

The Environmental Notice

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Koloa-Poipu Bypass Road

The County of Kauai is proposing to complete the second phase of the Koloa-Poipu Bypass Road to allow vehicular traffic travelling between Poipu and Kaunualii Highway to bypass Koloa town. The bypass road is intended to decrease traffic volume along Poipu and Koloa Roads.

The project involves the construction of a 1.2 mile roadway from the terminus of the existing phase 1 portion of the Koloa-Poipu Bypass Road at Weliweli Road to Maluhia Road, approximately one quarter mile north of its intersection with Koloa Town Road. The alignment would curve northwest through a pasture and border the

Waikomo residential subdivision. Sound attenuation barriers (concrete walls about 7 feet high and 2,820 feet long) will be built near the Waikomo Subdivision and the older section of Koloa town. The project also involves a culvert crossing over Waihohonu Stream.

The project is anticipated to affect the water quality and aquatic species of Waihohonu Stream, noise and air quality near the new roadway, and aesthetic qualities of the area. Several businesses located along the Koloa town portion of the roadway system may be affected by the proposed bypass road. For more information, please see page 13.



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

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- *Guidebook for Hawaii's Environmental Review Process*
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- *Environmental Education Database*
- *Environmental Council Annual Reports*
- *Rules and Policies*
- *"How to Plant a Native Hawaiian Garden"*

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'Aiea Sugar Mill FEIS

A Final EIS for the proposed demolition of the 'Aiea Sugar Mill and construction of a shopping complex has been published. The document includes 47 comment letters and their responses.

For example, in response to a comment suggesting integrating portions of the mill into the design of the shopping center, the consultant noted that planning has not yet reached that level. In response to a comment opposed to channelizing a portion of the 'Aiea stream, the consultant claimed that a vegetated stream corridor is unfeasible and declined to consider such an alternative. In response to a commenter suggesting a cultural park, the consultant simply acknowledged the comments. Unresolved issues include: historical/cultural loss of the 'Aiea Sugar Mill; concrete channelization of the 'Aiea Stream; and compatibility of commercial development in proximity to schools. The City Department of Planning has 30 days to either accept or reject the Final EIS. For more information see page 4.

Status of Pacific Coral Reefs

In recognition of the International Year of the Reef, a book entitled "The Status of Coral Reefs in the Pacific" has been published. The book includes a chapter by University of Hawaii professor Richard Grigg on the status of coral reefs in Hawaii and will become available on June 25.

Compiled by the Scientific Committee on Coral Reefs of the Pacific Science Association, and edited by Richard Grigg and Charles Birkeland, the publication coincides with the 8th Pacific Science Association Inter-Congress in Suva, Fiji this July.

For more information and to order a copy of the book, call UH Sea Grant Communications at 956-7410 or visit Sea Grant's web page at:
<http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/SEAGRANT>.

Copies of the Hawaii chapter of "The Status of Coral Reefs in the Pacific" are available at OEQC.

Next year has been named "The Year of the Ocean" internationally.

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 FONSI (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 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) formerly called 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 FONSI 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 EA 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 when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. 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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Oahu Notices

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) McDonald's Restaurant

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-6-19:52
Applicant: McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, Inc.
711 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1600
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Sonny Leong (591-2080)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Steve Tagawa (523-4817)

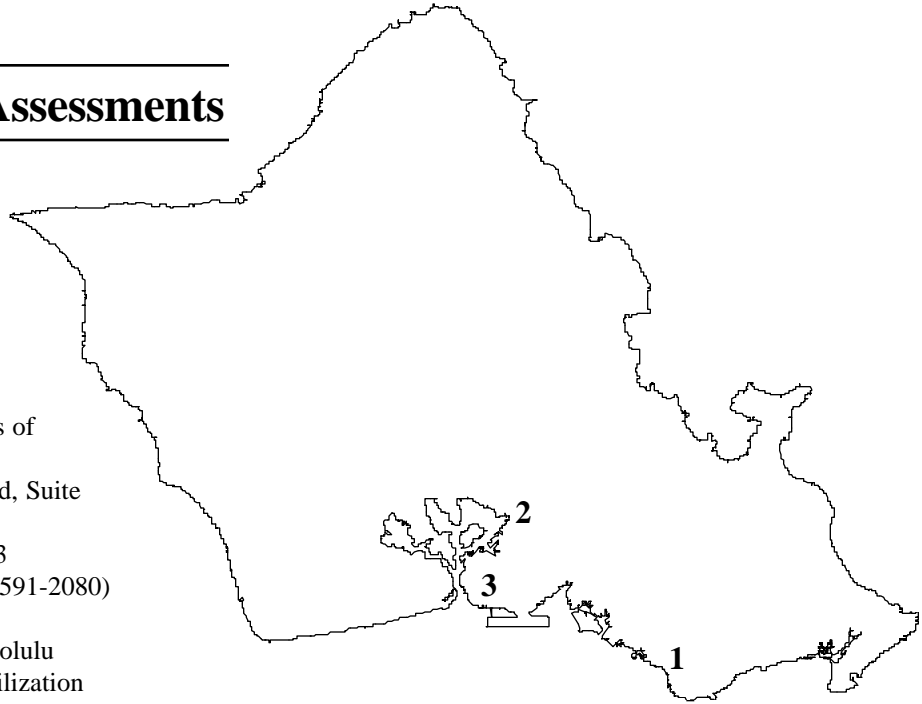
Consultant: Analytical Planning Consultants, Inc.
84 North King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Donald Clegg (536-5695)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The applicant, McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, Inc., proposes to replace the existing vacant three-story structure at 2237 Kuhio Avenue in Waikiki, Oahu with a single-story restaurant. The project site is located within the City and County of Honolulu's Waikiki Special District (WSD) and will require the approval of a WSD permit.

