storage, and disposal of all hazardous materials will be explicitly required to meet all State and County requirements and the "Best Management Practices" for hazardous materials shall be adhered to:

- Onsite storage of the minimum practical quantity of hazardous materials necessary to complete the job
- Fuel storage and use will be conducted to prevent leaks, spills, or fires.
- Products will be kept in their original containers if possible, and original labels and safety data will be retained.
- Manufacturer's instruction for proper use and disposal will be strictly followed and will adhere to all applicable regulations.
- Onsite vehicles and machinery will be monitored for leaks and receive regular maintenance to minimize leakage.
- Construction materials, petroleum products, waste, debris, herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers will be prevented from blowing, falling, flowing, washing or leaching into the ground surface.
- Fueling of construction equipment will be restricted to areas designated for that purpose and protected against spills. Drip pans or absorbent pads will be placed under vehicles/equipment if being fueled in areas other than impervious surfaces.
- All vehicles that regularly enter and leave the site will be fueled off-site.
- All spills will be cleaned up immediately after discovery, using absorbent materials that will be properly disposed of.
- Regardless of size, spills of toxic or hazardous materials will be reported to the appropriate governmental agency.
- Should spills occur, the spill prevention plan and cleanup procedures will be adjusted to include measures to prevent spills from reoccurring.

4. FINDINGS SUPPORTING ANTICIPATED DETERMINATION

Based on a review of the significance criteria outlined in Chapter 343, HRS and Section 11-200.1-13, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, the proposed project has been determined to not result in significant adverse effects on the natural or human environment. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated.

Chapter 200 Environmental Impact Statement Rules of Title 11, Administrative Rules of the State Department of Health, establishes criteria for determining whether an action may have significant effects on the environment (Section 11-200.1-13). The relationship of the proposed project to these criteria is discussed below.

1. **Irrevocably commit a natural, cultural, or historic resource.** No valuable natural or cultural resources would be committed or lost. The proposed project site does not contain any listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species. No native ecosystems would be adversely affected. No adverse impact upon endangered species would occur. Due to past uses no historic sites are present on the property or would otherwise be affected. No valuable cultural resources and practices such as shoreline access, hunting, gathering, or access to ceremonial sites would be affected in any way.
2. **Curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.** No restriction of beneficial uses would occur by residential use of the proposed project site. The proposed project would maintain the drainage easement located on a portion of the site.
3. **Conflict with the State's environmental policies or long-term environmental goals established by law.** The State's long-term environmental policies are set forth in Chapter 344, HRS. The broad goals of this policy are to conserve natural resources and enhance the quality of life. This proposed project is environmentally benign and is consistent with the State's long-term environmental plans.
4. **Have a substantial adverse effect on the economic welfare, social welfare, or cultural practices of the community and the State.** The project would not have any substantial effect on the economic welfare, social welfare, or any adverse effect on cultural practices on the community or the State of Hawaii.
5. **Have a substantial adverse effect on public health.** The project would not affect public health and safety in any way. Wastewater would be treated by individual wastewater systems permitted by the State Department of Health.
6. **Involve adverse secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.** The proposed project is small in scale, it would not produce any adverse secondary impacts, such as significant population changes, or adverse effects on public facilities.
7. **Involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.** The proposed project is of small scale, is environmentally benign, and would not contribute to environmental degradation.

- 8. Be individually limited, but cumulatively have substantial adverse effects upon the environment or involve a commitment for larger actions.** The adverse effects of construction of eight single-family dwellings, in addition to the existing two dwellings, are minor and limited to temporary disturbance to traffic, air quality, noise, and visual quality during construction. Long-term use of the residences would not result in significant adverse short- or long-term environmental impact or involve a commitment for a larger action. The proposed project is consistent with surrounding uses, which are largely residential. The proposed project is not related to any other project or larger action.
- 9. Substantially affects a rare, threatened or endangered species, or its habitat.** Rare, threatened or endangered flora or fauna are not found on the project site. Several such species may transit the proposed project site and mitigation is recommended to minimize potential impacts to them, including use of shielded lighting.
- 10. Detrimentally affects air or water quality or ambient noise levels.** The potential for adverse impacts to air quality during the construction phase would be minimized by adherence to Best Management Practices. Noise impacts would be minimized by compliance with County and State noise ordinances.
- 11. Have a substantial adverse effect on or be likely to suffer damage by being located in an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, sea level rise exposure area, beach, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.** The proposed project site is not located on the shoreline, tsunami zone, flood zone, sea level rise exposure area, beach, erosion-prone area, or estuary. The dwellings will be designed and constructed in compliance with the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) Chapter 21A Flood Hazard Areas.
- 12. Have a substantial adverse effect on scenic vistas and view planes, during day or night, identified in county or state plans and studies.** No scenic view planes or vistas are located nearby that would be affected in any way. The proposed dwellings are very much in character with the neighborhood.
- 13. Require substantial energy consumption or emit substantial greenhouse gases.** Minor amounts of energy input and greenhouse gas emission would be required for construction and occupation of the residences.

6. DEA DISTRIBUTION AND CONSULTATION

Organizations and Agencies Consulted During the 30-Day DEA Review Period are as follows:

City and County of Honolulu

Department of Design and Construction (r)
Department of Environmental Services (r)
Department of Planning and Permitting (r)
Department of Transportation Services
Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Honolulu Fire Department
Honolulu Police Department (r)

State of Hawai‘i

Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (r)
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (r)
Department of Health, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Department of Health, Wastewater Branch (r)
Department of Land and Natural Resources (r)
Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division
Hawai‘i State Library, Hawai‘i Documents Center
Hawai‘i State Library, Kaneohe Public Library
Water Resources Research Center
University of Hawai‘i Environmental Center

Elected Officials and Boards

Councilmember Heidi Tsunehyoshi, District 2
Councilmember Esther Kia‘aina, District 3
Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board No. 29 (r)
State Senator Gil Riviere
State Representative Lisa Kitagawa

Utility Companies

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
Hawaiian Telecom

Community Organizations

Kahalu‘u United Methodist Church
Kahalu‘u Elementary School 47-280 Waihee Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744
Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Kaneohe Business Group
Heeia State Park, Friends of Heeia Marsh
KEY Project
Friends of Waihe'e Marsh (John Reppun)

Individuals

Garnett Howard (r)
Partner Akiona
Amy Luersen
John Reppun

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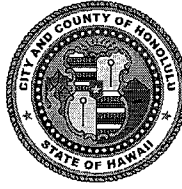
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Appendix A. Comments Received in Pre-consultation and Responses

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2021/ED-24(CK)

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Dear Mr. Knopp:

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Wailehua I Single Family Residences
Wailehua Road - Kaalaea
Tax Map Keys (TMK) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

This is in response to the submittal, received November 19, 2021, of the above-referenced DEA as required under Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH). We understand that the Project proposes the development of 10 single-family detached dwelling units on 10 lots covering approximately 2.46 acres within the R-10 Residential District and Special Management Area in Kahaluu, Oahu. Our comments are as follows:

1. *Section 1.2 Purpose of the EA Process*

Under Paragraph 3, please revise the text in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) to reference the approving agency as the "City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting" instead of the County of Hawaii, Planning Department.

2. *Section 1.4 Purpose and Need (or a new separate section)*

The FEA should include a discussion of the current status and anticipated buildout timeline for each active, approved development permit, including building permits, grading permits, etc., associated with development at the subject properties. For example, are the houses constructed under Building Permit Nos. 777670 and 777672 complete, or are there still outstanding finishes required? What is the status of the construction plans and grading permits for

installation of the French Drains? What is the buildout timeline for units A and B, as approved in 2015 under Building Permit Nos. 775497 and 775496?

3. *Section 2.1 and 2.3 Description of the Proposed Action*

DPP records indicate that Drainage Easement A, located along the northern property line of TMK Nos. 4-7-014:051 and 052 (parcels 51 and 52), is not owned by the City. According to our records, it appears each property owner of the neighboring Kahaluu Town Lots has ownership of, and therefore maintenance responsibility for, the drainage channel north of the Wailehua I properties. This is also reflected in the attachment to the Drainage Study submitted with the DEA. Please correct any text referring to this drainage as a City-owned throughout the FEA document.

Please correct the following inconsistency: Section 2.1 states that the Project cost is \$1,000,000, but Section 2.3 states \$6,900,000.

4. *Section 2.2 Design Considerations*

Under Paragraph 1, please revise the text in the FEA to state that the Tentative Subdivision Approval was granted on February 12, 2021, not February 23, 2021.

Under Paragraph 4, please revise the text to remove the reference to curb and gutter improvements within the Wailehua Road right-of-way. According to the February 12, 2021 Tentative Subdivision Approval letter, a modification was granted from the requirement for street frontage improvements on the basis that it would worsen the storm runoff to neighboring properties, pursuant to Section 1-112 of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

Under Paragraph 6 (and throughout the document as applicable), please update the text to note that the Project must comply with the City's current *Rules Relating to Water Quality*, compliance with which will be verified during the building permit review process for each dwelling.

5. *Section 3.7 Historical and Cultural Resources:*

We understand that the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has been experiencing staffing issues for an extended period of time, and that as a result, receiving timely responses to requests for comments and recommendations regarding mitigation for potential impacts to unknown archaeological resources remains an ongoing challenge. That said, please continue to pursue SHPD

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recommendations, and document your outreach efforts to SHPD staff throughout preparation of the FEA for the proposed Project.

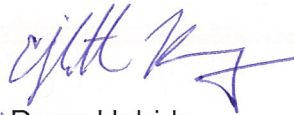
6. *Community Outreach*

Please be aware that pursuant to Section 25-5.1(b), ROH, prior to submitting the application for an SMA Use Permit, the Applicant must present the Project to the applicable Neighborhood Board (NB) and/or Community Association unless the NB or Community Association fails to provide the Applicant with an opportunity to present the Project within 60 days of the date of the written request or they provide the Applicant with written notice that it has no objection to the Project or no presentation is necessary. Compliance with this code section will be reviewed when we receive the SMA Use Permit application.

As a result of the recently received letter of opposition to the Project from the Kahaluu NB, we strongly recommend that you continue to pursue opportunities for outreach and collaborative discussions with interested community groups such as Malama Waihee, neighboring property owners, and the Kahaluu NB in order to address their concerns. In addition, the FEA should include specific responses to each item reflected in the Kahaluu NB's letter of opposition, including any actions taken to address applicable issue areas within the design and/or FEA text. The FEA should also discuss the results of any ongoing and/or planned community outreach efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact Christi Keller, of our staff, at (808) 768-8087 or via email at c.keller@honolulu.gov.

Very truly yours,



DUK Dean Uchida
Director



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March 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), Wailehua I Single Family Residences,
Wailehua Road – Kaalaea, Tax Map Keys (TMKs) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

Thank you for your comments concerning the above noted Draft Environmental Assessment dated February 22, 2022.

We offer the following responses to your comments, in the same numbered order:

1. Corrected
2. We have included additional text to discuss the status of permits.

Regarding the homes constructed under building permits 777670 and 777672, these homes are nearly completed with landscaping, fencing, lanai, and septic systems remaining to be constructed.

Grading permits have been approved for placement of structural fill for home pads, numbered GP2021-09-0339 for parcels 052 and 055 and permit number GP 2021-09-0340 for parcel 051.

A grading permit for construction of the French drains has been issued, permit number GP 2021-07-0301.

The applicant was recently given an extension on their subdivision application file number 2021/SUB-33 to August 12, 2022.

3. The drainage easement on the north side of the proposed project site is Wailehua 1, LLC. We have corrected the typo that incorrectly stated the project budget in Section 2.1
4. We have corrected the date of subdivision approval and added text concerning the extension given.

We have deleted the statement concerning curb and gutter improvements.

We have included reference to the City's current Rules Relating to Water Quality. As the proposed project is greater than one acre in area an NPDES General Construction permit would be required, necessitating implementation of many of the same BMPs that the City Rules Relating to Water Quality would require.

5. We have attempted to contact SHPD to gain information on the status of review.
6. Thank you for bringing Section 25-5.1(b) ROH to our attention.

We have continued our outreach efforts, and distribution of the DEA was very broad, and a distribution list is included in Section 6 of the FEA. John Reppun of Malama Waihee was included in the distribution but did not offer comments. The FEA includes responses to all pertinent comments, including specific responses made to each comment made by the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29. We have continued to identify other individuals and organizations who may have concerns about the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC

Garnett J. Howard
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Phone: 808-389-7448

February 16, 2022

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Subject: Comments on Draft Environmental Analysis (DEA) Wailehua I Single-Family Residences --Draft EA, November 2021

Dear Dr. Knopp,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Wailehua I Single-Family Residences --Draft EA. Please consider the following comments and recommendations intended to improve analysis of the development by community members and organizations and by the Agency.

Section 1.2 Purpose of the Environmental Assessment Process

Please add clarifying information to this section. The scope of the EA is not clear.

1. Please make clear whether this EA addresses only the additional impact of six new residences or the cumulative impact and valuation of all 10 residences and the overall impact of the 10-lot grading and drainage plan.
2. Is this EA backward-looking to include the two residences built in 2016/2017 and the two additional residences with building permits that have not been started?

Section 1.3 Previous Land Use Approvals (Project History):

The information provided concerning the history of the project appears to be incomplete. Please add the following documents in the chronology in Section 1.3 and include a copy of the documents in Section 6, References and Appendices, in the Final EA:

1. Mutual Settlement Agreement (MSA), January 25, 2021, between HK Construction and the City and County of Honolulu, Dept of Planning and Permitting.
2. Contested Case No. 2017/GEN-11, "the contested case" identified in the MSA, where Wailehua I initiated a contested case proceeding challenging the City's orders. Please include the contested case filing and describe contested case notifications of nearby residents and other interested parties. Describe how this contested case was processed and settled.
3. SMA Permit Application(s) related to Building Permits Nos 777670, 777672, 776496, 776497, issued in 2015. None of the SMA Applications described in the DEA (2015/SMA-14, 2015/SMA-56, and 2016/SMA-59) provide a description or valuation estimates for construction of the four residences (two groups of 2 residential buildings) that are part of this environmental analysis. If there are SMA permits supporting the building permits, please include these in the chronology and provide copies in the Final EA.

Section 1.4 Purpose and Need

Comment: Please correct the TMK numbers to read (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052, and 055

Section 1.5 Agencies, Organizations and Individuals Contacted in Early Consultation

Community outreach and consultation prior to publishing the Draft EA were inadequate. Before finalizing the Environmental Assessment, the applicant should reach out to Malama Waihe'e and make formal notification and offer town hall-style meetings with residents in the affected neighborhoods. The final EA should include a copy of all correspondence and comments received from residents and all KNB#29 Board Meeting minutes and resolutions related to the HK development going back to 2015.

Section 2.1, General Description of the Proposed Action

In the third paragraph, the cost of construction is shown as \$1,000,000. This appears to conflict with the project cost shown in Section 2.3 (\$6,900,000). Please correct or clarify the cost information.

Section 2.4 Alternatives Considered

1. The alternatives considered are too limited and do not include alternative designs that would reduce stormwater runoff during extreme rainfall events. In the final EA, please develop and describe alternative project designs (consistent with R-10 zoning) that would mitigate the cumulative environmental impact of the development. For example:
 - i. Reimagining the number or arrangement of lots and residences to allow for on-site catchment and slow release of stormwater, particularly in ways that would reduce the flow of stormwater from the front yards and driveways onto Wailehua Road.
 - ii. Inclusion of residential rain barrels and landscaping featuring small ponds (rain gardens)
 - iii. Use of porous paving materials instead of solid concrete as was used in the two already built homes.

Section 3.1, Noise

In the third paragraph, please correct the dBA value shown as "545 dBA from 10:00 p.m . . ."

Section 6.0 References and Appendices

Please provide a complete list of all references used in the Environmental Analysis. For example, Federal, State, C&C of Honolulu, and other entities laws, statutes, rules, ordinances, instructions; all plans, studies, reports, data, letters, MOAs, meeting minutes, and correspondence considered in the analysis, including:

1. The Mutual Settlement Agreement (MSA), January 25, 2021, between HK Construction and the City and County of Honolulu, Dept of Planning and Permitting.
2. Contested Case No. 2017/GEN-11, "the contested case" identified in the MSA, where Wailehua I initiated a contested case proceeding challenging the City's orders.
3. SMA Permit Application(s) related to Building Permits Nos 777670, 777672, 776496, 776497, issued in 2015.
4. Letters and emails to the City & County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting relating to the HK project on Wailehua Road from interested parties and Kahalu'u area residents.

Sincerely,

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Garnett Howard

Copy to:

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Garnett J. Howard
March 14, 2022
Via email: garneth@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Howard,

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

The scope of the project is explained clearly in several locations in the DEA.

Description of a contested case hearing and legal settlement is outside the scope of this document as defined by HRS 343 and HAR 11-200.1.

The DEA and FEA contain a list and description of permits.

Your state that, "Community outreach and consultation prior to publishing the Draft EA were inadequate." As you note a meeting was held with the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board #29. Comments specific to the project were received and responses made. A list of organizations, groups, and individuals contacted during preconsultation is given in Section 1.5.

You contend that the proposed project would increase flooding on Wailehua Road. A topographic survey of the parcels shows that the vast majority of runoff currently flows towards the north and into the drainage ditch, and grading and construction would not significantly alter this situation except, in some places such as driveway aprons. The vast majority of stormwater runoff would continue to flow towards the drainage ditch, where the rate of its influx to the drainage ditch would be attenuated by the French drains. The placement of small amounts of fill on the site in recent years would not have affected the overall direction of stormwater runoff.

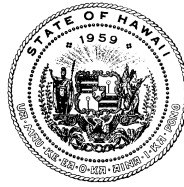
The environmental assessment is fully referenced, with references listed in Section 6.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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In reply, please refer
to:

LUD – 1 4 7 014 051 052 & 055
DEA Wailehua I SFRes ID 5941

February 3, 2022

Mr. Dean Uchida
Director
Department of Planning & Permitting
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Dear Mr. Uchida:

Subject: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu
Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Wailehua I Single-Family Residences
47-151 Wailehua Road, Kahaluu, Oahu 96744
TMK (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide comments for the subject DEA. The Department of Health (Department) will not review and approve of the construction of new individual wastewater systems (IWS) for the subject properties until the Special Management Area (SMA) permit is issued by the City and County of Honolulu (CCH).

The wetlands map on page 31 of the DEA may not have accurately depict all wetlands that are located on and/or in close proximity to the subject project area. The applicant should consult with the Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch regarding possible additional wetlands located on and/or in close proximity to the subject project site that have not been reflected in the wetland map. If additional wetlands are identified by the Army Corps, the DEA shall be revised to include the information.

The discussion regarding IWS on page 34 of the DEA should include details regarding the depths to groundwater at the subject project site and address any potential impacts to the groundwater quality from the appropriate wastewater system to be applied for the proposed development.

As the property is proposed to undergo major improvements, any wastewater systems proposed for the project shall conform to applicable provisions of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-62, "Wastewater Systems." Please be informed that the design plans should address any effects associated with the construction of and/or discharges from the wastewater systems to any public trust, Native Hawaiian resources or the exercise of traditional cultural practices.

Mr. Dean Uchida
February 3, 2022
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Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Mark Tomomitsu of my staff at (808) 586-4294.

Sincerely,

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SINA PRUDER, P.E., CHIEF
Wastewater Branch

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c: Mr. Graham Knopp, Wailehua I, LLC, via email: gpknopp@gkenvllc.com
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Sina Pruder, P.E., Chief
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March 6, 2022

Dear Chief Pruder,

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

I would like to request a meeting with the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 to discuss the proposed project in December 2021.

There are no wetlands on the proposed project site, as per the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination of December 21, 2020. This applies to the proposed project site, as well as the drainage swale on the north side of the site. This issue was discussed in the DEA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination was attached as Appendix B.

The DEA's discussion regarding IWS has been revised to include a discussion of the depth to groundwater and its relevance to the project.

Wastewater systems that are included in the proposed project are not likely to impact any Native Hawaiian resources or the exercise of traditional cultural practices as none are present. Water resources managed as public trust resources in the State of Hawai'i would not be impacted, and assurance of this would be achieved through compliance with HAR Chapter 11-62.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
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INTERIM CHIEF

OUR REFERENCE EO-DK

February 15, 2022

SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Graham Knopp
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Dear Mr. Knopp:

This is in response to your letter received on February 2, 2022, relating to the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed development and construction of ten single-family homes and drainage improvements from two parcels of land on Wailehua Road in Kahaluu.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) recommends that all necessary signs, lights, barricades, and other safety equipment be installed and maintained by the contractor during the construction phase of the project, as Wailehua Road is off of the main Kamehameha Highway which is heavily traversed on a daily basis. The HPD also recommends that adequate notification be made to residents in the area prior to deliveries or possible road closures, as any impacts to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic may cause issues and disruptions to residents which could lead to complaints.

If there are any questions, please call Major Crizalmer Caraang of District 4 (Kaneohe, Kailua, Kahuku) at (808) 723-8639.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project.

Sincerely,

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DARREN CHUN
Assistant Chief of Police
Support Services Bureau



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Darren Chun, Assistant Chief of Police
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Dear Mr. Chun,

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

We do not anticipate traffic impacts from the proposed project as work will not be performed in the public right-of-way. Construction of curb and gutter, for instance, is not part of the proposed project. Text has been added to the environmental assessment to discuss this.

Prior to the commencement of construction, the construction area would be fenced off, in part to preserve the public's safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D. <gpknopp@gkenvllc.com>

Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 Opposition to HK Construction on Wailehua Rd.

Ka'ano'i W <kaanoiwalk@gmail.com>
To: "Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D." <gpknopp@gkenvllc.com>

Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 7:29 PM

December 28, 2021

Dr. Graham Knopp
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RE: Dec. 15, 2021 Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 Special Meeting Agenda Item II. A. HK Construction Development on Wailehua Rd. (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052, 055)

Aloha e Dr. Graham Knopp,

Thank you for participating in the December 15, 2021, Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 (KNB #29) special meeting to discuss the HK Construction Development on Wailehua Rd. (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052, 055). This letter is intended to provide written comments from that meeting for you, the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and City Council.

Dr. Graham Knopp, Principal of GK Environmental and contracted by HK Construction to perform an HRS 343-compliant environmental assessment (EA) for a project in Ka'alaea on Wailehua Road, offered a presentation and responded to our concerns.

For many years, KNB #29 has expressed concerns about the proposed development by HK Construction along Wailehua Rd. (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052, 055). Furthermore, the permits include: 2015/SMA-14, 2016/SMA-59, which were revoked in May 2017 due to the wetland designation by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE), as well as tentative subdivision approval in July 2016 that would consolidate the three TMKs and subdivide them into 10 lots.

Concerns raised by KNB #29 on behalf of our community over the years include clarity around the cumulative impacts of the entire project, wetlands, stormwater management, impacts of climate change and wastewater systems.

Here are some of the specific concerns that were raised in opposition to this HK Construction development on Wailehua Rd. moving forward:

- **Segmentation of Environmental Review:** The project description submitted by the developer or his agent refers to all three TMKs in the early submission but to only two of the three TMKs in the more recent submissions. Dr. Knopp noted that it was an error on his part and that the full project includes all three TMKs and a total of 10 lots. The community agrees that all three TMKs should be reviewed under the EA. However, we are concerned about segmentation of the

environmental review since one of the TMKs initially identified in the permit application in 2016 has had two houses built and apparently subdivided into two lots since that initial submission. While the stated response was that those two lots were under the valuation requiring a SMA permit, the community concerns around segmentation and cumulative impacts stands.

- **Wetlands:** During Dr. Graham Knopp's presentation, and in response to previously expressed concerns by KNB #29, he stated that the wetland designation of the property is confusing. Dr Knopp stated that, in 2015, the site was determined to be a wetland due to wetland soils. He stated that he believes that the wetland soils were present "before the drainage ditch (on the northern side of the property) was constructed." Further, he stated that the COE rules were relaxed during that time frame, then were changed back to be more stringent in 2019. He stated that due to the digging of a trench along the north side of the properties that the land is no longer determined to be a wetland. A board member requested more information, including dates, on when the trench was dug on the properties. Dr. Graham Knopp did not know when the trench was dug. Board members expressed concern about this process of determining that the lands are not wetlands today, as they indeed historically have been documented as wetlands.
- **Climate Change/Stormwater Management:** Community members raised concerns about flooding that occurs during heavy rains on the property and on the adjacent roadway. A Board member raised that in 2018, the Mayor's Directive 18-2, issued on July 16, 2018, caused all projects to consider the effects of Climate Change on potential projects. We appreciate that Dr. Knopp included information regarding Sea Level Rise, storm surge and active and passive flooding as assessed from Kāne'ōhe Bay. A board member noted that the effects of climate change also include increased frequency of extreme rainfall events, which has potential to affect this property. She requested that an assessment of these effects also be included in the environmental assessment.
- **Drainage Report:** The Drainage Report included with the initial application, as well as subsequent applications, was done in 2016. Given the Mayor's Directive 18-2 and community input about increased rainfall events, we requested that the Drainage Report be updated. Note that in the pre-consultation letter from DPP, DDC stated "DPP needs to review and approve the drainage report." Dr Knopp stated that French drains would be installed on the northern edge of the property, which should address these concerns. The community is not convinced that extreme rainfall events will not result in flooding, even with the French drains.
- **Wastewater:** As Dr. Knopp noted in his presentation, this area does not have the ability to connect to a sewer line and raised the concerns about cesspools in the area. He stated that each property will have an individual wastewater system (IWS) but that they would also be able to connect to a new sewer line within 10 years. The community agrees that contamination from leaking cesspools is of concern but also noted that there is no guarantee that the sewer lines would be extended within 10 years. The community also raised concerns about the high-water table in this area and the ability of an IWS to percolate appropriately. To the community's knowledge, the two houses that were already built have not yet been able to meet DOH's standards for percolation.

