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New Maalaea Harbor Studies

The Army Corps of Engineers and the State Boating Division plan improvements to the Maalaea Harbor in Maui. The project would realign the entrance channel and modify the existing breakwater. These changes would decrease surge within the harbor basin, reduce navigation hazards in the entrance channel, and allow the State to increase the number of berthing facilities.

Maalaea was last studied in a 1994 EIS. This new review provides additional information on design modifications to avoid and minimize impacts to surfing sites, coral reefs, and other aquatic habitat. It

further evaluates potential impacts to endangered and threatened species and includes additional analysis of alternatives.

Impacts of this project include elimination or alteration of 8 acres of marine habitat (including 5 acres of coral reefs), removal of a small sandy beach, and elimination of one surfing site. A plan has been developed by a team of Federal and State agencies to mitigate these impacts.

The new study will serve as an EIS Preparation Notice under state law and a Draft EIS under federal law. For more information please see page 11.

High-Rises Proposed for "Block J" Downtown

The City and County is proposing to redevelop a downtown parking lot at Beretania and Queen Emma Streets known as "Block J". The project, to be developed by Coastal Rim Properties, will include two 350-foot high-rise towers housing 913 affordable one and two bedroom rentals. Half the units will be earmarked for seniors. Mixed uses including at-grade open space, retail space, a rooftop park, a recreation deck and arcade area are planned for the project.

Up to 2269 parking stalls in 3 levels of parking beneath Pali Highway and Kamalii Park will alleviate the loss of the municipal lot at this location. Pali Highway and Kamalii Park will be retained after construction is completed. The twin towers may impact the view from Bishop Street to the mountains. See page 4 for more.

Public Comment Sought on Polluted Runoff Program

NOAA and the EPA have published **Findings and Conditions for Hawaii's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program**. The federal agencies granted conditional approval for Hawaii's polluted runoff program and have listed conditions which the state must fulfill to receive full approval.

The Department of Health and the Office of Planning are the lead state agencies for coastal polluted runoff control. Several issues have not been resolved between the state and federal agencies.

NOAA and EPA will accept public comments on the **Findings and Conditions** until June 15, 1998. Interested parties have the opportunity to comment on the state's program. For more information, please call Steve Olive at 587-2877 or Randy Rush at 586-4348.

OEQC Offers Neighbor Island Training Classes

OEQC staff will lead training seminars on the environmental review process on the islands of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii. Agency planners, private consultants and the public are invited to attend. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. Classes on Oahu are already overflowing. See page 21 for registration instructions.

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) King Street Apartments

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-3-12:44
Applicant: Hawaii Housing Development Corporation
725 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite C-103
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gary Furuta (596-2120)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Housing Finance and Development Corporation
677 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jan Takahashi (587-0528)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 22, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority and OEQC.

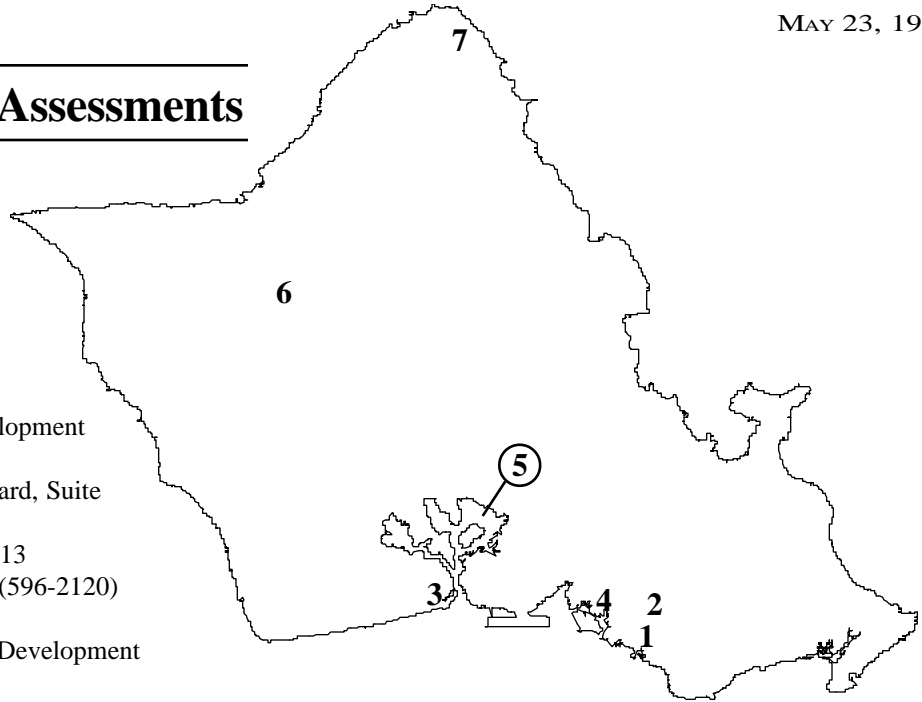
Permits

Required: CUP2, building, grading

The proposed project is intended to provide affordable rental housing units to low income elderly in the urban core area of the Makiki/McCully district in the City and County of Honolulu.