The proposed restaurant would have an indoor floor area of approximately 3,927 square feet with approximately 400 square feet of outdoor seating. The 4,464 square-foot project parcel is relatively narrow (50' x 90') and would have its street frontage landscaped with Laua'e fern and Manila Palms. The applicant is also seeking a variance from parking requirements inasmuch as they do not intend to provide any parking on- or off-site.



According to the applicant, noise will not be an issue for this development insofar as no entertainment will be provided and liquor will not be served.

Final Environmental Impact Statements



(2) Aiea Sugar Mill Project

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-9-05:10 and 25
Applicant: Crazy Shirts, Inc.
99-969 Iwaena Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
Contact: Dennis Taylor (487-9919)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Planning Department
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Tim Hata (527-6070)

Consultant: Gray, Hong, Bills & Associates, Inc.
119 Merchant Street, Suite 607
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: David Bills (521-0306)

Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by the
Planning Department, City and County of
Honolulu.

The applicant, Crazy Shirts, Inc., is seeking an amendment to the City and County of Honolulu's Development Plan Land Use Map for the Primary Urban Center for the proposed Aiea Sugar Mill project. The amendment request proposes to redesignate approximately 19.4 acres of land from Industrial to Commercial.

The proposed site is located in Aiea bounded by Aiea Heights Drive, Hakina Street and residential homes to the north, Ulune Street to the west, and Kulawea Street to the east. The site consists of two parcels occupied by the vacant Aiea Sugar Mill, existing Hawaii Agricultural Research Center laboratory and office and the C&H liquid sugar refinery.

The applicant proposes to develop a neighborhood shopping center of approximately 145,000 square feet, including 770 parking stalls. The applicant proposes to begin construction in the first quarter of 1999 and open the shopping center in the fourth quarter of 1999.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(3) Type III Hydrant Fueling System (Draft Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impacts)

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-1-2:2
Applicant: Department of the Air Force
15th Civil Engineer Squadron
15 CES/CEVP
75 H Street
Hickam AFB, Hawaii 96853-5233
Contact: MSgt Morris Hawley (449-1584 x
204)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of the Air Force
15th Civil Engineer Squadron
75 H Street
Hickam AFB, Hawaii 96853-5233
Contact: Robert Okazaki (449-1660)

The United States Air Force (USAF), 15th Air Base Wing is proposing an upgrade to the existing aircraft hydrant fueling system at Hickam Air Force Base (AFB). The purpose of the proposed action is to provide a more reliable hydrant fueling system, and increase aircraft refueling capability by adding 32 hydrant outlets. The proposed action would provide a more reliable electrical system with emergency backup power capability. The proposed action would reduce downtime and improve operational readiness. The overall storage capacity at Hickam AFB would be increased to support the new hydrant outlets. The proposed action would minimize impacts to soils and groundwater by replacing a system that is prone to leak. This action ensures all necessary actions are taken to prevent, control, and abate environmental pollution related to fuel storage facilities and distribution systems.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

📍 Nimitz Highway Reconstructed Sewer

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Wastewater Management
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Glen Okita (527-5829)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997



Maui Notices

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Kihei Community Center and Swimming Pool Complex

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-2-2:66 (por.) and 67 (por.)
Applicant: County of Maui
Department of Parks and Recreation
1580-C Kaahumanu Avenue
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Henry Oliva (243-7230)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Maui
Department of Parks and Recreation
1580-C Kaahumanu Avenue
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Henry Oliva (243-7230)

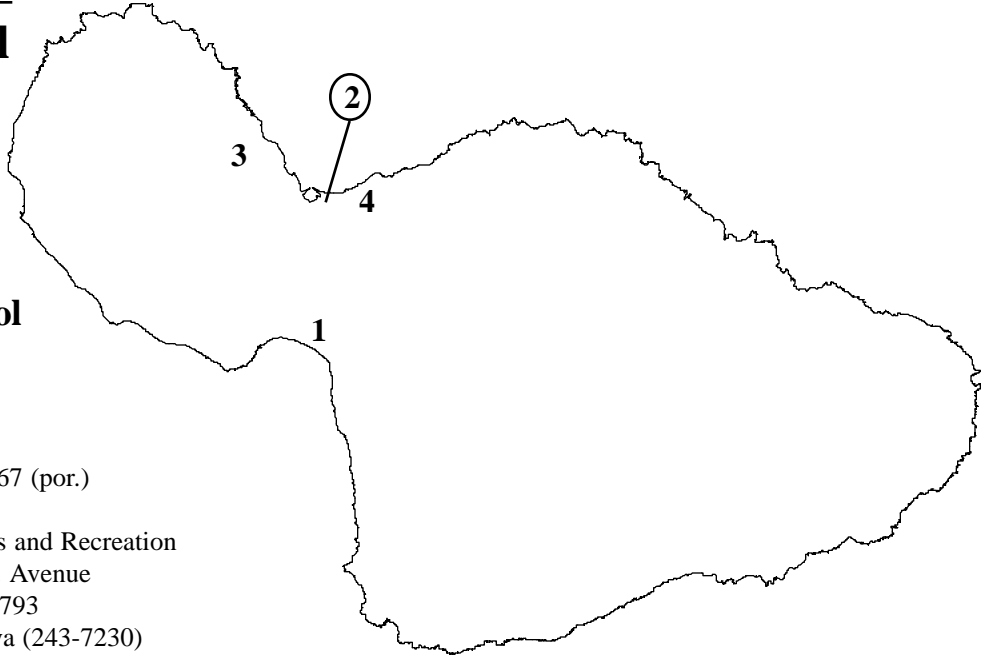
Consultant: PBR Hawaii
Pacific Tower, Suite 650
1001 Bishop Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: David Hulse (521-5631)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The County Department of Parks and Recreation plans to construct a Community Center and Swimming Pool Complex in Kihei on Lipoa Street near the Kihei School. The complex will be centrally located on approximately nine acres in Project District 5 and will address the need for community and recreation facilities in the area. The complex will consist of:

1. A community center comprised of a Main Hall with a large meeting room, kitchen facilities, restrooms, and a public address system, and Buildings A and B, with medium meeting rooms, a warm-up kitchen, County Department of Parks and Recreation's office space, restrooms, and a mainte-



nance/storage area. Also included is an exterior courtyard which offers a barbeque, patio, and dining area. All meeting rooms are planned to be air-conditioned and in compliance with ADA requirements.