At the Special Meeting on December 15, 2021, the the following motion was passed unanimously:

Given the significant concerns raised by the community regarding the cumulative impacts of the proposed project in Ka'alaea (TMKs 4-7-014:051,052 and 055) including but not limited to shoreline management area, wetlands, climate change, stormwater management and control and wastewater control, Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 **OPPOSES** this project moving forward. Furthermore, KNB #29 urges the Department of Planning and Permitting to require a full EIS that includes: an updated Drainage Report that reflects updated reality of increased severe rainfall events due to climate change; alternatives to the proposed action; and full mitigation of environmental impacts.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or requests for additional information.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Ka'ano'i Walk, Chair

Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29

cc: U.S. Congress Representative Kai Kahele
Hawai'i Governor David Ige
Mayor Rick Blangiardi
Senator Gil Riviere
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Representative Lisa Kitagawa
Representative Sean Quinlan
Councilmember Esther Kia'aina
Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi
Honolulu C&C Department of Planning and Permitting
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Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29

March 7, 2022

Via email: kaanoiwalk@gmail.com

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment Comments, Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project

Dear Members of the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your comments on the Draft EA.

The environmental assessment process has continuously considered the entire 10-lot, 10-home development. The claim that there has been segmentation in the environmental review process is not factual. The environmental review process has considered the consolidation and subdivision of the three parcels, and construction of ten single-family home throughout the process.

A topographic survey of the proposed project site and the drainage study show that the direction runoff will travel on the site is nearly uniformly towards the drainage ditch, and not Wailehua Road. Although the area of impermeable surface will be increased by construction, and therefore the rate of runoff will also increase, this effect will be mitigated by construction of French Drains. Construction will not affect the overall drainage of the proposed project site. Placement of fill for home pads and foundations will not affect the overall flow characteristics of the proposed project site. It should be noted that the French Drains will reduce overall potential impacts to water quality by providing natural filtration of sediment before discharge to the drainage ditch. Therefore, the potential cumulative impacts to water quality as a result of the proposed project are anticipated to be negligible.

The drainage report states that the French Drains would be appropriate mitigation for construction of impermeable surfaces. Moreover, the drainage report clearly states that stormwater runoff from the proposed project site does not enter Wailehua Road. On the contrary, some runoff enters the proposed project site from Wailehua Road. Therefore, the proposed project site is not anticipated to have negative flooding impacts on the vicinity. Further, we do not agree that the drainage report requires updating because site conditions have not changed.

The negative water quality impacts presented by cess pools is real and should not be minimized by the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29. We find the lack of attention paid to this issue by the KNB #29 to be problematic as each cess pool in the area presents a real and ongoing water quality problem. The geoportal.hawaii.gov dataset viewer shows that there are at least 65 cess pools located on lots along Wailehua Road, Wailehua Place, and Waionia Street makai of Lamaula Road (see map below). Cess pools provide virtually no removal of nutrients or organic carbon from wastewater, and those located in this neighborhood are near sea level and are

undoubtedly causing adverse water quality impacts to Kaneohe Bay. In a relative sense a single cess pool presents a magnitude greater threat to water quality than a permitted septic system with a drainage field that has an adequately thick soil horizon, a requirement of permitting. Therefore, the cumulative impact of the addition of 10 permitted IWS is negligible in terms of potential impacts to water quality, given the vast number of cess pools in the vicinity. Moreover, as most homes in the vicinity of the proposed project site unfortunately use cess pools for wastewater disposal, the construction of permitted wastewater systems in this neighborhood represents an overall improvement in the standard of home construction and environmental protection.

Ultimately, however, the most efficient means of improving potential wastewater impacts to water quality is sewerage and wastewater treatment. In this case, connection to the Ahuimanu Wastewater Treatment plant would be ideal. The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services has stated that the proposed project will have sewer connections available within the next 10 years as part of the Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 ID Project, subject to City Council approval through the sewer improvement district. It is important that this sewerage project is completed in order to bring sewerage to the proposed project site and vicinity. It would possibly be constructive for the KNB #29 to issue a resolution supporting this sewerage project and encouraging the City and County to make it a priority.

There are no wetlands on the proposed project site, as per the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination of December 21, 2020. This applies to the proposed project site, as well as the drainage swale on the north side of the site. The jurisdictional determination was included in the DEA as Appendix C. I would refer those board members with concern over the wetlands delineation process to this document.

Wetlands perform important “ecosystems services” including positive impacts on water quality, flood control, and often are important in terms of biodiversity. Portions of the proposed project site that were previously delineated as wetlands were not important in terms of biodiversity or water quality and were identified as wetlands only for their soils. The proposed project would preserve the transient drainage ditch located on the north adjoining side of the site.

The evaluation of climate change related effects on the proposed project site and vicinity is performed to the professional standard in the environmental assessment.

There is no evidence that extreme rainfall events have become more frequent on Oahu. In fact, the oft-cited work of Chen and Chu¹ (2014) on this subject shows a reduction in the frequency of extreme-rainfall events on Oahu. Rainfall data and stream discharge data show a trend toward

¹ Chen, Y.R and Chu, P.S., 2014. Trends in Precipitation Extremes and Return Levels in the Hawaiian Islands Under a Changing Climate. International Journal of Climatology, Vol. 34, No. 15, pp. 3913-3925.

lower annual mean precipitation as well (Diaz et al. 2005², Oki 2004³). The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29's claim that extreme rainfall events have become more frequent is contradicted by scientific research and therefore consideration of this in evaluation of climate change-related impacts is not warranted.

Please see: <https://statesummaries.ncics.org/chapter/hi/> for factual information concerning the science around climate change in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

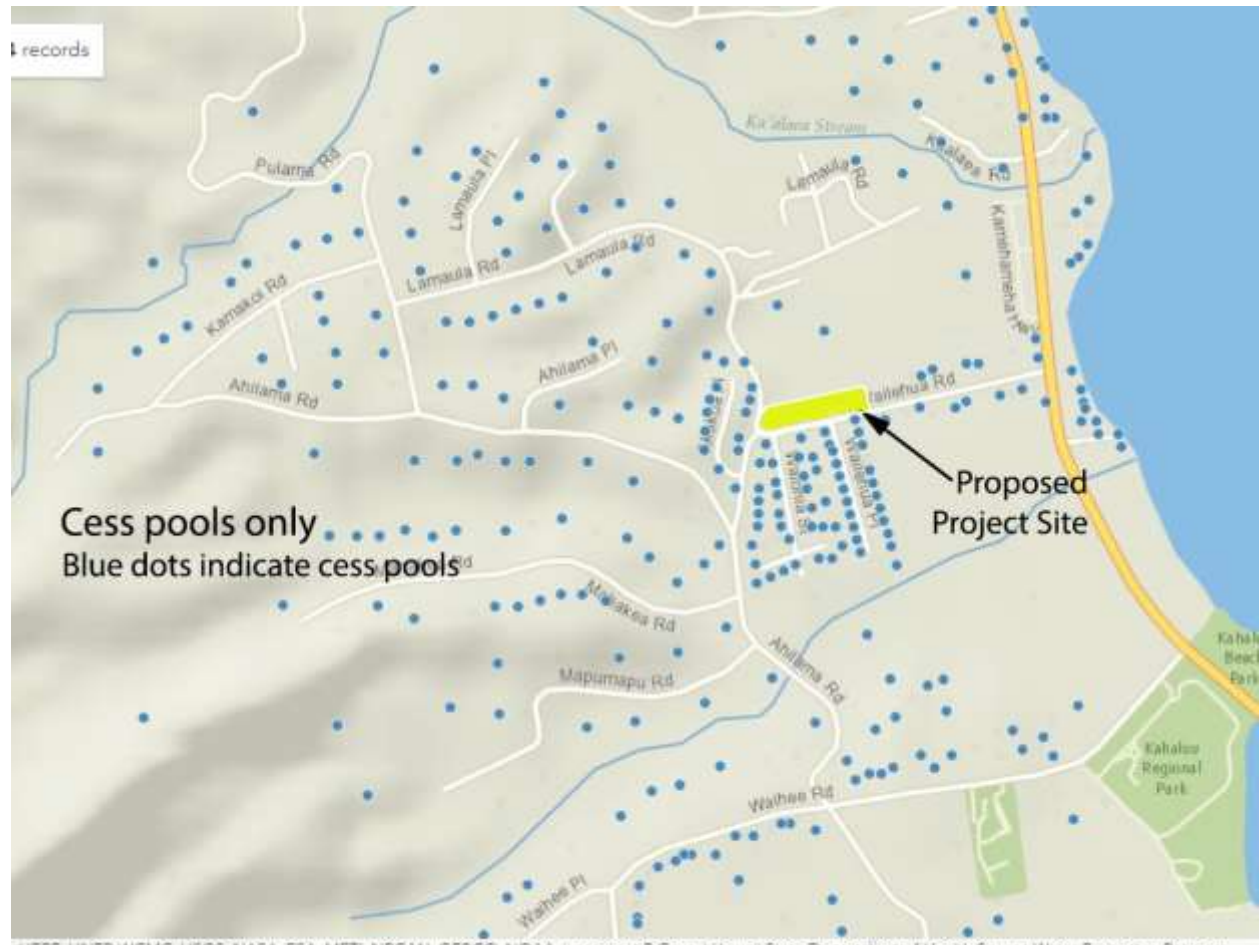
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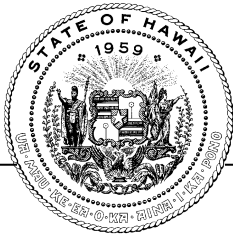
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³. Oki, D.S., 2004, Trends in Streamflow Characteristics at Long-Term Gaging Stations, Hawaii, U.S. Geological Survey, Scientific Investigations Report 2004-5080, 120 p.



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February 01, 2022

Environmental Review
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Mr. Dean Uchida, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting
City and County of Honolulu
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Land Use Commission

Land Use Division

Special Plans Branch

Atten: Ms. Christi Keller

State Transit-Oriented
Development

Dear Mr. Uchida:

Statewide Geographic
Information System

Subject: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Draft Environmental Assessment for the Wailehua I Single Family Residences Project, Kahaluu, Oahu; Tax Map Key: (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

Statewide
Sustainability Program

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) is in receipt of your review request on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA), received January 10, 2022, for the proposed development of 10 zoning lots with 10 single-family dwelling units on Wailehua Road in Kahaluu, Oahu.

According to the Draft EA, the proposed action involves the construction of 10 detached single-family dwellings of similar design after the consolidation and subdivision of the three parcels with Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers of (1) 4-7-14: 051, 052 and 055. Most of the proposed project area lies within the county designated special management area (SMA), under the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 205A. The proposed dwellings will be either a one-story four-bedroom, three-bathroom with attached garage design, or a two-story four-bedroom, three-bathroom with attached garage design. All lots will be enclosed by vinyl fencing. Out of the 10 proposed homes, two such homes have been previously constructed under Building Permits nos. 777670 and 777672. Two additional homes have been issued building permits.

The construction of the proposed redevelopment is anticipated to be completed in one year from receipt of all necessary permits.

The OPSD has reviewed the subject Draft EA, and has the following comments to offer:

1. Please note that the subject EA is triggered by the ROH Chapter 25 requirement that any proposed development requiring a SMA use permit shall be subject to an assessment by the agency in accordance with the procedural steps set

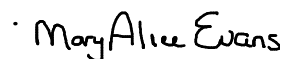
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February 1, 2022
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forth in HRS Chapter 343. The Final EA should refer to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200.1, which has been in effect since August 9, 2019, rather than Chapter 11-200, which was repealed.

2. The Final EA should correct the statement on Draft EA, page 9, to identify the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting, rather than the County of Hawaii Planning Department, as the approving agency.
3. 4.6.1 Coastal Zone Management of the Final EA, pages 59-67, should refer to HRS Chapter 205A, as amended, enacted by Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020.
4. The Draft EA, page 65, states “The site could be exposed to erosion with 0.5 to 3.2 feet of sea level rise.” This is in contradiction to the statements in Section 3.3 on page 29 regarding potential impacts of sea level rise exposure area on the project site. Please correct for consistency in the Final EA.
5. The Draft EA, page 12, states the cost of construction of this project is estimated to be \$1,000,000.00. However, page 13, states the cost of the project to be \$6,900,000.00. Please clarify the project cost in the Final EA.
6. The OPSD concurs that the site-specific best management practices for sediment control and surface water runoff, including watering loose soils during construction, planting groundcover over areas where construction has been completed, silt fences and other erosion control devices, shall be prepared and implemented to confine the proposed grading and construction activities, and prevent potential soil, construction debris and polluted runoff from adversely impacting the coastal ecosystem, and State waters and specified in Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-54.
7. The Draft EA, page 29, acknowledges that the project site lies completely outside of the 3.2 ft sea level rise exposure area. While sea level rise projections indicate that the subject property may not experience impacts under 2.0 ft or 3.2 ft of sea level rise, please note that Kamehameha Highway may be subject to inundation from storm surges and therefore impact access to the proposed project site.

If you have any questions regarding this comment letter, please contact Sarah Chang of our office at (808) 587-2877, or by email at sarah.m.chang@hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,



Mary Alice Evans
Director

c: Mr. Graham Paul Knopp, GK Environmental LLC



phone: (808) 938-8583 P.O. Box 1310 Honoka'a, Hawai'i 96727 email: gpknopp@gkenvllc.com

Mary Alice Evans, Director
State of Hawaii Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
235 South Beretania Street, 6th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Evans:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

Thank you for your comment regarding the statement on page 65 of the DEA. We have clarified this statement to be consistent with that in Section 3.3. Sea level rise of 0.5 to 3.2 feet would not impact the proposed project site.

As access to the proposed project site has numerous routes including Ahilama Road, closure of Kamehameha Highway would not obviate access.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC

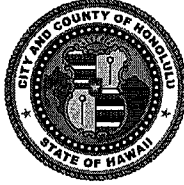
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February 8, 2022

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ms. Christi Keller
c.keller@honolulu.gov

Dear Ms. Keller:

Subject: Wailehua I Single Family Housing Project
Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. The Department of Design and Construction has no comments to offer at this time.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-8480.

Sincerely,

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Alex Kozlov, P.E.
Director

AK:krm (872743)

cc Wailehua I, LLC c/o Graham Knopp
Graham Knopp, GK Environmental, LLC

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
PRO 22-027

February 9, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean Uchida, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Babcock Jr.", is written over the printed name of the sender.

FROM: Roger Babcock, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Director Designate

SUBJECT: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), Wailehua I Single-Family Residences, 47-151 Wailehua Road, Kaalaea (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055)

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AND PERMITTING
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

We have reviewed the subject documents transmitted to us by your memo dated January 7, 2022, reference number 2021/ED-24(CK).

TMKs 4-7-014:052 and 055 may be included in the proposed future Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 Improvement District (ID) project. See enclosed map for the project location. The Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 ID Project, if it proceeds, would allow the parcels included in the proposed development to connect to City sewer service. The Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 ID Project is tentatively scheduled to be done within the next 10 years, subject to City Council approval through the Sewer Improvement District process.

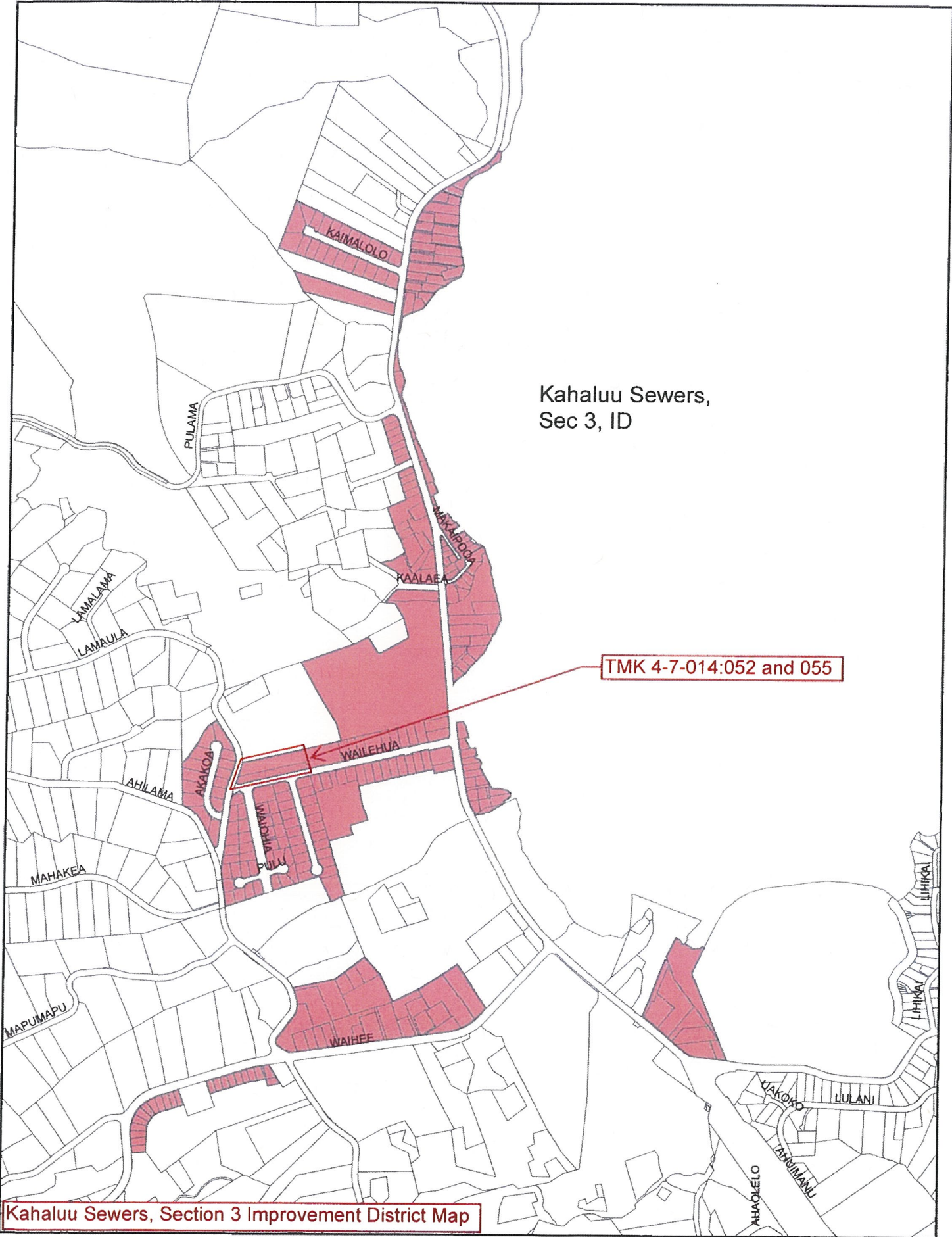
Should you have any questions, please call Jack Pobuk, Branch Chief, CIP Program and Planning, at (808) 768-3464 or by e-mail at jpobuk@honolulu.gov.

Enclosure

Kahaluu Sewers,
Sec 3, ID

TMK 4-7-014:052 and 055

Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 Improvement District Map



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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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February 18, 2022

Ref.: PO-22-034

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Aloha Ms. Keller:

Subject: HRS Chapter 343, Draft Environmental Assessment (EA),
And Finding of No Significant Impact (AFNSI)
Wailehua 1 Single-Family Residences
47-151 Wailehua Road - Kaalaea
Kahalu'u, Ko'olaupoko Ahupua'a, island of O'ahu
TMKs: (1) 4-7-014:051, 052, 055

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands acknowledges receiving the request for comments on the above-cited project. After reviewing the materials submitted, due to its lack of proximity to Hawaiian Home Lands, we do not anticipate any impacts to our lands or beneficiaries from the project.

However, we highly encourage all agencies to consult with Hawaiian Homestead community associations and other (N)ative Hawaiian organizations when preparing environmental assessments in order to better assess potential impacts to cultural and natural resources, access and other rights of Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please call Andrew H. Choy, Acting Planning Program Manager at (808) 620-9481, or contact via email at andrew.h.choy@hawaii.gov.

Me ke aloha,


William J. Aila, Jr., Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

c: Wailehua I, LLC,
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POST OFFICE BOX 621
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February 28, 2022

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Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D.
GK Environmental LLC
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Honokaa, Hawaii 96727

Via email: gpknopp@gkenvllc.com

Dear Sirs,

SUBJECT: Wailehua I Single Family Residences
Draft Environmental Assessment (AFNSI)
TMK: (1) 4-7-014: 051, -052 and -055

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. The Land Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) distributed copies of your request pertaining to the subject matter to DLNR's Divisions for their review and comments.

At this time, only one response from our Engineering Division, but no comments, was received. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Lee at 587-0453 or barbara.j.lee@hawaii.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell Tsuji

Russell Y. Tsuji
Land Administrator

cc: Central Files



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND DIVISION

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

February 02, 2022

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: ~~TO:~~

DLNR Agencies:

- Div. of Aquatic Resources
- Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation
- Engineering Division** (via email: *DLNR.Engr@hawaii.gov*)
- Div. of Forestry & Wildlife (via email: *rubyrosa.t.terrago@hawaii.gov*)
- Div. of State Parks
- Commission on Water Resource Management (via email: *DLNR.CWRM@hawaii.gov*)
- Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands
- Land Division – Oahu District (via email: *barry.w.cheung@hawaii.gov*)

TO:

~~FROM:~~ Russell Y. Tsuji, Land Administrator *Russell Tsuji*
~~SUBJECT:~~ **Wailehua 1 Single Family Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)**
~~LOCATION:~~ Ka'alaea Ahupua'a, Kaneohe, Island of Oahu, Hawaii
 TMK: (1) 4-7-014:051, -052, and -055
~~APPLICANT:~~ **GK Environmental LLC on behalf of Wailehua 1, LLC**

Transmitted for your review and comment is information on the above-referenced subject. The [DEA](#) was published on January 23, 2022 by the State Environmental Review Program (formerly the Office of Environmental Quality Control) at the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development in the periodic bulletin, [The Environmental Notice](#), available at the following link:

http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/The_Environmental_Notice/2022-01-23-TEN.pdf

Please submit any comments by **February 21, 2022** to barbara.j.lee@hawaii.gov at Land Division. If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no comments. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lee directly via email at the above email address. Thank you.

BRIEF COMMENTS:

- We have no objections.
- We have no comments.
- We have no additional comments.
- Comments are included/attached.

Signed: *Carty S. Chang*
 Print Name: Carty S. Chang, Chief Engineer
 Division: Engineering Division
 Date: Feb 17, 2022

Attachments
Cc: Central Files

From: [Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D.](#)
To: [DLNR.LD.Land](#); [Lee, Barbara J](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project DEA
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:19:30 PM

Aloha,

I'd like you to be aware of the publication of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project located in the ahupua'a of Ka'alaea of Kane'ohe, O'ahu.

Your comments on the proposed project are welcomed.

This DEA was published in the January 23, 2022 Environmental Notice. In an effort towards sustainability I am distributing as few hard copies as possible.

Therefore, please refer to the information on page 4 of the January 23, 2022 Environmental Notice for directions to submit comments.

This edition of The Environmental Notice is available at:

http://oegc2.doh.hawaii.gov/The_Environmental_Notice/2022-01-23-TEN.pdf

Mahalo,

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March 14, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting a review of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS), see attached. The Environmental Center at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, which for a time was linked to the Water Resources Research Center (WRRC), has been discontinued. As a result of the closure of the Environmental Center, we regret that WRRC no longer has the capacity to review environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Giambelluca
Director

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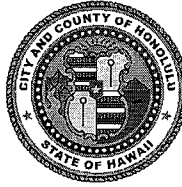
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Appendix B. Comments Received on Draft Environmental Assessment and Responses

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February 22, 2022

2021/ED-24(CK)

Mr. Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC
P.O. Box 1310
Honokaa, Hawaii 96727

Dear Mr. Knopp:

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Wailehua I Single Family Residences
Wailehua Road - Kaalaea
Tax Map Keys (TMK) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

This is in response to the submittal, received November 19, 2021, of the above-referenced DEA as required under Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH). We understand that the Project proposes the development of 10 single-family detached dwelling units on 10 lots covering approximately 2.46 acres within the R-10 Residential District and Special Management Area in Kahaluu, Oahu. Our comments are as follows:

1. *Section 1.2 Purpose of the EA Process*

Under Paragraph 3, please revise the text in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) to reference the approving agency as the "City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting" instead of the County of Hawaii, Planning Department.