The site is located at the corner of South King and Alder Streets and is currently occupied by a Texaco service station. The service station will be removed and the site prepared for an eight story mid-rise structure of concrete and masonry extending to a building height of 71 ft. to roof level. The project will provide 91 one-bedroom rental units for elderly, over the age of 62 and determined to be low-income according to HUD criteria.

The project will also include a main lobby and multi-purpose room located at the ground floor. Each of the seven dwelling floors is planned to have a lounge or storage/laundry area, and up to thirteen typical one-bedroom units of approximately 396 sq. ft. each.



The site will include 30 parking stalls for residents, staff and guests, as well as approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of private park areas with picnic tables, shaded rest areas and space for individual gardening.

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



(2) Kalawahine Streamside

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-4-34:08 (por.), 09 (por.), 11 & 22; 2-4-39:01 & 02; 2-4-40:01; 2-4-42:01 (por.) & 37

Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Kamehameha Investment Corporation (agent for DHHL)
567 South King Street, Suite 600
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Elton Wong (535-3523)

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Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Michele Otake (587-6451)

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

Public Challenge

Deadline: June 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: NPDES, Section 404 Nationwide permit, water supply, handicap accessibility, sewer, roadways

The project site, in Papakolea within the City and County of Honolulu, is bounded by adjacent residential properties in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Papakolea Residence Lots. The development area is approximately 15 acres of a 26.5-acre site.

The Conceptual Master Plan for the project include 95 dwelling units which include 27 single-family and 68 duplex-family homes. Lots will range from 3,750 square feet to approximately 18,000 square feet. The housing will be made available to qualified native Hawaiians who are currently on the DHHL wait-list.

A mauka-makai linear parkway system includes a trail linking the mauka and makai areas of the site along the intermittent Kanaha Stream and will terminate at the Board of Water Supply lot at the makai end of the project. The BWS lot will be grassed and will serve as passive open space until some time in the future when BWS develops the site.

Vehicular access to the project will be through a new extension of Kapahu Street in the Kewalo area of Papakolea. The construction of the roadway extension would affect an existing Hawaiian Home Lands lessee in the Papakolea Residence Lots and will also require a box culvert across Kanaha Stream. Pedestrian access to the parkway system is through the existing unimproved Iaukea Street crossing onto the property.

Construction is projected to commence in the fall of 1998; completion is scheduled for spring of 2000. The first homes are anticipated to be occupied in late 1999. The estimated development cost of the project is \$26 million.



(3) Ocean Pointe Common Area Facility (Special Management Area)

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-1-11:1 & 2
Applicant: Haseko Homes
820 Mililani Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Paul Jordan (599-1444)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Dana Teramoto (523-4648)

Public Challenge

Deadline: June 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: SMA, grading, sewer connection

The applicant proposes to construct an open pavilion, recreation center, pool, caretaker's cottage, a fence and gates.

A caretaker's cottage, guest quarters and storage structures currently exist on the property. These structures will be demolished prior to construction of the new structures.

The applicant will apply for a Minor (Shoreline) Structure permit for a fence and gates proposed within the shoreline setback area.

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(4) Honolulu Block J Redevelopment Project

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-1-09:18 and 27

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Housing and Community
Development
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Darwin Hamamoto (523-4360)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Planning Department
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Patrick Onishi (523-4713)

Consultant: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Earl Matsukawa (946-2277)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 22, 1998
Status: EISPN First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: Air emissions, NPDES, HRS-6E, ROW, CUP-1, Special District design, grading, drainage, building, 201E-HRS exemptions

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Housing and Community Development proposes to lease City property for the development of a mixed-use affordable rental residential and retail complex in Downtown Honolulu. Coastal Rim Properties, Inc. will develop the property. The Block J Redevelopment Project is proposed for a portion of the block bounded by Beretania, Queen Emma, Kukui, and Fort Streets and bisected by Pali Highway. The project site encompasses approximately 168,000 square feet, including an approximately 35,000-square foot portion of Pali Highway which bisects the site. Major elements of the project include approximately 913 affordable rental units located within two high-rise towers, approximately 100,000 square feet of retail space, and approximately 1,896 parking stalls within three underground levels.

Two project alternatives are assessed in this EIS Preparation Notice. The project components remain the same for both Alternatives, except as indicated below:

Alternative 1: This Alternative encompasses only the approximately 138,000-square foot site bounded by Beretania, Queen Emma and Kukui Streets and the Kamalii Park parcel, including the approximately 35,000-square foot portion of Pali Highway adjacent to the site. The three levels of under-

ground parking would extend beneath the approximately 35,000-square foot segment of Pali Highway.