2. A swimming pool complex comprised of a 25-yard by 50-meter pool (designed to U.S. Swimming and Diving Standards), a 25-yard by 25-meter warmup/teaching pool, a 20-foot by 30-foot kiddie pool, a Main Pool building, and a Multi-Purpose Building. The Main Pool Building will provide lockers, showers, restrooms, a public address system for the pools, and office space.

3. A soccer field with a maintenance building and restroom facility. Design shall assume its potential for use as a drainage retention area and for overflow parking.

4. Parking lots which meet County of Maui standards for pavement area, lighting and landscaping. Two parking areas are proposed -- a main parking lot that will provide approximately 225 stalls, a loading zone, and a drop-off area; and a secondary parking bay that will provide approximately 50 stalls.

Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)



(2) Kahului Harbor Storage Yard Paving & Utility Improvements (Job H.C. 3280) and Barge Terminal Improvements (Job H.C. 3281)

District: Kahului
TMK: 3-7-08:5 (Lot 6-A), 2 (Lot 5); 3-7-10:por. 2
Applicant: Department of Transportation, Harbors Division
79 South Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Fred Pascua (587-1958)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation, Harbors Division
79 South Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Fred Pascua (587-1958)

Consultant: R.T. Tanaka Engineers, Inc.
871 Kolu Street, Suite 301
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Kirk Tanaka (242-6861)
and
Sato and Associates
2046 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Loren Lau (945-4441)

Public Challenge

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Job H.C. 3280

The State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, is proposing to construct a secured storage yard facility for shipping containers and automobiles at Kahului Harbor, Maui. The proposed project site is approximately 3.3 acres and is a portion of Tax Map Key (2) 3-7-10:02. The site is bordered by A&B Properties, Inc. land to the north, Hobron

Avenue to the east, Kaahumanu Avenue and the existing Harbors Division maintenance facility to the south and Ala Luina Street to the west.

The project site is within the Heavy Industrial District (M-2) Zone. It is presently used for the staging of automobiles and other cargo entering and exiting Kahului Harbor. The existing site is covered with broken asphalt concrete pavement and gravel and is surrounded by a temporary chain link fence for security.

The proposed improvements include paving the entire storage yard with asphalt concrete pavement; providing fire protection; installing a lighting system for security and night work; constructing a drainage system that includes concrete drain inlets and manholes; and erecting an 8-foot high perimeter security fence. The drainage system will be connected to an existing drainline that crosses the project site. Gated accesses to the proposed storage yard facility will be from Hobron Avenue and Ala Luina Street.

Job H.C. 3281

The State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, is proposing to provide interim storage space for cargo and vehicles in transit at Kahului Harbor, Maui. Storage is temporary and may vary from several days to several weeks. The proposed project site primarily encompasses approximately 4.6 acres of Lots 5 and 6-A of Tax Map Key 3-7-08. The site is bordered by Harbors Division land to the north, Wharf Street to the east, Kaahumanu Avenue and Harbors Division land to the south and Puunene Avenue to the west.

Two buildings and one shack are located presently on Lot 5. These structures are unoccupied, but were previously occupied by the Maui Meat Company. Two buildings and seven shacks are located on Lot 6-A. These structures provide storage and recreational facilities to the Hawaiian Canoe Club and the Na Kai Ewalu Canoe Club. The canoe clubs are currently relocating their activities to a nearby parcel west of the project site. The remaining site areas include graded and ungraded areas of maintained lawn and isolated stands of palm and ironwood trees.

The proposed improvements includes demolition of existing structures and grading and installing a rock base for the project area, landscaping, and erecting an 8-foot high perimeter security fence. An auxiliary gated access to the project site will be installed along Puunene Avenue.

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(3) North Waihee Exploratory Wells (Kupaa Well No. 1 and Kanoa Well No. 1)

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-2-01:por. 3
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Craddick (243-7816)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Maui, Department of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Craddick (243-7816)

Consultant: C. Takumi Engineering, Inc.
18 Central Avenue
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Carl Takumi (249-0411)

Public Challenge

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The County of Maui, Department Water Supply (DWS) is proposing the drilling of Kupaa Well No. 1 and Kanoa Well No. 1 in order to conduct pumping tests to gather data regarding the North Waihee Aquifer. The proposed exploratory well sites are located to the north of the existing North Waihee Well Nos. 1 and 2. Kupaa Well No. 1 is located approximately 650 feet mauka (west) of Kahekili Highway at approximate elevation of 600 feet above sea level. Kanoa Well No. 1 is located mauka (west) of Kahekili Highway, approximately 100 feet inland from the existing Kanoa monitoring well and at approximate elevation of 300 feet above sea level.

The project will comply with the Hawaii Well Construction Standards prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources Commission on Water Resource Management.

The proposed action will also include the temporary installation of diesel powered test pumps and appurtenant facilities in order to conduct well pump testing. In addition, testing will be conducted to determine if the water quality conforms to the State Department of Health's Drinking Water Standards. After completion of the well testing, the pumps and other appurtenant facilities will be removed. The wells

will then be capped until the well pump data and water quality can be carefully reviewed. If data shows that allowable withdrawals can be successfully accomplished, DWS will then proceed with the development of the wells by installing a pump and necessary appurtenances and then connecting them to the Central Maui Water System.

Access to Kupaa Well No. 1 will be via an existing dirt road which traverses undeveloped pasture land. Kupaa Well No. 1 is easily accessible from the dirt road and therefore will not require any roadway improvements or grading.