2. *Section 1.4 Purpose and Need (or a new separate section)*

The FEA should include a discussion of the current status and anticipated buildout timeline for each active, approved development permit, including building permits, grading permits, etc., associated with development at the subject properties. For example, are the houses constructed under Building Permit Nos. 777670 and 777672 complete, or are there still outstanding finishes required? What is the status of the construction plans and grading permits for

installation of the French Drains? What is the buildout timeline for units A and B, as approved in 2015 under Building Permit Nos. 775497 and 775496?

3. *Section 2.1 and 2.3 Description of the Proposed Action*

DPP records indicate that Drainage Easement A, located along the northern property line of TMK Nos. 4-7-014:051 and 052 (parcels 51 and 52), is not owned by the City. According to our records, it appears each property owner of the neighboring Kahaluu Town Lots has ownership of, and therefore maintenance responsibility for, the drainage channel north of the Wailehua I properties. This is also reflected in the attachment to the Drainage Study submitted with the DEA. Please correct any text referring to this drainage as a City-owned throughout the FEA document.

Please correct the following inconsistency: Section 2.1 states that the Project cost is \$1,000,000, but Section 2.3 states \$6,900,000.

4. *Section 2.2 Design Considerations*

Under Paragraph 1, please revise the text in the FEA to state that the Tentative Subdivision Approval was granted on February 12, 2021, not February 23, 2021.

Under Paragraph 4, please revise the text to remove the reference to curb and gutter improvements within the Wailehua Road right-of-way. According to the February 12, 2021 Tentative Subdivision Approval letter, a modification was granted from the requirement for street frontage improvements on the basis that it would worsen the storm runoff to neighboring properties, pursuant to Section 1-112 of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

Under Paragraph 6 (and throughout the document as applicable), please update the text to note that the Project must comply with the City's current *Rules Relating to Water Quality*, compliance with which will be verified during the building permit review process for each dwelling.

5. *Section 3.7 Historical and Cultural Resources:*

We understand that the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has been experiencing staffing issues for an extended period of time, and that as a result, receiving timely responses to requests for comments and recommendations regarding mitigation for potential impacts to unknown archaeological resources remains an ongoing challenge. That said, please continue to pursue SHPD

recommendations, and document your outreach efforts to SHPD staff throughout preparation of the FEA for the proposed Project.

6. *Community Outreach*

Please be aware that pursuant to Section 25-5.1(b), ROH, prior to submitting the application for an SMA Use Permit, the Applicant must present the Project to the applicable Neighborhood Board (NB) and/or Community Association unless the NB or Community Association fails to provide the Applicant with an opportunity to present the Project within 60 days of the date of the written request or they provide the Applicant with written notice that it has no objection to the Project or no presentation is necessary. Compliance with this code section will be reviewed when we receive the SMA Use Permit application.

As a result of the recently received letter of opposition to the Project from the Kahaluu NB, we strongly recommend that you continue to pursue opportunities for outreach and collaborative discussions with interested community groups such as Malama Waihee, neighboring property owners, and the Kahaluu NB in order to address their concerns. In addition, the FEA should include specific responses to each item reflected in the Kahaluu NB's letter of opposition, including any actions taken to address applicable issue areas within the design and/or FEA text. The FEA should also discuss the results of any ongoing and/or planned community outreach efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact Christi Keller, of our staff, at (808) 768-8087 or via email at c.keller@honolulu.gov.

Very truly yours,



DUK Dean Uchida
Director



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March 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), Wailehua I Single Family Residences,
Wailehua Road – Kaalaea, Tax Map Keys (TMKs) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

Thank you for your comments concerning the above noted Draft Environmental Assessment
dated February 22, 2022.

We offer the following responses to your comments, in the same numbered order:

1. Corrected
2. We have included additional text to discuss the status of permits.

Regarding the homes constructed under building permits 777670 and 777672, these homes are nearly completed with landscaping, fencing, lanai, and septic systems remaining to be constructed.

Grading permits have been approved for placement of structural fill for home pads, numbered GP2021-09-0339 for parcels 052 and 055 and permit number GP 2021-09-0340 for parcel 051.

A grading permit for construction of the French drains has been issued, permit number GP 2021-07-0301.

The applicant was recently given an extension on their subdivision application file number 2021/SUB-33 to August 12, 2022.

3. The drainage easement on the north side of the proposed project site is Wailehua 1, LLC. We have corrected the typo that incorrectly stated the project budget in Section 2.1
4. We have corrected the date of subdivision approval and added text concerning the extension given.

We have deleted the statement concerning curb and gutter improvements.

We have included reference to the City's current Rules Relating to Water Quality. As the proposed project is greater than one acre in area an NPDES General Construction permit would be required, necessitating implementation of many of the same BMPs that the City Rules Relating to Water Quality would require.

5. We have attempted to contact SHPD to gain information on the status of review.
6. Thank you for bringing Section 25-5.1(b) ROH to our attention.

We have continued our outreach efforts, and distribution of the DEA was very broad, and a distribution list is included in Section 6 of the FEA. John Reppun of Malama Waihee was included in the distribution but did not offer comments. The FEA includes responses to all pertinent comments, including specific responses made to each comment made by the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29. We have continued to identify other individuals and organizations who may have concerns about the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC

Garnett J. Howard
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February 16, 2022

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Subject: Comments on Draft Environmental Analysis (DEA) Wailehua I Single-Family Residences --Draft EA, November 2021

Dear Dr. Knopp,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Wailehua I Single-Family Residences --Draft EA. Please consider the following comments and recommendations intended to improve analysis of the development by community members and organizations and by the Agency.

Section 1.2 Purpose of the Environmental Assessment Process

Please add clarifying information to this section. The scope of the EA is not clear.

1. Please make clear whether this EA addresses only the additional impact of six new residences or the cumulative impact and valuation of all 10 residences and the overall impact of the 10-lot grading and drainage plan.
2. Is this EA backward-looking to include the two residences built in 2016/2017 and the two additional residences with building permits that have not been started?

Section 1.3 Previous Land Use Approvals (Project History):

The information provided concerning the history of the project appears to be incomplete. Please add the following documents in the chronology in Section 1.3 and include a copy of the documents in Section 6, References and Appendices, in the Final EA:

1. Mutual Settlement Agreement (MSA), January 25, 2021, between HK Construction and the City and County of Honolulu, Dept of Planning and Permitting.
2. Contested Case No. 2017/GEN-11, "the contested case" identified in the MSA, where Wailehua I initiated a contested case proceeding challenging the City's orders. Please include the contested case filing and describe contested case notifications of nearby residents and other interested parties. Describe how this contested case was processed and settled.
3. SMA Permit Application(s) related to Building Permits Nos 777670, 777672, 776496, 776497, issued in 2015. None of the SMA Applications described in the DEA (2015/SMA-14, 2015/SMA-56, and 2016/SMA-59) provide a description or valuation estimates for construction of the four residences (two groups of 2 residential buildings) that are part of this environmental analysis. If there are SMA permits supporting the building permits, please include these in the chronology and provide copies in the Final EA.

Section 1.4 Purpose and Need

Comment: Please correct the TMK numbers to read (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052, and 055

Section 1.5 Agencies, Organizations and Individuals Contacted in Early Consultation

Community outreach and consultation prior to publishing the Draft EA were inadequate. Before finalizing the Environmental Assessment, the applicant should reach out to Malama Waihe'e and make formal notification and offer town hall-style meetings with residents in the affected neighborhoods. The final EA should include a copy of all correspondence and comments received from residents and all KNB#29 Board Meeting minutes and resolutions related to the HK development going back to 2015.

Section 2.1, General Description of the Proposed Action

In the third paragraph, the cost of construction is shown as \$1,000,000. This appears to conflict with the project cost shown in Section 2.3 (\$6,900,000). Please correct or clarify the cost information.

Section 2.4 Alternatives Considered

1. The alternatives considered are too limited and do not include alternative designs that would reduce stormwater runoff during extreme rainfall events. In the final EA, please develop and describe alternative project designs (consistent with R-10 zoning) that would mitigate the cumulative environmental impact of the development. For example:
 - i. Reimagining the number or arrangement of lots and residences to allow for on-site catchment and slow release of stormwater, particularly in ways that would reduce the flow of stormwater from the front yards and driveways onto Wailehua Road.
 - ii. Inclusion of residential rain barrels and landscaping featuring small ponds (rain gardens)
 - iii. Use of porous paving materials instead of solid concrete as was used in the two already built homes.

Section 3.1, Noise

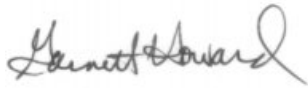
In the third paragraph, please correct the dBA value shown as "545 dBA from 10:00 p.m . . ."

Section 6.0 References and Appendices

Please provide a complete list of all references used in the Environmental Analysis. For example, Federal, State, C&C of Honolulu, and other entities laws, statutes, rules, ordinances, instructions; all plans, studies, reports, data, letters, MOAs, meeting minutes, and correspondence considered in the analysis, including:

1. The Mutual Settlement Agreement (MSA), January 25, 2021, between HK Construction and the City and County of Honolulu, Dept of Planning and Permitting.
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3. SMA Permit Application(s) related to Building Permits Nos 777670, 777672, 776496, 776497, issued in 2015.
4. Letters and emails to the City & County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting relating to the HK project on Wailehua Road from interested parties and Kahalu'u area residents.

Sincerely,

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Garnett Howard

Copy to:

Christi Keller c.keller@honolulu.
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Garnett J. Howard
March 14, 2022
Via email: garneth@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Howard,

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

The scope of the project is explained clearly in several locations in the DEA.

Description of a contested case hearing and legal settlement is outside the scope of this document as defined by HRS 343 and HAR 11-200.1.

The DEA and FEA contain a list and description of permits.

Your state that, "Community outreach and consultation prior to publishing the Draft EA were inadequate." As you note a meeting was held with the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board #29. Comments specific to the project were received and responses made. A list of organizations, groups, and individuals contacted during preconsultation is given in Section 1.5.

You contend that the proposed project would increase flooding on Wailehua Road. A topographic survey of the parcels shows that the vast majority of runoff currently flows towards the north and into the drainage ditch, and grading and construction would not significantly alter this situation except, in some places such as driveway aprons. The vast majority of stormwater runoff would continue to flow towards the drainage ditch, where the rate of its influx to the drainage ditch would be attenuated by the French drains. The placement of small amounts of fill on the site in recent years would not have affected the overall direction of stormwater runoff.

The environmental assessment is fully referenced, with references listed in Section 6.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P. O. BOX 3378
HONOLULU, HI 96801-3378

In reply, please refer
to:

LUD – 1 4 7 014 051 052 & 055
DEA Wailehua I SFRes ID 5941

February 3, 2022

Mr. Dean Uchida
Director
Department of Planning & Permitting
City & County of Honolulu
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
via email: c.keller@honolulu.gov

Dear Mr. Uchida:

Subject: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu
Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Wailehua I Single-Family Residences
47-151 Wailehua Road, Kahaluu, Oahu 96744
TMK (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide comments for the subject DEA. The Department of Health (Department) will not review and approve of the construction of new individual wastewater systems (IWS) for the subject properties until the Special Management Area (SMA) permit is issued by the City and County of Honolulu (CCH).

The wetlands map on page 31 of the DEA may not have accurately depict all wetlands that are located on and/or in close proximity to the subject project area. The applicant should consult with the Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch regarding possible additional wetlands located on and/or in close proximity to the subject project site that have not been reflected in the wetland map. If additional wetlands are identified by the Army Corps, the DEA shall be revised to include the information.

The discussion regarding IWS on page 34 of the DEA should include details regarding the depths to groundwater at the subject project site and address any potential impacts to the groundwater quality from the appropriate wastewater system to be applied for the proposed development.

As the property is proposed to undergo major improvements, any wastewater systems proposed for the project shall conform to applicable provisions of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-62, "Wastewater Systems." Please be informed that the design plans should address any effects associated with the construction of and/or discharges from the wastewater systems to any public trust, Native Hawaiian resources or the exercise of traditional cultural practices.

Mr. Dean Uchida
February 3, 2022
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Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Mark Tomomitsu of my staff at (808) 586-4294.

Sincerely,

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SINA PRUDER, P.E., CHIEF
Wastewater Branch

LM/MST:bk

c: Mr. Graham Knopp, Wailehua I, LLC, via email: gpknopp@gkenvllc.com
Ms. Christi Keller, C&C, DPP, via email: c.keller@honolulu.gov



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Sina Pruder, P.E., Chief
State of Hawaii Department of Health
Wastewater Branch
PO Box 3378
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378
March 6, 2022

Dear Chief Pruder,

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

I would like to request a meeting with the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 to discuss the proposed project in December 2021.

There are no wetlands on the proposed project site, as per the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination of December 21, 2020. This applies to the proposed project site, as well as the drainage swale on the north side of the site. This issue was discussed in the DEA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination was attached as Appendix B.

The DEA's discussion regarding IWS has been revised to include a discussion of the depth to groundwater and its relevance to the project.

Wastewater systems that are included in the proposed project are not likely to impact any Native Hawaiian resources or the exercise of traditional cultural practices as none are present. Water resources managed as public trust resources in the State of Hawai'i would not be impacted, and assurance of this would be achieved through compliance with HAR Chapter 11-62.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC

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OUR REFERENCE EO-DK

February 15, 2022

SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Graham Knopp
gpknopp@gkenvllc.com

Dear Mr. Knopp:

This is in response to your letter received on February 2, 2022, relating to the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed development and construction of ten single-family homes and drainage improvements from two parcels of land on Wailehua Road in Kahaluu.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) recommends that all necessary signs, lights, barricades, and other safety equipment be installed and maintained by the contractor during the construction phase of the project, as Wailehua Road is off of the main Kamehameha Highway which is heavily traversed on a daily basis. The HPD also recommends that adequate notification be made to residents in the area prior to deliveries or possible road closures, as any impacts to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic may cause issues and disruptions to residents which could lead to complaints.

If there are any questions, please call Major Crizalmer Caraang of District 4 (Kaneohe, Kailua, Kahuku) at (808) 723-8639.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project.

Sincerely,

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DARREN CHUN
Assistant Chief of Police
Support Services Bureau



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Darren Chun, Assistant Chief of Police
Police Department
City and County of Honolulu
801 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Chun,

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

We do not anticipate traffic impacts from the proposed project as work will not be performed in the public right-of-way. Construction of curb and gutter, for instance, is not part of the proposed project. Text has been added to the environmental assessment to discuss this.

Prior to the commencement of construction, the construction area would be fenced off, in part to preserve the public's safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC



Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D. <gpknopp@gkenvllc.com>

Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 Opposition to HK Construction on Wailehua Rd.

Ka'ano'i W <kaanoiwalk@gmail.com>
To: "Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D." <gpknopp@gkenvllc.com>

Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 7:29 PM

December 28, 2021

Dr. Graham Knopp
GK Environmental, LLC
P.O. Box 1310
Honoka'a, Hawai'i 96727
gpknopp@gkenvllc.com

RE: Dec. 15, 2021 Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 Special Meeting Agenda Item II. A. HK Construction Development on Wailehua Rd. (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052, 055)

Aloha e Dr. Graham Knopp,

Thank you for participating in the December 15, 2021, Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 (KNB #29) special meeting to discuss the HK Construction Development on Wailehua Rd. (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052, 055). This letter is intended to provide written comments from that meeting for you, the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and City Council.

Dr. Graham Knopp, Principal of GK Environmental and contracted by HK Construction to perform an HRS 343-compliant environmental assessment (EA) for a project in Ka'alaea on Wailehua Road, offered a presentation and responded to our concerns.

For many years, KNB #29 has expressed concerns about the proposed development by HK Construction along Wailehua Rd. (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052, 055). Furthermore, the permits include: 2015/SMA-14, 2016/SMA-59, which were revoked in May 2017 due to the wetland designation by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE), as well as tentative subdivision approval in July 2016 that would consolidate the three TMKs and subdivide them into 10 lots.

Concerns raised by KNB #29 on behalf of our community over the years include clarity around the cumulative impacts of the entire project, wetlands, stormwater management, impacts of climate change and wastewater systems.

Here are some of the specific concerns that were raised in opposition to this HK Construction development on Wailehua Rd. moving forward:

- **Segmentation of Environmental Review:** The project description submitted by the developer or his agent refers to all three TMKs in the early submission but to only two of the three TMKs in the more recent submissions. Dr. Knopp noted that it was an error on his part and that the full project includes all three TMKs and a total of 10 lots. The community agrees that all three TMKs should be reviewed under the EA. However, we are concerned about segmentation of the

environmental review since one of the TMKs initially identified in the permit application in 2016 has had two houses built and apparently subdivided into two lots since that initial submission. While the stated response was that those two lots were under the valuation requiring a SMA permit, the community concerns around segmentation and cumulative impacts stands.

- **Wetlands:** During Dr. Graham Knopp's presentation, and in response to previously expressed concerns by KNB #29, he stated that the wetland designation of the property is confusing. Dr Knopp stated that, in 2015, the site was determined to be a wetland due to wetland soils. He stated that he believes that the wetland soils were present "before the drainage ditch (on the northern side of the property) was constructed." Further, he stated that the COE rules were relaxed during that time frame, then were changed back to be more stringent in 2019. He stated that due to the digging of a trench along the north side of the properties that the land is no longer determined to be a wetland. A board member requested more information, including dates, on when the trench was dug on the properties. Dr. Graham Knopp did not know when the trench was dug. Board members expressed concern about this process of determining that the lands are not wetlands today, as they indeed historically have been documented as wetlands.
- **Climate Change/Stormwater Management:** Community members raised concerns about flooding that occurs during heavy rains on the property and on the adjacent roadway. A Board member raised that in 2018, the Mayor's Directive 18-2, issued on July 16, 2018, caused all projects to consider the effects of Climate Change on potential projects. We appreciate that Dr. Knopp included information regarding Sea Level Rise, storm surge and active and passive flooding as assessed from Kāne'ōhe Bay. A board member noted that the effects of climate change also include increased frequency of extreme rainfall events, which has potential to affect this property. She requested that an assessment of these effects also be included in the environmental assessment.
- **Drainage Report:** The Drainage Report included with the initial application, as well as subsequent applications, was done in 2016. Given the Mayor's Directive 18-2 and community input about increased rainfall events, we requested that the Drainage Report be updated. Note that in the pre-consultation letter from DPP, DDC stated "DPP needs to review and approve the drainage report." Dr Knopp stated that French drains would be installed on the northern edge of the property, which should address these concerns. The community is not convinced that extreme rainfall events will not result in flooding, even with the French drains.
- **Wastewater:** As Dr. Knopp noted in his presentation, this area does not have the ability to connect to a sewer line and raised the concerns about cesspools in the area. He stated that each property will have an individual wastewater system (IWS) but that they would also be able to connect to a new sewer line within 10 years. The community agrees that contamination from leaking cesspools is of concern but also noted that there is no guarantee that the sewer lines would be extended within 10 years. The community also raised concerns about the high-water table in this area and the ability of an IWS to percolate appropriately. To the community's knowledge, the two houses that were already built have not yet been able to meet DOH's standards for percolation.

At the Special Meeting on December 15, 2021, the the following motion was passed unanimously:

Given the significant concerns raised by the community regarding the cumulative impacts of the proposed project in Ka'alaea (TMKs 4-7-014:051,052 and 055) including but not limited to shoreline management area, wetlands, climate change, stormwater management and control and wastewater control, Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 **OPPOSES** this project moving forward. Furthermore, KNB #29 urges the Department of Planning and Permitting to require a full EIS that includes: an updated Drainage Report that reflects updated reality of increased severe rainfall events due to climate change; alternatives to the proposed action; and full mitigation of environmental impacts.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or requests for additional information.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Ka'ano'i Walk, Chair
Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29

cc: U.S. Congress Representative Kai Kahele
Hawai'i Governor David Ige
Mayor Rick Blangiardi
Senator Gil Riviere
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Representative Lisa Kitagawa
Representative Sean Quinlan
Councilmember Esther Kia'aina
Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi
Honolulu C&C Department of Planning and Permitting
State Department of Health, Wastewater Branch
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Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29

March 7, 2022

Via email: kaanoiwalk@gmail.com

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment Comments, Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project

Dear Members of the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your comments on the Draft EA.

The environmental assessment process has continuously considered the entire 10-lot, 10-home development. The claim that there has been segmentation in the environmental review process is not factual. The environmental review process has considered the consolidation and subdivision of the three parcels, and construction of ten single-family home throughout the process.

A topographic survey of the proposed project site and the drainage study show that the direction runoff will travel on the site is nearly uniformly towards the drainage ditch, and not Wailehua Road. Although the area of impermeable surface will be increased by construction, and therefore the rate of runoff will also increase, this effect will be mitigated by construction of French Drains. Construction will not affect the overall drainage of the proposed project site. Placement of fill for home pads and foundations will not affect the overall flow characteristics of the proposed project site. It should be noted that the French Drains will reduce overall potential impacts to water quality by providing natural filtration of sediment before discharge to the drainage ditch. Therefore, the potential cumulative impacts to water quality as a result of the proposed project are anticipated to be negligible.

The drainage report states that the French Drains would be appropriate mitigation for construction of impermeable surfaces. Moreover, the drainage report clearly states that stormwater runoff from the proposed project site does not enter Wailehua Road. On the contrary, some runoff enters the proposed project site from Wailehua Road. Therefore, the proposed project site is not anticipated to have negative flooding impacts on the vicinity. Further, we do not agree that the drainage report requires updating because site conditions have not changed.

The negative water quality impacts presented by cess pools is real and should not be minimized by the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29. We find the lack of attention paid to this issue by the KNB #29 to be problematic as each cess pool in the area presents a real and ongoing water quality problem. The geoportal.hawaii.gov dataset viewer shows that there are at least 65 cess pools located on lots along Wailehua Road, Wailehua Place, and Waionia Street makai of Lamaula Road (see map below). Cess pools provide virtually no removal of nutrients or organic carbon from wastewater, and those located in this neighborhood are near sea level and are

undoubtedly causing adverse water quality impacts to Kaneohe Bay. In a relative sense a single cess pool presents a magnitude greater threat to water quality than a permitted septic system with a drainage field that has an adequately thick soil horizon, a requirement of permitting. Therefore, the cumulative impact of the addition of 10 permitted IWS is negligible in terms of potential impacts to water quality, given the vast number of cess pools in the vicinity. Moreover, as most homes in the vicinity of the proposed project site unfortunately use cess pools for wastewater disposal, the construction of permitted wastewater systems in this neighborhood represents an overall improvement in the standard of home construction and environmental protection.

Ultimately, however, the most efficient means of improving potential wastewater impacts to water quality is sewerage and wastewater treatment. In this case, connection to the Ahuimanu Wastewater Treatment plant would be ideal. The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services has stated that the proposed project will have sewer connections available within the next 10 years as part of the Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 ID Project, subject to City Council approval through the sewer improvement district. It is important that this sewerage project is completed in order to bring sewerage to the proposed project site and vicinity. It would possibly be constructive for the KNB #29 to issue a resolution supporting this sewerage project and encouraging the City and County to make it a priority.

There are no wetlands on the proposed project site, as per the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination of December 21, 2020. This applies to the proposed project site, as well as the drainage swale on the north side of the site. The jurisdictional determination was included in the DEA as Appendix C. I would refer those board members with concern over the wetlands delineation process to this document.

Wetlands perform important “ecosystems services” including positive impacts on water quality, flood control, and often are important in terms of biodiversity. Portions of the proposed project site that were previously delineated as wetlands were not important in terms of biodiversity or water quality and were identified as wetlands only for their soils. The proposed project would preserve the transient drainage ditch located on the north adjoining side of the site.

The evaluation of climate change related effects on the proposed project site and vicinity is performed to the professional standard in the environmental assessment.

There is no evidence that extreme rainfall events have become more frequent on Oahu. In fact, the oft-cited work of Chen and Chu¹ (2014) on this subject shows a reduction in the frequency of extreme-rainfall events on Oahu. Rainfall data and stream discharge data show a trend toward

¹ Chen, Y.R and Chu, P.S., 2014. Trends in Precipitation Extremes and Return Levels in the Hawaiian Islands Under a Changing Climate. *International Journal of Climatology*, Vol. 34, No. 15, pp. 3913-3925.

lower annual mean precipitation as well (Diaz et al. 2005², Oki 2004³). The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29's claim that extreme rainfall events have become more frequent is contradicted by scientific research and therefore consideration of this in evaluation of climate change-related impacts is not warranted.

Please see: <https://statesummaries.ncics.org/chapter/hi/> for factual information concerning the science around climate change in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC

². Diaz, H. F., P. S. Chu, and J. K. Eischeid. 2005, Rainfall changes in Hawaii during the last century, paper presented at 16th Conference on Climate Variability and Change, Am. Meteorol. Soc., San Diego, Calif. (Available at http://ams.confex.com/ams/Annual2005/techprogram/paper_84210.htm).