Alternative 2: In addition to the Alternative 1 project site, this Alternative also encompasses the approximately 30,276-square foot Kamalii Park parcel located between Pali Highway and Fort Street. In this Alternative, the three levels of underground parking would extend from beneath Pali Highway to beneath the Kamalii Park parcel. This would provide an additional approximately 373 parking stalls for a total of approximately 2,269 stalls. The existing Kamalii Park would remain as open space and enhanced in conjunction with the Block J Redevelopment Project.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to commence by the beginning of 1999 with completion estimated by Fall 2001. The estimated construction cost of the proposed project is \$110 million.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(5) Removal and Installation of Shoreside Shuttle Boat Dock at the Arizona Memorial (Environmental Assessment)

The shoreside facilities contained within 10.6 acres at Pearl Harbor consist of the visitor center building, landscaped grounds, parking, chiller, and pedestrian walkways. The large visitor center building houses an entrance lobby, museum, cooperating association bookstore, two movie theaters, restrooms, and offices. An open courtyard containing a fountain occupies the central portion of the visitor center.

A dock for the shuttle boat ride out to and back from the Arizona Memorial, installed in 1978, is a concrete rectangle 180 feet long and 15 feet wide. The structural system consists of precast prestressed piles, precast prestressed pile caps, and precast prestressed planks and concrete topping to join the precast elements together. In May 1995, serious deterioration of the dock's concrete pile cap beams was discovered. Temporary shoring was installed to ensure the safety of shuttle boat passengers until permanent repairs or replacement could be carried out. A report prepared in November 1997 on the condition of the shoreside boat dock by the contractor revealed the following deficiencies: the

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dock's concrete skirts are badly damaged with reinforcing exposed and corroded; the pile cap beams have reached an advanced state of structural deterioration; the remainder of the pile cap prestress strands have snapped due to corrosion and chunks of concrete are falling; it appears the only structural link between the dock and the piles is the temporary shoring; and the temporary shoring is already beginning to corrode.

Three alternative schemes have been identified to rectify the deteriorating shoreside dock:

ALTERNATIVE A: Repair the existing dock. This is the least expensive alternative scheme and involves the least amount of time to complete. The life of the repairs is estimated to be less than 20 years. There is risk in undertaking this alternative due to the already serious deterioration of the pile caps and the rusting of the temporary shoring.

ALTERNATIVE B: Reconstruct a new dock, reuse the existing piles and rubber fenders: Cost of this alternative scheme is more reasonable than replacing the entire existing dock with a new dock. The new dock will be constructed of materials such as epoxy coated rebar, type V cement. These materials are of higher strength and more resistant to corrosion than the previously used materials. Construction time is longer than previous alternative as superstructure is entirely of cast-in-place materials.

ALTERNATIVE C: Demolish the Existing Dock and Install a New Floating Boat Dock: Provides a more reliable dock with an estimated life span of a new floating dock greater than 50 years. This is the most expensive of the alternatives and takes the longest amount of time to complete installation.

Alternative C is the preferred alternative due primarily to the longer life span estimated for the new floating dock and fewer operational inefficiencies involved during repairs. The new floating dock to be installed is the same size as the existing dock, 180 feet long and 15 feet wide. The dock will extend an additional 12 feet into the Halawa Stream. The material of the new dock is reinforced concrete with a concrete cover. The two railed gangways are aluminum. Those piles intended for reuse would not be removed.

Except for the naupaka planted along the shoreline, no native plant species exist at or near the site. No native animals exist at or near the site. No plants or animals listed as threatened, endangered or as candidate species are present at the site or in the immediate vicinity. In addition no known cultural resources are present on or near the site.

Those wishing to comment should submit their comments by May 30th, 1998, to Kathleen Billings, Superintendent, National Park Service, US Department of the Interior, USS Arizona Memorial, 1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu, HI 96818.

For further information contact Kathleen Billings, at 422-2771 ext. 114 or Gary Barbano, Park Service Planner, at 541-2693.



(6) Agriculturally-Based Bioremediation Demonstration (Draft Environmental Assessment)

Applicant: U.S. Army Environmental Center
Attn: SFIM-AEC-ET (Mr. Jim Arnold)
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401
Contact: Jim Arnold (410-612-6837)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Commander
U.S. Army Environmental Center
Attn: SFIM-AEC-CO (Col. Richard Weiner)
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401
Contact: Col. Richard Weiner (410-671-2657)

Consultant: Tennessee Valley Authority
P.O. Box 1010, CEB 4C
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-1010
Contact: Richard Almond (256-386-3030)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 29, 1998

United States Army Environmental Center (AEC), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Dole Food Company Hawaii (DFC) are collaborating on the design, construction, and operation of an agriculturally-based bioremediation technology. The small-scale demonstration facility would be constructed on DFC property in Oahu, Hawaii. The intent of this demonstration is to polish R-2 water to R-1 water using a constructed wetlands system. The R-rating defines the restrictions for reuse of wastewater effluent, with R-I being the highest quality with the fewest restrictions. At the current levels, less than one-tenth of the wastewater in Hawaii is being recycled for reuse. There is a need to find a way to treat wastewater for agricultural use to minimize the demands on the limited freshwater supplies. The objective of the wetlands

demonstration project is to demonstrate the economic, agronomic, and environmental benefits of utilizing this technology for wastewater recycle.