Access to Kanoa Well No. 1 will be via an existing unimproved access easement which also traverses undeveloped pasture land. The access easement is on slightly sloping lands which are relatively easy to access and therefore will not require any roadway improvements or grading.

The proposed project is not anticipated to have any significant environmental impacts, therefore, a "Finding of No Significant Impact" has been made by DWS.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(4) Kahului Airport Wildlife Hazard Management (FONSI)

District: Wailuku
Applicant: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Animal Damage Control
3375 Koapaka Street, Suite H420
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Animal Damage Control (ADC) has reviewed its current activities at Kahului Airport in managing wildlife hazards to protect human safety. APHIS-ADC has determined that the need for action and those issues identified in the March 1997 environmental assessment are best addressed by continuing the existing program.

Any comments relative to this decision should be addressed to: State Director, USDA, APHIS-Animal Damage Control, 720 O'Leary St., SW, Olympia, Washington 98502 or by calling (360) 753-9884.

Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Kahaluu Beach Resort Condominium

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-8-14:86 & 87
Applicant: Kahaluu Beach Partnership
78-6980 Kaluna Street, #13
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
Contact: Scott Church (322-4132)

Approving Agency/Accepting
Authority: County of Hawaii, Planning Department
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Daryn Arai (961-8288)

Consultant: Robert Nespor (322-0000)
P.O. Box 9003
Kailua-Kona, HI 96745

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Kahaluu Beach Partnership, a Hawaii General Partnership, is seeking to develop a Multi-Family Resort Condominium Project on land owned by the Partnership in the Kahaluu Historic District, Kailua-Kona, Makolea Subdivision, Lots 1 and 2, at Kahaluu, North Kona, Hawaii.

The 33,966 square foot project site is located at the southeast corner of Alii Drive and Makolea Street intersection, across the street (mauka) from Kahaluu Beach Park (Open Zone Designation-0). The Keauhou Beach Hotel and the Kona Lagoon Hotel are located across Alii Drive and to the south of subject property, along with numerous condominium and the Kona Coast timeshare condominium further south.

Kahaluu Beach Partnership proposes to construct a 3-story building, approximately 37 feet high, consisting of approximately 27 one-bedroom dwelling units, and related uses. Landscaping, consisting of lawn areas, indigenous plants and canopy trees will be provided over approximately 33% of the project site.



The applicant will construct necessary off-site improvements such as County standard curbs, gutters, and sidewalks as well as placing existing overhead electrical lines underground along Makolea Street fronting the property.

The project site has been previously disturbed. Consequently, no adverse environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of the project. Furthermore, the proposed uses are consistent with the Urban State Land Use designation and resort-zoned district.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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► Hilo Scattered Lots Residential Development

Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: William Makanui (586-3819)

Hawaii Notices

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Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997

► Lanikaula/Manono Intersection Traffic Signal Improvements

Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street, Room 202
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Galen Kuba (961-8321)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997

► Magic Sands Beach Park Expansion

Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Parks and Recreation
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Glenn Miyao (961-8311)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices

► Mamalahoa Highway Bypass Road

Applicant: 1250 Oceanside Partners dba Oceanside
1250
74-5620A Palani Road, Suite 200
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
Contact: Robert Stuit (326-2966)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 200
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Donna Fay Kiyosaki (961-8321)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

► University of Hawaii at Hilo, University Park

Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 427
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gina Ichiyama (586-0474)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Public Comment

Deadline: July 7, 1997

Final Environmental Impact Statements Pending Acceptance

► Hilo Judiciary Complex

Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ralph Yukumoto (586-0488)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by the Office of Environmental Quality Control.



Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Hanamaulu General Plan Amendment

District: Lihue
TMK: 3-7-03:21
Applicant: Hanamaulu Triangle, Inc.
c/o Walton Hong & Lorna Rosa
3135A Akahi Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Lorna Rosa (245-4757)

Approving Agency/Accepting

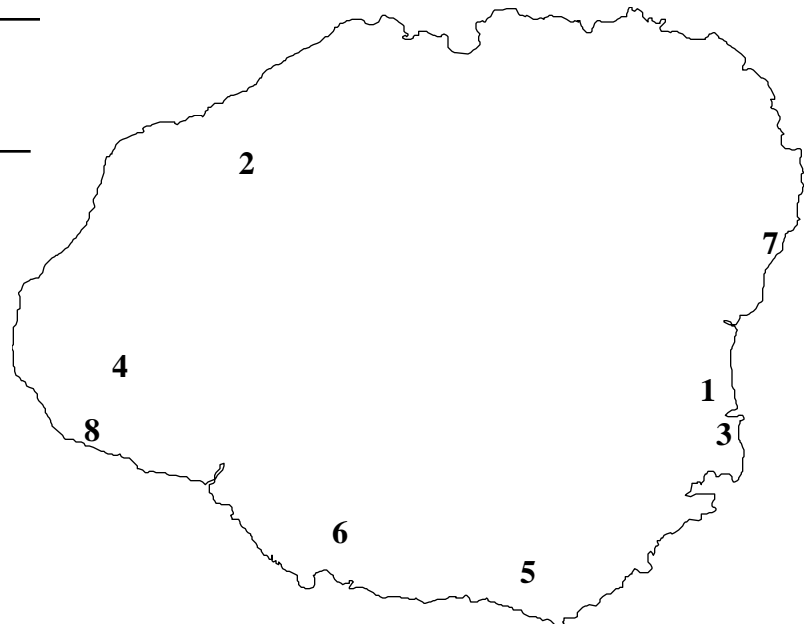
Authority: County of Kauai, Planning Department
4444 Rice Street, Suite 473
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Myles Hironaka (241-6677)

Consultant: Walton Hong & Lorna Rosa
3135A Akahi Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Lorna Rosa (245-4757)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, and OEQC.

