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The Environmental Notice reviews the environmental impacts of projects proposed in Hawaii

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Humpback Whale Sanctuary Planned

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Sanctuaries and Reserves Division has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary was Congressionally-designated in November 1992. The Office of State Planning signed a Memorandum of Understanding in June of 1993 to jointly develop the Master Plan with the federal government. As part of that MOU, the State established a Sanctuary Working Group to offer advice and guidance to planners.

No new regulations or permits are called for in the draft plan. Proponents claim that the sanctuary will help bring more federal dollars to Hawaii for environmental research and monitoring.

In order to assure the greatest amount of public review, a series of informational meetings on the plan will be held in September and October. Official public hearings will follow in November. Please see page 29 for more information.

Industrial Waste Plant at Pearl Harbor

The Navy has prepared an environmental assessment and issued a finding of no significant impact to human health and the environment for the proposed construction and operation of an Industrial Waste Treatment Complex (IWTC) at Pearl Harbor Naval Complex.

The new facility will pretreat industrial wastes generated by Department of Defense (DOD) operations on Oahu and replace an existing deficient facility. The treatment will consist of eight process lines to separate metals, organics and sludge from water. Water meeting specific effluent standards will be discharged into the sanitary sewer system for further treatment at the Fort Kamehameha Wastewater Treatment Plant. Hazardous wastes will be containerized and shipped to the navy's nearby Conforming Storage Facility (CSF), a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) approved treatment/storage/disposal facility.

For further information, please refer to page 10 of *The Environmental Notice*.

Building Alternatives Conference

The Department of Health and nine other organizations are sponsoring a conference on building alternatives. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 23, 1995 at Tokai University, 2241 Kapiolani Boulevard.

Three panels are scheduled:

1) Choices for Community Sustainability; 2) Building with Value; and 3) Case Studies of Successful Projects.

On October 10, 1995 a related workshop on building efficiency will be held at the Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information on either of these events please call the Department of Health's Pollution Prevention Coordinator, Sara Russell at 586-4337

Rules Hearings Soon

The latest proposed rules on the Environmental Impact Statement process will go to public hearing in November. Time, date and location to be announced.

Definitions

Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

Draft Environmental Assessment

A project or action that may affect the environment cannot be implemented until an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with HRS §343. If the lead government agency anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then a Draft EA is written and public notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

Final Environmental Assessment and Negative Declaration

If, after the lead agency reviews the public comments, it feels that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, then it will prepare a Final EA and issue a Negative Declaration. The Final EA must respond to all public comments. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may now be implemented. The public has 30 days from the first notice of a Negative Declaration in this Bulletin to sue in court to require the preparation of an EIS.

EIS Prep Notice

If the lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, it must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing the project. The first step in preparing an EIS is publishing an EIS Preparation Notice (Prep Notice) in this Bulletin. Agencies, groups or individuals have 30 days from the first publication of an EIS Prep Notice to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action. The draft EIS must respond to these comments.

Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

Final EIS

After considering public comments filed during the Draft EIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS must respond to all comments from the draft stage. If deeper analysis was required, it must be included in this document. If the project is from a private applicant, the lead agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. If the project is public, the Governor or Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted, may the project be implemented.

EIS Acceptance Notice

If the accepting authority accepts a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a separate EIS Acceptance Notice will be published in this Bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to sue in court to challenge the acceptance of an EIS.

NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the law that requires federal projects to prepare an EIS. It is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Although not required by law, the OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this Bulletin to help keep the public informed of important actions.

Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an Environmental Assessment be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified to clearly establish the bounds of public property. The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate legal boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their beachfront property certified. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a fifteen-member citizen board appointed by the Governor to advise the State on environmental concerns. The council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process. The agendas of their regular meetings are published in this Bulletin and the public is invited to attend.

Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are declared exempt from the environmental review process. These lists are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Council. This Bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making.

Conservation District Permits

Use of land in the State Conservation District requires a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of these permit applications is published in this Bulletin.

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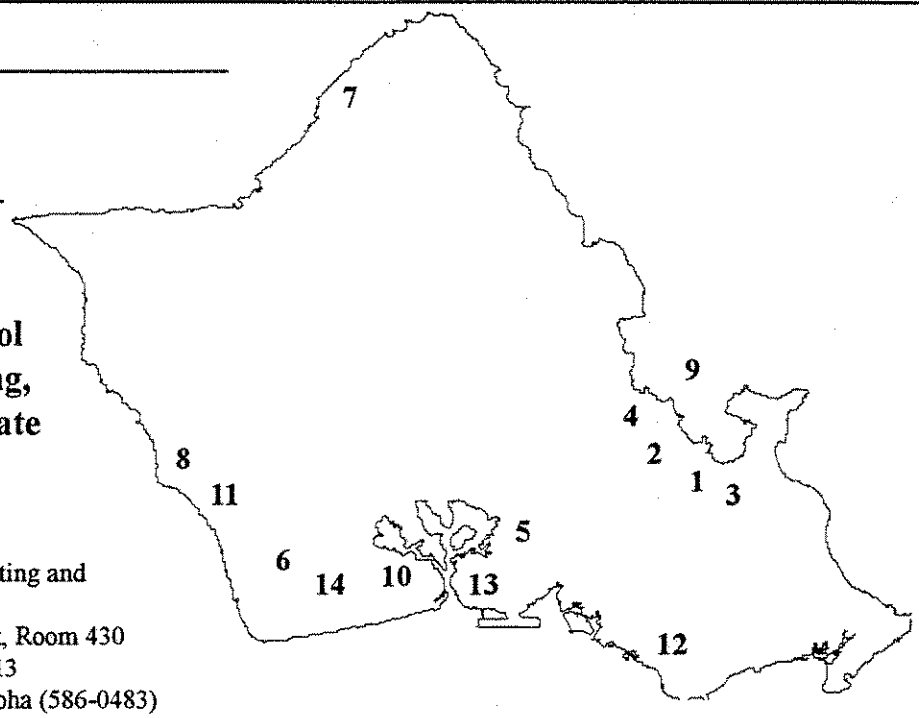
Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Aikahi Elementary School New Administration Building, Expand Library and Renovate

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-4-03:16
Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

This project is to construct a new 2,862 square feet administration building, expand the existing library by 1,620 square feet and renovate temporary administration facility into two general classrooms. Also included in this project are any site improvements and utility easements that may result from this work.

(2) Castle High School Eight-Classroom Building

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-5-34:8
Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

This project is to construct a new two-story, reinforced concrete/masonry eight-classroom building of approximately 12,690 square feet. The project will consist of five general classrooms, three science classrooms (physics, chemistry, biology), one faculty center and eight restrooms. Also included in this project are any site improvements and utility easements that may result from this work.

(3) Kalaheo Greenwaste Recycling Facility

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-2-15:9
Applicant: Tree and Stump Removal Experts
P. O. Box 26176
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825
Contact: Charles Tasker (396-0844)

Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Suite 131
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Sam Lemmo (587-0377)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public Comment.

The City and County of Honolulu has offered a ten acre lease site out for public bid to operate a Greenwaste Reclamation Facility at the now closed Kalaheo Sanitary Landfill. The Oahu Tree and Stump Removal Experts was the successful bidder and is the applicant for this land use.

The ten acre lease site is located within a 134.10 acre parcel. This ten acre site is located in the general and possibly part of the limited subzone of the Conservation District. The purpose of this project is to create a well managed Greenwaste recycling facility on the windward side of Oahu to reduce the cost of transportation of greenwaste, to assist in the state waste reduction goals of 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by year 2000 in accordance with the Hawaii Integrated Solid Waste Management Act (State Act 324) and to assist in faster handling of greenwaste during hurricanes and tsunamis which are detrimental to public health, safety and welfare of the general public on the island of Oahu.

(4) Kaneohe Elderly Housing Project

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 1-4-5-50: 39
Applicant: Department of Housing and Community Development
650 South King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Rae Gee (527-5088)
Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu, Planning Department
650 South King Street, 8th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Eugene Takahashi (527-0062)
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

DHCD proposes to acquire a privately-owned 65,865 square foot parcel on 45-705 Kamehameha Highway, in Kaneohe, for development of approximately 81 rental units in a four-story structure with a mix of studio and one-bedroom units for the elderly, plus management offices, a multi-purpose community room, open space and approximately 48 stalls of supporting parking. The property acquired will be leased to a nonprofit corporation who will own and develop the rental project using a combination of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds provided by the City and other sources of funding.