³. Oki, D.S., 2004, Trends in Streamflow Characteristics at Long-Term Gaging Stations, Hawaii, U.S. Geological Survey, Scientific Investigations Report 2004-5080, 120 p.



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February 01, 2022

Environmental Review
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Mr. Dean Uchida, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Land Use Commission

Land Use Division

Special Plans Branch

Atten: Ms. Christi Keller

State Transit-Oriented
Development

Dear Mr. Uchida:

Statewide Geographic
Information System

Subject: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Draft Environmental Assessment for the Wailehua I Single Family Residences Project, Kahaluu, Oahu; Tax Map Key: (1) 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055

Statewide
Sustainability Program

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) is in receipt of your review request on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA), received January 10, 2022, for the proposed development of 10 zoning lots with 10 single-family dwelling units on Wailehua Road in Kahaluu, Oahu.

According to the Draft EA, the proposed action involves the construction of 10 detached single-family dwellings of similar design after the consolidation and subdivision of the three parcels with Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers of (1) 4-7-14: 051, 052 and 055. Most of the proposed project area lies within the county designated special management area (SMA), under the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 205A. The proposed dwellings will be either a one-story four-bedroom, three-bathroom with attached garage design, or a two-story four-bedroom, three-bathroom with attached garage design. All lots will be enclosed by vinyl fencing. Out of the 10 proposed homes, two such homes have been previously constructed under Building Permits nos. 777670 and 777672. Two additional homes have been issued building permits.

The construction of the proposed redevelopment is anticipated to be completed in one year from receipt of all necessary permits.

The OPSD has reviewed the subject Draft EA, and has the following comments to offer:

1. Please note that the subject EA is triggered by the ROH Chapter 25 requirement that any proposed development requiring a SMA use permit shall be subject to an assessment by the agency in accordance with the procedural steps set

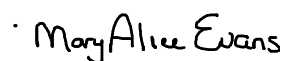
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forth in HRS Chapter 343. The Final EA should refer to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200.1, which has been in effect since August 9, 2019, rather than Chapter 11-200, which was repealed.

2. The Final EA should correct the statement on Draft EA, page 9, to identify the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting, rather than the County of Hawaii Planning Department, as the approving agency.
3. 4.6.1 Coastal Zone Management of the Final EA, pages 59-67, should refer to HRS Chapter 205A, as amended, enacted by Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020.
4. The Draft EA, page 65, states “The site could be exposed to erosion with 0.5 to 3.2 feet of sea level rise.” This is in contradiction to the statements in Section 3.3 on page 29 regarding potential impacts of sea level rise exposure area on the project site. Please correct for consistency in the Final EA.
5. The Draft EA, page 12, states the cost of construction of this project is estimated to be \$1,000,000.00. However, page 13, states the cost of the project to be \$6,900,000.00. Please clarify the project cost in the Final EA.
6. The OPSD concurs that the site-specific best management practices for sediment control and surface water runoff, including watering loose soils during construction, planting groundcover over areas where construction has been completed, silt fences and other erosion control devices, shall be prepared and implemented to confine the proposed grading and construction activities, and prevent potential soil, construction debris and polluted runoff from adversely impacting the coastal ecosystem, and State waters and specified in Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-54.
7. The Draft EA, page 29, acknowledges that the project site lies completely outside of the 3.2 ft sea level rise exposure area. While sea level rise projections indicate that the subject property may not experience impacts under 2.0 ft or 3.2 ft of sea level rise, please note that Kamehameha Highway may be subject to inundation from storm surges and therefore impact access to the proposed project site.

If you have any questions regarding this comment letter, please contact Sarah Chang of our office at (808) 587-2877, or by email at sarah.m.chang@hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,



Mary Alice Evans
Director

c: Mr. Graham Paul Knopp, GK Environmental LLC



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Mary Alice Evans, Director
State of Hawaii Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Evans:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project, and for your specific comments.

Thank you for your comment regarding the statement on page 65 of the DEA. We have clarified this statement to be consistent with that in Section 3.3. Sea level rise of 0.5 to 3.2 feet would not impact the proposed project site.

As access to the proposed project site has numerous routes including Ahilama Road, closure of Kamehameha Highway would not obviate access.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Graham Knopp, Principal
GK Environmental LLC

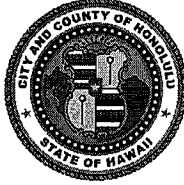
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February 8, 2022

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ms. Christi Keller
c.keller@honolulu.gov

Dear Ms. Keller:

Subject: Wailehua I Single Family Housing Project
Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. The Department of Design and Construction has no comments to offer at this time.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-8480.

Sincerely,

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Alex Kozlov, P.E.
Director

AK:krm (872743)

cc Wailehua I, LLC c/o Graham Knopp
Graham Knopp, GK Environmental, LLC

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
PRO 22-027

February 9, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean Uchida, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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FROM: Roger Babcock, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Director Designate

SUBJECT: Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), Wailehua I Single-Family Residences, 47-151 Wailehua Road, Kaalaea (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052 and 055)

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CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

We have reviewed the subject documents transmitted to us by your memo dated January 7, 2022, reference number 2021/ED-24(CK).

TMKs 4-7-014:052 and 055 may be included in the proposed future Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 Improvement District (ID) project. See enclosed map for the project location. The Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 ID Project, if it proceeds, would allow the parcels included in the proposed development to connect to City sewer service. The Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 ID Project is tentatively scheduled to be done within the next 10 years, subject to City Council approval through the Sewer Improvement District process.

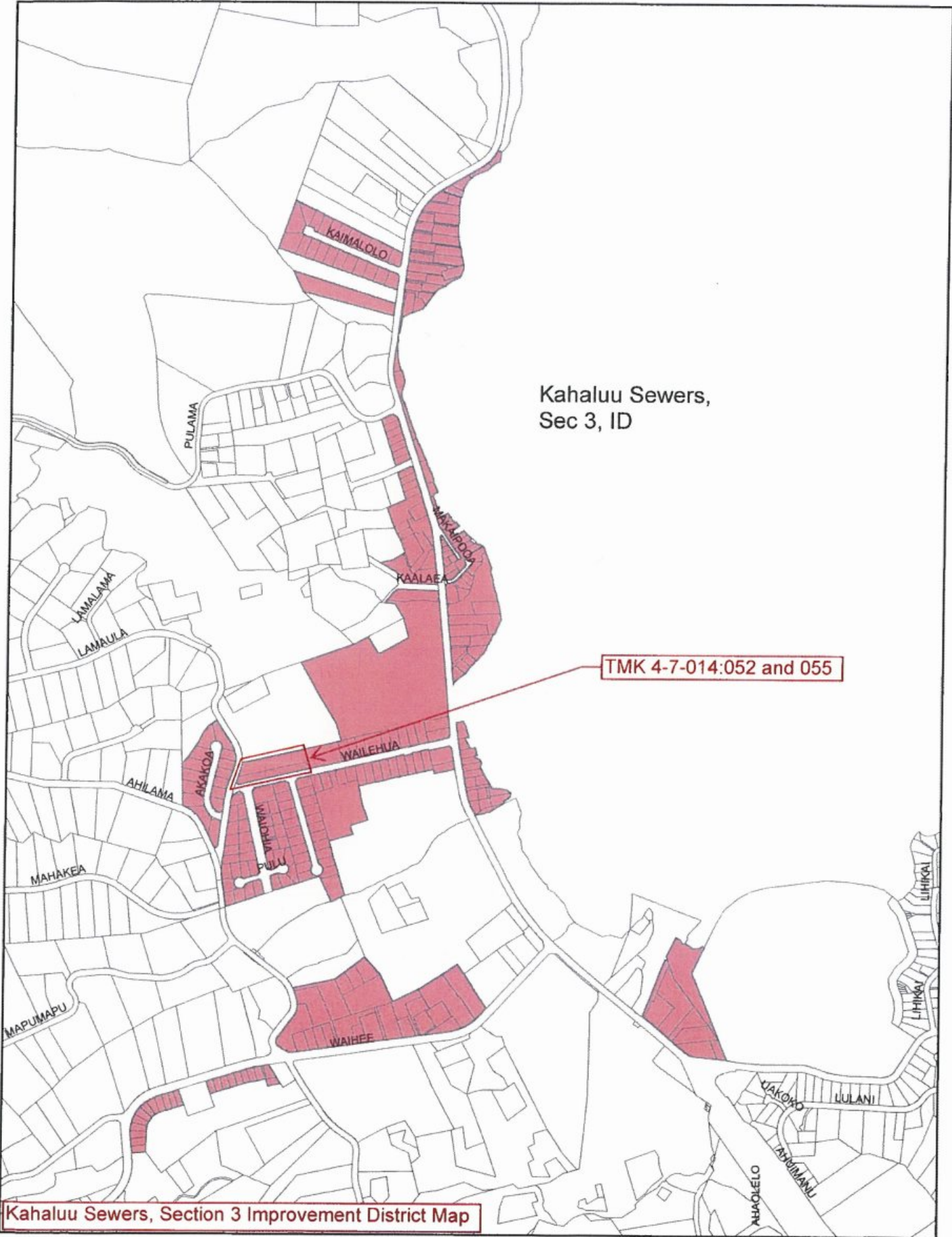
Should you have any questions, please call Jack Pobuk, Branch Chief, CIP Program and Planning, at (808) 768-3464 or by e-mail at jpobuk@honolulu.gov.

Enclosure

Kahaluu Sewers,
Sec 3, ID

TMK 4-7-014:052 and 055

Kahaluu Sewers, Section 3 Improvement District Map



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February 18, 2022

Ref.: PO-22-034

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Aloha Ms. Keller:

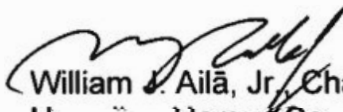
Subject: HRS Chapter 343, Draft Environmental Assessment (EA),
And Finding of No Significant Impact (AFNSI)
Wailehua 1 Single-Family Residences
47-151 Wailehua Road - Kaalaea
Kahalu'u, Ko'olaupoko Ahupua'a, island of O'ahu
TMKs: (1) 4-7-014:051, 052, 055

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands acknowledges receiving the request for comments on the above-cited project. After reviewing the materials submitted, due to its lack of proximity to Hawaiian Home Lands, we do not anticipate any impacts to our lands or beneficiaries from the project.

However, we highly encourage all agencies to consult with Hawaiian Homestead community associations and other (N)ative Hawaiian organizations when preparing environmental assessments in order to better assess potential impacts to cultural and natural resources, access and other rights of Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please call Andrew H. Choy, Acting Planning Program Manager at (808) 620-9481, or contact via email at andrew.h.choy@hawaii.gov.

Me ke aloha,


William J. Ailā, Jr., Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

c: Wailehua I, LLC,
GK Environmental, LLC,
gpknopp@gkenvllc.com

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LAND DIVISION

POST OFFICE BOX 621
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February 28, 2022

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Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D.
GK Environmental LLC
P.O. Box 1310
Honokaa, Hawaii 96727

Via email: gpknopp@gkenvllc.com

Dear Sirs,

SUBJECT: Wailehua I Single Family Residences
Draft Environmental Assessment (AFNSI)
TMK: (1) 4-7-014: 051, -052 and -055

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. The Land Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) distributed copies of your request pertaining to the subject matter to DLNR's Divisions for their review and comments.

At this time, only one response from our Engineering Division, but no comments, was received. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Lee at 587-0453 or barbara.j.lee@hawaii.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell Tsuji

Russell Y. Tsuji
Land Administrator

cc: Central Files



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND DIVISION

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

February 02, 2022

LD 0089e

MEMORANDUM

FROM: ~~TO:~~

DLNR Agencies:

- Div. of Aquatic Resources
- Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation
- Engineering Division** (via email: *DLNR.Engr@hawaii.gov*)
- Div. of Forestry & Wildlife (via email: *rubyrosa.t.terrago@hawaii.gov*)
- Div. of State Parks
- Commission on Water Resource Management (via email: *DLNR.CWRM@hawaii.gov*)
- Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands
- Land Division – Oahu District (via email: *barry.w.cheung@hawaii.gov*)

TO:

~~FROM:~~ Russell Y. Tsuji, Land Administrator *Russell Tsuji*
~~SUBJECT:~~ **Wailehua 1 Single Family Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)**
~~LOCATION:~~ Ka'alaea Ahupua'a, Kaneohe, Island of Oahu, Hawaii
 TMK: (1) 4-7-014:051, -052, and -055
~~APPLICANT:~~ **GK Environmental LLC on behalf of Wailehua 1, LLC**

Transmitted for your review and comment is information on the above-referenced subject. The [DEA](#) was published on January 23, 2022 by the State Environmental Review Program (formerly the Office of Environmental Quality Control) at the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development in the periodic bulletin, [The Environmental Notice](#), available at the following link:

http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/The_Environmental_Notice/2022-01-23-TEN.pdf

Please submit any comments by **February 21, 2022** to barbara.j.lee@hawaii.gov at Land Division. If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no comments. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lee directly via email at the above email address. Thank you.

BRIEF COMMENTS:

- We have no objections.
- We have no comments.
- We have no additional comments.
- Comments are included/attached.

Signed: *Carty S. Chang*
 Print Name: Carty S. Chang, Chief Engineer
 Division: Engineering Division
 Date: Feb 17, 2022

Attachments
Cc: Central Files

From: [Graham Paul Knopp, Ph.D.](#)
To: [DLNR.LD.Land](#); [Lee, Barbara J](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project DEA
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:19:30 PM

Aloha,

I'd like you to be aware of the publication of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Wailehua 1 Single Family Housing Project located in the ahupua'a of Ka'alaea of Kane'ohe, O'ahu.

Your comments on the proposed project are welcomed.

This DEA was published in the January 23, 2022 Environmental Notice. In an effort towards sustainability I am distributing as few hard copies as possible.

Therefore, please refer to the information on page 4 of the January 23, 2022 Environmental Notice for directions to submit comments.

This edition of The Environmental Notice is available at:

http://oegc2.doh.hawaii.gov/The_Environmental_Notice/2022-01-23-TEN.pdf

Mahalo,

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March 14, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting a review of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS), see attached. The Environmental Center at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, which for a time was linked to the Water Resources Research Center (WRRC), has been discontinued. As a result of the closure of the Environmental Center, we regret that WRRC no longer has the capacity to review environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Giambelluca
Director

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Appendix C. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdictional Determination



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, HONOLULU DISTRICT
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5440

December 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Approved Jurisdictional Determination for Wailehua Road Residential Subdivision at TMKs (1) 4-7-014:051, :052 and :055, Kahaluu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Department of the Army File No. POH-2015-00119

Angie Kim
Wailehua 1, LLC
905 Factory Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Dear Ms. Kim:

Based on the April 21, 2020 final rule defining the scope of waters federally regulated under the Clean Water Act, known as the "Navigable Waters Protection Rule" (NWPR), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Honolulu District, Regulatory Office has reevaluated the approved jurisdictional determination (AJD) issued to you on February 5, 2016 for the unauthorized activities on your Wailehua Road property located in Kahaluu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (Latitude: 21.46333° N, Longitude: -157.84682° W). This action has been assigned Department of the Army (DA) file number POH-2015-00119. Please reference this number in all future correspondence with our office relating to this determination.

The review area for this AJD comprises the three parcels known as TMKs (1) 4-7-014:051, :052 and :055 and is shown on the enclosed map (Enclosure 1). Based on the NWPR, information submitted to our office by your agent, other available information, and the October 1, 2020 field visit, the Corps has determined there are no waters of the U.S. on the subject site. The basis for this determination can be found in the enclosed AJD form (Enclosure 2).

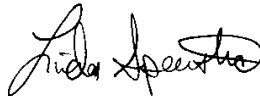
This determination has been conducted to identify the presence or absence of jurisdictional aquatic resources on your property in the review area, and is valid for five (5) years from the date of this letter, unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date. This determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. If you or your tenant are USDA program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service prior to starting work.

If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under 33 CFR Part 331. We have enclosed a Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process (NAAOP) and Request for Appeal (RFA) form (Enclosure 3). If you wish to appeal this determination, you must submit a completed RFA form within 60 days of the date on the NAAOP to the Corps' Pacific Ocean Division office at the following address:

Kate Bliss
Civil Works and Regulatory Program Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Pacific Ocean Division, ATTN: CEPOD-PDC
Building 525
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440

If you do not object to the Corps' AJD, then no further action is required of you. Thank you for your cooperation with the Honolulu District Regulatory Program. If you have questions related to this determination, please contact Susan A. Meyer Gayagas at (808) 835-4599 or via e-mail at susan.a.meyer@usace.army.mil. You are encouraged to provide comments on your experience with the Honolulu District Regulatory Office by accessing our web-based customer survey form at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at <http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

Sincerely,



Linda Speerstra
Chief, Regulatory Office

Enclosures

cc (via email):
John Ford, Tetra Tech



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I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 12/21/2020
 ORM Number: POH-2015-00119
 Associated JDs: POH-2015-00119-JAP (herein "2016 AJD")
 Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Hawaii City: Kahaluu County/Parish/Borough: Honolulu
 Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 21.46333 Longitude -157.84682

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
- There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
- There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
- There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): ³			
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):			
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):			
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):			
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

³ A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Wailehua Road Wetlands	1.2	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	Wailehua Road Wetlands were determined to meet the (b)(1) exclusion based on the rationale provided in Section III.C below and in Exhibit 2.
Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature	685	linear feet	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater runoff.	Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature was determined to meet the (b)(10) exclusion based on the rationale provided in Section III.C below and Exhibits 1 and 2.
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

- Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: [“Draft Conceptual Proposal for Compensatory Mitigation, Offsetting Impacts of an Unauthorized 1.3-acre Fill into Jurisdictional Wetlands by Wailehua 1 LLC”, dated April 8, 2019.](#)

This information is and is not sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: The information and evidence presented in the draft report is relevant and sufficient for purposes of providing the necessary standards of evidence to support the AJD reconsideration, but the conclusions drawn by the author in the draft report are incorrect because they were based on the Rapanos guidance and not the NWPR.

- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- Photographs: Aerial and Other: [Google Earth Pro](#), [UH Manoa Historic Aerial Imagery \(USGS 1951, 1960s, 1978\)](#), and [on-the-ground photographs \(2019, 2020\)](#).
- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [October 1, 2020](#)
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [POH-2015-00119, February 5, 2016](#)
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: [provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.](#)
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: [USDA NRCS Online Soil Survey](#)
- USFWS NWI maps: [Wetands Mapper, retrieved 10/22/2020](#)
- USGS topographic maps: [1:24000 Kaneohe, HI](#)

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

⁴ Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

⁵ Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
Other state/local data (specify)	1) City and County of Honolulu, Stormwater Quality Division – stormwater system database and maps; 2) personal communication with Randall Wakumoto, Branch Head, CCH-SQD; 3) State of Hawaii, City and County Tax Map Keys ((1) 4-7-14:051, 052, 055)
Other Sources	N/A.

B. Typical year assessment(s): The Corps, Honolulu District used the Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) to understand whether normal Typical Year conditions (i.e., precipitation levels within the normal periodic range) were present within the Review Area at the time that field assessments were completed for the Wailehua Road project area. The APT output for the JD Review Area is provided as Exhibit 1.

C. Additional comments to support AJD: The Corps has determined that the Wailehua Road Wetland is not an adjacent wetland per 33 CFR 328.(c)(1) and that the subject reach of Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature within the Review Area is a stormwater feature excluded from Corps jurisdiction per 33 CFR 328(b)(10). Rationales for these determinations are summarized below and expanded upon in the USACE, Honolulu District “Jurisdictional Reconsideration, Report of Findings: Field Visit & Evaluation, Wailehua 1 LLC Residential Development, Unauthorized Activity, DA File No. POH-2015-00119”, dated November 1, 2020 (Exhibit 2):

WAILEHUA ROAD WETLANDS:

Field observations made during site investigations conducted on 10/27/2015, 11/5/2015 and 10/1/2020 confirm the presence an upland barrier/berm between the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature (also known as Drainage Feature A in the 2016 AJD) and the Wailehua Road Wetlands. This upland barrier/berm appears to be an artificial (manmade) feature that rises an average of 4 to 6 feet above the ground surface elevation and runs longitudinally along the right bank of the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature before sloping landward into the Wailehua Road Wetlands area. This artificial barrier physically separates the two aquatic features and consequently, the Wailehua Road Wetlands do not abut (touch) the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature. Furthermore, no structure or features were found within the artificial barrier/berm that provide a direct hydrologic surface connection between the drainage feature and the Wailehua Road Wetlands in a typical year. For these reasons, the Wailehua Road Wetlands are not adjacent wetlands because they do not meet the conditions of 33 CFR 328.3(c)(1). Therefore, the wetlands are non-jurisdictional and not a waters of the U.S.

WAILEHUA 1 DRAINAGE FEATURE:

Wailehua 1 Drainage Features extends approximately 688 linear feet through the Review Area, flowing west to east. The drainage feature exits the Kim property at the Review Area’s eastern boundary as it continues to flow an additional 900 linear feet before terminally discharging into Kaneohe Bay, a traditional navigable water. At the time of the October 1, 2020 field visit, the reach of the drainage feature located within the Reivew Area did not exhibit an OHWM and was overgrown with dense vegetation.



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Based upon examination of historic and current aerial photographs and the City and County of Honolulu Stormwater System GIS database, the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature appears to be a feature excavated in uplands to convey stormwater run-off from adjoining roadways and the neighboring development located to the west. As evidenced by the drainage inlet feature that is constructed at the edge of the upslope residential development, stormwater runoff is carried from the development through a concrete culvert underneath Lamaula Road that outlets into what is referred to as Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature at the westernmost boundary of the Review Area (refer to Observation Point #1 in Exhibit 2). The Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature carries stormwater run-off that comingles with other surface water inputs located downstream before eventually discharging into Kaneohe Bay, a navigable in-fact water. While record searches with the City and County of Honolulu Land Division did not reveal precisely when and who constructed the drainage feature, the State of Hawaii tax map keys show the City and County of Honolulu as the easement holder. Some hypothesize the prior landowner, Oceanview Cemetary Lmtd., may have constructed the feature while other evidence suggests the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature may have first been excavated/constructed during the sugar cane agricultural era at or around the turn of the 19th century. Presently, the feature is identified on the City and County of Honolulu database as a “constructed ditch” that has been incorporated as an integral part of the City and County of Honolulu’s stormwater system in the region.

Within the Review Area, the uppermost reach of the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature appears to exhibit ephemeral flow, as it conveys stormwater run-off and surface water flows only in direct response to precipitation (rainfall). A qualitative assessment of Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature was performed by extrapolating streamflow duration assessment method (SDAM) protocol from other regional SDAMs, including the Pacific Northwest (Nadeau 2015) and New Mexico (SWQB 2010). The qualitative assessment evaluated 10 physical indicators of flow at four sample points along the drainage feature. The results of the evaluation suggest that Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature supports an ephemeral flow regime and not perennial flow as was originally documented in the 2016 AJD. Overall results of this qualitative evaluation of relevant indicators are summarized below:

- (1) Water in channel: Stagnant water was observed in some segments of the 3-foot-wide feature and appeared to be ponded due to the thickness of vegetation within the drainage.
- (2) Fish and Other Aquatic Biota: While it may be possible that some fish (e.g., mosquitofish, goby, talapia) migrate upstream from the perennial reach of the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature during rain events, the drainage feature otherwise does not appear capable of supporting fish due to a lack of flowing water in the channel. In addition, the drainage feature does not support other features characteristic of fish habitat, such as sinuosity or riffle pool sequences. While not observed in the drainage feature during the October 1, 2020 field visit, the presence of marine toad (*Rhinella marina*) and/or American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) are expected to inhabit the area and may reproduce and forage within the drainage feature as evidenced by two dead toads observed on the shoulder of Wailehua Road, adjacent to the Kim property in the Review Area.
- (3) Benthic macroinvertebrates: Due to the ponding of water in some segments of the drainage feature, the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature appears capable of supporting benthic macroinvertebrates. As described in the Wailehua 1 LLC report, dated April 8, 2019, the landowner’s consultant examined the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature and indicated that it is likely to support aquatic invertebrates, including species common to the island of Oahu, such as dragonfly (*Pantala flavescens*) and damselfly (*Enallagma civile*). However, during the October 1, 2020 field visit, it was noted the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature lacked habitat features known to occur in riparian areas where benthic macroinvertebrates are most often observed, such as



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sandy channel margins, localized ponding features, dried-out pools, or stream cobbles.

(4) Differences in vegetation: No compositional or density differences in vegetation were observed between the drainage banks and adjacent uplands throughout Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature.

(5) Absence of rooted upland plants in streambed: Rooted plants were observed occurring at consistent degrees of density throughout the streambed of Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature. Refer to photographs contained in Exhibit 2.

(6) Sinuosity: Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature mostly consists of a straight channel that has been subject to infill with accumulated sediments and heavy vegetative growth.

(7) Floodplain and channel dimensions: The channel dimensions are small, measuring approximately three feet in width and on average ½ foot to one foot in depth.