The proposed action involves a General Plan Amendment to reclassify the subject property, consisting of 1.19 acres of land from the "Agricultural" designation to the "Urban Residential" designation. The applicant is currently in the process of acquiring the 1.19 acre remnant parcel from the State of Hawaii and plans to utilize the remnant parcel primarily for the purpose of parking and storage in conjunction with its existing industrial baseyard operation on the adjacent property. The applicant has also submitted petitions for a State Land Use District Boundary Amendment and County Zoning Amendment to amend both properties (the remnant parcel and Parcel 21) from the Agriculture District to the Limited Industrial District.



(2) Kalalau Rim Endangered Plant Exclosure & Outplanting Site

District: Waimea
TMK: 1-4-01
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Wildlife
3060 Eiwa Street, Room 306
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Thomas Telfer (274-3433)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Wildlife
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Buck (587-0166)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority and OEQC.

Kauai Notices

JUNE 23, 1997

The Kauai District of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife proposes to construct an 11.5 acre, 7-foot high fenced enclosure within Kokee State Park, between the Kalalau and Puu O Kila Visitor Lookouts. The fence is to protect rare native plants and remnant native forest from the grazing and trampling of feral goats, pigs and black-tailed deer. Following fence construction, the site will be incrementally cleared of non-native weeds and used as an outplanting site for a variety of rare plants propagated at DOFAW's nearby Kokee Mid-elevation Plant Nursery. The rare plants will be out-planted, weeded and monitored by DOFAW, State Parks staff, and supervised volunteer groups. The site may eventually provide opportunities for interpretive display to the public because of its ready access from the Kokee Park highway.

The enclosure fence will be constructed of treated wooden fence posts spaced at 100 foot intervals and galvanized metal "T" fence posts located on ten foot centers. Fencing will consist of two 48 inch rolls of galvanized hog wire (overlapped one foot), with a double strand of barbed wire fastened at ground level to exclude feral pigs.

A six to eight foot wide strip of vegetation along the fenceline will need to be cleared to accommodate fence construction. In some localities a very small tractor may be necessary to clear a route for proper fence building. Aggressive weed regrowth is anticipated and will require ongoing control. Previously eroded gulches within the enclosure will be set aside for the composting of the weedy materials cleared from the forest.

The enclosure is an emergency action needed for the outplanting and protection of several critically rare plants that otherwise face extinction due to a variety of inimical factors including: weed overgrowth, ungulates, disease and insect damage.

(3) Kauai Resource Exchange and Buy-Back Center

District:
TMK: 3-7-02
Applicant: County of Kauai
Office of Economic Development
4280-B Rice Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Myrah Cummings (241-6390)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Kauai
Office of Economic Development
4280-B Rice Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Myrah Cummings (241-6390)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies and OEQC.

The County of Kauai received \$2.2 million from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in September of 1993 to plan, design, construct and equip a recycling/reuse facility. The County's Office of Economic Development (OED) is responsible for managing and administering this grant. This federally funded facility will be located on the makai portion of the existing Lihue Transfer Station lot (approx. one acre).

The Center will be a place where reusable and recyclable items can be taken as an alternative to hauling and burying them at the Kekaha Landfill. Kauai residents or businesses who have a use for these materials can obtain them through the Center (generally in exchange for a reasonable payment). Services also provided by the Center will include education and promotion for waste reduction, reuse and recycling issues and assistance and support for island businesses that collect and handle these materials or have an interest in creating or expanding on-island uses or markets for them.

The schematics for the Center currently include a 9790 square foot Reuse Building, approximately 2500 square feet of workshops (covered & partially enclosed) and approximately 6300 square feet of miscellaneous processing and storage area (covered and partially enclosed). The proposed entry way will be from Ahukini Road.

(4) Kekaha Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project

District: Waimea
TMK: 1-2-02

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Wildlife
3060 Eiwa Street, Room 306
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Thomas Kaiakapu (274-3433)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Wildlife
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Buck (587-0166)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority and OEQC.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources proposes to improve degraded game bird habitat on portions of the Kekaha Game Management Area. After decades of rangeland cattle grazing, the area has been invaded by a number of noxious non-native weeds resulting in a degraded habitat for game birds. The Kauai Division of Forestry and Wildlife which manages the area for public hunting proposes to control the weeds by mechanically clearing and establishing 400 acres of Pensacola bahia grass and Bermuda grass mixture. It will be planted in strips of 60-65 feet wide along the contour of the terrain leaving similar widths of untreated areas between the strips. This project will be conducted in 100 acre increments within a four year period. Planting strips will be established only on ridges within the GMA that have level to gentle sloping ground. Areas of heavy weed infestation will have the greatest priority for grass establishment.

The project area is zoned agriculture and presently supports 300-400 head of cattle. Areas selected will be cleared and prepared for seeding. The removed vegetation will be piled on the down slope of each strip to create game bird nesting cover. Seeding will take place prior to the fall and winter months to take advantage of seasonal rainfall for good seed germination.

Pensacola bahia and bermuda grass are hardy, low growing, perennial species which have been shown to reduce the spread of undesirable weeds such as molasses grass and bushy beard grass from becoming re-established at several experimental plots within the GMA. Established grass strips help improve and stabilize the habitat for wildlife. Pensacola bahia is approved for planting by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Hawaii. Bermuda grass naturally occurs in the project area.



(5) Koloa to Poipu Bypass Road

District: Koloa
TMK: 2-8-02, 03, 04, 05, and 25
Applicant: County of Kauai
Department of Public Works
4444 Rice Street, Suite 275
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Kenneth Kitabayashi (241-6622)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: 1) U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highways Administration
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Box 50206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
Contact: Pat Phung (541-2536);
2) County of Kauai
Department of Public Works
4444 Rice Street, Suite 275
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Kenneth Kitabayashi (241-6622);
3) Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Julius Fronda (587-2150)
Consultant: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Earl Matsukawa (946-2277)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 23, 1997

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The County of Kauai Department of Public Works is proposing to construct the second phase of the Koloa to Poipu Bypass Road. The entire bypass road project was previously assessed in a State Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that was accepted as a Negative Declaration on October 24, 1983. Construction for the first phase of the project from Poipu to Weliweli Road was completed in 1993, however, the Governor of Hawaii subsequently rescinded State support for constructing the remainder of the road. The current proposal is to complete the bypass road using Federal funding. This Environmental Assessment was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Highways Administration, and Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes requirements.