(5) Moanalua Hillside Stabilization

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-1-44 Parcels 13 through 21
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Marvin Fukagawa (527-5056)
Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Marvin Fukagawa (527-5056)
Consultant: Dames & Moore
1050 Queen Street, Suite 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: George Krasnick (593-1116 (ext. 25)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

A portion of the western hillside of Moanalua Valley is experiencing earth movements which are damaging residential properties, threatening public utilities, and placing residents at considerable risk. The City and County of Honolulu proposes to purchase six residential parcels, construct retaining walls, and add a buttress fill to stabilize these earth movements, remove the active risks to residents, and stop expansion of the slide. Preliminary estimates indicate the walls will be 15 to 20 feet high. The fill will be added between the retaining walls to cover the entire area of the active landslide to a height sufficient to stabilize the slide.

Preliminary estimates are that as much as 22 feet of fill will be required. The filled area will be planted with a low maintenance ground cover, and fenced where necessary to restrict access.

Short term impact associated with the project are construction-related, and include potential for increased erosion and transport of sediment, increased ambient noise levels in the project vicinity, and fugitive dust. Implementation of existing codes and regulations will mitigate these impacts.

The social issue of concern with this project is obviously the relocation of residents of the homes the City intends to purchase. If the project proceeds as proposed, relocations will be unavoidable impacts. The only mitigation now contemplated is financial. Visual impacts created by the buttress fill will be limited to views from the street and surrounding properties.

Final Environmental Assessments/Negative Declarations

(6) Kapolei Public Library

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-1-16:01
Applicant: Department of Accounting & General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gary Chong (586-0487)
Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting & General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gary Chong (586-0487)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is proposing to design and construct a new public library in the Old Town District in the City of Kapolei. The library will consist of a multi-story building (approximately 100,000 square feet), walkways, parking, driveways and landscaping/ architecture conforming with the City of Kapolei Urban Design Plan. The project site (2.8 acres) is located in the "Old" Kapolei Town area makai of the site where the Campbell Estate Building is located. It is former canefield land that is flat and covered with weeds and small bushes. There are no known historical, archaeological or cultural sites associated with the project area, and it is not in a wetland or Special Management Area nor in a flood hazard or tsunami zone. There are no known habitats for endangered species, flora or fauna on the site. Studies indicate that the aircraft noise level at the library should be well below the EPA standards for residential areas. Also included are site improvements, connection to public utility systems and any easements which may be required as a result of this project.

The new library will meet the needs of the growing population in the Central and Leeward Districts of Oahu.

(7) Sunset Beach Support Park

District: Koolauloa
TMK: 5-9-15:10 and 11
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Donald Griffin (527-6324)
Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Donald Griffin (527-6324)
Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Glen Koyama (521-5361)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu, is proposing to develop a public parking area for approximately 100 vehicles at Sunset Beach. The new off-street parking facility, which will be located on the mauka side of Kamehameha Highway from the beach, will help to relieve parking pressures in the area especially along Kamehameha Highway during peak user days. The site with a total area of 2.06 acres is situated on two adjoining lots that were recently acquired by the City specifically for the new facility.

The proposed parking will include landscaping, a comfort station, outdoor showers, picnic tables and a grass lawn. Presently, these facilities are not available in the beach area. Vehicular access to the site will be from Kamehameha Highway, and a crosswalk on Kamehameha Highway will provide pedestrian access between the parking and beach land. Night security will be provided with a chain and lock at the entrance road and low-pressure sodium lamps for lighting around the parking area.

(8) Ulehawa Beach Park Site Improvements Project

District: Waianae
TMK: 8-7-7:1
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation
Facilities Development Division
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Creagh (523-4885)
Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation
Facilities Development Division
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Creagh (523-4885)
Consultant: Brownlie and Lee
201 Merchant Street, Suite 1930
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Richard Brownlie (528-4363)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to provide a new picnic area in a portion of the existing Ulehawa Beach Park in Nanakuli, Oahu. Picnic area improvements will include 5 picnic tables, a drinking water fountain, 3 trash receptacles, grassing and tree planting, and a manual irrigation system. A low vehicle barrier wall will protect the picnic area. Site improvements will be designed in accordance with applicable governmental and utility agencies. This includes the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines which ensures accessibility to the picnic area and its amenities for disabled users.

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(9) Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology Marine Laboratory and Support Facilities

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-6-01:1 and 51
Applicant: Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology
Coconut Island
P. O. Box 1346
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
Contact: Philip Helfrich (236-7418)
Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Glen Koyama (521-5361)
Public Comment Deadline: November 7, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

The Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB) of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, is proposing to expand its existing research and educational facilities on Moku O Loe (Coconut Island) in Kaneohe Bay, Oahu. Plan calls for a new marine

laboratory facility that would include space for general research and special purpose laboratories, instructional classroom/conference room, saltwater tanks, library/computer room, storage rooms and accessory facilities.

The new complex, which will have a total floor area of approximately 21,000 sq. ft. will be located on the island's eastern lagoon and on a hill adjacent to HIMB's existing three-story administration/laboratory building. Construction of the new complex will require removal of a maintenance shop, saltwater tank shelter and lunch room.

The existing maintenance shop, which is proposed to be removed, will be relocated to an area which is currently occupied by HIMB's "old boat house". The replacement maintenance building will be expanded to contain space for various types of repair and maintenance operations. It will have a total floor area of approximately 4,700 sq. ft.

In addition to the two new facilities, HIMB is proposing to replace the existing concrete seawall that lines and supports the shoreline fronting the replacement maintenance building. The existing wall has slowly deteriorated over time and, in some sections, have actually collapsed.

Short- and long-term impacts are anticipated from the proposed project. These impacts have been assessed in specific studies of the EIS, and mitigation measures are proposed, where necessary.

Construction of the new facilities will require bringing labor, equipment and construction material across Kaneohe Bay by a marine vessel to the island. The bay and a 64-acre protected coral reef marine santuary surround the island and will be subject to potential impacts from construction mobilization. No improvements are anticipated to the underwater utility lines which now serve HIMB. The new marine lab building will result in some increase in faculty, staff and student/researcher population on the island.

Final Environmental Impact Statements

(10) Ewa By Gentry - East Offsite Drainage Plan

District:	Ewa
TMK:	9-1-10:14, 15
Applicant:	Gentry Homes, ltd. P. O. Box 295 Honolulu, Hawaii 96809 Contact: Ron Uemura (599-8283)
Accepting Authority:	City and County of Honolulu, Department of Land Utilization 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Contact: Art Challacombe (523-4107)
Consultant:	Environmental Communications 81 South Hotel Street, Room 211 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Contact: Fred Rodriguez (528-4661)
Status:	Currently being reviewed by the Department of Land Utilization.

Gentry Homes, Ltd. is proposing to design, build, and dedicate to the City and County of Honolulu, a grass-lined stormwater drainage channel with supportive detention basin, and outlet works. The Facility is designed to control stormwater drainage from the drainage east of the West Loch, Pearl Harbor outlet. Preliminary engineering design plans for the channel, basin, and outlet works would involve the use of approximately 50 plus/minus acres. The channel dimensions would be approximately 4400 lineal feet in length, with a varying width of up to 200 feet, and a maximum depth of 30 feet. The area for the detention basin would be approximately 30 acres. The outlet works is approximately 0.30 acres and enters West Loch, Pearl Harbor.

(11) Nanakuli III Elementary School

District: Waianae
TMK: 8-7-22:1; 8-7-9:por. 3; 8-7-21:14, 17, 18; 8-7-21:1, 2, 38; 8-7-8:por. 76, 77; 8-7-9:por. 7
Applicant: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting and General Services
Planning Branch
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ralph Morita (586-0486)
Consultant: DHM Inc.
1975 Ualakaa Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Contact: Wendie McAllaster (254-6511)
Status: Accepted by the Governor on September 6, 1995.

The State of Hawaii Department of Education proposes to construct a new elementary school on at least 12 acres of land in Nanakuli, Oahu. The project site selection study and environmental impact statement identifies and evaluates the alternative sites for the proposed school. The proposed school will serve Grades K through 6 and will have a design enrollment of 775 students. The target opening date for the new school is September 1998.

Based on criteria established by the Department of Education and DAGS, the site selection study identified six candidate sites within the service area. Candidate Site 1 was eliminated from further consideration due to residential development plans on the site by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Site 2 is located on Kaukai Road, off Hakimo Road. Site 3 is on the corner of Hakimo Road and Ulehawa Road and Site 4 is on the corner of Hakimo road and Paakea Road. Sites 5 and 6 are located along Lualualei Naval Road, in the vicinity of Nanakuli Landfill. Candidate Sites 2 through 6 are privately-owned.

