

EXEMPTION NOTICE FORM

County of Kaua'i, Department of Water
4398 Pua Loke Street
Lihu'e HI 96766

TO: 1. Agency-Maintained Public Files for Chapter 343 HRS Exemption Determinations
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FROM: Joseph E. Tait, Manager and Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Exemption Notice for Operations Baseyard Slope Stabilization

DATE: 4/1/2025

AGENCY OR APPLICANT ACTION

Check applicable box

- This exempted action is an agency action as defined by Section 343-5(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and Section 11-200.1-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR),
- This exempted action is an applicant action as defined by Section 343-5(e), HRS, and Section 11-200.1-9, HAR

EXEMPTION TYPE:

The Exemption Notice for the action described below is based on the general types enumerated in Section 11-200.1-15(c), Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Exemption Type **3**.

As applicable, the exemption for the action described below is also supported by the Exemption List for the County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, reviewed and concurred to by the Environmental Council on 9/6/2022.

- Exemption List Class **3**.
- Item Number **A, Part 1.4**.
- Applicable language from the exemption list: Construction/modification of slope stabilization structures.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

Proposing Agency or Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Water

Project Name & Address/Location: Operations Baseyard Slope Stabilization, 4398 Pua Loke Street, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

Anticipated Start Date: 12/15/2025

Anticipated End Date: 5/15/2026

Island and District: Kaua'i Lihu'e

Tax Map Key(s) and other geolocation means: (4) 3-8-005:027

All Necessary Permits and Approvals: N/A

NARRATIVE

Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: The County of Kaua'i, Department of Water is stabilizing the slope below the Operations Baseyard to prevent erosion that may impact the use of the baseyard. The work includes shotcrete slope stabilization and a cutoff swale on top of the slope to prevent stormwater from flowing over the slope.

RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The site is located off of Pua Loke Street at the end of the road. In the vicinity, there is affordable housing, the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources baseyard, a public cemetery, the County of Kaua'i, Department of Public Works, Automotive Division auto shop, a retail farming equipment commercial space, and Kaua'i Economic Opportunity. The Operations Baseyard Slope Stabilization project should have minimal impact to the environment because the work is of short duration with minimal groundwork disturbance. The work will consist of adding shotcrete slope stabilization and a cutoff swale. The work will be performed during regular business hours.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

I have considered the potential effects of the proposed project and all related activities against the criteria checked below:

| | Not Applicable |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Zoning Conformance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic (Vehicles, Bicycles, Pedestrian) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings, Utilities) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality Pollutant Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid, Hazardous, and Liquid Waste Management | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Beach Access | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources and Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual/Aesthetic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened, and/or Endangered Species | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface and Ground Water Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplains | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian/Coastal Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments/summary of impact analysis: The work does not have an impact on traffic since all of the work will be in private property. The work is minimal and will not require many crews to perform the work. The work will be prioritized to be performed during the day to minimize the impact of noise to the neighboring parcels.

MITIGATION

Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: The construction work will follow federal, state, and local laws in regards to the project work, noise emissions and best management practices.

CONSULTATION

The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption (Name, affiliation, consultation date): County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, Deputy Manager-Engineer Michael Hinazumi, County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, Civil Engineer VII Jason Kagimoto, County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, Project Management Officer Scott Suga, County of Kaua'i, Department of Water Chief of Operations Ryan Smith.

EXEMPT DECLARATION

The direct, cumulative, and potential impacts of the action described above have been considered pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules. I declare that the action described above will have minimal or no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.



Signature of Director or Delegate

04/01/2025

Date

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2025-04-02

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