(8) In-channel structure - riffle pool sequences: No riffle pool complexes were observed.

(9) Particle size or stream substrate sorting: Particle sizes within Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature were observed to be similar or comparable to particle sizes in areas close to, but not within, the drainageway. Where stagnant water was observed within the drainage feature, the underlying sediments appeared mucky.

(10) Sediment on plants and debris: No sediment was observed on plants or debris within Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature.

Outside and beyond the Review Area, the downstream reach of the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature appears to sustain perennial flow, owing to the diverted flows from the Kaalaea watershed that discharge into the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature below the Kim property (i.e., outside the Review Area). As this downstream segment of the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature is located outside the Review Area, a complete evaluation of flow regime was not performed.

Based on the foregoing, the reach of the Wailehua 1 Drainage Feature located in the Review Area (i.e., Kim property) has been determined to be a stormwater control feature excavated in uplands to convey stormwater run-off. Therefore, per 33 CFR Section 328(b)(10), this drainage feature is non-jurisdictional and not a waters of the U.S.

NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: Angie Kim, Wailehua 1, LLC

File Number: POH-2015-00119

Date: 12/21/2020

Attached is:

See Section below

	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	A
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	B
	PERMIT DENIAL	C
X	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg_materials.aspx or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A. INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit or a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may sign the permit document and return it to the district commander for final authorization. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district commander. Your objections must be received by the district commander within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district commander will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district commander will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B. PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit or a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may sign the permit document and return it to the district commander for final authorization. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division commander. This form must be received by the division commander within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C. PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division commander. This form must be received by the division commander within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D. APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division commander. This form must be received by the division commander within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E. PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

Honolulu District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact:

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RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Commanders personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15-day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Telephone number:

**Appendix D. Paahana (2016) U.S. Army Corps of Engineering, Wetlands
Delineation**

WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT

**FOR A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AT
TMKS (1) 4-7-014:051, :052 AND :055, WAILEHUA ROAD, KANEOHE, ISLAND OF OAHU,
HAWAII**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FILE No. POH-2010-00280**

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A. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to document data used to evaluate the presence of waters of the U.S., including adjacent wetlands, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in accordance with the Clean Water Act at the subject property. The conclusions drawn from the data provide the basis for establishing the boundaries of the wetlands delineated on the subject property and the Corps' limit of regulatory jurisdiction as they apply to regulated activities on-site.

B. Site Description, Landscape Setting

The subject property is comprised of three separate, adjoining parcels identified as Tax Map Keys (1) 4-7-014:051, :052 and :055 located at 21.463312 °N latitude, -157.846969° W longitude, Wailehua Road located in the Haiamoa watershed of the Kahaluu ahupuaa within the Koolaupoko district on the windward side of the Island of Oahu in the State of Hawaii (Figure 1, Appendix A). The previously undeveloped, overgrown property is located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Lamaula Road and Wailehua Road. The subject property is owned by Ms. Angie Kim, Wailehua 1, LLC and is being developed by HK Construction Corp.

The subject property is located in the gradually sloping coastal plains situated between the foot of the steep Koolau Mountains to the west and the Kaneohe Bay shoreline of the Pacific Ocean to the east. The landscape slopes in an easterly direction, from the mountain to the sea, conveying surface hydrology towards the ocean. The coastal plain features an abundance of surface streams, stream-side and estuarine wetlands and freshwater springs where subsurface groundwater returns to the surface. As a matter of geographic and landscape position, the windward side of all Hawaiian Islands is subject to near-constant, year-round precipitation as a result of orographic rain, with expected higher rainfall in the winter and spring season.

The site is bordered to the west and to the south by raised, asphalt roadways. The east end of the property is bounded by an existing residential development constructed atop fill, at a higher elevation than the subject property. The road, by nature and in the absence of roadside drainage features to capture storm water, acts as a conduit for sheet flow onto the depressed property. Higher surrounding elevations situate the majority of the property at the toe of the slope, in an area of convergent slopes. The property, akin to the surrounding grade, slopes from a higher elevation at the west end (30-feet) to a lower grade at the east end (11-feet) (Topographic Survey, Appendix D). The west end of the property abutting Lamaula Road features a steep slope into the property that transitions into a gradual slope of 2.75% eastward, representing a nearly level area across the subject property.

The subject property is bordered to the north by an unnamed drainage with terminal discharge approximately 1,000-feet downstream into the Kaneohe Bay. The channel measures, on average, approximately 3-feet wide by 1-foot deep, from bed to top of bank. The channel features thickly overgrown vegetation beginning midway up the bank and onto the top of bank. Located 70-feet higher in elevation, 0.42-miles west

of the subject property and within the same watershed, exists an unnamed freshwater spring as mapped on the USGS topographic map (Figure 3, Appendix A). Approximately 0.25-miles north of the property lies the perennial Kaalaea Stream that features both natural and farmed stream-side wetlands mapped on the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map (USFWS, 2005). Approximately 0.19-miles south of the property lies the perennial Haiamoa Stream featuring adjacent and abutting wetlands also mapped on the USFWS NWI (Appendix D).

C. Site Alterations, Past and Current Land Use

Prior to recent residential development, Koolaupoko was known for some of the most productive agricultural lands on the island, likely owing to the abundant rainfall characteristic of the region. The saturated landscape featured many streams, wetlands and freshwater springs providing irrigation for stream-side, traditional taro fields as well as modern rice paddies (Klieger, et al, 2005). The shift in land use and demand from agricultural to residential gave rise to the trend of filling in wetlands to create desirable fastland. Some of these wetlands have been preserved and continue to produce agricultural crops. The downstream property to the northeast features currently operating, farmed, stream-side wetlands along the left bank of the unnamed drainage.

The subject property has neither been previously developed for residential purposes nor formally managed. Per anecdotal accounts, the center of the site had been used as an undesignated parking lot for a nearby commercial bus company and was accessed by a filled, gravel/asphalt driveway located east of the center of the property constructed perpendicular to Wailehua Road. The areas on-site abutting the road have been used, due to lack of a deterrence, for additional parking for nearby residents. As an unguarded, undeveloped site, it is reasonable to presume the site had been used over time as an undesignated dumping ground

The current landowner has informed the Corps of recent earth-moving activities that have been conducted by the landowner in preparation for development of a residential subdivision consisting of ten single family residence lots. Site preparation activities included grubbing of all on-site vegetation (with the exception of a remnant plant community near the center of the property measuring approximately 0.3 acres) and the placement of 1,000 cubic yards of fill material on-site for construction access by heavy machinery and stockpiling of grading materials. Based on a quantification of recent aerial imagery, it appears the landowner filled an estimated 1.36-acres of the 2.46-acre property. These recent activities have altered the vegetation, soils and hydrology on-site.

D Investigation Methods

To confirm the presence of wetlands at the subject property, Corps staff implemented a three-factor approach, identifying the presence or absence of indicators of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soil and wetland hydrology. Positive indication of all three parameters is required to confirm presence of a wetland. Procedures and guidance provided in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual

(citation) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Hawaii and Pacific Islands Region (citation) were used to evaluate data collected in the field.

D.1 Pre-Field Visit Review

Prior to conducting the on-site investigation, the Corps reviewed available resources to provide insight to the existing conditions on-site and inform sample point selection. Characteristics of on-site vegetation, soils and hydrology expected to occur on-site are provided below.

D.1.a Vegetation

Based on aerial and drone imagery, vegetation across the site was densely overgrown with tall grasses. The site also featured a stand of tree species not apparent elsewhere on site spanning the central half of the property, oriented in a southwest to northeast direction. Based on an interpretation of recent drone imagery provided by the landowner dated May 2015 in combination with the June 2015 general observation by Corps staff, it appears the grasses consisted of a mix of California grass (*Urochloa mutica*), FACW, guinea grass (*Megathyrsus maximus*), FAC and elephant grass (*Cenchrus purpureus*), FAC with Job's tears (*Coix lachrymal-jobi*), FACW growing most prominently near the drainage channel (Appendix D). As identified from on-site photos taken by the Corps in June 2015 of the remnant plant community on-site the tree species were identified as Juniper-berry, (*Citharexylum caudatum*), UPL, *Macaranga tanarius*, UPL and Scarlet Spiral Ginger (*Costus woodsonii*), FACU. These species likely made up the tree stand that traversed the central corridor of the property. Recent drone imagery and Google Earth Street View reveals a sparsely vegetated, shrub-dominated community along the west, south and east boundaries featuring guinea grass and haole koa (*Leucaena leucocephala*), UPL and lining the old gravel driveway near the center of the property (Figure 4, Appendix A).

D.1.b Soils

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil survey (NRCS, 2015) characterizes the soils at the subject property as Pearl Harbor clay along the eastern third of the property, Tropaquepts at the central third of the property and Lolekaa silty clay, 3 to 8 percent slopes along the western third of the property (NRCS Soil Survey, Appendix D)). Pearl Harbor clay is described as consisting of a 12-inch thick surface layer underlain by a 19-inch thick clay layer. Tropaquepts feature a 10-inch thick mucky, silt-loam surface layer underlain by a 5 to 10-inch thick firm to compact silty-clay-loam layer over alluvium. As published in March 2014, the NRCS soil survey identifies both Pearl Harbor clay and Tropaquepts as hydric soils; Lolekaa silty clay is not listed as a hydric soil. A

geotechnical survey conducted for the landowner on 3 Jun 15 consisting of two soil pits taken at parcel 147014051 indicates a 2-foot thick, moist surface layer of medium-stiff elastic silt underlain by very moist, soft, sandy elastic silt. Old fill is presumed to occur on-site based on anecdotal accounts of past use of the property.

D.1.c Hydrology

Standing water was observed along the western, southern and central portions of the property by Corps staff during an informal site visit in June 2015 after the landowner conducted grubbing activities on-site.

In 2015, the Pacific Ocean was subject to an El Nino Southern Oscillation resulting in climatic variability. According to data published by the National Climatic Data Center at the Kaneohe Mauka Station #781 (Western Regional Climate Center, 2006), the region normally receives an average annual rainfall of 76.03-inches of rainfall with an average monthly rainfall of 4.51-inches during the summer "dry" season (May - September) and 7.64-inches during the winter "wet" season (October - April), as averaged from 1949-1998. Recent precipitation summaries recorded by the National OAA (NOAA, 2015) during the months of June to November 2015 indicates the following: many of the windward rainfall totals were in the near to above average range for the month of June. All of the rainfall totals on Oahu were in the near to below average range for the months preceding June through to the end of July. Rainfall increased in August through to November. Nearly all the rain gages on Oahu had near to above average rainfall totals for 2015 through the end of November (Precipitation Summary, Appendix D).

An unnamed drainage flows east along the north border of the property.

The current USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map does not recognize any aquatic features on-site.

D.2 On-Site Wetland Investigation

An investigation of aquatic resources on-site was conducted by Corps staff on October 27 and November 5, 2015. Procedures outlined in the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, 1987 and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Hawaii and Pacific Islands Region, Version 2.0, 2012 were used to determine the presence and extent of wetlands within the subject property. The methodology outlined in the manuals is based upon three essential characteristics of wetlands: (1) hydrophytic vegetation, (2) hydric soils, and (3) wetland hydrology. Field indicators of these three characteristics must be present to make a positive wetland determination.

Seven sample plots were established to determine plant species composition, analyze soil pits, and evaluate hydrology (Figure 8, Appendix A) in areas not covered with fill material. In addition to the absence of fill material, sample point locations were selected based on changes in the composition of the plant community presumed to reflect a change in the underlying hydrology and soils. Current Wetland Determination Data Forms from the Hawaii and Pacific Islands Regional Supplement were used to record information gathered from the sample plots. Wetland Determination Data Forms are included in Appendix B. Photos taken on-site by Corps staff are provided at Appendix E.

D.2.a Vegetation

Plant species at each sample plot were identified, percent cover for each dominant species was visually estimated and the indicator status as established in the Hawaii 2014 Regional Wetland Plant List (Lichvar, et. al, 2014) recorded on the data sheet. Plot size was primarily dependent on the encroaching adjacent fill boundary and secondarily in relation to changes in composition of the plant community. Where significant changes to the composition of the plant community were observed, such as introduction of a different species of a different indicator status, a separate sample point was established and evaluated. Sample points ranged from a 100-square foot rectangular plot to a 30-foot diameter circular plot. The subject property primarily featured an herb stratum, lacked both sapling/shrub and woody vine strata and only within the remnant plant community featured a tree stratum. If a plant was not immediately identifiable in the field, a representative sample was collected and identified in the office using resources available to the Corps. Hydrophytic vegetation indicators used were the Dominance Test and the Prevalence Test. All observed vegetation, with the exception of the remnant plant community west of the center of the property, represents regrowth since the site was mechanically grubbed in May 2015 (Figure 5, Appendix A).

On-site survey of plant species confirmed dominance by grass species (*U. mutica*, *M. maximus*, *C. purpureus*, *C. lachrymal-jobi*) with a single, remnant tree stand of (*C. caudatum*, *M. tanarius*) as interpreted on recent drone imagery. In addition, the following hydrophytic species were observed on-site: *Ludwigia octovalvis* (OBL), *Cyperus difformis* (OBL), *Cyperus polystachyos* (FACW), *Momordica charantia* (FAC) and *Ipomoea alba* (FAC).

Observed filled areas on-site created atypical vegetation situations. The results of that analysis are incorporated into Section E below.

The following sample points featured hydrophytic vegetation: SP1, SP3, SP4, SP1a, SP2a and SP3a. SP2, located in the southeast corner of the

property between the fill footprint and Wailehua Road, was absent of vegetation during the site investigation.

D.2.b Soils

In order to determine the presence or absence of hydric soils, soil samples were collected at each representative sample plot using an 18-inch long spade. Soil profiles were inspected to a depth of at least 15 inches and analyzed for soil matrix color, texture and the presence of redoximorphic features. Soil hue, value and chroma were determined using the Munsell soil color charts (Munsell, 2000). Data collected was analyzed using the Hydric Soil Indicators developed by the NRCS and published in the regional supplement. The only hydric soil indicator observed at the subject property included Redox Depressions.

Soil samples across the property revealed the soils consist of a clay/loam texture, absent of sandy soils, aligning with the designation on the NRCS soil survey. The composition of the soil profile west of the center of the property featured a very mixed, saturated appearance. Redoximorphic features occurring as soft masses with diffuse, undefined boundaries were common throughout the matrix. The soil composition along the eastern half of the property was very different, much more compacted, some redoximorphic features occurring as soft masses, no indication of saturation and featuring a nearly impenetrable, compacted clay layer at 15-inch depth. Old fill material consisting of angular rock and hardened redox nodules could be detected throughout the profile near the drainage.

Soil samples at SP2 and SP3 could not be collected as the surface layer featured old asphalt fill that could not be penetrated by the soil spade. SP4 soil sample could not be extracted as the surface was ponded by up to six inches of water; extraction of a clean, legible soil profile would not have been practical.

Observed filled areas on-site created atypical soil situations. The results of that analysis are incorporated into Section E below.

The following sample points featured positive indicators of hydric soil: SP1a, SP2a and SP3a, specifically, primary indicator (F8), Redox Depressions. The presence of soils meeting the NRCS' definition of hydric soils was presumed at SP4; SP4 featured standing water and a dominance by FACW and OBL hydrophytic vegetation. SP1 did not meet the technical requirements of any of the indicators of hydric soils. Hydric soil indicators were presumed absent at SP2 and SP3, both of which featured an impenetrable asphalt surface layer.

D.2.c Hydrology

The presence of wetland hydrology indicators described in the regional supplement were noted for each of the sample points. Wetland hydrology was observed at all points west of the center of the property and absent along the eastern half of the property. Primary indicators found at various sample plots along the western half of the property included surface water, high water table, saturation, iron deposits and presence of reduced iron. Secondary indicators found at all sample points included geomorphic position and at some, FAC-Neutral Test. A positive indication of at least two secondary indicators is required to determine presence of wetland hydrology

Due to the landscape position of the subject property in a localized depression surrounded by areas of higher elevation to the west, south and east and at the base of convergent slopes, the property lies in a geomorphic position subject to natural accumulation of hydrology. Accordingly, all sample points on-site meet the wetland hydrology secondary indicator (D2), Geomorphic Position. Sample points located near the drainage to the north do not feature near surface wetland hydrology as the free flowing drainage depresses the water table within a certain lateral distance or zone of influence parallel to the channel.

Observed filled areas on-site created atypical hydrology situations. The results of that analysis are incorporated into Section E below.

The following sample points featured positive indicators of wetland hydrology: SP4, SP1a, SP2a and SP3a. SP4 featured primary indicators (A1), Surface Water and (B4), Algal Mat. SP1a, SP2a and SP3a featured primary indicators (A2), High Water Table and (A3), Saturation. All above sample points featured primary indicator (B5), Iron Deposits and two secondary indicators: (D2), Geomorphic Position and (D5), FAC-Neutral Test. Aside from a single secondary indicator of wetland hydrology, geomorphic position, SP1, SP2 and SP3 did not feature any primary or any other qualifying secondary indicators of wetland hydrology.

D.3 Atypical Situations, In-Office Assessment

The recent unauthorized mechanical vegetation removal and discharge of fill material at the project site has resulted in an atypical situation such that positive indicators of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and/or wetland hydrology could not be found due to effects of recent human activities. To evaluate the soils, vegetation and hydrology occurring on-site prior to the disturbance Corps staff implemented the method described in Part IV, Section F of the Corps manual to address atypical situation. The assessment involves describing the type of alteration, the effect the alteration had on vegetation, soils and hydrology and a discussion of the vegetation, soils and hydrology on-site prior to the disturbance based on sources of evidence such as aerial

photography, onsite inspection, previous site inspections, adjacent, undisturbed reference areas, anecdotal accounts and local resource records, surveys and maps. The results of the in-office assessment are documented on the Corps' Data Form 3: Atypical Situations (Appendix C) and incorporated in Section E, below

E. Description of Wetlands and Other Waters of the U.S.

Based on the results of the pre-field visit review, the observations and data collected on-site by Corps staff on October 27 and November 5, 2015 and the results of the in-office assessment consequent to recent disturbances on-site, the Corps identified a 685-foot long unnamed perennial stream and two wetlands totaling 1.20-acres adjacent to the stream at the 2.46-acre subject property. These conclusions are made in accordance with the methods and guidance provided in the Corps' wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplement. No aquatic resources were identified at the subject property on the current USFWS NWI map.

A graphical representation of these aquatic resources is provided as Figure 9, Appendix A. A summary description of waters of the U.S. inventoried at the subject property is provided in the table below.

E.1 Unnamed Drainage

The unnamed drainage that flows along the north border of the property measures, on average, approximately 3-foot wide by 1-foot deep, from top of bank to bed. The tributary features a defined, natural bed and banks and although densely overgrown with vegetation, the change in plant community marks the ordinary high water mark. Based on site visits by the Corps in June, October and November, during the wet and dry season, and the climate of the region, the channel flows year round to support immediate, downstream flow contribution to the farmed streamside wetlands along the left bank of the adjacent property to the northeast. The perennial drainage terminally discharges approximately 1,000-feet downstream into the Kaneohe Bay of the Pacific Ocean.

E.2 Wetlands

The results from the field investigation and the in-office assessment indicate the subject property features two areas on-site that meet the Corps' definition of a wetland. The wetland occurring along the western end of the property is identified herein as Wetland 1, the wetland occurring along the eastern end of the property, Wetland 2. Further information is provided below.

E.2.a Wetland 1

A wetland, entirely contained within the subject property, exists along the western two-thirds of the property. It spans a total of 0.97-acres and consists of both filled wetlands and unfilled wetlands bordered to the west,

south and east by fill. The center of Wetland 1 features a ponded depression. This determination was based primarily on the results of SP4, SP1a, SP2a and SP3a and to a lesser degree, as reference for interpretation of aerial and drone imagery for filled areas, consistent with the method provided in Part IV, Section F of the Corps manual. Wetland 1 is not identified as a wetland on the NWI map, but can be characterized, based on its features, under the Cowardin system as Palustrine Emergent.

Hydrophytic Vegetation. Vegetation observed in Wetland 1 was dominated by FACW species (*U. mutica*), with OBL species (*Ludwigia octovalvis*) present in the ponded area and FAC species (*M. maximus* and *C. purpureus*) along the western slope. No FACU or UPL species were identified in this area. The plant community in this area met the Dominance and Prevalence Test. A review of aerial and drone imagery, particularly in areas covered by fill, indicates a similar hydrophytic plant community as is present at SP4 and SP1a.

Hydric Soil. Soils in Wetland 1 are mapped as Lolekaa silty clay loam (non-hydric), Tropaquepts (hydric) and Pearl Harbor clay (hydric). Soil samples featured prominent redox concentrations (>5%) occurring as soft masses that is Wetland 1 soils met hydric soil indicator (F8), Redox Depressions because the soils occur within a closed depression and feature a layer at least two inches thick of prominent redox concentrations (>5%) starting in the top six inches of the profile that extends beyond the top six inches of the profile. A review of aerial and drone imagery, particularly in areas covered by fill, features similar vegetation as is present at SP4 and SP1a and that also features hydric soils.

Wetland Hydrology. Primary hydrology indicators recorded in Wetland 1 include (A1), Surface Water and (B4) Algal mat in the depression located at the east end, (A2) High Water Table and (A3) Saturation west of the depression and (B5) at all sample locations. With reference to SP 4 and SP1a, areas covered with fill that previously featured a hydrophytic plant community were presumed to feature wetland hydrology, typical of the landscape position of the subject property.

E.2.b Wetland 2

A smaller wetland, entirely contained within the subject property, exists along the eastern one-third of the property and east of the remnant, paved driveway. It spans a total of 0.22-acres and was recently completely covered by fill. As physical observation of the vegetation, soils and hydrology was inhibited by fill in this area, characterization of these parameters was based entirely on aerial and drone imagery with reference to like sample points on-site in accordance with the atypical situations procedure described in the Corps manual (Part IV, Section F). Wetland 2 is not identified as a wetland on the NWI map, but can be characterized,

based on indication of the naturally occurring vegetation, soils and hydrology on-site, under the Cowardin system as Palustrine Emergent.

Hydrophytic Vegetation. Vegetation in Wetland 2 was completely covered by fill at the time of the Corps' field investigations. The vegetation could not be identified based solely on observation in the field. Characterization of the vegetation under the fill was based on aerial and drone imagery prior to the fill activities that indicate the plant community was of a similar composition as observed in SP4 and SP1a. Similar to SP4 and SP1a, the grass-dominated area east of the center of the property were characterized as having hydrophytic vegetation.

Hydric Soil. Soils in Wetland 2 were completely covered with fill at the time of the Corps' field investigations and soil samples could not be retrieved from beneath the fill in this area. Past NRCS soil survey indicates soils in Wetland 2 are mapped as Pearl Harbor clay, a hydric soil. Aerial and drone imagery cannot provide a clear depiction of the previously existing soils in this area as the undeveloped property lays overgrown with vegetation. Instead, the aerial and drone imagery can give indication of the plants that the soils on-site support. As depicted in the aerial and drone imagery, the vegetation in this area appear of a similar plant community as was observed at SP4 and SP1a. SP4 and SP1a feature hydrophytic vegetation supported by hydric soils. Likewise, the hydrophytic vegetation within Wetland 2 is supported by hydric soils.

Wetland Hydrology. Indications of wetland hydrology in this area covered by fill could neither be discerned in the field nor using aerial or drone imagery. The property occurs in a landscape position with a propensity to concentrate and accumulate hydrology on-site. A review of aerial and drone imagery indicates this area supports the growth of hydrophytic vegetation as is similar to SP4 and SP1a. SP4 and SP1a features hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetland hydrology. The growth of hydrophytic vegetation supported by hydric soils in an area with a propensity for concentration of hydrology is indicative of wetland hydrology in this area, as is observed elsewhere on-site.

E.3 Waters of the U.S.

The Unnamed Drainage with terminal discharge into the Kaneohe Bay, a traditionally navigable water, is a water of the U.S. The wetlands occurring along the right bank of the channel at the subject property are considered adjacent to the unnamed drainage and, as such, are also waters of the U.S.

Table 4. Aquatic Resources Inventoried at the Subject Property						
WOUS	WOUS Type	Width (feet)	Length (feet)	Area (acres)	Receiving WOUS	Category of WOUS

Unnamed Drainage along north border	Relatively Permanent Water	1 to 3	685	--	Kaneohe Bay, Pacific Ocean (TNW)	A5 – Tributary of A1 water
Wetland 1	Adjacent Wetlands	--	--	0.97	Unnamed Drainage along north border	A7 – wetlands adjacent to A5 water
Wetland 2	Adjacent Wetlands			0.22	Unnamed Drainage along north border	A7 – wetlands adjacent to A5 water

F. Mapping Method

Wetland and upland boundaries were based on the best professional judgment of the investigator in light of field data and the results of the in-office assessment of available resources within the context of the Corps manual and regional supplement. These estimated boundaries, based on field data extrapolated to disturbed areas, were superimposed on aerial imagery in Google Earth with reference to recent aerial and drone imagery to quantify the total amount of wetlands and uplands within the subject property before and after the disturbance. (See Figure 7 & 9, Appendix A).