Potential adverse impacts depend on the site selected. Sites 2, 3, 4, and 5 would involve the displacement of residents and farms. Although the disruption cannot be mitigated, any displaced family or farm would receive financial relocation assistance in accordance with State law. A school development on Site 5 or 6 would preclude the respective private landowners' current development plans for residential and industrial uses, respectively. Sites 5 and 6 are in the vicinity of an existing landfill operation and are adjacent to a road with considerable truck traffic. Use of Lualualei Naval Road, which serves Sites 5 and 6, would require approval from the U.S. Navy or conveyance of ownership of the road from the Navy to the City and County of Honolulu or the State of Hawaii. Sites 2, 3, and 4 are within an agricultural area where land use conflicts between an urban-type use (the school) and the surrounding agricultural uses may occur.

Special Management Area

(12) La Pietra New Classroom Building (Negative Declaration)

District: Honolulu
TMK: 3-1-29:01
Applicant: La Pietra/Hawaii School for Girls
2933 Poni Moi Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815
Accepting Authority: City & County of Honolulu, Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Joan Takano (527-5038)
Consultant: Suzuki/Morgan Architects, Ltd.
116 South Hotel Street, Suite 202A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Paul Morgan (528-1189)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

The applicant proposes to construct a new two-story, three-classroom building within the existing campus of La Pietra/Hawaii School for Girls. The site of the proposed building, located in the central portion of campus, is currently developed with a paved parking area.

The new classroom building will be used as a science learning center. The concrete building will have a total floor area of approximately 3,888 square feet, and include the following:

1. Three classrooms (950 sf each)
2. Preparation/office space (288 sf)
3. Storage space (144 sf)

The project is located entirely within the Special Management Area and will require a Special Management Area Use Permit. The project will also require a Diamond Head Special District Permit and a Site Plan Review from the Department of Land Utilization.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

(13) Pearl Harbor Industrial Waste Treatment Complex (Finding of No Significant Impact)

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-9-1:8
Applicant: Commanding Officer
Navy Public Works Center
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-5470
Contact: Gary Kasaoka (471-9338)
Cooperating Authority: Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy
Washington, D.C. 22332-2300
Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd.
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Lesley Matsumoto (521-5361)

The proposed action is to construct and operate an Industrial Waste Treatment Complex (IWTC) at the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex, Oahu, Hawaii. This action will provide pretreatment of industrial wastes generated by Department of Defense operations on Oahu and will replace an existing deficient facility. Treatment will consist of eight process lines to separate metals, organics, and sludge from water. Water meeting specific effluent standards will be discharged into the sanitary sewer system for further treatment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Fort Kamehameha. Hazardous wastes will be containerized and shipped to the Navy's nearby Conforming Storage Facility, a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)-approved treatment, storage, and disposal facility. The existing Industrial Waste Treatment Plant (IWTP) is inadequate to process current waste streams, and is subject to closure at any time since the IWTP is being allowed to operate under an understanding with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that the new, RCRA-approved IWTC facility will be constructed. There will not be any potential for disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects from the action on minority and low-income populations.

Based on the information gathered during preparation of the EA, the Navy finds that the construction and operation of an Industrial Waste Treatment Complex (IWTC) at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, will not significantly impact human health and the environment.

Withdrawals

(14) Weinberg Villages Ewa

The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the subject action has been withdrawn. The Notice of Availability of the DEA was published in the July 23, 1992 OEQC Bulletin.

This project has been withdrawn as the area was deemed inappropriate for a homeless shelter, and we are researching other locations to meet our needs.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Housing Authority at 832-5930.

Maui Notices

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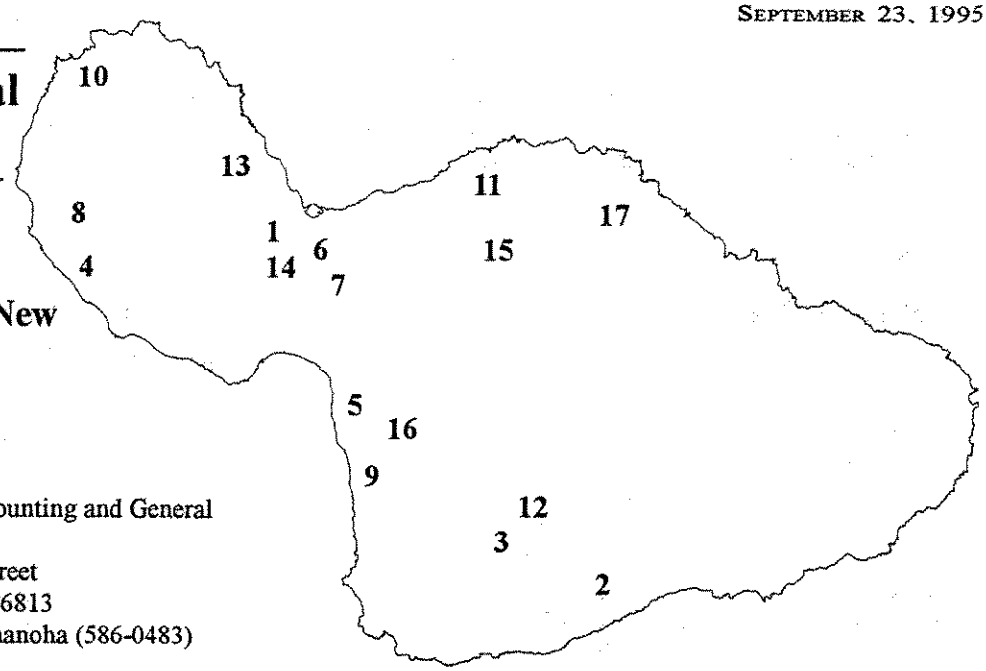

(1) Baldwin High School New Gymnasium

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-07:04 and 47
Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

This project is to construct a new gymnasium of approximately 19,987 square feet. The new structure will be of reinforced concrete/masonry construction. Also included in this project are any site improvements and utility easements that may result because of this work.

(2) Kahikinui Kuleana Homestead Project

District: Hana
TMK: 1-9-01:por. 03
Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Mike Crozier (586-3815)
Accepting Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Mike Crozier (586-3815)
Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Brian Takeda (842-1133)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposes to distribute land at Kahikinui, Maui, for homesteading purposes to qualified beneficiaries of Native Hawaiian ancestry. Approximately 1,700 acres of vacant land located on the southern slopes of Haleakala, Island of Maui, are proposed for distribution. The site will be divided into approximately 125 parcels ranging from between 10 to 20 acres. The only improvements proposed will be a bladed roadway network to provide access to individual parcels. No other improvements are proposed by DHHL. Infrastructure including water, sewage, solid waste disposal, communications and energy needs, are to be the responsibility of the beneficiaries. This proposed project will utilize State funds for development and is therefore subject to Chapter 200, Title 11, Hawaii Administrative Rules, and Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

This project is consistent with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and is intended to expand the current programs offered by DHHL. This project addresses: 1) requests for raw land by beneficiaries for homesteading,

pasturage, and self sufficiency purposes; and 2) need to provide beneficiaries with the opportunity to settle on land more quickly than other programs which would require major expenditures and long lead times for development.

(3) Kula Residential Lot, Unit 1

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-2-02:56 and por. 14
Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P. O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Kali Watson (586-3800)
Accepting Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P. O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Kali Watson (586-3800)
Consultant: Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.
1823 Wells Street, Suite 3
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

The State of Hawaii, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is proposing to develop a 386-lot residential subdivision on Hawaiian homestead lands in Kula, Maui, Hawaii. Pursuant to Section 204 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), the proposed project addresses the demand for developed homestead lots for Native Hawaiians by providing improved homesites for residential construction and occupancy by homestead land awardees.

Approximately 668 acres of undeveloped Hawaiian homestead lands are in the process of being consolidated and resubdivided. Upon completion of the subdivision process, the proposed project will encompass approximately 460 acres of the total subdivided land area.

The proposed project will involve the development of a subdivision consisting of 386 residential homesites ranging in size from approximately one-half to one (1) acre. In addition, the proposed project will also involve the construction of related roadway, wastewater, water, and drainage system improvements.

Preliminary project infrastructure costs are estimated to be approximately $20 million. Upon the receipt of all applicable permits, construction is anticipated to commence in April 1996, with completion targeted for January 1997.

(4) Lahaina Intermediate School Locker/ Shower and Playfield

District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-6-18:13
Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

This project is to construct a reinforced concrete/ masonry locker/shower facility of approximately 6,300 square feet and playfield of approximately 165,000 square feet. Also included in this project are any site improvements and utility easements that may result from this work.