The proposed constructed wetlands project would not cause any significant negative impacts to the environment. The immediate environmental impact of the project would be beneficial because 175 gallons per minute of R-2 water would be polished to R-1 water. The overall long-term impact of the project to the environment would also be beneficial because it would demonstrate a feasible and economical method of polishing wastewater for reuse. Based on the findings of the environmental assessment, this project is not considered a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment; therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. It is anticipated that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will be issued for this project.

The project is located north of Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa.



(7) James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Addition

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Robert Smith (541-2749)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 11, 1998

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is proposing to purchase fee title to approximately 66 hectares (164 acres) of land currently leased from the Estate of James Campbell for the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), Kahuku, Oahu. The Service would acquire perpetual access and drainage easements, and sufficient water rights for Refuge management from the Estate of James Campbell. The Service is also proposing to purchase approximately two hectares (five acres) of land that contain the Punamano Spring, a vital water source for the Refuge. All of the lands proposed for acquisition are owned by the Estate of James Campbell and would be purchased on a willing seller basis. The Service would continue to be responsible for drainage ditch maintenance within the Refuge (including vegetation control, berm maintenance, berm repair, and occasional ditch dredging). The Service would continue to operate and maintain the Kii pump which lowers water levels in the drainage ditch, and prevents salt water intrusion into

the Kii Unit. The Service would discontinue ditch maintenance outside of the Refuge boundaries, and the Estate of James Campbell would assume those responsibilities including maintenance of the Kii Outlet. The proposed action would not result in a change of land use and would have no adverse environmental effects. For more information, contact Robert P. Smith, Pacific Islands Manager, Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850, or call (808) 541-2749.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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Ala Wai Canal Dredging

District: Honolulu
TMK: Not applicable
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Andrew Monden (587-0230)
and
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
300 Ala Moana Boulevard
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
Contact: Pat Phung (541-2536)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: June 8, 1998

Ala Wai Canal Dredging Public Meeting

A public meeting to solicit comments on the draft EA will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ala Wai Elementary School Cafeteria, 503 Kamoku Street, Honolulu. During this meeting, an overview of the proposed action will be presented, and public comments on potential impacts of the project will be accepted.

For further information, call Ms. Molly Kihara at (808) 521-5361.

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Freitas Dairy Subdivision

Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Michael McElroy (587-6453)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: June 8, 1998

Kalihi Exploratory Well IV

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Board of Water Supply
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96843
Contact: Barry Usagawa (527-5235)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Board of Water Supply
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96843
Contact: Brooks Yuen (527-6180)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 8, 1998

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East Kapolei Master Plan Development Project

Applicant: Housing Finance and Development Corporation
677 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Roy Oshiro (587-0640)

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: June 22, 1998

Lihue Energy Service Center

In July 1997, the Kauai County Planning Department issued an Environmental Impact Statement Publication Notice for Kauai Electric's proposed Lihue Energy Service Center project. The announcement of this decision appeared in the July 23, 1997, edition of The Environmental Notice. Responses to its written request for comments and testimony at the voluntary public meeting Kauai Electric (KE) held on August 21, 1997, led the company to investigate possible alternate locations for the proposed facilities.

As a result of these investigations, KE has decided to include two alternate locations in the environmental impact statement for the project. One alternate site is located on industrially zoned land adjacent to the County's existing solid waste transfer station northwest of Lihue Airport. The second alternate site is located on agriculturally zoned land approximately 0.4 mile north of DeMello Reservoir along one of Lihue Plantation's main cane haul roads.

Kauai Electric held an informal town meeting on May 6, 1998, to describe the alternate sites and to seek public comment. KE will incorporate information obtained at the meeting and through environmental impact analyses of all three sites in the Draft EIS. It expects to complete the DEIS this fall. Persons wishing additional information should contact Mr. Perry White at Planning Solutions, Inc., 593-1288.



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(1) Mauka Water Bottling Facility and Associated Residential Lots

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-7-3:19
Applicant: Mauka Water Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 399
Makawao, Hawaii 96768
Contact: Jamie Hunter (572-9847)