G. Results and Conclusion

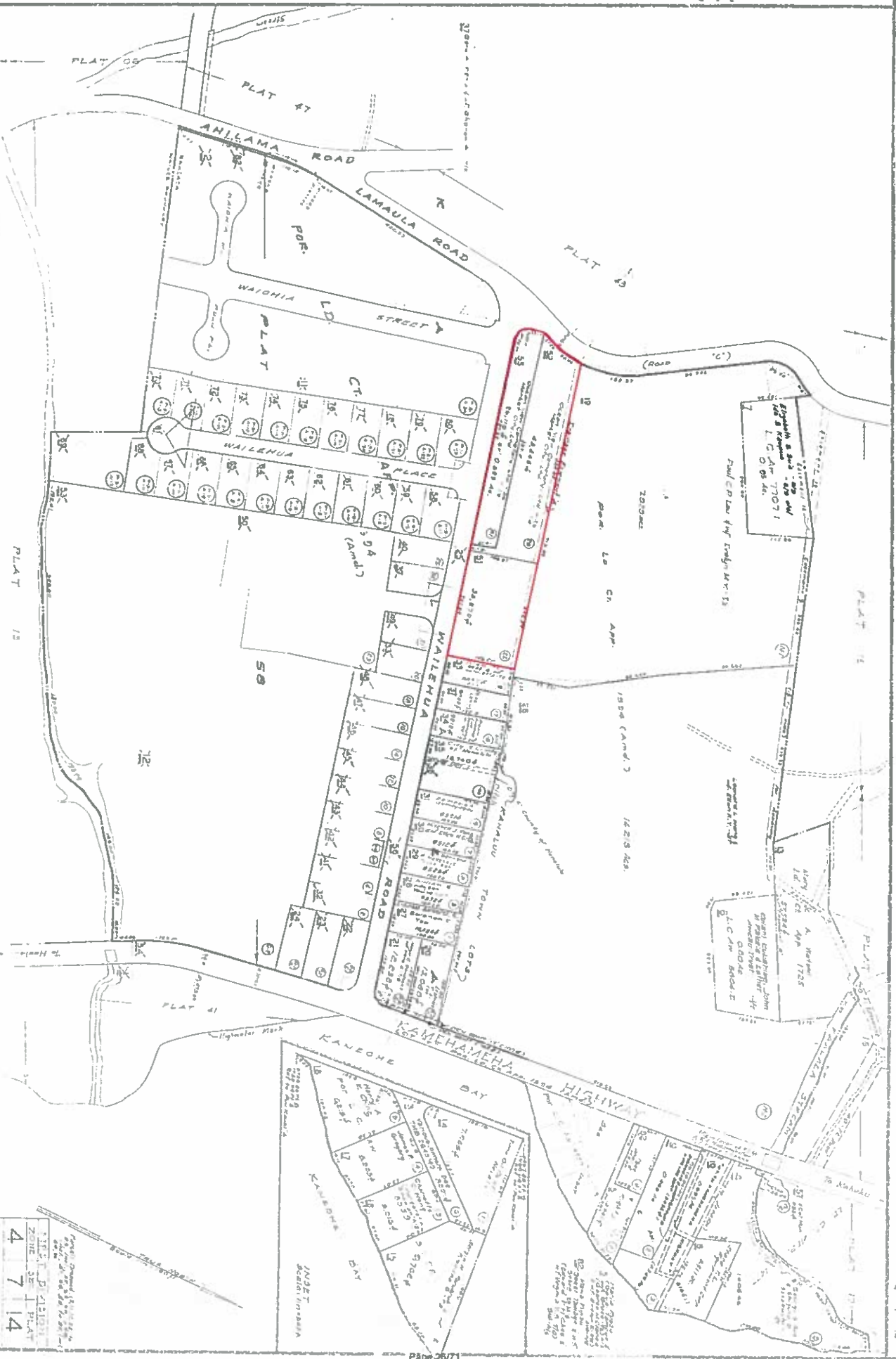
Based on the results of site investigations conducted on October 27 and November 5, 2015 by Corps staff and the results of the in-office assessment consequent to recent disturbances on-site, the Corps identified a 685-foot long unnamed perennial stream and a total of 1.20-acres of wetlands adjacent to that stream at the 2.46-acre subject property. These conclusions are made in accordance with the methods and guidance provided in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and the 2012 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Hawaii and Pacific Islands Region.

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Figure 2. Aerial Image, Google Earth (Imagery Date, January 2013)

Subject property highlighted in red

Appendix A

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POH-2015-00119, Feb 2016
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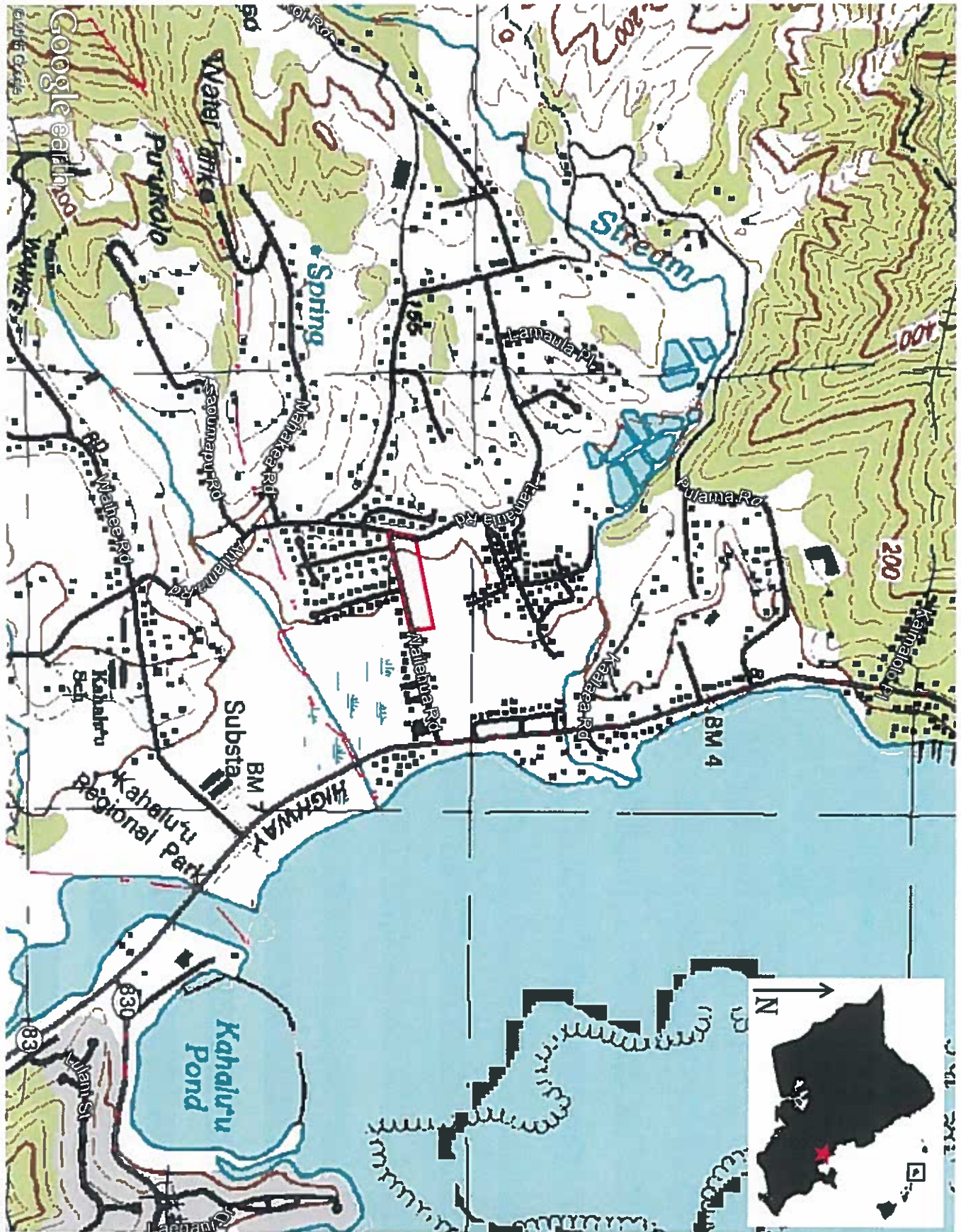


Figure 3. USGS Topo Map, Kaneohe, HI Quad, 1:24000, 1998

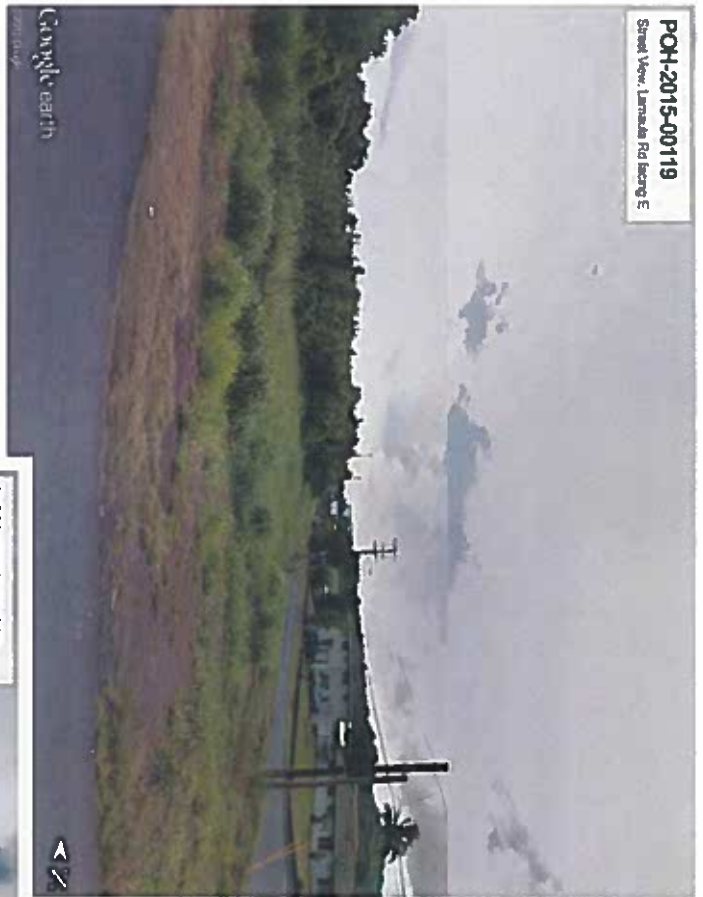
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Appendix A

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Enclosure 1
Figure 4. Pre-Disturbance Street View
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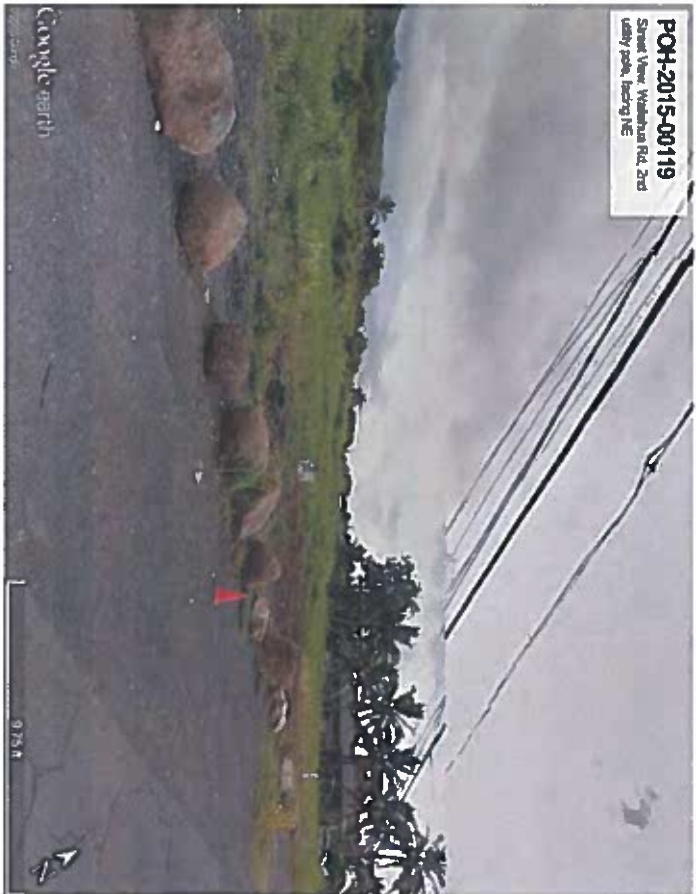


Figure 5. Pre-Disturbance Aerial, 3 May 15
(Source: Digital Globe)
Appendix A



3 May 15

Figure 6. Post-Disturbance Aerials, 3 Jun 15 & 15 Nov 15
(Source: Digital Globe)
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Figure 7: Pre-Fill conditions and resources based on in-office assessment as overlain and quantified in Google Earth



Figure 8: Fill as of 15 Nov 15. Corps wetland delineation sample point selection and corresponding plots based on fill at time of site visit as overlain and quantified in Google Earth

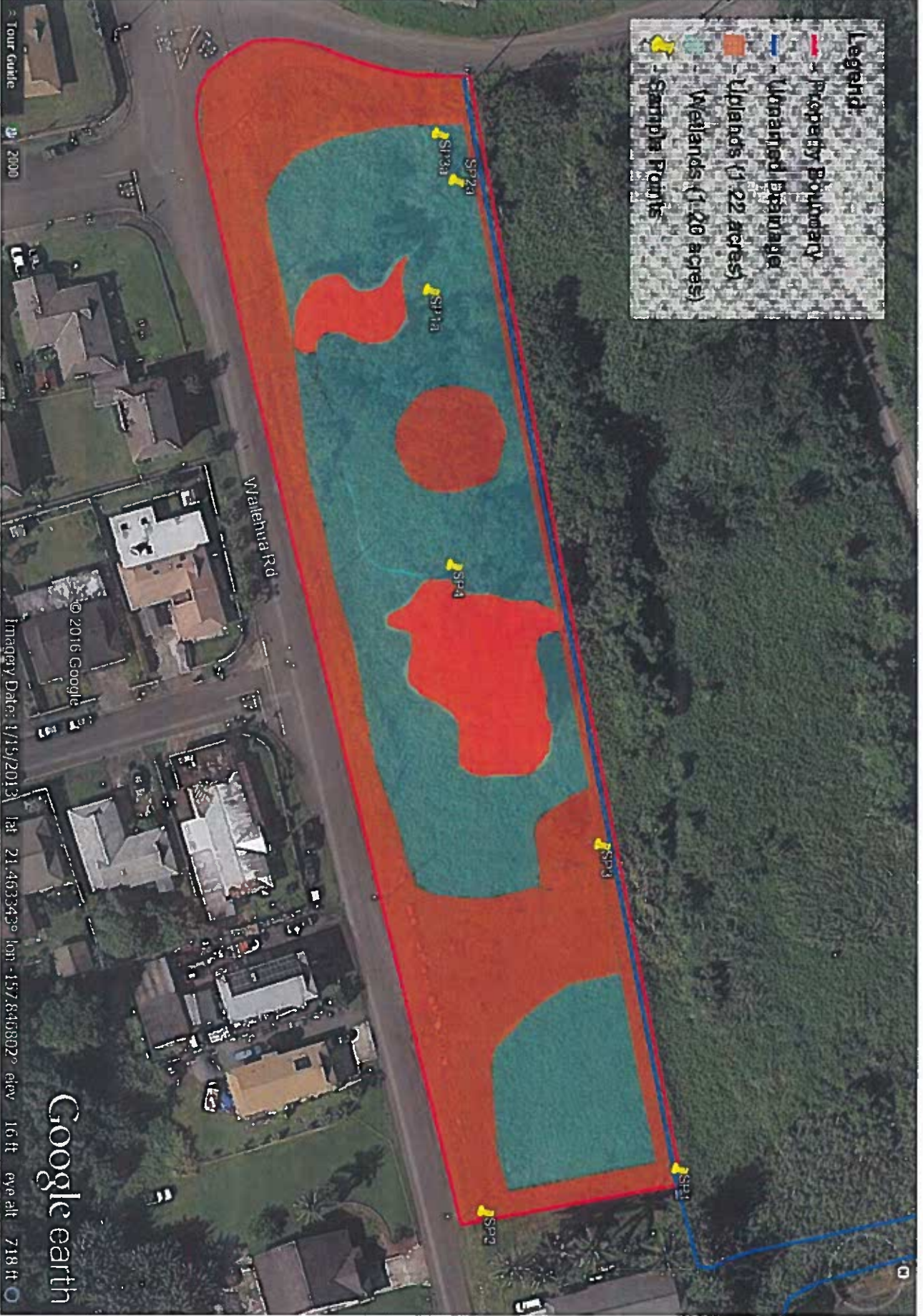


Figure 9: Final results based on existing, post-fill conditions and in-office assessment as overlain and quantified in Google Earth

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region

Project/Site: WAILEHUA ROAD UA City: KANEHOE Sampling Date: 27 OCT 15 Time: 1345
 Applicant/Owner: HK CONSTRUCTION CORP. State/Terr/Comlth.: Hawai'i Island: OAHU Sampling Point: 1
 Investigator(s): J. PAAHANA, R. FRAGER, L. MOLINA TMK/Parcel: 147014051
 Landform (hillside, coastal plain, etc.): TOP OF RIGHT BANK Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONCAVE
 Lat: 21.463688 Long: -157.845884 Datum: NAD 83 Slope (%): _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Pearl Harbor Clay, Ph, Hydric NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation x, Soil x, or Hydrology x significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No x
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u>	

Remarks:
 Sample Point 1 is taken in the NE corner of the subject parcel approximately 5 feet from the adjacent unnamed drainageway. SP1 was recently grubbed and may have been recently graded or filled. Evidence of prior fill apparent. These activities may have impacted on-site hydrology.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum	(Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>66.7%</u> (A/B)																
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
				=Total Cover																	
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1.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
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4.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
				=Total Cover																	
Herb Stratum	(Plot size: <u>5-foot radius</u>)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation X 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
1.	<u>Megathyrsus maximus</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
2.	<u>Urochloa mutica</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
3.	<u>Unknown microgreens</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>UPL</u>																	
4.	<u>Momordica charantia</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
5.	<u>Ipomoea alba</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
				<u>30</u> =Total Cover																	
Woody Vine Stratum	(Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____																
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
				=Total Cover																	

Remarks:
 The sample area had been recently grubbed as was stated by the landowner and also as evident by the new growth not consistent with the surrounding vegetation that appeared to constitute normal circumstances. Immediately adjacent to the sample point and opposite the stream was recent fill with no vegetation growth. The sample plot characterizes only those recently disturbed areas within an approximate 5-foot radius.

SOIL

Sampling Point: 1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-5	10YR 3/2	98	10YR 5/6	2	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
5-15	7.5YR 4/4	75	5YR 5/1	15	D	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
			7.5YR 5/8	10	C	M		
15-18	10YR 4/3	97	7.5YR 5/8	3	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:	Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils ³ :
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Muck Presence (A8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (F21)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed): Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____	Hydric Soil Present? Yes ___ No <u>x</u>
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Remarks:
This data form is revised from Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx). The upper layer within the sample area was recently mechanically grubbed and may have been recently graded in preparation for adjacent fill activities. The sample area was likely compacted by use of heavy machinery for site preparation activities on site. Of interest was the presence of hardened redox concretions characterized as 7.5YR 5/6 occurring within the matrix of the second soil layer (15%). Per the regional supplement, these concretions were omitted from the soil profile description and only recorded the soft concretions.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:		
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tilapia Nests (B17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Deposits (C5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiddler Crab Burrows (C10) (Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)		

Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes ___ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes ___ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ___ No <u>x</u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:
Due to the close proximity to the immediately adjacent waterway, wetland hydrology indicators were expected to be observed. Due to the recent grading, grubbing and filling activity immediately adjacent to SP1 the hydrology may be disturbed at this location and not represent normal circumstances. Of note, a perennially flowing stream is situated within 5-feet of this sample point. The inclusion of the micro greens (5% cover and classification as Uplands in the absence of an indicator status caused the SP to fail the FAC-neutral test resulting in the absence of wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region

Project/Site: WAILEHUA ROAD UA City: KANEHOE Sampling Date: 27 OCT 15 Time: 1430
 Applicant/Owner: HK CONSTRUCTION CORP State/Terr/Comlth.: Hawai'i Island: OAHU Sampling Point: 2
 Investigator(s): J. PAAHANA, R. FRAGER, L. MOLINA TMK/Parcel: 147014051

Landform (hillside, coastal plain, etc.): _____ Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONCAVE

Lat: 21.463365 Long: -157.8745807 Datum: NAD 83 Slope (%): _____

Soil Map Unit Name: PEARL HARBOR CLAY (Ph), HYDRIC NWI classification: NONE

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation X, Soil X, or Hydrology X significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No X

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u>	

Remarks:
 SP2 is taken in the SE corner of the subject parcel approx 10ft from Wailehua Rd. SP2 was recently grubbed and potentially graded/filled. Evidence of prior fill apparent. These activities may have impacted on-site hydrology.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: _____ (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A/B)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
=Total Cover				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation ___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
=Total Cover				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u>
=Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
=Total Cover				

Remarks:
 The area has been recently grubbed, as stated by the landowner and as evidenced in the field by domination of new growth and lack of old growth. This hole was not completed due to lack of hydrology indicators, disturbed vegetation and compacted soils that could not be penetrated. Likely would not have met indicator for hydrophytic vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: 2

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Muck Presence (A8)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Dark Surface (S7)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)

- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: compacted soils
 Depth (inches): 0

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No x

Remarks:

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HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Aquatic Fauna (B13)
- Tilapia Nests (B17)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
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- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
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- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Salt Deposits (C5)
- Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- x Geomorphic Position (D2)
- Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes No Depth (inches):
 Water Table Present? Yes No Depth (inches):
 Saturation Present? Yes No Depth (inches):
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No x

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No indicators of hydrology present. Surrounding area has been graded and filled therefore no immediate reference sites available that may feature hydrology indicators.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region

Project/Site: WAILEHUA ROAD UA City: KANEHOE Sampling Date: 27 OCT 15 Time: 1445
 Applicant/Owner: HK CONSTRUCTION CORP State/Terr/Comlth.: Hawai'i Island: OAHU Sampling Point: 3
 Investigator(s): J. PAAHANAR, FRAGER/L. MOLINA TMK/Parcel: 147014052

Landform (hillside, coastal plain, etc.): _____ Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONCAVE

Lat: 21.463586 Long: -157.846483 Datum: NAD 83 Slope (%): _____

Soil Map Unit Name: TROPAQUEPTS (TR), HYDRIC NWI classification: NONE

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation x, Soil X, or Hydrology x significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes Y No _____

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	

Remarks:

Sample point appears to feature normal circumstances at this location near the unnamed drainageway. This sample point is situated at the toe of a large remnant fill pile and a large recent fill pile in preparation of site development.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)																
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5-10 foot radius)	_____	_____	_____																	
1. <u>Ipomoea alba</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
2. <u>cenchrus purpureus</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
3. <u>megathyrsus maximus</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
4. <u>crotalaria incana</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>UPL</u>																	
5. <u>Chamaecrista nictitans</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>																	
6. <u>coix lacryma-jobi</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____																	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
 ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
 ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0¹
 ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)
¹Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No _____

Remarks:

The vegetation at this sample point represents all vegetation landward of the adjacent drainageway. While the plant community constitutes a positive indicator of hydrophytic vegetation, there is a prominent presence of UPL and FACU species that are not found elsewhere on the property.

SOIL

Sampling Point: 3

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Muck Presence (A8)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Dark Surface (S7)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)

- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: asphalt, old fill
 Depth (inches): 0

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No

Remarks:

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HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
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- Other (Explain in Remarks)

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- Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes No Depth (inches):
 Water Table Present? Yes No Depth (inches):
 Saturation Present? Yes No Depth (inches):
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Due to the close proximity to the drainageway hydrology indicators were expected to be observed, however, none were present. While the vegetation meets the hydrophytic vegetation indicator, it does not meet the FAC-neutral test likely due to a lack of hydric soils or wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region

Project/Site: WAILEHUA ROAD UA City: KANEHOE Sampling Date: 27 OCT 15 Time: 1545
 Applicant/Owner: HK CONSTRUCTION CORP State/Terr/Comlth.: Hawai'i Island: OAHU Sampling Point: 4
 Investigator(s): J. PAAHANAU/R. FRAGER/L. MOLINA TMK/Parcel: 147014052

Landform (hillside, coastal plain, etc.): PONDED DEPRESSION Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONCAVE

Lat: 21.463312 Long: -157.846969 Datum: NAD 83 Slope (%): _____

Soil Map Unit Name: TROPAQUEPTS (TR), hydric (2014) NWI classification: NONE

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology X significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No X

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>x</u> No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	

Remarks:
 Pounded depression, bordered by recent fill at E, W & S and to the N by the adj. waterway. While SP4 does not appear to have been directly manipulated, the recent fill/grubbing activities in surrounding areas has likely disturbed the hydrology at this site and created abnormal

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30ft diameter</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>66.66%</u> (A/B)																
1. <u>Macaranga tanarius</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>UPL</u>																	
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>30ft diameter</u>)	_____	_____	_____	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: _____ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ _____ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
1. <u>Urochloa mutica</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
2. <u>Ludwigia octovalvis</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
3. <u>Cyperus polystachyos</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
4. <u>Coix lacryma-jobi</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
5. <u>Megathyrsus maximus</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
6. <u>Cyperus difformis</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
7. <u>Cenchrus purpureus</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
8. <u>Ipomoea alba</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
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Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____																	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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			_____ = Total Cover																	

Remarks:
 The sample point characterizes a ponded depression dominated by California grass and an underlayer dominated by sedge. The very center of the vegetative plot featured a small tree stand.