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The project is located in the south-central portion of Kauai, between the Poipu area and Koloa Town. The proposed action involves the construction of a 1.2 mile roadway from the terminus of the existing Phase I portion of the Koloa-Poipu Bypass Road at Weliweli Road to Maluhia Road at a point, approximately 0.25 mile north of its intersection with Koloa Town Road. The proposed road will parallel, and partially overlap an existing unpaved cane haul road. Where the proposed road will overlap the cane haul road, the cane haul road will be realigned alongside it. A culvert crossing will be required at Waihohonu Stream. Most of the proposed road will occupy a 60-foot wide right-of-way. Two 12-foot wide asphalt-paved traffic lanes will be provided in each direction and will be flanked by an additional 6 feet of pavement forming the shoulder of the road. To attenuate traffic noise at residential developments along the proposed road, reinforced concrete sound barriers will be constructed.

Notice of availability for this EA was published in the June 18, 1997 issue of The Garden Island newspaper.

Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)

(6) Hanapepe Residence Lots, Unit I

District: Waimea
TMK: 1-8-07:por. parcels 3 and 18
Applicant: Hanapepe Development, Inc.
c/o Mark Development, Inc.
3165 Waiialae Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Contact: Craig Watase (735-9099)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Darrell Ing (586-3844)

Consultant: Esaki Surveying and Mapping, Inc.
1610 Haleukana Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Dennis Esaki (246-0625)

Public Challenge
Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The project will grade approximately 10.933 acres and construct utility services for forty-seven (47) residential lots. Twenty (20) lots will be reserved for families with incomes not exceeding 50% of Kauai's median income. Single-family detached dwellings will be constructed on the remaining twenty-seven (27) lots. The dwellings will range in sizes from two (2) to three (3) bedrooms, 1-2 baths. The size of the units will range from approximately 752 to 1,152 square feet of living area and 1 and 2 car carports. These houses will be for the low to moderate income homebuyers. For Hawaiians (50% blood quantum) with income ranges 60% - 100% of Kauai median income.

(7) St. Catherine's Parish Cemetery

District: Kawaihau
TMK: 4-6-14:por. 31
Applicant: Roman Catholic Church for St. Catherine's Parish
1184 Bishop Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Luke Yasaka (533-1791)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Land Management
3060 Eiwa Street, Room 306
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Michael Laureta (274-3491)
Consultant: Sidney Fuke and Associates
100 Pauahi Street, Room 212
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Sidney Fuke (969-1522)

Public Challenge
Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The request involves the lease and use of approximately 1.5 acres of State lands, for a 65-year period, to expand the area of the abutting St. Catherine's Parish cemetery.

However, this area is presently within the Kapaa Educational Complex, which is located along the eastern or makai edge of the complex and adjacent to the St. Catherine's Parish cemetery, in the vicinity of the school's athletic and physical education playground. At the edge of the playground area, there is a chain link fence followed by a 30 +/- foot sloping embankment. At the base of the embankment, the ground levels off and abuts the cemetery. This is the requested 1.5 +/- acre area. An inadvertent encroachment of approxi-

mately 20 to 30 burials has occurred within approximately 10,000 square feet of the land area being sought.

Because of this physical condition, the Kauai District Superintendent has informed the Kauai District Land Agent that her office has no objections to relinquishing this area to the applicant.

The requested lease of the site would allow the applicant to retain the existing graves and slightly expand the cemetery. It is estimated that approximately 25 +/- more burials could be accommodated. This area would be maintained by the parish and its parishioners.

(8) St. Theresa's Church Park

District: Waimea
TMK: 1-3-11:1 and 1-3-4:4
Applicant: Roman Catholic Church for St. Theresa's Church
1184 Bishop Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Luke Yasaka (533-1791)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Land Management
3060 Eiwa Street, Room 306
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Michael Laureta (274-3491)

Consultant: Sidney Fuke and Associates
100 Pauahi Street, Room 212
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Sidney Fuke (969-1522)

Public Challenge
Deadline: July 23, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The request of St. Theresa's Church (hereinafter "STC") involves the lease and use of State lands in Kekaha for a 65-year lease term.

STC proposes to develop the 2 contiguous parcels of record, totalling approximately 2.08 acres, for park use and accessory parking. The park would be used for volleyball, soccer, basketball, and other recreational activities. There would also be a parking area with a driveway from Elepaio Street. A pedestrian bridge would also be constructed over the drainage ditch to provide ready access between the Church

complex and the park and parking area.

No improvements or alterations to the existing drainage system are planned. For security and/or safety measures, a fence or protective landscaping would be installed along the drainage ditch.

This park is not intended for the exclusive use of the applicant and guests. Although the public would be allowed access to the park, they may be subject to certain reasonable terms to be established by the applicant. These may include measures such as maintenance, time of use, and the like.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Koloa to Poipu Bypass Road

Draft Environmental Assessment, see page 13.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

● Kalaheo Self-Help Project

Applicant: Self-Help Housing Corp. of Hawaii
1427 Dillingham Blvd., Suite 305
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Claudia Shay (1-800-336-4035)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Kauai Housing Agency
4493 Hardy Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Gary Mackler (241-6865)