(5) Maui Coastal Wetlands Boardwalk and Wildlife Interpretive Facilities

District: Kihei
TMK: 3-8-05:2
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public Works
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Goode (243-7845)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Department of Public Works
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Goode (243-7845)

Cooperating Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge
101 N. Kihei Road, Suite 7
Kihei, Hawaii 96753
Contact: Kathy Smith (875-1582)

Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comments.

This is also a federal notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This EA is also prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.; 83 Stat. 852], as amended (NEPA).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to construct protective barriers adjacent to the Ma'alaea Flats of Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) to prevent further damage to wetland habitats that support endangered Hawaiian waterbirds. Inappropriate use of the coastal areas and wetlands by four wheel dirve vehicles is damaging the mud and salt flat habitat of native waterbirds and migratory shorebirds and eroding the coastal sand dunes where endangered hawksbill sea turtles nest. An elevated boardwalk could help protect important habitats by being a barrier to off-road vehicles. The boardwalk would also be used as an outdoor classroom and to provide public access to the coastline. Subsequent restoration of the eroding coastal barrier with plantings of native vegetation could improve the flood water retention capabilities of the wetlands and decrease siltation of the near shore reef. Situated between the refuge wetlands and the beach, this scenic walkway could be a place where residents and visitors could watch wildlife and learn about the interrelationship between wetlands, coastal dunes, and the near shore reef.

Kealia Pond NWR proposes to build the Maui Coastal Wetlands Boardwalk and Wildlife Interpretive Facillities. The focus of the project would be conservation, education, and acess. Extensive public involvement and limitations on building in a natural floodplain influenced the design of the six alternatives ranging from no action to minimal, partial, and full facilities. With no action the wetland habitat of endangered native waterbirds and the coastal nesting area of endangered sea turtles will continue to be impacted by inappropriate uses. Under the five action alternatives these habitats would be protected by boardwalk or guardrail fence barriers and directed public access. Under the full facilities alternative a 4400' x 8' wide, disabled person accessible boardwalk, and 70' x 8' footbridge would allow the public year-round access to the beach and to view refuge wetlands. The facilities would provide wildlife viewing areas, an outdoor classroom for schools, and scenic views of the Pacific Ocean and Kealia Pond. A 400 sq. ft. open-air kiosk with interpretive exhibits and 19-stall paved parking lot would complete the wildlife interpretive facilities.

(6) Maui Waena Intermediate School Six-Classroom Building

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-07:por 2
Applicant: Department of Accounting & General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)

Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting & General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)

Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment

This project is to construct a six-classroom, two-story concrete/masonry building of approximately 6,200 square feet. The project will consist of five general classrooms, one science classroom, and one faculty center. Also included in this project are any site improvements and utility easements that may result from this work.

(7) Mokulele Baseyard/Storage Community Plan Amendment

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-05:1 (por.), 19, 22, and 38

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Applicant: S & F Land Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 806
Puunene, Hawaii 96784
Contact: C. Earl Stoner, Jr. (877-3329)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Planning Department
250 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Clayton Yoshida (243-7735)

Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

S and F Land Company, Inc., on behalf of itself and Alexander and Baldwin Properties, proposes to change the Kihei-Makena Community Plan designation of 51.946 acres of land from Agriculture to Light Industrial. The subject property is located at the intersection of Waiko Road and Mokulele Highway in Puunene.

Currently, S and F Land Company, Inc. has a special permit, Docket SP83-358 to operate a construction baseyard for storage of materials and equipment, household goods, and storage and limited fabrication on 17.52 acres of land in the State Agricultural District. S and F Land Company, Inc. proposes that the remainder of the 52-acre property would remain in similar industrial only type uses as those presently on the property.

The proposed development is to expand the area presently providing contractor baseyards and related facilities for the short, medium and long-term use by contractors, and similar light industrial users for baseyards, equipment and material storage, the maintenance of equipment and assembly of goods and materials utilized in their off site activities in construction and related industries together with ancillary offices and storage buildings.

(8) Princess Nahienaena Elementary School Cafetorium/Multipurpose Room

District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-6-18:por. 13
Applicant: Department of Accounting & General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)

Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting & General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)

Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment

This project is to design and construct a new reinforced concrete/masonry cafetorium/multipurpose room approximately 4,000 square feet with serving kitchen. Also included are any site improvements, connection to public utilities and any easement which may be required as a result of this project.

(9) South Kihei Road Improvements - Phase II, Waimahaihai Street to Welakahao Road

District: Kihei
TMK: 3-9-02
Applicant: Department of Public Works & Waste Management
County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Joe Kruegar (243-7434)

Accepting Authority: Department of Public Works & Waste Management
County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Joe Kruegar (243-7434)

Consultant: Norman Saito Engineering Consultants, Inc.
2158 Main Street, Suite 203
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Conrad Stephenson (242-7400)

Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment

The County of Maui, Department of Public Works, is proposing road improvements and a drainage system for South Kihei Road from Waimahaihai Street to Welakahao Road. The improvements include road widening, turn lanes for all intersections, a bicycle lane on each side, curb, gutter and sidewalk, and a drainage system for the road. The project is designed to relieve traffic congestion and increase safety for all who use the road. The drainage system shall eliminate the flooding which occurs during the infrequent but sometimes heavy downpours.

The short term construction impacts should not be significant. Erosion control measures shall be implemented to keep soil loss to a minimum. Construction dewatering, where necessary, shall be routed to the county reservoir dedicated to stormwater detention and shall be in compliance with all federal, state, and county regulations. There are no known historical or archaeological features and no rare or threatened species of flora and fauna within the project boundary. The area shall be sprinkled during construction to minimize dust. A traffic control plan shall be in effect.

The short term effects of the project shall be mitigated as described above. The long term effects shall include benefits such as smoother traffic flow, increased safety for both pedestrians and bicyclists, and improved drainage in the area. There are no adverse long term effects to the environmental quality of the area anticipated.

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(10) Honolua Bay Marine Life Conservation District Sedimentation and Water Motion Analysis

District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-2-01 Seaward
Applicant: Pacific Whale Foundation
101 N. Kihei Road, Suite 21
Kihei, Hawaii 96753
Contact: Eric Brown (879-8860)

Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Roy Schaefer (587-0377)

Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

This application is being processed as a departmental permit.

Since 1989, the Pacific Whale Foundation has been involved in the continual monitoring of fish and coral within Honolua Bay using benign techniques to access changed in community dynamics. In an effort to understand the cause and effect relationships observed in the changing densities and coral coverage, physical factors need to be examined. This proposal details the use of supplemental measurements on sediment and water motion through the placement of sediment traps and clod cards on the bottom substrate and would be covered under section 13-5-22 in subchapter 3, P-1 Data Collection (C-1) of HAR. The use of these techniques has been well documented in the literature (Doty 1971; Gardner 1980; Jokiel and Morrissey 1993) and their application has negligible environmental impact.

Site placement within the bay would consist of two 100m transects, one on the north reef and one on the south reef, that cut across the depth contour from shallow (5') to (40') water. The transect line would be removed after placement of the sampling stations. Three sample trays would be laid on each transect with one control bucket in deep water for a total of seven sample groups on the bottom.

Attachment to the bottom would involve tie downs and/or weights on the sample tray (18" x 18") to prevent movement of the devices. The sediment traps are constructed of 3 PVC pipes (2" diameter x 6" height) fastened together in a linear array and affixed to the sample tray. The clod cards consist of a 25g plaster of Paris mold glued onto a 2" x 4" plastic card that is attached to the sample tray or directly to the bottom depending on the substrate. Upon completion of each experimental run all equipment will be removed from the substrate. Duration of each experimental run would be 2 weeks for the sediment traps and up to 24 hours for the clod cards. Approximately one experiment would be run each month. It is expected that this program will be ongoing for at least a year to develop a complete profile of water movement and sediment dispersal within the bay in order to better understand observed changes in the reef dynamics.

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(11) Kahului Airport Bikeway

District: Kahului
TMK: 3-8-01:19 & 122
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public Works & Waste Management
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Cary Yamashita (243-7745)
Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Department of Public Works & Waste Management
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Cary Yamashita (243-7745)
Consultant: C. Takumi Engineering, Inc.
18 Central Avenue
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Carl Takumi (249-0411)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

The proposed project located in Kahului, Maui, Hawaii consists of approximately 7,500 feet of 12-foot wide, two way, paved bikeway around the Kahului Airport extending from the end of Alahao Street to the Sprecklesville Road including grading, drainage crossings, striping, signage and other related appurtenances. The bikeway route is generally located over an existing waste water easement and outside of the existing airport perimeter fence. At the east end of the Project, the bikeway, will parallel existing Sprecklesville Road. Fencing, grading or other vehicular barriers will be used to discourage automobile traffic from using the bikeway.

