

EQC Bulletin

Environmental Quality Commission
550 Hahakauwila Street, Room 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 - Phone: 548-6915

Vol. IV

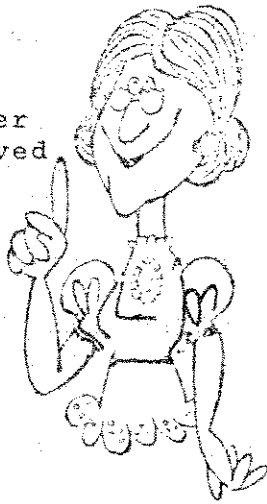
January 23, 1978

No. 02

REGISTER OF CHAPTER 343 DOCUMENTS

QUARTERLY SUMMARY

"DID YOU KNOW THAT during October, November and December 1977, the EQC received 147 Notices of Determinations... of this -
..there were 12 EIS Preparation Notices;
..135 Negative Declarations;
All 11 of the EIS's reviewed were Agency actions;
..21 EIS's were being revised on December 31, 1977;
..5 processed for acceptance on December 31, 1977; and
..5 Revised EIS's were deemed acceptable during the three month period?"



EIS PREPARATION NOTICES

The proposed projects have been determined to require environmental impact statements. EIS Preparation Notices are available from the respective proposing agency or applicant. Please request copies from the listed contacts. A 30 day period is allowed for requests to be a consulted party.

MAKENA ROAD, MAKENA, MAUI, Dept. of Public Works, County of Maui

The County of Maui plans to construct a two-lane undivided road between the terminus of Wailea Alanui Drive and Ahihi Bay-Cape Kinau. The proposed Makena Road will span a distance of about four miles beginning from the sharp makai bound turn in Wailea Alanui Drive to just south of Paako Point. Some segments of the proposed alignment will be located on Kihei Road, and some segments mauka of it following the 80-foot contour. The existing alignment of Kihei Road through the Seibu development will be altered. The developer proposes to terminate the road near Makena Landing and at both ends of a proposed hotel site near Makena Landing and Maluaka Point. Beach access from the main road be via four connector roads. A drainage system consisting of lined drainage ditches, catch basins, drain lines, culverts and box drains will be constructed. Street lamps may also be installed. This project will be constructed in three phases.

Contact: Wayne S. Uemae, Director
Dept. of Public Works
County of Maui
200 South High St.
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Deadline: February 22, 1978

BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP, PUHI BAY,
KEAUKAHA, HILO, HAWAII, State Dept.
of Transportation, Water Transporta-
tion Facilities Division

The proposed boat launching ramp will be situated at Puhi Bay in Keaukaha, Hilo, just east of the existing sewage treatment plant. The project site is part of the Keaukaha Hawaiian Homes Beach Park and is in the process of being turned over to the County Department of Parks and Recreation. The launching facilities will include a single lane concrete launching ramp, adjacent loading dock, maneuvering and washdown areas, car and trailer parking and a comfort station. An approach channel may also be dredged should it be deemed necessary.

Contact: Kirby Hong
Dept. of Transportation,
Water Transportation
Facilities Division
869 Punchbowl St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Deadline: February 22, 1978.

KALIHI-PALAMA CIVIC CENTER, HONOLULU,
OAHU, State Dept. of Accounting and
General Services

The project involves the selection of a site for the Kalihi-Palama Civic Center. The site of approximately four acres will be located in the area between River Street and Middle Street in Honolulu. An office building containing a net area of about 19,000 square feet will be constructed.

Contact: Steven Fernandes
Dept. of Accounting and
General Services
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, HI 96810

Deadline: February 22, 1978.

KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT FORT
RUGER (EAST HONOLULU COMMUNITY
COLLEGE) MASTER PLAN REPORT, HONOLULU
OAHU, State Dept. of Accounting and
General Services

Previously reported on January 8, 1978

Contact: Harold Sonomura
Dept. of Accounting and
General Services
Public Works Division
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, HI 96813

Deadline: February 7, 1978.

KAHUKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, KAHUKU,
OAHU, State Dept. of Accounting and
General Services

Previously reported on January 8, 1978

Contact: Norman Sahara
Dept. of Accounting and
General Services
Public Works Division
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, HI 96810

Deadline: February 7, 1978.

STATE PARK AT OLD KONA AIRPORT,
KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII, State Dept. of
Land and Natural Resources

Previously reported on January 8,
1978.

Contact: Jake Pyo
Division of State Parks
1151 Punchbowl St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Deadline: February 7, 1978.

DEVELOPMENT OF A 668-ACRE PARCEL,
HEEIA, OAHU, Bishop Estate and Fore-
most-McCormack Development Joint
Venture/Dept. of Land Utilization,
C&C of Honolulu

Previously reported on Dec. 23, 1977.

Contact: Harvey F. Gerwig
146 Hekili St.
Kailua, HI 96734

Deadline: January 23, 1978.

RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, WAIKANE,
OAHU, Windward Partners/Dept. of
Land Utilization, C&C of Honolulu

Previously reported on Dec. 23, 1977.

Contact: F. R. Rodriguez
Environmental Communications
P.O. Box 536
Honolulu, HI 96809

Deadline: January 23, 1978.

HAENA-NA PALI COAST STATE PARKS,
KAUAI, State Dept. of Land and
Natural Resources, Division of State
Parks

Previously reported on Dec. 23, 1977.

Contact: Dept. of Land and Natural
Resources
Division of State Parks
1151 Punchbowl St., Rm. 310
Honolulu, HI 96813

Deadline: January 23, 1978.

NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

Negative Declaration is a determination by a proposing or approving agency that a proposed action does not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore does not require an EIS (EIS Regs. 1:4p). Publication in the Bulletin of a Negative Declaration initiates a 60 day period during which litigation measures may be instituted. Copies are available upon request to the Commission by telephone or letter. Comments may be made and sent to the proposing agency or approving agency. The Commission would appreciate receiving a carbon copy of your comments.

HAWAII

KEALAKEHE PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS,
KEALAKEHE, NORTH KONA, Dept. of Public
Works, County of Hawaii

The project entails the construction of a pedestrian overpass over Palani Road between Queen Liliuokalani Village and Kealakehe School at

Kealakehe. Presently, pedestrians must cross at the hazardous intersection of Kealakaa Street and Palani Road which is situated at a "blind" curve. The overpass will probably follow the existing alignment of the dirt path and crossing. Ramping to the overpass will be provided to allow use by bicycles and wheelchairs, as well as to provide safer approaches by pedestrians.

KONAWAENA HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
5-CLASSROOM BUILDING, KEALAKEKUA,
SOUTH KONA, State Dept. of Accounting
and General Services

A 5-classroom building at Konawaena High and Intermediate School containing 8,000 square foot is proposed for construction on the site of a classroom building destroyed by fire in 1974.

KA'U WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT, KA'U,
Dept. of Water Supply, County of
Hawaii

Presently, the Department of Water Supply of the County of Hawaii does not have a base yard in the Ka'u District. This project will provide the Department with a base yard that will contain a structure to house an office and warehouse space. The facility will be situated within the town of Waiohinu on a portion of a parcel, TMK: 9-5-01:7, fronting the Government Road. The parcel contains 41,635 square feet.

WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONAL FACILITIES, HILO, State Department of
Accounting and General Services

The following facilities at Waiakea High School are proposed for construction: a) classroom building "P", b) electronics shop "J", c) agriculture complex "K", d) library "O", and e) football/track field with bleachers. An EIS was previously prepared and accepted on June 4, 1974 for the total planned school development.