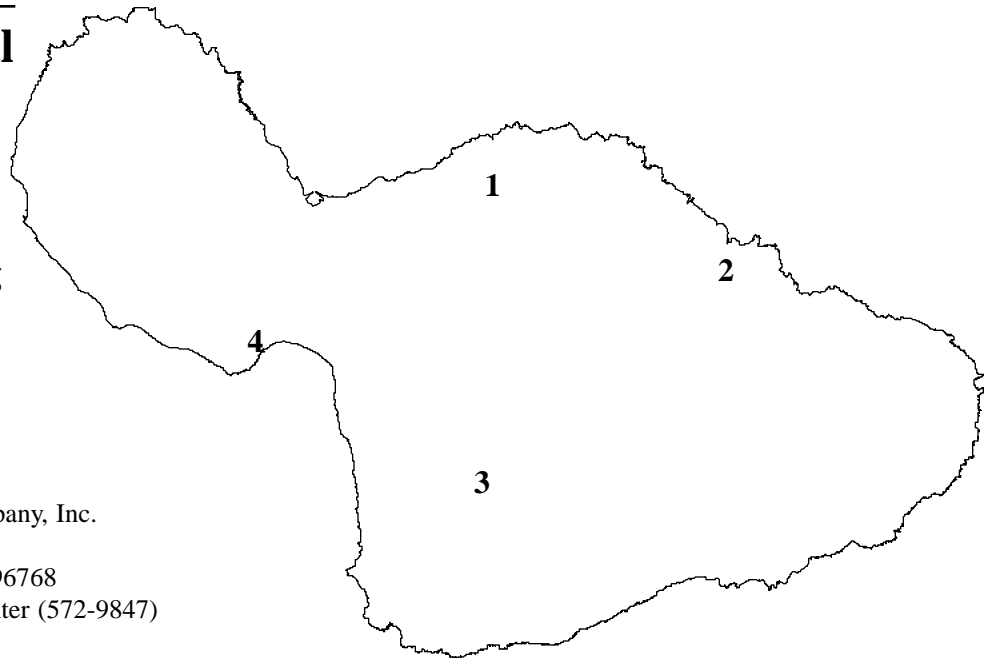
Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Maui
Planning Department
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Clayton Yoshida (243-7735)
Consultant: Munekiyo, Arakawa & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Milton Arakawa (244-2015)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 1998
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.

Permits Required: Land use district boundary amendment; community plan amendment; change in zoning

The applicant for the project, Mauka Water Co. Inc. is proposing to develop a water bottling facility and associated residential lots in Haiku, Maui, Hawaii on approximately 2.169 acres of land.

The proposed water bottling facility in Haiku is intended to replace the existing Mauka Water Co. bottling facility which is located in Olinda and would be located on approximately 1.163 acres of land fronting Kokomo Road.



The water bottling process involves purification of water from a Department of Water Supply source through a reverse osmosis process. The structure is intended to be a one-story facility with parking, to be located on an existing concrete pad. Although no specific building plans have been formulated at this time, the dimensions of the structure are estimated at approximately 40 feet by 100 feet which would contain the water production facilities, office, showroom, and truck loading and unloading areas. It is noted that covered truck loading and unloading functions are anticipated to be open at the sides and estimated to occupy approximately 40 feet by 40 feet. A one-story steel Butler-type building is proposed.

Three (3) residential lots are proposed to the rear or western portion of the property. Approximate lot sizes are 12,898 square feet, 13,590 square feet, and 15,277 square feet. The intent is to offer these lots for sale to Mauka Water Co. Inc. employees. Access easements are provided along the northern portion of the parcel to Kokomo Road.

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(2) Hana Highway Improvements at Milepost 14.39

District: Hana
TMK: 1-1-01-44
Applicant: Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allan Nishimura (587-2235)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Allan Nishimura (587-2235)

Public Challenge

Deadline: June 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Conservation District Use Permit

The State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Highways Division proposes to realign a 650 foot section of Hana Highway at Milepost 14.39 by moving the centerline approximately 15 feet south of the existing centerline. Other improvements include reconstructing the existing drainage system, installing a rock catchment area, gutters and guard-rails, and removing damaged sections of the existing cement rubble masonry (CRM) wall. This section of roadway is approximately 0.75 miles southeast of Kaumahina State Wayside Park.

Earth movements beneath the roadway have caused extensive damage within the proposed project area. A summary of the damage to the existing roadway facility are as follows: the asphalt concrete pavement surface has cracked up to 7 inches wide and has settled up to 6 inches in depth; an existing 24-inch reinforced concrete drainage pipe has cracked beneath the existing roadway; an existing CRM wall has cracked at the top and along the bottom of the wall; and there is substantial soil erosion at the base of the CRM wall.



(3) Waiohuli Tank Replacement

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-2-17:portion 6
Applicant: County of Maui
Department of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Herbert Kogasaka (243-7835)

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Authority: County of Maui
Department of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Herbert Kogasaka (243-7835)

Consultant:

Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Barry Toyota (946-2277)

Public Challenge

Deadline: June 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Grading permit

The proposed water system improvement project involves the construction of a 0.5 million gallon (MG) water storage tank, access and utility easements, and appurtenances affecting approximately 1.46 acres of privately-owned land in the community of Waiohuli, district of Makawao, island of Maui. The proposed action will replace the existing 70,000-gallon water tank which is corroded and leaking and is unable to adequately supply water to the area during periods of peak flow. Approximately 0.6 acre of the site will be acquired by the County of Maui for construction of the new water storage tank. The County of Maui will also acquire an approximately 30,000-square foot (0.69-acre) access easement between Polipoli Road and the new tank and an approximately 7,400-square foot (0.17-acre) utility easement along the southern side of the parcel. When fully implemented and integrated with the existing County system, the proposed improvements will provide further assurance of adequate water supply for the residential and agricultural needs of the Waiohuli-Keokea Homesteads and the Kamaole water system. The access easement and all water facilities will be constructed according to standards set forth by the County of Maui Department of Water Supply. No significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated from construction or operation of the proposed action.