(12) Kula Water Transmission Main, Phase I

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-2-02:por. 15 and 2-2-13:por. 44
Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P. O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Patrick Young (586-3818)
Accepting Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P. O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Patrick Young (586-3818)
Consultant: R.T. Tanaka Engineers, Inc.
871 Kolu Street, Suite 201
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Kirk Tanaka (242-6861)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

The State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposes to develop approximately 9,000 linear feet of 18" ductile iron waterline from Naalae Road to the DHHL parcel in Keokea, Kula, Maui, Hawaii. This pipeline is being built to serve the future needs of the DHHL as well as the surrounding Kula Community.

During the surveying phase, no natural or cultural resources were noted. If any are discovered, the appropriate agencies will be consulted.

No environmental conflicts are anticipated. Therefore, it is concluded that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

(13) Miller Second Residence

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-2-5:37
Applicant: Mark and Estelita Miller
Oki Place
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Mark Miller (871-2077)
Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Planning Department
250 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Daren Suzuki (243-7735)
Consultant: Wanda M. Riggs
P. O. Box 723
Kula, Hawaii 96790
Contact: Wanda Riggs (878-1940)

Public Challenge
Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Amendment from Rural to Single Family in order to change the land use designations and construct a second dwelling on the property.

(14) Waiale Road Affordable Rental Project

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-46:21
Applicant: Maui Economic Concerns of the Community, Inc. (MECC)
670 Waiale Road
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Ridings (242-7600)
and
County of Maui, Department of Parks & Recreation
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charmaine Tavares (243-7230)
Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Stephanie Aveiro (243-7805)
Consultant: Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.
1823 Wells Street, Suite 3
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)
Public Challenge
Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

In partnership with the County Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC), the applicant, Maui Economic Concerns of the Community, Inc. (MECC), a local non-profit organization also known as Ka Hale A Ke Ola, is proposing to construct an affordable rental housing facility for low-income families and individuals in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii. In addition, the County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is also proposing to undertake the design and preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for an adjoining future park facility. The 15-acre project site is further described as Lot 2-A and will be subsequently subdivided into two (2) lots, Lot 2-A-1 and Lot 2-A-2.

Consisting of approximately twelve (12) acres, Lot 2-A-1 is proposed for development as an affordable rental housing facility for long-term, low-income occupancy. The proposed facility will consist of 200 unfurnished apartment units, a community center, and a manager's unit and office, as well as laundry, storage, and maintenance buildings. In addition to related parking, drainage, and landscaping improvements, a privately operated sewer pump station is also proposed.

The proposed facility will provide affordable rental housing for families and individuals earning 50 percent or less than the 1995 Maui County median family income of $49,300.00. Including electrical, water, and trash collection fees, rents are projected to range from $425 per month for a studio unit, to $625 per month for a four-bedroom unit.

Consisting of three (3) acres, Lot 2-A-2 will be developed as a County park facility. Utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds, the DPR is proposing to undertake the design and preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the future park facility. Future park improvements will be also implemented by the DPR and will consist of a sports field, parking and restroom facilities and an open space area for passive recreational activities.

The proposed project will involve County land and funding, as well as State and Federal (e.g., HOME, CDBG) funding. Approximately $14 million will be utilized for the development of the proposed facility and the design and preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the future park. Construction of the proposed affordable rental housing facility is anticipated to commence by the end of 1995. Once site work has been completed, the proposed facility will be developed in three (3) construction phases over an 18-month period. The completion of the future park improvements is anticipated to coincide with the conclusion of construction activities for the affordable rental housing facility.

It should be noted that the development of the rental housing facility will be implemented through Section 201E-210, HRS.

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(15) Central Maui Expansion of Sanitary Landfill Project

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-03:4
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public Works & Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)
Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Department of Public Works & Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)
Consultant: Masa Fujioka & Associates
99-1205 Halawa Valley Street, Suite 302
Aiea, Hawaii 96701-3281
Contact: Jennifer Kleveno (484-5366)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

The County of Maui has determined that the existing Central Maui Sanitary Landfill is reaching its capacity and that an additional solid waste disposal site is needed. Instead of searching for a new landfill location, the County proposes to expand the existing Central Maui Sanitary Landfill. The proposed project includes Phases IV, V and VI. Phase IV is currently being used by a quarry operation and Phases V and VI are currently occupied by sugar cane but are scheduled for quarry operations in the future. Expanding the landfill into areas where the quarry operation is completed eliminates the need for large-scale excavation, and is a good use of quarried areas.

This site is centrally located with respect to the major population centers of Maui, yet it is also in a rural, agricultural district. This combination of a central yet rural location and compatible physical characteristics makes the site operationally and environmentally well-suited for the expansion of the landfill.

The project will have both beneficial and adverse environmental impacts. The primary beneficial impacts are the continuation of a centrally located landfill site that will eliminate the difficulties of locating a new site, and the accommodation of the County's solid waste disposal needs through at least the year 2016. The landfill will also protect the public health by preventing the existing landfills from exceeding their design capacity.

Potential adverse impacts include contamination of groundwater and surface water resources and windblown litter, and effects on traffic, noise, air quality, historic and archeological features, scenic resources, and flora and fauna. Impacts to these resources and mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize adverse impacts will be thoroughly discussed in the EIS. Overall assessment of the impacts indicates that the benefits significantly surpass the adverse impacts.

(16) Kihei-Upcountry Highway Project From Piilani Highway to Haleakala Highway/Kula Highway

District: Makawao
TMK: Various
Applicant: Department of Transportation Highways Division
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Kenneth Au (587-2150)
Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Consultant: Warren Unemori Engineering, Inc. (242-4403)
2145 Wells Street, Suite 403
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

The Highways Division of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) addressing the construction of a new four-lane divided rural arterial with limited access. The length of the roadway would be approximately 15.4 kilometers (9.6 miles), and would link the coastal area of Kihei (Piilani Highway) to Upcountry Maui (either Haleakala Highway or Kula Highway, reducing the existing journey by approximately 15.3 kilometers (9.5 miles). The roadway, referred to as Kihei-Upcountry Maui Highway, would be generally aligned in an east-west (mauka-makai) direction. Ten alternative roadway alignments have been developed.

The roadway would satisfy several goals:

- Enhance access between the Maui Research and Technology Park and related scientific facilities at the summit of Haleakala, called Science City;
- Provide a more efficient route for commuters traveling between Upcountry and Kihei;
- Help alleviate traffic congestion on existing road ways by providing more roadway capacity; and
- Facilitate tourist travel between Kihei and the summit of Haleakala.

Potential impacts of the proposed highway are expected to be relatively minor in the areas of water quality, air and noise emissions, and visual impact. However, the level of impact could be more severe in the following areas:

- Social and Economic Activity - due to possible changes to the residential character of the Upcountry area; increased land values; and increased tourist activity.
- Traffic - due to the creation of new intersections and roadway crossings, and the redistribution of traffic volumes.
- Farmlands - due to possible disturbance of impor tant farmland soil types and farming operations.
- Endangered and Threatened Species - due to possible impacts on endangered plant species.
- Historic and Archaeological Resources - due to possible impacts on native Hawaiian archaeological resources.

An EIS is deemed appropriate because the project's potential level of impact in several areas is presently unknown, and could be significant. The EIS will evaluate ten alternative alignments and, on the basis of selection criteria, determine which to address in detail. The draft EIS will not select a preferred alternative from those analyzed in detail. Selection of the preferred alternative will occur after issuance of and public hearings on the draft EIS.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties.

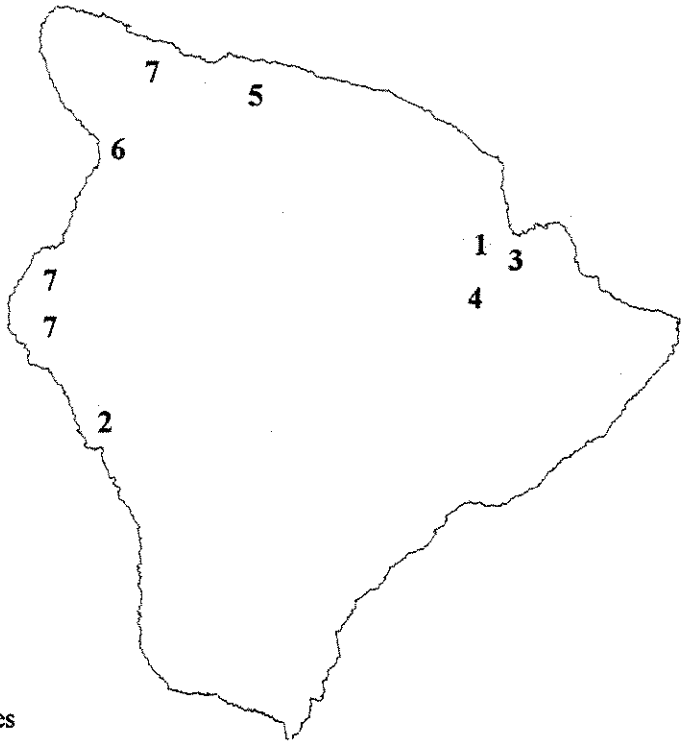
Withdrawals

(17) Haiku Well Pump Station

The Final Environmental Assessment/Negative Declaration for the subject action has been withdrawn. The Notice of Availability of the Negative Declaration was published in the August 8, 1993 OEQC Bulletin.