SOIL

Sampling Point: 4

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

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- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If observed):

Type: _____
Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes x No _____

Remarks:

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HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
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- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes x No _____ Depth (inches): 0
 Water Table Present? Yes _____ No _____ Depth (inches): _____
 Saturation Present? Yes _____ No _____ Depth (inches): _____
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No _____

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Water ponded at the surface at this location. A red iron sheen (not oil as the deposit broke up into pieces and did not conglomerate like a petroleum source would have) was visible atop the water surface. The immediate vicinity was bounded by recent fill and meets the geomorphic position indicator. The central upland island featured a single FAC and UPL species that was stunted in comparison to an adjacent upland area apparent abundant tree growth of the same species. These tree species are stunted/stressed and not representative of new growth based on a review of recent aerial imagery indicating the vegetation at this location was not altered.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region

Project/Site: WAILEHUA ROAD UA City: KANEHOE Sampling Date: 5 Nov 15 Time: 1300
 Applicant/Owner: HK CONSTRUCTION CORP State/Terr/Comlth.: Hawai'i Island: OAHU Sampling Point: 1a
 Investigator(s): J. PAAHANAV. KOSKELO TMK/Parcel: 147014052
 Landform (hillside, coastal plain, etc.): _____ Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONCAVE
 Lat: 21.463280 Long: -157.847479 Datum: NAD 83 Slope (%): _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: TROPAQUEPTS (TR), hydric NWI classification: NONE

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation X, Soil X, or Hydrology X significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No X
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	

Remarks:
 SP1a is taken on the mauka side of the remaining apparent upland island about midway through the property and just makai of the 3rd telephone pole. According to aerial imagery, the veg at SP1a was grubbed and the soils mechanically disturbed between 3 and 25 May 15.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum	(Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)																
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1.	<u><i>Urochloa mutica</i></u>	<u>85</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
2.	<u><i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i></u>	<u>45</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
3.	<u><i>Cyperus polystachyos</i></u>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
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Woody Vine Stratum	(Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____																
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____																	
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Remarks:
 According to aerial imagery, the veg at SP1a was cleared sometime between 3 and 25 May 15. Prior to the disturbance, it appears the area may have featured some tree species that are no longer present at this location. Per aerial imagery, the veg at SP1a does not appear to have been disturbed since. Plant community represents lower lying vegetation occurring a couple feet inward from the toe of the slope of the adjacent recent fill approx 3-6 feet above grade. Taller FAC species and FAC vines line the fill slope to the toe and are not considered of the same plant community.

SOIL

Sampling Point: 1a

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-5	10YR 4/3	55	10YR 4/1	30	D	M	Loamy/Clayey	
			7.5YR 4/6	15	C	M		Prominent redox concentrations
5-9	10YR 3/2	85	10YR 4/4	15	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Distinct redox concentrations
9-15	10YR 3/2	85	10YR 5/6	15	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Muck Presence (A8)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Dark Surface (S7)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____
Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No

Remarks:

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HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Aquatic Fauna (B13)
- Tilapia Nests (B17)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Fiddler Crab Burrows (C10) (Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Salt Deposits (C5)
- Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes No Depth (inches): _____
 Water Table Present? Yes No Depth (inches): 10
 Saturation Present? Yes No Depth (inches): 8
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Water was encountered at the bottom of the 15-inch pit. Seepage beginning at 8-in continued for approximately 15-20min during data recording. At the completion of data collection the water table was at 10-in. Iron film at waters surface in pit (determined not petroleum or oil-based when water surface disturbed). Alpha-alpha dipyrldl strips placed at each soil layer with positive results at layers 5-9 and 9-15inch depth.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region

Project/Site: WAILEHUA ROAD UA City: KANEOHE Sampling Date: 5 NOV 15 Time: 1400
 Applicant/Owner: HK CONSTRUCTION CORP State/Terr/Comlth.: Hawai'i Island: OAHU Sampling Point: 2a
 Investigator(s): J. PAAHANAV. KOSKELO TMK/Parcel: 147014052
 Landform (hillside, coastal plain, etc.): SLOPE TOE Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONCAVE
 Lat: 21.463304 Long: -157.847668 Datum: NAD83 Slope (%): <5
 Soil Map Unit Name: LOLEKAA SILTY CLAY, 3 TO 8 PERCENT SLOPES (LoB), non-hydric NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation x, Soil x, or Hydrology x significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No x
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	

Remarks:

Spa represents a change in the plant community observed on the unfilled slope at the NW corner of the subject parcel. This area appears higher in elevation than SP1a. This area was cleared of vegetation at some time between 3 and 25 May 15

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u> </u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u> 2 </u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u> 2 </u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)																
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>100sf</u>)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <u> </u> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <u> </u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
1. <u>Cenchrus purpureus</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
2. <u>Megathyrsus maximus</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
3. <u>Ipomoea obscura</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
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Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u> </u>)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>																
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Remarks:

plant community representative of species growing on apparent slope up to Lamaula St. along the NW corner of the property. Per aerial imagery, it is evident that the vegetation was cleared in this area between 3 and 25 May 15. The vegetation has since grown undisturbed. The slope is bounded to the S by a fill pile. California grass is not apparent growing within this plant community as opposed to dominance observed at adjacent SP1a. Vine observed in this plant community and absent in adjacent SP1a. Grass species have grown to a height overhead in 6 months.

SOIL

Sampling Point: 2a

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the Indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Muck Presence (A8)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Dark Surface (S7)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____
Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No

Remarks:

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HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Aquatic Fauna (B13)
- Tilapia Nests (B17)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Fiddler Crab Burrows (C10) (Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ? Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Salt Deposits (C5)
- Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes No Depth (inches): _____
 Water Table Present? Yes No Depth (inches): 13
 Saturation Present? Yes No Depth (inches): 8
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Water table present at bottom of hole (16-in) when hole initially dug. Approximately 10 min later water level rose to 13-inches and continued to seep starting at a depth of 8-in. It is likely the seepage would have resulted in an positive indication of a high water table within 12-inches of the surface had we observed the pit for a longer period of time. Iron deposit observed atop water surface within hole (not oil-based).

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Hawai'i and Pacific Islands Region

Project/Site: WAILEHUA ROAD UA City: KANEHOHE Sampling Date: 5 Nov 15 Time: 1420
 Applicant/Owner: HK CONSTRUCTION CORP State/Terr/Comlth.: Hawai'i Island: OAHU Sampling Point: 3a
 Investigator(s): J PAAHANAN/KOSKELO TMK/Parcel: 147014052
 Landform (hillside, coastal plain, etc.): SLOPESIDE Local relief (concave, convex, none): _____
 Lat: 21.463289 Long: -157.847728 Datum: N NAD 83 Slope (%): 15
 Soil Map Unit Name: Lolekaa silty clay, 3 to 8 percent slopes (LoB), non-hydric NWI classification: NONE

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation x, Soil x, or Hydrology x significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No X
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	

Remarks:

SP3a represents midway up the hillslope along the west end of the property towards Lamaula Road. The purpose of this pit was to determine if the slope featured a boundary wherein any one of the indicators was absent due to the change in elevation.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum	(Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>3</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)																
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Herb Stratum	(Plot size: approx. 200sf)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
1.	<u>Cenchrus purpureus</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
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Woody Vine Stratum	(Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____																
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				=Total Cover																	

Remarks:

The plant community for this sample point represents an increased proportion of elephant grass and vine to guinea grass that was observed halfway up the hill slope.

SOIL

Sampling Point: 3a

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		

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Hydric Soil Indicators:

- Histosol (A1) Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
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- Black Histic (A3) Dark Surface (S7)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
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- Thick Dark Surface (A12) Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____
Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No

Remarks:

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HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1) Aquatic Fauna (B13)
- High Water Table (A2) Tilapia Nests (B17)
- Saturation (A3) Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Water Marks (B1) Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- Sediment Deposits (B2) Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Drift Deposits (B3) Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Iron Deposits (B5) Fiddler Crab Burrows (C10) (Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Other (Explain in Remarks)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Salt Deposits (C5)
- Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes No Depth (inches): _____
 Water Table Present? Yes No Depth (inches): 15
 Saturation Present? Yes No Depth (inches): 8
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Seepage was present at 8in depth with water table present at bottom of pit. We did not wait to see if the water table rose over time due to the seepage observed at around 8in. A layer of reduced iron developed at the water surface in the pit.

DATA FORM 3
ATYPICAL SITUATIONS

Applicant Name:
Angie Kim, HK Construction
Corp.

Location: TMKs 147014051,
052 and 055, Kaneohe, Oahu,
Hawaii

Application No.:
POH-2015-00119

Project Name:
Wailehua Rd. Residential
Subdivision
Date: 30 Nov 15

A. Vegetation

1. **Type of Alteration:** All vegetation on-site, with the exception of a small area just west of the center of the property was mechanically grubbed on or around 21 May 15 by the landowner. At the time of the on-site wetland delineation, vegetation had not been further disturbed for approximately 6-months with the exception of the estimated 1.36 acres of the 2.46-acres site that had been covered with approximately 1,000 cubic yards of foreign fill.
2. **Effect on Vegetation:** The mechanical grubbing physically removed all previously existing vegetation on-site down to the roots. All vegetation observed during the on-site wetland delineation represents species that have since recolonized over a period of 6-months. Regrowth is inhibited in areas subjected to fill. The mechanized removal of both grass and tree species across the site would have significantly reduced the rate of transpiration and resulted in the increase in surface inundation in the absence of vegetation. In addition to the increased hydrology, the removal of the tree stratum, in the absence of a shading canopy, allowed for FACW and OBL herb stratum species to proliferate as was observed at SP4 on 27 Oct 15.
3. **Previous Vegetation:** Based on aerial imagery over the past five years, most of the property was dominated by medium to tall grasses, likely a mix of FAC and FACW grasses such as *Megathyrsus maximus*, FAC and *Urochloa mutica*, FACW. The drainageway appears to feature tall grasses such as Job's tears, FACW and Elephant grass, FAC. A corridor spanning from south west to north east near the center of the property appears to feature a developed tree stratum not apparent elsewhere on-site. Based on recent pre-disturbance drone imagery taken by the landowner in May 2015 what appears to be shrub-stratum upland species dominate the east and south east boundary alongside the neighboring residence and Wailehua Road. Based on the aerial imagery, a small stand of trees surrounded by an herb stratum was left un-grubbed near the center of the property. SP4 taken in the field on 27 Oct 15 occurs within this un-grubbed area and represents vegetation growing on-site prior to recent disturbances. Recent drone imagery and aerial imagery was cross-referenced to establish photographic signatures of the vegetation growing at SP4 to transpose the same

plant community in areas with similar photographed signatures that had since been covered by fill material. SP4 featured hydrophytic vegetation and all areas that had since been filled and that presented similar photographed characteristics were determined to feature hydrophytic vegetation. The non-hydrophytic plant community within the remnant tree stand on-site featured *Citharexylum caudatum*, UPL, *Macaranga tanarius*, UPL (presumed, in the absence of an indicator status) and Scarlet Spiral Ginger (*Costus woodsonii*). Areas with similar photographed characteristics as the remnant tree stand were applied to areas that were grubbed and filled that previously featured a similar plant community. In areas that based on aerial imagery appeared to support non-hydrophytic tree species, but since the disturbance now supports hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetland hydrology have been characterized as wetlands.

4. Hydrophytic Vegetation? Yes No Based on aerial imagery and on-site reference vegetation, it appears there are areas that have since been filled that supported hydrophytic vegetation (as well as areas that do not support hydrophytic vegetation).

B. Soils

1. Type of Alteration: The grubbing of the entire site through mechanical means and down to the root system disturbed the surface soil layer. Lastly, a large portion of the property was covered with foreign fill material replaced the top layer of soil with 1 to up to 6-feet of fill in some areas.
2. Effect on Soils: The use of heavy machinery to remove vegetation disturbed the top layer of soils to an unknown depth and may have removed any presence of surface layer decaying organic matter e.g. muck or peat that could have developed on-site over time. The physical disturbance of the soil may have also aerated soils that under normal circumstances may have developed under anaerobic conditions. If these soils were hydric, the introduction of oxygen may have disturbed the chemical composition of the soils. In addition, the weight of the heavy machinery both for grubbing and filling activities compacted the top layer of soil. The discharge of fill material over grubbed, bare substrate replaced the soil profile with foreign fill material that would completely change the composition of the top 1 to 6-feet of the soil profile and buried any hydric soil indicators. In areas that had not been filled, but that had been grubbed, the soil profiles featured prominent redox features with diffuse boundaries indicating recent development. These featured hydric soil indicators. Due to the recent disturbances, it is likely that the change in hydrology affected the soil chemistry of previously existing soils.
3. Previous Soils: The property is located in a landscape position with a high propensity for concentration of hydrology in the area as it is locally depressed and surrounded by sources of runoff. The NRCS Soil survey (Version 10, 21 Sep 15) characterizes the soils expected to be on site as Pearl Harbor clay and Tropaquepts. Pearl Harbor clay is described as consisting of a 12-inch thick surface layer underlain by a 19-inch thick clay layer. Tropaquepts feature a 10-inch thick mucky, silt-loam surface layer underlain by a 5 to 10-inch thick firm to compact silty-clay-loam layer over alluvium. A geotechnical survey conducted for the landowner on 3 Jun 15 consisting of two soil pits taken at parcel 147014051 indicates a 2-foot thick, moist surface layer of medium-stiff elastic silt underlain by very moist, soft, sandy elastic silt. Both in reference and as observed, the site

features a restrictive stiff, clayey soil layer within 2-feet of the surface contributing to the tendency of the property to accumulate water. As discerned from aerial imagery, prior to being mechanically grubbed, the site supported the growth and in some areas, domination by hydrophytic vegetation. The data collected in the field in areas that featured both wetland hydrology and hydrophytic vegetation and that also featured hydric soils were outlined on drone imagery for reference. Areas that have since been filled were reviewed to determine if the vegetation appeared similar to those areas featuring all three wetland parameters. If so, these areas were characterized similarly as featuring hydric soils. Areas that featured a differing plant community, especially upland and forested areas were considered not having hydric soils. As referenced anecdotally and as corroborated in the field, some areas east of the center of the undeveloped parcels had been previously used by motor vehicles as an undesignated parking lot, prior to the current landowner. These areas that featured old fill also lack wetland parameters, including hydric soils.

4. Hydric Soils? Yes No Based on aerial imagery and reference areas on-site there are both areas that feature hydric soils and non-hydric soils on-site.

C. Hydrology

1. Type of Alteration: Majority of the vegetation on the property was mechanically removed. Material obstructions from within the east end of the drainage channel were removed by the landowner to relieve restricted flow.
2. Effect on Hydrology: Removal of the vegetation directly resulted in decreased transpiration rates which normally retain water throughout the plant structure. This increases the hydrology on site that is normally stored by vegetation. The restoration of flow within the east/downstream end of the drainage channel would increase the hydraulic capacity of the channel. The restoration of flow would drain the hydrology from the adjacent wetlands that normally would concentrate on the property. This results in a drawdown or lowering of the water table in the vicinity of the channel to the level of flow within the channel.
3. Previous Hydrology: The project site is situated in a landscape position that is likely to collect and/or concentrate water. The site is bordered to the west by Lamaula Road and to the south by Wailehua Road; asphalt roadways constructed at a higher elevation than the subject property. The east end of the property is bounded by an existing residential development also at a raised elevation atop fill. The road, by nature and in the absence of roadside drainage features, acts as a conduit for sheet flow onto the depressed property. In addition, the property and surrounding grade slopes from a higher elevation at the west end (30-feet) to a lower grade at the east end (11-feet). The west end of the property abutting Lamaula Road features a steep slope into the property with a gradual slope thereafter, eastward. The site features an average slope of 2.75% (19ft/690ft), characterized, per the regional supplement, as a nearly level area. The higher elevations surrounding the property situate the majority of the parcel at the toe of the slope, in an area of convergent slopes. Finally, the subject property is bordered to the north by an unnamed perennial drainageway with terminal discharge in the Kaneohe Bay. The channel measures, on average, approximately 3-feet wide by 1-foot deep, from top of bank to bed. The channel features thick overgrowth, creating a poorly defined bank. Both in reference and as observed, the site features a restrictive soil layer. Each of the

four sample points take by the Corps from the center to the west end of the property either featured standing water, a high water table or saturation within 12-inches of the surface, all indicators of wetland hydrology. Seepage was observed higher in the pits that featured a high water table, evidence of groundwater discharge at the project site. The aerial imagery reveals the site featured areas dominated by hydrophytic vegetation. Because the property was undeveloped prior to the current landowner, all recent aerial images for the past years were overgrown by vegetation and if the site featured surface waters, they were masked by the vegetation. The vegetation is the only parameter that can be seen on aerial images, of which, identification of the species is indicative of the soils and hydrology below. Similar to identifying hydric soils in filled areas, areas that in the field featured all three wetland parameters were used as reference sites. All areas with similar vegetation to areas where all three wetland parameters were met were presumed wetlands in areas where sample points were inhibited by recent fill.

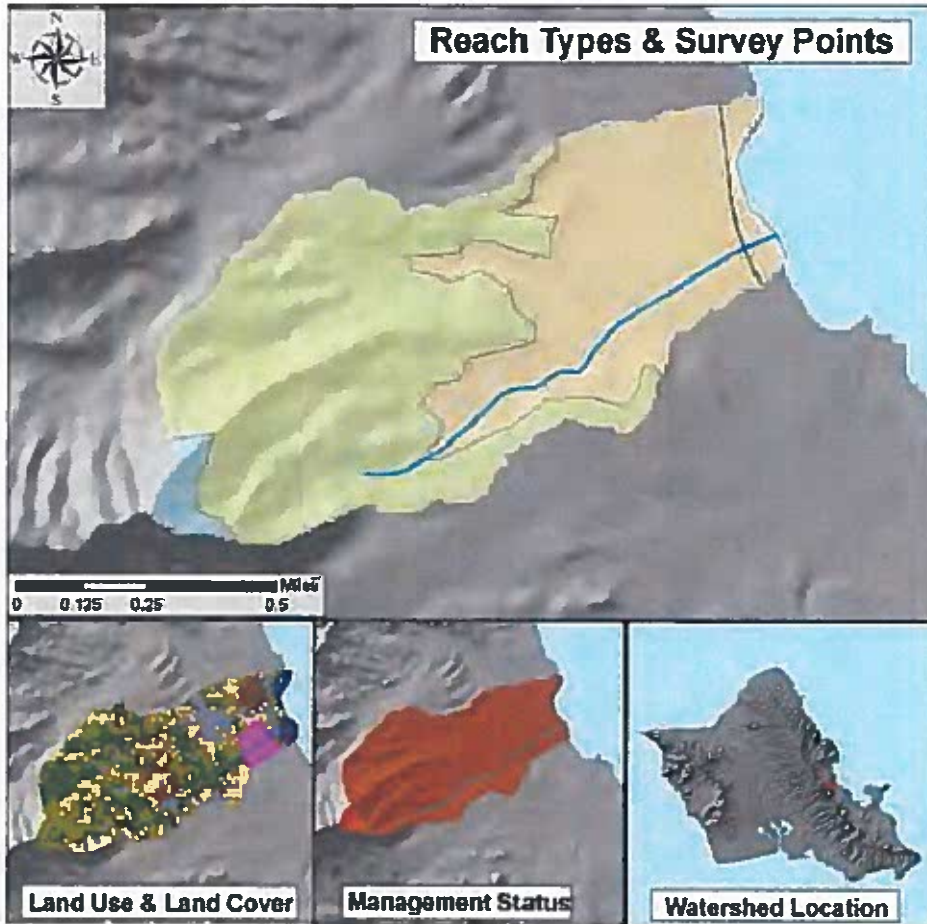
4. Wetland Hydrology? Yes No Due to the landscape position lending to a propensity to accumulate water and the evaluation of on-site areas featuring wetland hydrology, the Corps has determined there were areas on-site that featured all three wetland parameters, especially wetland hydrology, prior to the discharge of fill at the subject property. There are also areas that were absent of wetland hydrology prior to the disturbance.

Characterized by: Jessie Paahana, Biologist, Regulatory Office

Haiamoa, O'ahu

DAR Watershed Code: 32006

Haiamoa, O'ahu



WATERSHED FEATURES

Haiamoa watershed occurs on the island of O'ahu. The Hawaiian meaning of the name is "chicken chased". The area of the watershed is 0.6 square mi (1.6 square km), with maximum elevation of 991 ft (302 m). The watershed's DAR cluster code is not yet determined. The percent of the watershed in the different land use districts is as follows: 0% agricultural, 17.6% conservation, 0% rural, and 82.4% urban.

Land Stewardship: Percentage of the land in the watershed managed or controlled by the corresponding agency or entity. Note that this is not necessarily ownership.

<u>Military</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>OHA</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Nature Conservancy</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Private</u>
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0		97.2

Haiamoa, O'ahu

Land Management Status: Percentage of the watershed in the categories of biodiversity protection and management created by the Hawaii GAP program.

<u>Permanent Biodiversity Protection</u>	<u>Managed for Multiple Uses</u>	<u>Protected but Unmanaged</u>	<u>Unprotected</u>
0.0	0.0	2.8	97.2

Land Use: Areas of the various categories of land use. These data are based on NOAA C-CAP remote sensing project.

	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Square mi</u>	<u>Square km</u>
High Intensity Developed	0.7	0.00	0.01
Low Intensity Developed	15.8	0.10	0.25
Cultivated	7.8	0.05	0.12
Grassland	17.1	0.10	0.27
Scrub/Shrub	31.4	0.19	0.49
Evergreen Forest	20.1	0.12	0.31
Palustrine Forested	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Emergent	4.0	0.02	0.06
Estuarine Forested	1.0	0.01	0.02
Bare Land	0.3	0.00	0.01
Unconsolidated Shoreline	0.1	0.00	0.00
Water	1.6	0.01	0.03
Unclassified	0.0	0.00	0.00

STREAM FEATURES

Haiamoa is a perennial stream. Total stream length is 1 mi (1.5 km). The terminal stream order is 1.

Reach Type Percentages: The percentage of the stream's channel length in each of the reach type categories.

<u>Estuary</u>	<u>Lower</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Upper</u>	<u>Headwaters</u>
0.0	87.3	12.7	0.0	0.0

The following stream(s) occur in the watershed:
 Haiamoa

BIOTIC SAMPLING EFFORT

Biotic samples were gathered in the following year(s): none

BIOTA INFORMATION

None

Type of KT	control no.	value	PIID	PIID sub	Ktr	description	status
AE	17-16	\$ 20,000.00	15-D-0006		Sam Hirota	topo survey/mapping, Maui Army Reserve Center, Wailuku, Maui	recd IGE; proposal recd; rev sow issued, rev prop recd; 2/22/16-MFR to kent 2/23/16 - PR&C req to Darren Walls
AE	20-16	\$ 160,196.00	12-D-0001	0017	Mechanical Engineer	VMU DD1391	TO issued 1/29/2016
		0.00		0017-01			admin mod issued 2/9/2016 to correct POP frm 6/30/2016 to 3/4/2017
AE Svc	23-16	\$ 191,000.00	11-D-0003	00XX	Bowers + Kubota Consulting	construction scheduler service	RFP issued 2/16/16; prop due 2/23/16 2/23/16 prop dist to GN
AE		\$35,000	11-D-0004	0004-XX	Okahara & Associates	addl post design, construction support svcs	Assgmt recd 2/17/16; RFP issued 2/19/16, due 2/23/16 2/23/16 prop dist to GN

Appendix E. Drainage Study

DRAINAGE STUDY

for

I
Wailehua-H Subdivision
Wailehua Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744

TMK(S): 4-7-014: 051, 052 & 055

HO&A JOB NO.: 2813

Prepared by:

Hida, Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
Consulting Engineers
Pacific Guardian Tower
1440 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1120
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-3600

Lic. Exp. 4/30/2018

December 2016



This work was prepared by
me or under my supervision
and construction of this
project will be under my observation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Hida", written over a horizontal line.