INDOOR PISTOL RANGE, HAWAII PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING "B", HILO, Dept. of Public Works, County of Hawaii
(Supplemental Negative Declaration)

driveway, covered loading zone, and outdoor paved area.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA-78-3; MULTI-FAMILY TO COMMERCIAL, LIHUE, HRT, Ltd/Planning Dept., County of Kauai

The Hawaii County Police Department plans to establish a completely enclosed indoor pistol range on the third floor (roof) of Building "B" of the Hilo Public Safety Complex which is presently under construction. The project site is bordered by Hualalai Street on the south, adjacent to Ululani Street on the east and Kapiolani Street on the west. The indoor pistol range will measure 12-foot by 100-foot and contain three shooting lanes. An integral master control console within a control room at the head of the firing lanes is planned.

The proposed general plan amendment will allow a 10,000 square feet land parcel, TMK: 3-8-04:34, at Lihue to be used for commercial purposes. The use will be compatible to abutting commercial uses.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

Environmental Impact Statements listed are available for review at the following public depositories: Environmental Quality Commission; Legislative Reference Bureau; Sinclair Library, State Main Library and the Kaimuki, Kaneohe, Pearl City, Hilo, Kahului, and Lihue Regional Libraries. Statements are also available at State Branch Libraries that are in proximity to the site of a proposed action (indicated with project description).

MAUI

PUUNENE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, KAHULUI, A&B Properties, Inc./State Dept. of Transportation

GEOTHERMAL RESEARCH STATION UTILIZING THE HGP-1 WELL AT PUNA, ISLAND OF HAWAII, State Dept. of Planning and Economic Development

A&B Properties, Inc. plans to add turning lanes to various portions of Puunene Avenue, Hawaii Street and Papa Avenue in Kahului. The lanes are intended to alleviate anticipated traffic conditions during the afternoon traffic hour to the adjacent proposed two-part, 43 acre lot residential Kuihelani Subdivision. Kuihelani Subdivision will consist of about 210 lots in the vicinity of Puunene Avenue and Kuihelani Highway to be developed by A&B Properties, Inc.

In 1976, a geothermal well was drilled to 6,450 feet on a site immediately off the Pahoa-Pohoiki Road in Puna. The test well, HGP (for Hawaii Geothermal Project)-A, has yielded temperatures and pressures from a water-dominated geothermal reservoir capable of generating up to four megawatts of electrical power.

KAUAI

WILCOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS FOR THE SEVERELY MULTIPLY HANDICAPPED, LIHUE, State Dept. of Accounting and General Services

The renovation and expansion of an existing physical education building at Wilcox Elementary School is proposed to accommodate the educational program for the severely multiply handicapped students. The total floor area required is approximately 3,400 square feet. Other improvements to be included consist of a

As a continuation of the exploratory drilling project, the State of Hawaii, the County of Hawaii, and the University of Hawaii, with the Hawaii Electric Light Company of Hilo (HELCO) participating in an advisory capacity, will jointly conduct a research and demonstration project to ascertain the dimensions and characteristics of a geothermal reservoir in Puna. The project will also accommodate



EIS WORKSHOPS

WAIANAE	Jan. 26	Thursday	Waianae Library
DOWNTOWN	Jan. 31	Tuesday	McCully-Moiliili Library
HALEIWA	Feb. 2	Thursday	Waialua Recreation Center
HAWAII-KAI	Feb. 7	Tuesday	Hawaii-Kai Library
PEARL CITY	Feb. 9	Thursday	Pearl City Regional Library
KAILUA	Feb. 14	Tuesday	Kailua Library
KANEOHE	Feb. 16	Thursday	Kaneohe Regional Library

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS...or, EIS, is almost a household word today. Recently, EIS's for the H-3 freeway, Reef Runway, and Barber's Point Harbor have attracted much attention. There are many other EIS's, however, that do not get much attention. This is because many people do not know how the EIS system works, when EIS's are available for review, and how they can become involved.

For example, there are many projects in your own community -- State, county, and private projects -- that may require an EIS. It may help you to know when an EIS is needed and who is required to prepare it. If an EIS is required, it may help you in better understanding the project that is being proposed...and its possible impacts on your community's environment. The EIS is an informational document intended to help make better decisions.