The Maui Board of Water Supply has rescinded the negative declaration. For further information, please contact the County of Maui, Board of Water Supply, David Craddick (243-7816).

Draft Environmental Assessments



(1)Kukuau 2nd Request for Utility Easement

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-5-06:142
Applicant: GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company Incorporated
and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 2200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96841
Contact: Gordon Yadao (546-3000)
Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P. O. Box 936
Hilo, Hawaii 96721
Contact: Larry Okazaki (933-4245)
Consultant: AT&T Network Systems
P. O. Box 485
Pahala, Hawaii 96777
Contact: Sandy Padaken (928-8407)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HELCO) has an existing 69KV power transmission line that traverses the subject State parcel.

GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company Incorporated (GTE HTCo) is proposing to attach their fiber optic cable to the existing pole line, and is requesting a perpetual, non-exclusive, twenty-five (25) feet easement on behalf of HELCO and GTE HTCo.

GTE HTCo will attach the fiber optic cable to the existing HELCO power transmission pole line except for the addition of a new line extension of 514 feet just below Sunrise Estates. GTE HTCo may need to install anchors/guy wires to the existing poles and the new line extension will require the installation of a single pole and aerial crossing of approximately 514 feet. There will be no major changes to the rest of the pole line that would affect State land. GTE HTCo will utilize the existing maintenance roadway. Three easements total approximately 4,255 feet in various lengths, with a width of 50 feet from the property boundary west of Komohana Drive. The easement for the new line extension will be 514 feet long and 10 feet wide and will take the cable from the HELCO pole line over to the established road right of way within Sunrise Estate subdivision. Except for the new line extension these easements will overlay the right of ways that have already been granted to HELCO. HELCO recently upgraded this pole line by replacing poles, cable, anchors/guy wires and other equipment. Installation will be by the applicant, GTE HTCo. The project will be completed in one phase and secured. Maintenance of the telecommunications equipment will be by GTE HTCo.

(2)Konawaena School Offsite Highway Improvement

District: South Kona
TMK: 8-1:02, 8-1:04 and 8-1-05
Applicant: County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Galen Kuba (961-8327)

Accepting Authority: County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Galen Kuba (961-8327)
Consultant: Okahara and Associates, Inc.
200 Kohola Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Masahiro Nishida (961-5527)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

The proposed action is to widen the pavement and designate turning lanes within Mamalahoa Highway and Konawaena School Road, and to install a traffic signal light at the intersection.

Approximately 1260 feet of Mamalahoa Highway and approximately 220 feet of Konawaena School Road would be widened and repaved. The new pavement would be painted with new stripes and arrows to designate turning lanes. Appurtenances to be constructed or reconstructed would include two traffic islands, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drains, private driveway entrances and rock walls or rock retaining walls that border the State right-of-way.

Most of the proposed widened pavement would be within the currently existing State right-of-way. This would be accomplished by a more efficient use of existing road shoulders and condemnation of some private land. Condemnation of a strip of private land 3 to 12 feet wide along the east (mauka) side of Mamalahoa Highway and on both sides of Konawaena School Road would enlarge the public right-of-way to contain the rock walls that now sit within private property bordering the streets. The rock walls would be rebuilt following regrading and repaving of the streets.

(3) Waiakea Request for Utility Easement

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-4-01:12, 40 and 122
Applicant: GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company Incorporated
P. O. Box 2200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96841
Contact: Gordon Yadao (546-3000)
Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P. O. Box 936
Hilo, Hawaii 96721
Contact: Larry Okazaki (933-4245)
Consultant: AT&T Network Systems
P. O. Box 485
Pahala, Hawaii 96777
Contact: Sandy Padaken (928-8407)
Public Comment Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: First Notice, pending public comment.

GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company Incorporated (GTE HTCo) is proposing to attach their fiber optic cable to an existing Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HELCO) power transmission pole line.

The fiber optic cable will improve the telephone network services for the island of Hawaii.

HELCO has a perpetual non-exclusive easement for road and utility purposes for its existing pole line under Land Patent Grant No. S-15,588.

The fiber optic cables will be attached to the existing HELCO power transmission pole line that crosses subject state land. As previously mentioned HELCO recently upgraded this pole line by replacing poles, cable, anchors/guy wires and other equipment. GTE HTCo may need to install additional guys/anchors but no poles. GTE HTCo has requested an easement that will be twenty-five (25) feet wide with a length of approximately four hundred (400) feet. Installation of the fiber optic cables will be by the applicant, GTE HTCo and will be completed in one phase and secured. Any equipment that is used for the distribution of power will be maintained by HELCO. Both GTE HTCo and HELCO will be jointly responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the poles, anchors and guys.

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(4) Hilo Hospice

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-3-32:01 (por.)
Applicant: Hospice of Hilo
1266 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Brenda Nichols (969-1733)
Accepting Authority: Department of Land & Natural Resources, Land Management Division
75 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Land Agent (933-4245)
Consultant: Ron Terry, Ph.D.
HCR 9575
Keaau, Hawaii 96749
Contact: Ron Terry (982-5831)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

Hospice of Hilo proposes to lease State land to construct and operate an outpatient center and administration building. The 1.85 acre portion of the parcel proposed for lease fronts Waianuenue Avenue near Hilo Hospital.

Hospice of Hilo is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to providing care for the terminally ill in East Hawaii. The basic goal is to assist them in facing impending death in comfort, peace and dignity, at no cost to the client or the client's family. During the last three years, the average annual number of clients served by Hospice of Hilo has grown from less than 50 to over 100, and this base is expected to exceed 250 within 10 years.

Their operations are currently housed in a dilapidated 1,200-square foot cottage on the grounds of the Hilo Medical Center. The facilities are inadequate in size and design for Hospice's purposes. Furthermore, the cottage is designated for retirement by the Hilo Medical Center.

The project site contains no valuable natural or cultural resources. Environmental impacts are negligible and consist of altering the scenery, which will be mitigated by landscaping, and minor addition to traffic levels on Waianuenue Avenue.

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices

(5) Hamakua Lower Ditch Watershed Project

District: Hamakua
TMK: 4-3 to 4-8, 3rd Division
Applicant: Department of Agriculture
P. O. Box 22159
Honolulu, Hawaii 96823-2159
Contact: Paul Matsuo (973-9473)
Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Cooperating Agency: U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service
P. O. Box 50004
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
Contact: Kenneth Kaneshiro (541-2601)
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

The project will make major improvements to the existing 26-mile long Lower Hamakua Ditch system by replacing, renovating and rehabilitating intakes, flumes, tunnels and open ditches. These improvements will allow the

continued delivery of agricultural water to support the transformation of former sugar lands into diversified agriculture farms, and to provide employment opportunities for former Hamakua Sugar Plantation workers.

The project will take into consideration the return of excess waters to the streams for enhancement of Waipio Valley's environment and will return the Hiilawe Falls to its original state.

This project will be implemented under authority of Public Law 83-566 and will be a federally assisted project through the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Services.

Clean Air Permit

(6) Kawaihae Cogeneration Partnership

The Department of Health, State of Hawaii, hereby gives notice of a public hearing that will be held to consider the following DRAFT PERMIT to be issued to Kawaihae Cogeneration Partnership for the proposed construction of two (2) 21 MW combustion turbine generators with heat recovery steam generators, one (1) 16 MW steam turbine generator, one (1) 600 KW black start diesel engine generator, and associated support equipment in Kawaihae, Hawaii.

Date of Public Hearing:	October 5, 1995
Time:	6:30 p.m.
Place:	Hawaiian Homelands Hall, Kuhio Hale Mile Marker 55, Mamalahoa Highway Highway #19, Kamuela, Hawaii
Facility Name:	Kawaihae Cogeneration Partnerhip Located at TMK Zone 6, Section 1, Portions Plats 1 & 2, Kawaihae, Hawaii

Contact the Environmental Management Division, Attn: Clean Air Branch, Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Third Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814. Telephone requests can be made by calling Ms. Priscilla Ligh at the Clean Air Branch in Honolulu at (808) 586-4200.