SIGNATURE

12/20/2016 12-21-2016

DATE

Existing Conditions:

The project site, TMK(s): 4-7-014: 051, 052 & 055 is located in Kaalaea. The area to be graded is approximately 0.33 acres at a 2.6% slope with elevations ranging from 16 to 11 feet. The property has a land use classification of Residential. The land use classification of the properties is R-10, Residential (City) and Urban (state). 100% of the storm water sheet flow towards the drainage easement on the north east side of the property. Currently, the project area is overgrown.

Tributary Area	Direction	Flow, Q (cfs)
AREA A	DITCH	2.13

Proposed Conditions:

The new development will be a subdivided residential development consisting of 10 units with paved driveways. The storm water will follow the existing patterns and flow offsite towards the earthen ditch at the north east of the property.

Tributary Area	Direction	Flow, Q (cfs)
AREA A	DITCH	4.40

Offsite Conditions:

Analysis of the offsite condition adjacent to the proposed development was done to determine the impact of installing a standard sidewalk and gutter. With the addition of a curb, gutter and sidewalk, the 2.34 cfs will be diverted from the development and will flow onto the neighboring property downslope of the development. This is not acceptable and may cause an adverse drainage impact to downslope properties.

Tributary Area	Direction	Flow, Q (cfs)
AREA A	OFFSITE	2.34

Therefore, under the proposed subdivision, offsite runoff will continue to flow onto the project site as under the existing drainage condition. Approximately 22,000 sf of offsite runoff (2.34 cfs) will continue to enter the project site via the roadway and flow toward the existing drainage easement located on the northeast side of the project.

Conclusion:

The proposed development for the above project will have no adverse drainage impacts to the roadways, surrounding areas or existing drainage system. The proposed development will maintain existing runoff patterns. Comparing the existing condition runoff to the proposed condition runoff (see attached inlets design worksheet), the development is expected to increase total runoff quantity by 2.27 cfs, however measures during the design phase of the individual lot development will need to be applied to reduce the runoff increase such as 9EA 71' long x 4' wide x 4' deep french drains as per exhibit EX-4 which will accommodate the increase of runoff. There is no existing ponding on the property and grading shall be done to provide positive flow away from the houses.

INLETS DESIGN WORKSHEET											
Tm =		YEARS			ONE-HOUR RAINFALL =				INCHES		Q=RCIA
AREA	INLET	OVERLAND FLOW TIME				R	C	I	A	Q	
		GROUND CHAR.	LENGTH (FEET)	SLOPE (FT/FT)	Tc (MIN)	CORR. FACTOR			(ACRES)	(CFS)	
EXSITING CONDITONS											
A	DITCH	GRASS	700.0	0.026	26.0	1.57	0.20	2.80	2.42	2.13	
									2.42	2.13	
PROPOSED CONDITIONS											
A	DITCH	PAVE/GRASS	700.0	0.026	19.8	1.77	0.37	2.80	2.42	4.40	
									2.42	4.40	
									Difference 2.27		
OFFSITE CONDITIONS											
A	OFFSITE	PAVEMENT/DIR	800.0	0.026	13.0	2.07	0.78	2.80	0.51	2.34	
HIDA, OKAMOTO & ASSOCIATES, INC.											
JOB NO.:					Consulting Engineers						
SUBJECT				BY: GBL	DATE: 6/8/16	CHECK:					
						SHEET:					

French Drain

Data:
 Flow Required= 2.27 cfs
 percolation rate= 3.25 min/inch
 French Drain depth= 4 feet
 void percentage= 25%

French Drain Area:

$Q_{required} = Q_{void} + Q_{percolation}$
 $2.27 = A * 4 * (2/3600) * 0.25 + A / (3.25 * 12 * 60)$
 $2.27 = A / 1800 + A / 2340$

$A = 2309 \text{ sf} \quad 9EA. 71'L \times 4'W \times 4'D = 2556 \text{ sf}$

RUNOFF COEFFICIENT WORKSHEET

GROUND CHARACTER	RUNOFF COEFFICIENT (C)
PAVEMENT	0.95
ROOF	0.95
DIRT	0.60
STEEP BRUSH	0.45
STEEP GRASS	0.35
GRASS	0.20

TRIBUTARY AREA	GROUND CHARACTER	% PAVEMENT	% ROOF	% DIRT	% STEEP BRUSH	% STEEP GRASS	% GRASS	WEIGHTED (C)
EXISTING CONDITIONS A	GRASS						100.0	0.20
PROPOSED CONDITIONS A	PAVE/GRASS	22.2					77.8	0.37
OFFSITE CONDITIONS A	PAVEMENT/DIRT	52.3		47.7				0.78

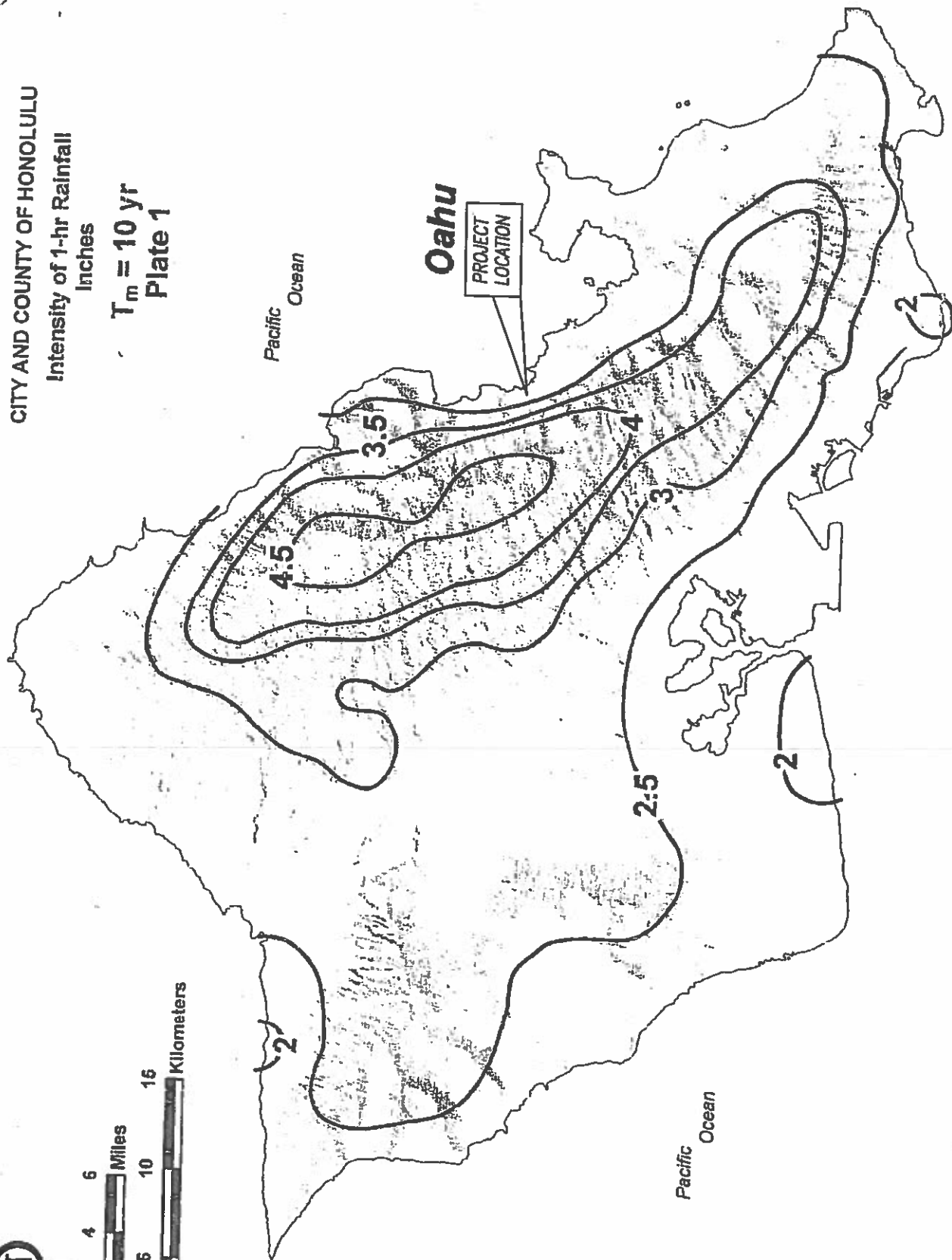
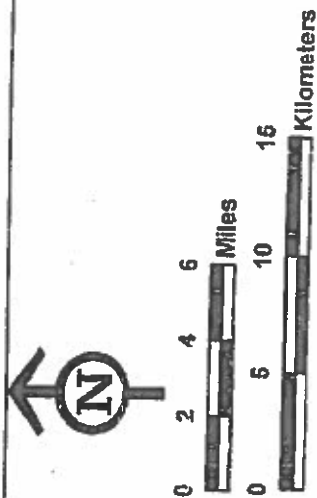
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Intensity of 1-hr Rainfall
Inches

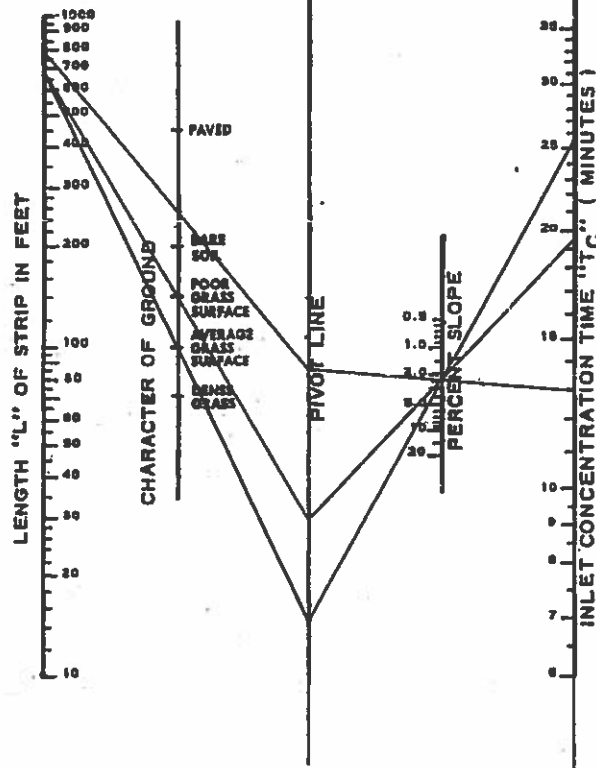
$T_m = 10$ yr
Plate 1



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Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service, Silver Spring, Maryland, 2009

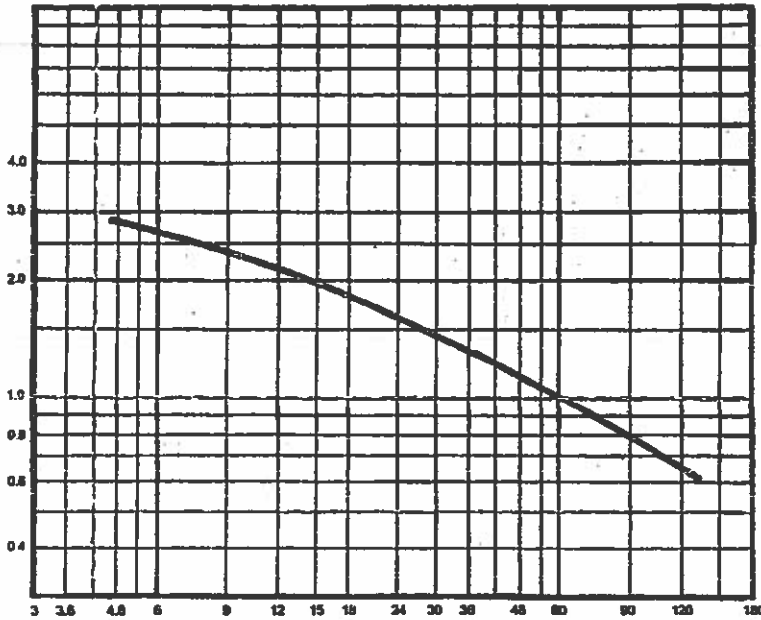
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Overland Flow Chart



EXISTING
NEW

CORRECTION FACTOR APPLIED TO ONE HOUR RAINFALL IN INCHES
TO OBTAIN RAINFALL INTENSITY OF GIVEN DURATION



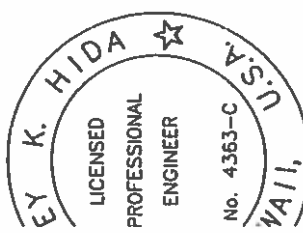
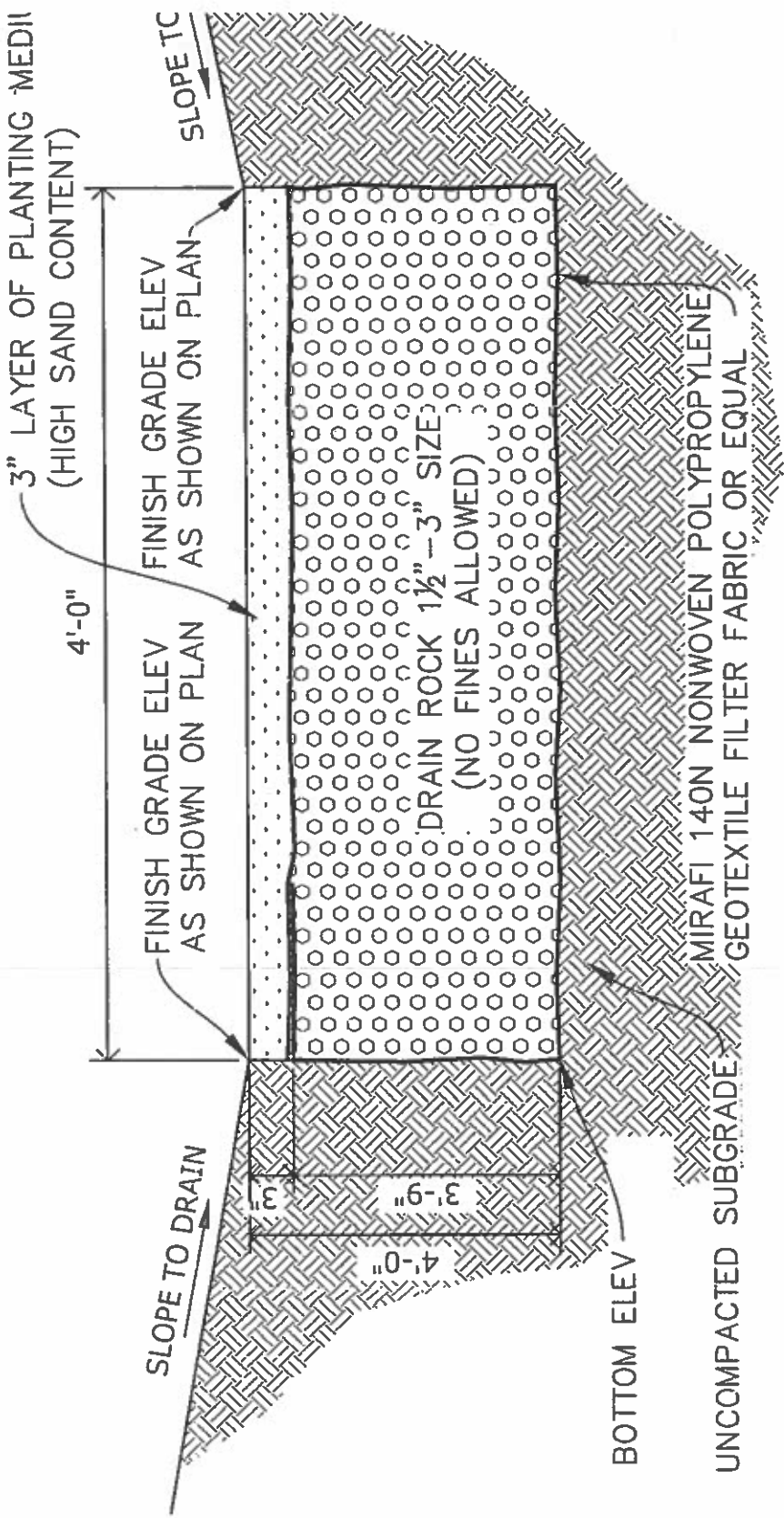
DURATION OF RAINFALL INTENSITY IN MINUTES
(ENTER "t_c" FROM PLATE 3 OR 5)

Plate 4

CORRECTION FACTOR
FOR CONVERTING 1 HR. RAINFALL
TO RAINFALL INTENSITY
OF VARIOUS DURATIONS

TO BE USED FOR AREA
LESS THAN 100 ACRES

(See Plate 6 for area
more than 100 acres)



EXP. APR. 30, 2018

WORK WAS PREPARED UNDER MY SUPERVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THIS PLAN. I WILL BE UNDER MY OWNERS SUPERVISION.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

**WALEHUA II SUBDIVISION
WALEHUA ROAD**

HIDA, OKAMURA

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - WASTEWATER BRANCH
INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM (IWS) - SITE EVALUATION / PERCOLATION TEST**

Date / Time: 06/20/2015 10:00AM Test Performed by: Harvey Hida, P.E.

Owner: Angie Kim (Waialehua I, LLC) IMK: (01) 4-7-14 51' (Mold A)

Elevation: 14 feet
 Depth to Groundwater Table: 6 feet below grade
 Depth to Bedrock (if observed): _____ feet below grade
 Diameter of Hole: 4" inches
 Depth to Hole Bottom: 4' feet below grade

<u>Depth, inches below grade</u>	<u>Soil Profile (color, texture, other)</u>
<u>2'</u>	<u>Gray-Brown Elastic Silt</u>
<u>2'-4'</u>	<u>Soft-Gray Elastic Silt</u>

PERCOLATION READINGS:

Time 12 inches of water to seep away: 40 minutes
 Time 12 inches of water to seep away: 38 minutes

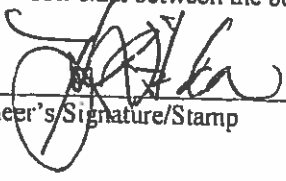
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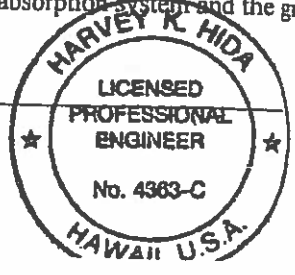
- Percolation tests in sandy soils, recorded time intervals and water drops at least every 10 minutes for at least 1 hour
- Percolation tests in no-sandy soils, presoaked the test hole for at least 4 hours. Recorded time intervals and water drops at least every 10 minutes for 1 hour of time for the first 6 inches to seep away in greater than 30 minutes record time intervals and water drops at least every 30 minutes for 4 hours or until 2 successive drops do not vary by more than 1/16 inch.

<u>Time Interval</u>	<u>Drop in Inches</u>	<u>Time Interval</u>	<u>Drop in Inches</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>4</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>7</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>10</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>13</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>15</u>
<u>60</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>17</u>

Percolation Rate (time/final water level drop): 2.5 minutes/inches

As the engineer responsible for gathering and providing site information and percolation test results, I attest to the fact that above site information is accurate and that the site evaluation was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11-62, "Wastewater Systems" and the results were acceptable. I also attest that three feet of suitable soil exist between the bottom of the soil absorption system and the groundwater table or any other limiting layer.

Engineer's Signature/Stamp: 



Date: 06-22-2015

Article 1
RESTRICTIONS

- 1.1 **Use.** The Lots shall be occupied and used only for residential purposes.
- 1.2 **Prohibited Structures and Activities.** (a) No temporary structures (including, by way example, sheds, tents or tarps) shall be permitted to be built or located on a Lot, and no such temporary structures shall be improved so as to be made permanent.
- (b) No garments, rugs or other objects shall be hung from any improvement located on a Lot.
- 1.3 **Maintenance and Painting.** The Lots shall keep in a strictly clean and sanitary fashion. Such obligation includes repainting any improvement located on a Lot, as such becomes reasonably necessary.
- 1.4 **Improvements Damaged or Destroyed.** (a) Should any improvement located on a Lot be substantially or totally damaged or destroyed, the Owner thereof shall promptly replace and rebuild such improvement. Should the Owner fail to do so within six (6) months of the occurrence of the damage or destruction, the Owner shall remove from the Lot what remains of the damaged or destroyed improvement.
- (b) As used herein, "Owner" shall mean any person who owns a fee simple interest in a Lot, and any person to whom all rights as Owner shall have been transferred by means of (a) a deed, (b) a lease of said Lot for a period in excess of five (5) years, or (c) an agreement of sale which transfers all rights of possession and occupancy.
- 1.5 **Pets.** Dogs, cats, and other usual and customary household pets may be kept in reasonable number on a Lot, provided that (a) no such animals may be kept in violation of any laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations now or hereafter made by any governmental authority; (b) such animals shall not be kept, bred, or used for any commercial purpose; and (c) chickens and roosters shall not be allowed as pets.
- 1.6 **Drainage Easement.** The northerly portion of each Lot ("Burdened Land") is burdened by a portion of an easement for drainage purposes ("Drainage Easement"), which Drainage Easement is more particularly described as Easement A, as shown on Map 5 of Land Court Application No. 1594. Each Owner shall maintain its Burdened Land so as to allow the free flowage of water within the Drainage Easement.
- 1.7 **Erosion Control Improvements.** As required by the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting, certain improvements have been installed for erosion control purposes, including "French drains" and "silt fences" (collectively, "Erosion Control Improvements"), on Lots A-2 through A-10 inclusive in the locations shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof. It is the obligation of the Owner of each Lot on which Erosion Control Improvements are located to maintain such Improvements.

Article 2
GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 **Duration.** This Declaration shall be binding in perpetuity unless the Owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots shall cancel and terminate this Declaration by executing and recording in the Bureau of Conveyances of the State of Hawaii an instrument setting forth such cancellation and termination, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

2.2 **Amendment.** This Declaration may be amended at any time by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots executing and recording in the Bureau of Conveyances of the State of Hawaii an instrument setting forth such amendment, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

2.3 **Enforcement.** Declarant and each Owner shall have the right, but not the responsibility, to enforce any or all of the limitations, restrictions, covenants and conditions imposed by this Declaration by any proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any such limitations, restriction, covenant or condition, and any judgment for any such violation may require all costs and expenses of such enforcement action, including a reasonable attorney's fee, to be paid by the person who the court finds in violation of any such limitations, restriction, covenant or condition.

2.4 **No Waiver.** No failure to enforce the provisions of any limitation, restriction, covenant or condition of this Declaration shall constitute a waiver of any right by the Declarant or an Owner to enforce any provisions of this Declaration in another case against or with respect to any other Owner.

2.5 **Severability.** The invalidity of one or more provisions of these covenants by judgment or court order shall not affect any of the other provisions hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these presents as of the day and year first above written.

WAILEHUA I, LLC, a Hawaii limited liability company

By _____

Its

"Declarant"

STATE OF HAWAII)
) SS.
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU)

On this _____ day of _____, 2016, before me personally appeared _____
_____ to me
personally known or adequately proven to be the person(s) described in and who executed the
foregoing instrument, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person(s) executed
the same as the free act and deed of such person(s), and if applicable, in the capacity shown, having
been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Notary Public, State of Hawaii

(Printed name)

My commission expires: _____

Doc. Date: _____	# Pages: _____
Name: _____	First Circuit
Doc. Description: _____	
_____	(Seal)
_____ Notary Signature	_____ Date
NOTARY CERTIFICATION	

EXHIBIT "A"

[TO BE INSERTED]

END OF EXHIBIT "A"

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW
(From Subdivision Branch)**

SITE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Department of Planning & Permitting

PROJECT: Construction of French Drain Wailehua Subdivision I
Wailehua Road, Kaneohe

Log No.: 2016/CP-193

Date:
12/6/16

Ref. No.:

T.M.K.: 4-7-014:051, 052 & 055;

Submitted by: Hida, Okamoto & Associates, Inc.

Contact: Glen Lukec

Phone: 942-0066

Due Date:

ROUTE TO: ___ BLDG CEB ___ WWB ___ TRB ___ BWS LUAB

Comments:

1st REVIEW

(Approval required for subdivision requirements)

COMMENTS - D, CWQ

2nd REVIEW

ACAMST

VERIFIED W/ KEN NISHIH
(THAT EASEMENT IS PRIVATE)

3rd REVIEW

D1: 3/4 - 1) Provide confirmation from DDC/Land Division that the drainage easement is City's. 2) Submit a copy of the restrictive covenants Subdivision Branch to show that individual lot owners shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the french drain. 3) Add note to grading plan stating that individual lot owners shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the french drain. 4) Submit the updated drainage report. (Repeat Comments).

Comment Key: 1 - See attached memo 2 - See remarks 3 - More data required
4 - Make Corrections as noted 5 - Prints okay 6 - Okay for signature
7 - Okay for signature after corrections are made

Comments by: C - Steven Young (768-8108); D - Len Furukawa (768-8105); D1 - Todd Kuniyoshi (768-8109);
S - Don Fujii (768-8107); SWQ - Dawn Kimura (768-8106)

Dept. DPP-CEB Print Name of Examiner: See above Phone No.: See above Date: 12/6/16

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