In Waianae, for example, citizens used an EIS to provide recommendations on a proposed State park which would affect their community. Their comments were useful to the State and planning consultants in looking at different planning alternatives and their relative impacts on the environment. Partly as a result of considerable citizen involvement throughout the EIS review, the State decided on a low-density option for developing the park.

The purpose of the EIS workshops is to improve the understanding of how Hawaii's EIS system works and how EIS's can be better used as a planning tool. Topics to be discussed include: the State law; roles of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the Environmental Quality Commission; role of citizens in the EIS process; how to participate in the EIS process by reviewing and commenting on EIS's; case studies; EIS-related legislation; and problems with the existing system. Helene Takemoto and Rick Scudder of the Office of Environmental Quality Control will be participating at the workshops.

For more information or for pre-workshop information packets, please call the Sea Grant/Marine Advisory Program at 948-8191/8262 (Ray Tabata).

EQC BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION FORM

EQC BULLETIN is a bi-monthly publication by the Environmental Quality Commission with staff assistance from the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Requests may be made for a free subscription by mailing the bottom portion of this page or by calling the EQC at 548-6915.

Cut Here

Please add my name to the EQC BULLETIN mailing list:

Name _____

Address _____

FOLD HERE

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION
550 HALEKAUWILA STREET
ROOM 301
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

R&D field experiments in the use of geothermal energy (such as cooking fruit, sterilizing food containers, freeze-drying coffee, processing wood).

The proposal includes the installation of a wellhead generator for the creation of electrical energy along with a research facility. About three megawatts of the electric energy produced by the well already in existence on a 4.1 acre site accommodating the project will be sold to HELCO.

EIS also available at Laupahoehoe, Pahala, and Pahoia Branch Libraries.

Deadline for Comments: Feb. 22, 1978.

FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT, KAPAAKEA, MOLOKAI, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean (Final EIS-NEPA only)

This action is a joint Federal and County of Maui planned and funded project. The site of the flood control project is within the Kapaa-kea Hawaiian Homestead approximately half a mile east of Kaunakakai. The recommended plan consists of the construction of a 1,800 foot long channel with diversion levees to divert the flow of flood water around the western side of the Kapaa-kea Homestead subdivision to the ocean. The channel improvement is designed to accommodate a design flow of 6,500 cfs anticipated with a 100-year flood.

Final EIS also available at Molokai (Kaunakakai) Branch Library.

Status: Filed with the Council on Environmental Quality, November 3, 1977.

PROPOSED KALAUPAA INFIRMARY KALAUPAPA, MOLOKAI, State Department of Accounting and General Services

Previously reported on January 8, 1978.

EIS also available at the Molokai Branch Library and the Makawao, Lahaina, and Kahului Branch Libraries on Maui.

Deadline for Comments: Feb. 7, 1978.

REGISTER OF SHORELINE PROTECTION ACT DOCUMENTS

The following document has been filed with the City and County Dept. of Utilization pursuant to Ordinance 4529, relating to the Interim Shoreline Protection District for Oahu. The project below is located within the Special Management area of Oahu. Please contact the DLU at 523-4256 for more information.

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WAREHOUSE STRUCTURE AND AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING ONE WITHIN AN EXISTING FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER, KAKAAKO, HONOLULU, Produce Center Development, Ltd.

The Produce Center Development, Ltd. proposes to construct additions to its existing food distribution center at 651 Ilalo Street in Kakaako, Honolulu. The existing center consists of two warehouse structures containing a total of 100,000 square feet of floor area. The project will comprise of: 1) a 2,000 square foot addition to an existing 30,000 square foot warehouse structure; and 2) a new warehouse structure to contain approximately 10,445 square feet of floor area. The 9.522 acre project site is zoned I-1 Light Industrial District and identified by Tax Map Key 2-1-60:9. This development lies within the Special Management Area and the Kakaako Interim Development Control District.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION
550 PALEKAU'ILA STREET
POO 301
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813