Withdrawals

(7) Makalowena and Akoakoa Point with Keahole

The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the subject action has been withdrawn. The Notice of Availability of the DEA was published in the October 23, 1993 OEQC Bulletin.

After the publication of the DEA, work on the land exchange was halted in January 1994 in response to comments and concerns expressed by the public and the landowner. Thereafter, the land exchange was not pursued.

The Makalawena ahupuaa, makai of the Queen Kaahumanu Highway, was the last property needed to complete land acqusition for the Kona Coast State Park. As an alternative to land exchange or purchase of the Makalawena property, the State is now considering the acqusition of easements for public access to and along the Makalawena coast, in an effort to ensure long-term public access between the Mahaiula and Kua Bay park sections as part of the Ala Kahakai Trail. Planning for the park is proceeding. Two community meetings have been held and additional meetings are planned.

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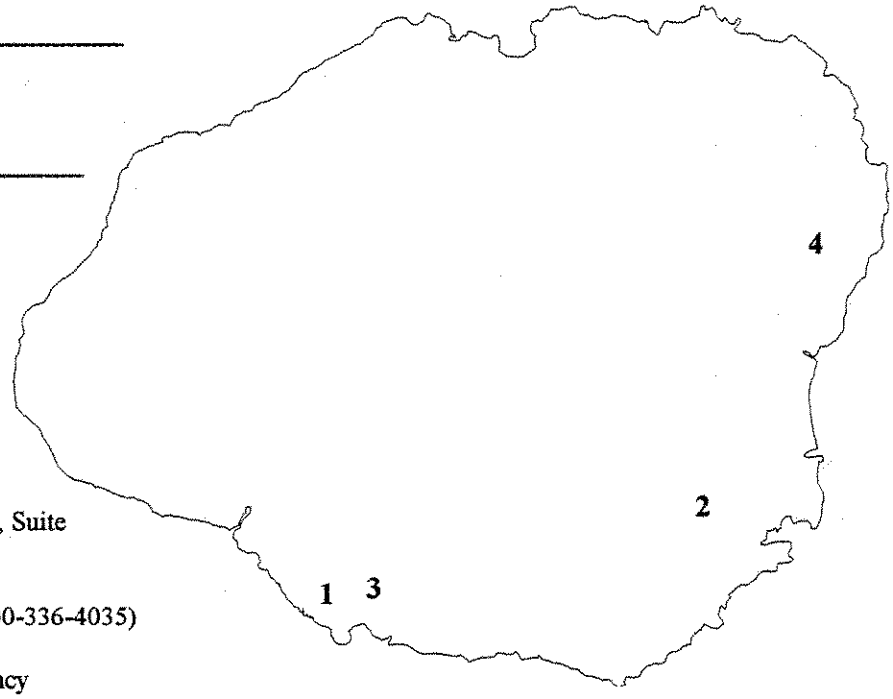
Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Hanapepe Self-Help Project

District: Waimea
TMK: 1-8-08:19 Lot A-1
Applicant: Self-Help Housing Corp. of Hawaii
1427 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 305
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Claudia Shay (1-800-336-4035)
Accepting Authority: Kauai County Housing Agency
4493 Hardy Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Dennis Alkire (241-6814)
Consultant: Applied Planning Services
3116 Hoolako Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

The Hanapepe Self-Help Project (HSHP), is a community housing partnership designed to assist families primarily residing in the Hanapepe Kauai area, with affordable fee simple home ownership. Twenty three single-family homes will be constructed under this program. Participating families must fall within 50% and 80% of the Kauai County median income to qualify. Once selected, and with technical assistance of the Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii (SHHCH), family members provide the physical labor to build the homes. The families gain sweat equity and construction experience which can be applied towards maintenance or upgrading of the home. The participants develop a greater understanding of the responsibilities associated with home ownership.

The SHHCH is a non-profit Hawaii Corporation with over ten years of successfully assisting families on Kauai, Maui and Oahu in attaining decent housing by applying the self-help guidelines. Some of these principles as applied to the HSHP include:

The organization of two work teams, one composed of eleven and one comprised of twelve families to build all the homes at one time. All the families are required to participate in the construction of all twenty three homes.

Participants must contribute a minimum of 32 hours of labor per week to the overall project.

Construction of the twenty three units starts and ends at the same time. Occupancy by the families is allowed only after all the homes are complete.

The Kauai County Housing Agency, through the Paku'i Program, has awarded SHHCH 1.7 million dollars of federal funds for site acquisition and development of this project.

(2) Puhi Industrial Subdivision Land Acquisition for DAGS Baseyard and District Office

District: Lihue
TMK: 3-3-12 Parcels 16, 17, 18 and 19
Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jack Sayles (586-0483)
Accepting Authority: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jack Sayles (586-0483)
Public Comment Deadline: October 9, 1995
Status: Second Notice, pending public comment.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) intends to purchase four contiguous parcels of vacant land in the Puhi Industrial District. As appropriated funds become available DAGS will construct a District Office for the DAGS Kauai District Engineer and a baseyard upon this land for storage of materials and equipment for use in the operation and maintenance of Kauai schools and other DAGS properties on Kauai.

Final Environmental Assessments/Negative Declarations

(3) Port Allen Harbor Shed Renovation

District: Waimea
TMK: 2-1-03:06
Applicant: Department of Transportation, Harbors Division
79 S. Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Marshall Ando (587-1961)
Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation, Harbors Division
79 S. Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Marshall Ando (587-1961)
Consultant: Consulting Structural Hawaii, Inc.
931 Hausten Street, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Gary Suzuki (945-0198)
Public Challenge Deadline: October 23, 1995
Status: Negative Declaration issued, project may be implemented.

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division is proposing to reduce the size of the existing transit shed, and remove and abate the associated hazardous materials at Port Allen Harbor. The shed is currently occupied by the Harbors Division's Harbor Agent, and the Department of the Navy, Pacific Missile Range Facility. A reduction in the size of the shed will provide additional operating space on the west, east, and south sides of the pier. The shed area will be reduced from approximately 34,792 square feet to approximately 17,672 square feet.

This project will also address and repair superficial damages to the shed sustained by Hurricane Iniki.

Final Environmental Impact Statements

(4) Kapaa II Elementary School

District:	Kawaihau
TMK:	4-03-03:01; 4-01-09:17 and 4-03-02:06
Applicant:	Department of Accounting and General Services 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Contact: Ralph Morita (586-0487)
Accepting Authority:	Governor, State of Hawaii c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control 220 South King Street, Suite 400 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Consultant:	Stanley Yim and Associates, Inc. 2850 Paa Street, Suite 200 Honolulu, Hawaii 96819 Contact: Jason Yim (833-7313)
Status:	Currently being reviewed by the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

The State Department of Education plans to construct a second elementary school in the Kawaihau District on the Island of Kauai. This new school, Kapaa II Elementary School, will help relieve the present overcrowded conditions at the existing Kapaa Elementary School, thus creating two manageable elementary schools and reducing the over-crowded environment at the existing Kapaa Intermediate/ High school.

This proposed project will serve adolescents in grades K-5. The scheduled school opening date is September 1998 with a projected enrollment of 345 students. Five site have been judged to meet various governmental and educational criteria and are evaluated as potential school sites. The school site will encompass approximately 12 acres in size.

• "How to Plant a Native Hawaiian Garden"

• Environmental Council Annual Report

Available now at the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Shoreline Certification Applications

Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Telephone: 587-0414

Pursuant to Section 13-222-12, Hawaii Administrative Rules entitled "Shoreline Certification," the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection.

Date: September 23, 1995 Number: 95-018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION: Application available for inspection at District Land Offices on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Oahu.

All comments to the application for shoreline certification shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, Oahu and postmarked no later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Location: Honuapo Park, Honuapo, Kau, Hawaii
Applicant: Department of Accounting & General Services
For the University of Hawaii
Tax Map Key: 9-5-14:1
Date Received: 9/11/95

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Location: Lots 6 & 134 of Ld. Ct. Cons. 23, Kaipapau, Koolauloa, Oahu (54-327 & 54-337 Kam Hwy)
Applicant: Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc.
For Hauula Beach Villas, LP
Tax Map Key: 5-4-3:3 & 4
Date Received: 8/28/95

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Location: Lot 4-B of Ld. Ct. App. 242, Puuloa, Ewa, Oahu (Fort Weaver Rd & Aekai Pl)
Applicant: Wm. Dean Alcon & Associates, Inc.
For Ernest K.F. Lum
Tax Map Key: 9-1-07:58
Date Received: 9/1/95

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Location: Lot 10, Nani O Kalihikai Subdivision, Kalihikai, Halelea, Kauai (Anini Rd)
Applicant: Wagner Engineering, Inc.
For Norman & Pamela Lacayo
Tax Map Key: 5-3-04:38
Date Received: 8/28/95

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Shoreline Certifications

Pursuant to Section 13-222-26, Hawaii Administrative Rules entitled "Shoreline Certification," the following shorelines have been certified.