Public Comment
Deadline: July 8, 1997

Shoreline Notices

JUNE 23, 1997

Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to §13-222-12, HAR the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, Oahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Case No.	Date Received	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-193	05/30/97	Lot C, Ld Ct App 1243. Kapua, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu (3037 Kalakaua Ave)	Walter Thompson, Inc. for Tadaaki Sakai	3-1-33:6
MA-181	05/23/97	Lot 44, Ld Ct App 1744 (Map 17), Hanakoo, Honokowai, Kaanapali, Lahaina, Maui (45 Kai Ala Drive)	Akamai Land Surveying for Maui Kaanapali Villas	4-4-06:11
HA-146	06/04/97	Por of Grant 1011 to Kamakaimoku, Oneloa, Puna, Hawaii (Pahoa, Hawaii)	Don McIntosh Consulting, for County of Hawaii	1-4-02:8
HA-141	05/27/97	Lot 17-A, Being the whol of LCAw 5785, Ap 2 to Keahualaamoku Being also a Pors of RP 7844, LCAw 7715, Ap 12 to Lota Kamehamaha, Keauhou 2nd, North Kona, Hawaii (Keauhou, Hawaii)	Wes Thomas Associates for Ian Joye	7-8-12:2

Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to §13-222-26, HAR the following shorelines have been certified or rejected by the DLNR. A person may appeal a certification or rejection to the BLNR, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, HI 96813, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of certification or rejection.

Case No.	Date Cert/Rej	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-164	Certified 06/12/97	Lot 78, File Plan 256 Sunset Beach Lots, Koolauloa, Oahu (59-181E Ke Nui Road)	Walter Thompson for Joanna Gianelis	5-9-02:35
OA-628	Certified 06/12/97	Lot 1028, Ld Ct App 677, Kailua & Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu (3 Kailuana Place)	Walter Thompson for Suzanne B. Engel	4-3-22:5
OA-629	Certified 06/12/97	Lots 11 thru 14, Ld Ct App 1810 (Map 4) •Mokuleia Beach Homes, Sec 1" at Mokuleia, Waiialua, Oahu (68-695 thru 68-705 Farington Hwy)	Engineers Surveyors Hawaii Inc. for Roger Compton, Pat Baines, Jack Frost, & Harold Masunaga	6-8-10:23-26
MA-178	Certified 06/12/97	Lot 45 & 46, Waiohuli-Keokea Beach Lots, 2nd Series, Waiohuli & Keokea, Kihei, Wailuku, Maui (1716 & 1718 Halama Street)	A & B Properties, Inc. for Francis S. Haines	3-9-11:4 & 5
KA-122	Certified 06/12/97	Lot 54, Ld Ct App 1160 (Map 10) at Hanalei, Halelea, Kauai (4914 Weke Road)	Wagner Engineering Services, Inc. for Thomas La Cour	5-5-01:13

Pollution Control Permits

JUNE 23, 1997

Department of Health Permits

The following is a list of some pollution control permits currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or office of the Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.

Branch & Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Dates	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	Cyannotech Corporation, Permit No. 0291-02-N	73-4460 Queen Kaahumanu Hwy., Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	NA	Three 235 KW Diesel Engine Generators
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	Patterson Construction and Trucking, Inc., Permit No. 0381-01-N	#10 Manawai nui Bridge, Hoolehua, Molokai	NA	100 TPY Stone Processing Plant
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	Castle Medical Center, Permit No. 0366-01-N	640 Ulukahiki Street, Kailua, Oahu	NA	250 Lb/Hr. Pathological Waste Incinerator
Office of Solid Waste Management, 586-4240	Munekiyo & Arakawa, Permit No. CO-0029-97	Kuihelani & Honoapili, Maui, TMK # 3-6-4:07	Date Received: 4/8/97	New - Composting, Greenwaste
Office of Solid Waste Management, 586-4240	Unitek Environ., Permit No. ST-0030-97	2829 Mokumoa & 91-125 Kaomi Loop, Oahu, TMK # 1-5-88 & 9-1-26:04	Date Received: 4/7/97	Renew - HHW Collection
Office of Solid Waste Management, 586-4240	Hawaii Petroleum, Permit No. UO-0031-97	187 Silva Street, Hilo, Hawaii, TMK # 2-1-10:37	Date Received: 4/22/97	Renew - Transporter, Used Oil
Office of Solid Waste Management, 586-4240	All waste of Hawaii, Permit No. UO-0032-97	Kapolei, Oahu, TMK # 9-6-4:18	Date Received: 4/7/97	Renew - Recycling, Used Oil
Office of Solid Waste Management, 586-4240	Island Demo, Inc., Honolulu, Permit No. RY-0033-97	2769 Kilimau St. Honolulu, Oahu, TMK # 1-1-05:01	Date Received: 5/28/97	New - Recycling, Junk Vehicle
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, Underground Injection Control	Maryl Development, Permit No. UH-1974	Lyman Gardens, Puueo, South Hilo, Hawaii	TBA	Five New Drywells for Surface Drainage
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, Underground Injection Control	BHP Petro. Am. Refining, Permit No. UO-1319	Campbell Industrial Park, Oahu	NA	Modification of Two Existing Disposal Wells
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, Underground Injection Control	Honolulu Kosaido, Inc., Permit No. UO-1711	New Ewa Beach Golf Club, Ewa Beach, Oahu	NA	Change of Operator for 191 Drainage Drywells
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, Underground Injection Control	Association of Apartment Owners Poipu Palms Condominium	Poipu Palms Condominium, Poipu, Kauai	NA	Renewal of Permit for One Disposal Well

Federal Notices

JUNE 23, 1997

Native Hawaiian Remains in MA.

The National Park Service announced the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of the Springfield Science Museum. Officials of the Springfield Science Museum have determined that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native Hawaiian remains and Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei. Repatriation of the human remains to Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei may begin after July 14, 1997, if no additional claimants come forward (see, 62 F.R. 32369, June 13, 1997).

EPA Speaks on Hawai'i Projects

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, expressed environmental concern (rating EC2) regarding the lack of an adequate discussion of purpose and need in the draft EIS for the Waimea-Paauilo Watershed. EPA requested that the final document fully describe the purpose and need and evaluate an additional alternative which includes the Kauahi reservoir and irrigation distribution system, but omits the stockwater distribution system. The EPA also deemed a review of the final EIS for the Upcountry Maui Watershed project not necessary and no formal comment letter was sent to the National Resources Conservation Service (see, 62 F.R. 32321, June 13, 1997).