The estimated time for construction of the water tank, roadway and appurtenances is approximately one year. Total development costs are estimated at \$1,000,000 and will be appropriated through County of Maui funds.

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices (EISPN)



(4) Ma'alaea Harbor for Light-Draft Vessels

District:

TMK: 3-6-01, 2, 34, 43, 49, 50; 3-8-14, 28, 31

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
333 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Howard Gehring (587-1966)

Approving Agency/Accepting

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

Consultant: U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440
Contact: Benton Ching (438-1157)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 10, 1998

Status: HRS 343 EISPN and NEPA DEIS first notice pending public comments. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: CDUA, CZM consistency, Army permit, water quality certification

The U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, in partnership with the State of Hawaii, is planning to construct improvements to the Ma'alaea Harbor for light-draft vessels at Ma'alaea, Maui, Hawaii. The Federal portion of the proposed action consists of realigning the entrance channel and modifying the existing breakwater to protect the new entrance channel. The purposes of these improvements are to reduce the surge within the harbor basin, reduce navigation hazards in the entrance channel, and provide opportunity for addition of commercial and recreational berthing spaces and

associated harbor facilities. Later, the project sponsor, the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, would provide expanded berthing facilities and improved infrastructure, including fuel, sewage treatment and pumpout facilities. Total construction costs are estimated at \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

A General Design Memorandum and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were approved by the Chief of Engineers in 1980, and a State of Hawaii Revised EIS was accepted by the Governor in 1982. The 1980 and 1982 plans of improvement were modifications of the plan originally approved by Congress in 1968. A Final Supplemental EIS was prepared and circulated in 1994 to update the environmental information regarding the proposed project and alternatives. This second supplemental EIS has been prepared to provide additional information on design modifications to avoid and minimize impacts to surfing sites, coral reefs, and other aquatic habitat; to provide further evaluation of potential effects to endangered and threatened species; to provide analysis and evaluation of Alternative plan 6; and to respond to public and agency comments received on the 1994 Final Supplemental EIS.

Previous and present studies indicate that the proposed project will achieve the Federal and State purposes. A mitigation plan developed by a team of Federal and State agencies would provide mitigation for unavoidable adverse environmental impacts, which include elimination or alteration of 8.16 acres of marine habitat, including 4.8 acres of coral reefs, removal of a small sandy beach, and removal of one surfing site.

The proposed action is consistent with Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program policies and objectives. The National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have determined that the proposed action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed endangered or threatened species. The recommendations of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Hawaii DLNR have been considered with respect to fish and wildlife resources. The State of Hawaii Department of Health is expected to issue a Section 401 water quality certification. A preliminary evaluation pursuant to 40 CFR 230, EPA's Guidelines for the Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged and Fill Material, concludes that the proposed action complies with those guidelines.

A Public Hearing to receive comments on the EIS has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m., June 23, 1998 at Kihei Elementary School.

Maui Notices

MAY 23, 1998

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(5) Honoapiilani Highway Widening (Kaanapali Parkway to Honokowai Stream)

District: Lahaina
TMK: Portions of 4-4-2:2; 4-4-6:14, 56, 59; 4-4-8:14, 20; 4-4-14:3, 4, 5
Applicant: Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Fred Abeshima (587-2123)
Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Federal Highway Administration
Box 50206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
Contact: Pat Phung (541-2700)
Consultant: Munekiyo Arakawa & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)
Permits Required: NPDES, Community Noise permit & variance, SMA

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) is proposing to widen Honoapiilani Highway from Kaanapali Parkway to the vicinity of Honokowai Stream, a distance of approximately 2.2 miles.

The existing two-lane highway typical section will be widened to provide four 11-foot wide travel lanes, a 4-foot wide striped median, and 6-foot wide shoulders. Proposed improvements also include widening the Honokowai Stream bridge and modifications to geometrics at the intersections of Kekaa Drive, Puukoolii Road, Halawai Drive, and Lower Honoapiilani Road, as well as the construction of an approximately 720-foot retaining wall south of the highway's intersection with Puukoolii Road. In addition to fill slope activities and the demolition of existing overhead golf cart and maintenance bridges, the construction of a new replacement bridge, as well as a temporary detour road and drainage system improvements are proposed. While the majority of improvements will be within the existing right-of-way,

limited right-of-way acquisition will be required for the highway widening.

With a projected total cost of approximately \$13.4 million, construction of the project is anticipated to commence in the fall of 1998, with completion estimated approximately 18 months later.