A person may appeal a shoreline certification or rejection thereof to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Oahu, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of shoreline certification or rejection.

Location: Lot 1, 77, 78 & 79, Puako Beach Lots, Puako, Lalamilo, S. Kohala, Hawaii (Puako Beach Dr)
Applicant: Wes Thomas Associates
For Melrose Co. Ltd.
Tax Map Key: 6-9-02:13 & 6-9-03:16, 17 & 18
Date Certified: 9/13/95

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Location: Lot A, Por. of Grant 2819 to Haili, Makawao, Maui (6950 Makena Rd)
Applicant: Land Surveyors Inc.
For Parks Lee Hay III
Tax Map Key: 2-1-06:90
Date Certified: 9/13/95

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Location: Lot 34 (2nd Series), Waiohuli-Keokea Beach Lots, Maui (1624 Halama St)
Applicant: Land Surveyors Inc.
For Alan & Ingrid Mondor
Tax Map Key: 3-9-11:16
Date Certified: 9/13/95

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Location: Lot 25 & 25A, Kahala Subdivision, Kahala, Oahu (4423 Kahala Ave)
Applicant: R.M. Towill Corporation
For FAD Hawaii, Inc.
Tax Map Key: 3-5-03:9
Date Certified: 9/13/95

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Location: Kaneohe Bay South Wastewater Pump Station No. 5, Malae, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu (44-329 Kaneohe Bay Dr)
Applicant: ControlPoint Surveying, Inc.
For Robert Freitas & Robert Armstrong
Tax Map Key: 4-4-07:23(por.) & 24
Date Certified: 9/13/95

Conservation District Notices

Department of Land and Natural Resources

Some environmental assessments have been submitted in accordance with requirements set forth in the application for State Conservation District Permits, as provided for in Chapter 13-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Interested persons have the opportunity to comment upon or receive notice of the department's determination on a particular permit. Comments or written requests for notification must be done during the 30 day comment period that begins with the first publication date of the OEQC Bulletin. Requests for notification of departmental determination must be sent to DLNR, Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, 1151 Punchbowl St, Room 131, Honolulu HI 96813, and must include the following:

1. Name and address of requestor;
2. The departmental permit for which the requestor would like to receive notice of determination; and
3. The date the notice was published in the OEQC Bulletin.

The department will make every effort to notify those interested, but is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. The failure of the department to notify interested persons shall not, however, invalidate any departmental permit issued under this chapter.

Comments regarding environmental assessments shall be sent to DLNR and to the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Should you have any questions, please call the Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, DLNR, at 587-0377 (Oahu) or 1-800-466-4644 (Neighbor islands, toll free).

Notice of Departmental Permit Applications in the Conservation District

Allerton House and Queen Emma Cottage

CDUA for the Stabilization and Debris Removal from the Allerton House and Queen Emma's Cottage at the Allerton Garden, Lawai, Kauai, Hawaii (TMK: 2-6-2: 1)

[DLNR has declared this project an exempt action pursuant to EIS rules]

Morgado House/Bishop Estate Grading and Fence

CDUA for Minor Grading and Construction of a Fence and CMU Wall on Bishop Estate land at the home of Arnold Morgado Jr. 98-2042 L Kaahumanu St. Ewa, Oahu (TMK: 9-8-02: 62)

[DLNR declares the environmental requirements of this project are satisfied by the EIS filed in Land Use Commission proceeding No. 88-624]

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan Available for General Public Review and Comment

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD) has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan (DEIS/MP) for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. **The official comment period opened on September 15 and will end on December 15, 1995. All testimony may be directed to Mr. Allen Tom of SRD at:**

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale
National Marine Sanctuary
726 South Kihei Road
Kihei, Hawaii, 96753
Phone: 879-2818
Fax: 874-3815

The Sanctuary was Congressionally-designated in November 1992, and the development of the DEIS/MP has been underway since that time. Statewide public scoping meetings were held in March 1993 and written comments were received to solicit public input on what type of management regime should be developed for the Sanctuary.

The Governor's Office, through the Office of State Planning, and SRD, the Federal agency responsible for administering National Marine Sanctuaries, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June of 1993 to jointly develop, in full partnership, the DEIS/MP. As part of that MOU, the State established a Sanctuary Working Group (SWG) to offer advice and guidance to SRD and the State.

In January 1994, the *Discussion Paper* was published to solicit more input on the project. The *Discussion Paper* asked various questions regarding management options for the Sanctuary. Again, statewide public meetings were held and written comments were received.

In June 1994, a summary of proposals was presented for review by the SWG. Based on their recommendations, the proposals were modified for inclusion in the DEIS/MP.

Negotiations among SRD, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Department of Defense, and other Federal agencies started as the DEIS/MP began internal Federal review in September 1994.

Once all Federal agency concerns were addressed, SRD, in consultation with OSP, prepared the DEIS/MP for distribution. In order to assure the greatest amount of public review of this document, SRD, NMFS, and OSP will be holding a series of informational meetings on the document in September and October, which will be followed by official public hearings in November. **The informational meetings will allow the public to receive copies of the DEIS/MP, to be briefed on its content, and to ask questions. NOTE: Official oral testimony will be received at the public hearings in November.**

The following is a schedule for the September informational meetings.

Date:	Monday, September 25, 1995
Location:	Public Library Meeting Room 4344 Hardy Street Lihue, Kauai
Start Time:	7:00 p.m.
Date:	Tuesday, September 26, 1995
Location:	Wailuku Community Center 395 Waena Street Wailuku, Maui
Start Time:	7:00 p.m.
Date:	Wednesday, September 27, 1995
Location:	County Council Chambers 25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawaii
Start Time:	7:00 p.m.
Date:	Thursday, September 28, 1995
Location:	Kealakehe Elementary School Cafeteria 74-5062 Onipaa Street Kona, Hawaii
Start Time:	7:00 p.m.
Date:	Friday, September 29, 1995
Location:	Tokai University Auditorium 2241 Kapiolani Boulevard Honolulu, Oahu
Start Time:	6:30 p.m.

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Hawaiian Humpback Whale (continued)

The schedule for the October information meetings and November public hearings will be announced in a future *Bulletin* notice.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a copy of the DEIS/MP, please call Ms. Naomi Mcintosh of SRD on Oahu at 541-3184 (1-800-831-4888 from the neighbor islands), Mr. Tom on Maui at 879-2818, or Ms. Jean Nishida Souza on Kauai at 335-0555. In addition, copies of the DEIS/MP have been sent to various public libraries. Please contact your local library for availability.

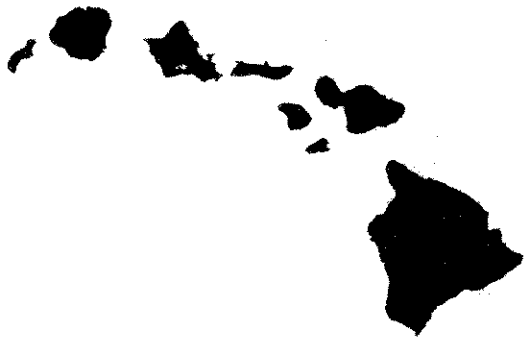
Office of State Planning Advisory Group

The Office of State Planning (OSP) is soliciting volunteers interested in serving on a marine and coastal zone management advisory group as non-governmental members. The advisory group will deliberate and provide advice on planning and management policy issues related to land and ocean resources in Hawaii to OSP and state and county agencies. The advisory group will be composed of:

- eleven (11) state officials,
- four (4) county officials, and
- six (6) non-governmental members.

The six (6) non-governmental members will be appointed by the Governor to serve 2-year terms. Consideration for appointment will be given to statewide geographic distribution and balanced representation among commercial, environmental, native Hawaiian, recreational, and research interests. Members will serve without pay but will be provided airfare. Meetings will be held during the work week, quarterly or as determined by the Director of the Office of State Planning. Meetings may be held on different islands. The non-governmental members will be responsible for collectively preparing an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature, to be submitted prior to each regular session.

For more information or if interested in obtaining an application, please contact Claire Cappelle of the Coastal Zone Management Program, Office of State Planning at 587-2880 on Oahu or 1-800-468-4644, ext. 7-2880 from the neighbor islands.



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