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Fishery

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has determined that one new permit, or possibly two permits, may be available for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) bottomfish limited entry fishery (Ho'omalulu Zone).

The purpose of this notification is to inform all potential applicants that applications are being accepted. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN JULY 28, 1997.** Applications may be obtained from, and completed applications must be sent to, the Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822-2396. For more information contact Mr. Alvin Katekaru in Honolulu at 973-2985 (see, 62 F.R. 32078, June 12, 1997).

Cetacean Photography Permit

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has given notice that Moana Productions, Inc., has applied for a permit to take several species of non-threatened, non-endangered small cetaceans for purposes of commercial photography. **WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JULY 7, 1997.** The application and related documents are available by making an

appointment with the Protected Species Program Manager at Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, telephone 973-2987 (see, 62 F.R. 31083, June 6, 1997, for additional information).

Flood Elevation Determinations

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued an interim rule listing locations in the City and County of Honolulu where modification of the base (1% annual chance) flood elevations is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. New flood insurance premium rates will be calculated from the modified base flood elevations for new buildings and their contents (see, 62 F.R. 30282, June 3, 1997).

Individual Fishing Quota Advisory Panel

The National Marine Fisheries Services has selected Mr. James Cook of the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Hawai'i to serve on an advisory panel for an Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) study to be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council (see, 62 F.R. 29105, May 29, 1997).

Reissuance of Stormwater Permits

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to reissue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for storm water discharges associated with construction activity. EPA first issued permits for these activities in September 1992. Almost all of these existing permits expire in September 1997 and today's proposed permits will be replacements. Today's permits are similar to the 1992 permits and will authorize the discharge of storm water from construction activities consistent with the terms and conditions of these permits. The index to the administrative record for this permit is available at EPA, Region IX, Water Management Division, (WTR-5), Storm Water Staff, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Questions may be directed to the Regional Storm Water Coordinator, Mr. Eugene Bromley by calling (415) 744-1906. The public comment period for this proposed permit will be from **JUNE 2, 1997, UNTIL AUGUST 1, 1997.** All public comments shall be postmarked no later than August 1, 1997, and submitted to: ATTN: CBGP—Comments, W-97-01, Water Docket MC-4101, U.S. EPA, Room 2616 Mall, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. Please submit the original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Comments may also be submitted electronically (in ASCII text format) to: ow-docket@epamail.epa.gov (see, 62 F.R. 29785, June 2, 1997, for details).

Beach Cottage In Floodplain

PROJECT: Beach Cottage Duplex
LOCATION: Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay
TAX MAP KEY: Division 1, Zone 4, Section 4, Plat 08

The U.S. Marine Corps intends to construct a new beach cottage duplex on the northwestern side of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay, adjacent to Pyramid Rock Cove. The new cottage is needed to meet the high demand for beach cottage rentals and to provide military personnel and their families convenient and safe access to recreational beaches. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Panel 15001 0060 B, Revised 4 September, 1987, the proposed beach cottage is located in the coastal flood hazard Zone VE. The base flood elevation is +11 feet MSL. The beach cottage will be located approximately 40 feet inland of the shoreline and be elevated above the base flood elevation. Six alternatives to the proposed action were considered, including No Action. After careful evaluation of the alterna-

tives, the Marine Corps determined that there are no other practicable alternatives to siting the project in the floodplain.

Public comment was invited through public notices in the Honolulu Star Bulletin on 11 October 1996 and The Hawaii Marine on 17 October 1996. A 15-day period was provided for submittal of comments. During this time one response was received expressing concerns about the potential flooding of structures during coastal storms, eroding coastlines and adverse impacts on scenic view planes. These concerns were given full consideration in the E.O. 11988 process.

The Marine Corps intends to begin construction as soon as all contractual instruments are prepared.

Comments on this decision or requests for a more detailed Statement of Findings and Public Explanation may be addressed to the Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7300 (Attn.: Mr. John Bigay, Code 231), telephone 471-9338 or facsimile 474-5909. To be considered, comments must be received by 8 July 1997.

Letters of Notice

East Maui Water Development Plan

The following are excerpts from a comment letter written by Mr. Isaac Davis Hall on the SEIS Preparation Notice for the East Maui Water Development Plan.

The SEIS should address subject matters including but not limited to the following:

1. The project area or area which could be affected by this project needs to be defined more clearly based upon (a) determining the capacity of a 36" transmission line, (b) the number of wells that it would take to "fill" that capacity, and (c) the potential spacing and location of these wells.

2. All of the streams which exist within this project area should be delineated, noting whether they are perennial or not (without EMI diversions), their biological or in-stream characteristics, the extent to which waters are being diverted from them currently as well as those persons or entities who have registered and/or probable water rights along them.

3. EMI's current diversion system should be discussed within the project area, detailing on an individual and cumulative basis, the extent to which waters in these streams are already being diverted and taken to Central Maui.

4. The impacts on coastal resources which may result from the diversion of these streams and the pumping of these wells.

5. Agricultural uses within the project area which may have contributed or may contribute to the contamination of the groundwater and an assessment of the likelihood of contamination within the project area as a whole.

6. Alternative allowable methods for treating contaminated water and the likely cost for each form of treatment.

7. A report on the status of the USGS, State of Hawaii and County of Maui study on the impact of groundwater pumping on stream flow in East Maui, including the project area.

8. The use of modeling techniques to assess the impact of groundwater pumping on stream flow.

9. A detailed study of obtaining water resources in an alternative area or in an alternative fashion where stream diversion has not already occurred to such a great degree, where stream flow impacts are not as likely to occur and where water contamination impacts are not as likely to occur.

10. A study of water resource policy issues (where the water is to go, how and why) rather than simply a discussion of sustainable yield.

11. How this project will allow BWS to meet its mandate of providing a certain amount of water to Hawaiian Home lands.