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UPDATE

MEETING WITH FORESTRY OFFICIALS

On May 30, 1973, OEQC arranged a meeting with various representatives of organizations together with State and Federal forestry officials. The meeting was held in response to a visit by a six-man Department of Agriculture inspection team from Washington. Members from the Conservation Council, League of Women Voters, National Area Reserves Commission, Hawaii Botanical Society, Bishop Museum and other organizations talked for about two hours with Mr. Thomas Nelson and forest service officials. The participants of the meeting generally concluded that there is a need for greater communications between local forest related interest groups and the State and Federal agencies, to develop a more comprehensive forestry programs throughout the State.

The Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA), among other agencies located in the Washington D. C. area have been subject to consequences due to the controversial incident of Watergate. The firings and resignations of top level governmental officials have resulted in a scrambling of administrators: William D. Ruckelshaus, former EPA Administrator, has been assigned by the President to temporarily fill the vacancy of FBI Director. Ruckelshaus has indicated that he would probably not return to EPA after leaving as temporary FBI Director. Ruckelshaus' successor, Robert W. Tri, former deputy administrator of EPA, announced that he will only serve as interim director (for a period of approximately 60 days) until a permanent administrator has been selected. Thereafter, he will return to the private sector. The leading candidate to replace Ruckelshaus as EPA's permanent administrator is Henry L. Diamond, presently director of New York's State Department of Conservation, and John L. Quarled, Jr., for the permanent position of deputy administrator.

On June 1, 1973, Federal Judge Samuel P. King, issued an oral order to the State Department of Transportation to circulate the Preface for the Inter-State Route H-3 Freeway Pre-Final Environmental Impact Statement (Halawa Interchange to Halekou Interchange), for review by the public, governmental, and civic organizations. Earlier, when the Inter-State Route H-3 pre-final statement was circulated, the Preface was not included for review. The State Department of Transportation, in compliance with Judge King's decision, is circulating the Preface through this Office. (It should be noted that the remaining volumes of the H-3 final impact statement, having been circulated and reviewed, has been approved by the Federal Department of Transportation.)

Only limited copies are available at OEQC, however, copies of the Preface are available for review at the following locations:

State Main Library  
OEQC  
Sinclair Library-Hawaii  
University of Hawaii Environmental Center  
Various library branches (to be announced later)

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Honolulu District Court (relocation), Kahaluu Flood Control Project, Kaneohe Civic Center (site selection), Maintenance of Harbors (dredging).

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Final Environmental Impact Statements

<u>Project Name - Expending or Initiating Agency</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Suspense Date</u>
1. <u>Kauai Belt Road, Waiakea Bridge to Kawaihau Road - Department of Transportation</u>	Kapaa, Kauai	The proposed project provide for a two lane roadway, two parallel parking lanes, concrete traffic islands and concrete sidewalks. Approximate length of the project is 9/10 mile.	Currently being processed by OEQC
2. <u>Pauahi Urban Renewal Project - Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>	Honolulu, Oahu	Modification of two block area in Chinatown in downtown Honolulu. The proposed project will include such activities: demolition of unsound structures, rehabilitation of structures of historical significance, construction of two high-rise residential structures, off-street parking facility, several low-rise multiple structures, and several parks and plazas.	Currently being processed by OEQC.
3. <u>Beach Erosion Control Improvements - U. S. Army Corps of Engineers</u>	Waikiki, Oahu	The plan of improvement provides for the construction of three new groins, placement of approximately 46,000 cubic yards of sand, and the demolition of the Waikiki Natatorium.	Currently being processed by OEQC.
4. <u>Nawiliwili Small Boat Harbor - U. S. Army Corps of Engineers</u>	Nawiliwili, Kauai	The project consists of construction of a breakwater and revetted dike, a stub breakwater, and navigation channels. Local interests will provide for the incremental development of the harbor interior, berthing facilities, and necessary shoreside facilities.	Currently being processed by OEQC

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

1. Art Facilities - University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus Honolulu, Oahu  
The proposed Art Facilities will be a three (3) story reinforced concrete structure containing 119,085 square feet of gross area. 6/14

It will house the Art Department of the College of Arts and Sciences, and will contain faculty and administrative offices, studios, workshops, classrooms, two lecture halls, class laboratories, a public student faculty lounge, and an art gallery.

2. Kona Golf Course - Keeli,  
Department of Parks and South Kona  
Recreation, County of  
Hawaii

The proposed golf course site is in the ahupua'a of Keeli in the judicial district of South Kona and consists of approximately 220 acres of land mauka of Puuhonua Road and is owned by the Bishop Estate. Proposed facilities are the 18-hole course, paved parking area, practice driving range, practice tees and greens, a clubhouse, maintenance yard and a nursery.

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3. Sand Island State Park - Sand Island  
Department of Land and Oahu  
Natural Resources

The proposed State park will be located along the makai shoreline of Sand Island, encompassing an area of 140 acres. (Bascule Bridge to Sand Island Fisheries Research Center.) The purpose of the project is to provide recreation opportunities with primary orientation toward ocean, shore oriented and culturally enriching activities. Some of the proposed features will be a passive park, boat park, and a beach park.

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4. Lapahoehoe Park Wading  
Pond - Department of Public  
Works, County of Hawaii

Lapahoehoe, The total project area is about three-quarters of an acre on the shoreline of Lapahoehoe point, County of Hawaii and includes a wading area, a "learning to swim" area, and beach area all protected by two +9 foot MSL wave barriers.

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5. Hikiula Gulch Drainage  
Channel - Department of  
Public Works, County of  
Kauai

Hanapepe, The purpose of the proposed project is to control floodwaters in the Hanapepe area. The project consists of a drainage channel leading from the lower elevation of Hikiula Gulch to a swamp area adjacent to the Hanapepe River.

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6. Capitol Mall Acquisition -  
Department of Accounting  
and General Services

Honolulu,  
Oahu

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The land acquisition project will consist of acquiring seven parcels and Bowers Lane which is located in a triangular block bounded by Vineyard, thoroughfare, Punchbowl Street and Miller Street.

Non-Impact Statements

1. Kawaihae Feed Grain S  
Storage and Milling  
Facilities - Department  
of Agriculture

Kawaihae,  
Hawaii

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The proposed project consists of the movement of the primary feed mill and storage facility of Feedwell, Inc., of Hilo to Kawaihae. The movement of the primary operations from Hilo to Kawaihae is proposed for a number of economic and agricultural reasons.

2. Aikahi Elementary School,  
Second Driveway and Enlarge-  
ment of Parking Lot -  
Department of Accounting  
and General Services

Kailua,  
Oahu

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The proposed project consists of the construction of a driveway and additional parking area for the school. Implementation of the project will improve traffic flow and improve safety for the children attending the school.

3. Civil Defense Warehouse -  
Department of Public Works,  
County of Hawaii

Hilo,  
Hawaii

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The project consists of demolishing an old quonset warehouse to make room for a new steel frame warehouse. The new building will be used by the Civil Defense Agency to store its materials and equipment.