The widening of Honoapiilani Highway will increase highway capacity, relieve traffic congestion, and improve traffic circulation. The proposed improvements are not expected to result in long-term adverse impacts to infrastructure, public services, and the physical and socio-economic environment. Copies of the Final EA/FONSI are available for public review and copying at the Lahaina Public Library and Federal Highway Administration, as well as the Design Branch and the Maui District Office of the DOT's Highways Division.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

Upper Happy Valley Fire Protection Improvements

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

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: June 8, 1998



Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

~ Moloka'i Education Center

Applicant: Maui Community College
310 Kaahumanu Avenue
Kahului, Hawaii 96732
Contact: Clyde Sakamoto (242-1213)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: June 8, 1998



Kaho'olawe Cleanup Plan

People interested in how the Navy plans to clear Kaho'olawe of more than 50 years of unexploded bombs and other ordnance are encouraged to review the Kaho'olawe Cleanup Plan and offer their comments to the Navy. Copies of the Plan are at the major public library branches on each island. One copy in the OEQC and KIRC offices is available for public review. The Plan can also be seen on the Navy's website: www.efdpac.navfac.navy.mil.

Comments by the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), the State's managers of the 45 square mile island, are available on the KIRC web site: www.hawaii.gov/kirc.

The KIRC will not take an official position on the Plan until after the public comment period closes on June 5th. They have, however, expressed concern with early Navy estimates that \$280 million in federal funds could cleanup only a third of the island.

Comments can be sent to the Navy Public Affairs Officer, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineer Command, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-7300.

Hawaii Notices

MAY 23, 1998

Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Lucien Single Family Residence

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-7-08:03
Applicant: Kent T. Lucien
2038 Ualakua Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Contact: Kent T. Lucien (544-6130)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Land Division
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

Consultant: PBR Hawaii
101 Aupuni St., Suite 310
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: James M. Leonard (961-3333)

Public Comment
Deadline: June 22, 1998
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.

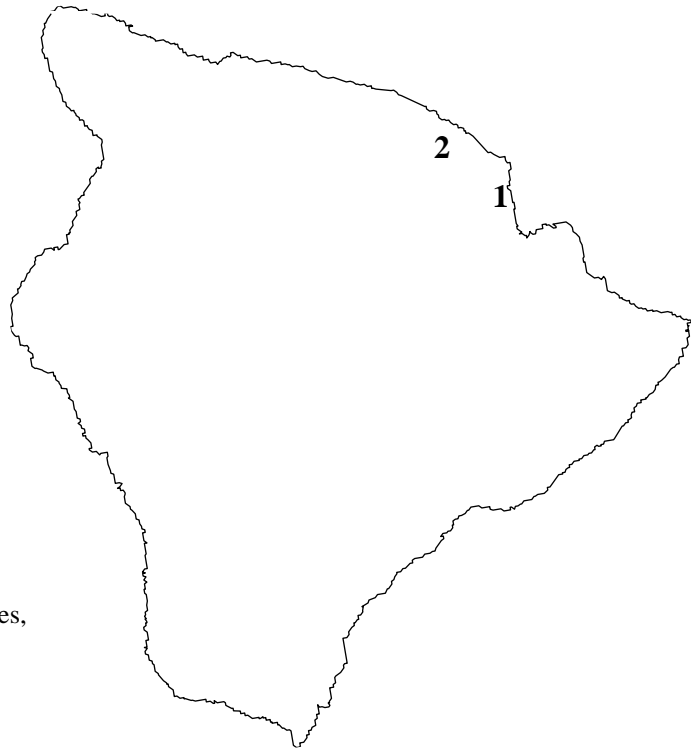
Permits Required: CDUA

Kent T. Lucien proposes to construct a single family residence and associated utility and landscape improvements on approximately 15.6 acres of coastal property located at Papaikou, South Hilo, Hawaii. The one-story three-bedroom residence on an approximate area of 3,140 square feet includes a garage and covered lanai. The project site is within the County Special Management Area.



(2) Vandertuin Single Family Residence

District: North Hilo
TMK: 3-2-04:39



Applicant: Peter and Carol Vandertuin (802-464-2710)
Parsons Road
P.O. Box 892
Wilmington, VT 05363

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

Consultant: Brian Nishimura (935-7692)
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 217
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Public Comment
Deadline: June 22, 1998
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.

Permits Required: CDUA

Peter and Carol Vandertuin propose to construct a single family residence consisting of three bedrooms within a living area of approximately 1,700 square feet which will also include an enclosed carport and unfinished basement. Related improvements are a 640 square foot picnic pavilion, driveway access, water tank and cesspool.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices

► Oneloa Onsen and Sports Retreat

Applicant: A&O International Corporation
c/o 458 Ponahawai Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: David Matsuura (935-9060)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Hawaii
Planning Department
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Alice Kawaha or Susan Gagorik
(961-8288)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 8, 1998

Acceptance Notices

Final Environmental Impact Statements

► Waimea-Pa`auilo Watershed

Applicant: Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 22159
Honolulu, Hawaii 96823-2159
Contact: Paul Matsuo (973-9473)

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: Accepted by the Governor, State of Hawaii
on May 11, 1998.



Kauai Notices

MAY 23, 1998

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

(1) Hawaiian Wildlife Tours

District: Various
TMK: Various
Applicant: Hawaiian Wildlife Tours
Box 681
Kilauea, Hawaii 96754
Contact: Dr. Carl Berg (639-2968)

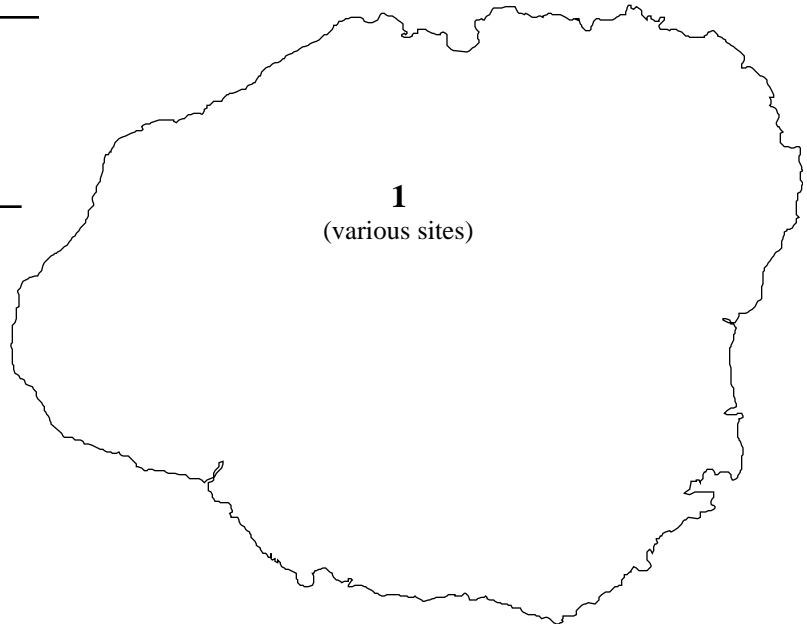
Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Edwin Petteys (274-3433)

Public Challenge

Deadline: June 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The applicant proposes to use state lands on Kauai for commercial hiking tours. The applicant will provide guided hiking tours along established trails within the Na Pali-Kona Forest Reserve, the Na Pali-Kona Forest Preserve, Kokee State Park, Nounou Forest Reserve, Lihue-Koloa Forest Reserve, and the Halelea Forest Reserve. Tours will usually consist of two people and the guide, although a maximum of six clients can be accommodated. No tours will be given on weekends or holidays, as these are peak times of use by local hikers and hunters. To promote environmental education regarding Kauai's unique species, habitats, communities, and ecosystems, and an aesthetic appreciation of Kauai's natural beauty, field lectures will be given regarding the geologic formation of the islands, the development of its ecosystems, and the evolution of its species.



Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

● Ho'omalulu Project

Applicant: County of Kauai Housing Agency
4193 Hardy Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Jim Seitzzahl (241-6812)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: June 8, 1998

Shoreline Notices

MAY 23, 1998

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-671	04/27/98	Lot 1148, Ld Ct App 677 (Map 268), Kailua, Koolaupoko, Oahu (782-G N. Kalaheo Avenue)	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc. for Marily Born	4-3-20:12
OA-672	05/07/98	Waialeale Beach Park, Pahipahialua, Koolauloa, Oahu (561 Kamehameha Highway)	C&C/Dept of Public Works for C&C/Dept of Parks & Rec.	5-7-05:13
KA-121	04/28/98	Lot 2, Ka L'ae Kiki Subdivision, Kukuiula, Koloa, Kauai (Lawai Beach Road, Koloa, Kauai)	Wagner Engineering Services, Inc. for Mark McCaslin	2-6-12:09

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-669	05/15/98 Certified	Lot 110 (Map 10) Ld Ct App 1095, Kawela, Koolauloa, Oahu (57-320 Punaulua Place)	ControlPoint Surveying, Inc. for Walter B. & Darlene Reinhold	5-7-3:49
KA-129	05/15/98 Certified	Lot 3, Por of LCAw 7585, Ap 1, Kalihikahi, Hanalei, Kauai (Anini Beach Road, Hanalei, Kauai)	Esaki Surveying & Mapping, Inc. for Jacob Bloom, etal	5-3-04:34
OA-314	05/15/98 Rejected	Lot 39 of Ld Ct App 616, Lanikai, Koolaupoko, Oahu (1600 Mokulua Drive)	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc. for Wholesale Motors, Inc.	4-3-01:04

Pollution Control Permits

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.

Pollution Control Permits

MAY 23, 1998

Branch & Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Dates	Proposed Use
CAB, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd., # 0249-01-C	120 Kane Street, Kahului, Maui	Issued: 5/4/98	Four Diesel Engine Generators and Four Steam Boilers
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	U.S. Navy, # 0117-01-N	Beckoning Point, Pearl Harbor, Oahu	Issued: 5/4/98	Five Diesel Engine Generators
CAB, Temporary Noncovered Source Permit	Resource Recovery, Ltd., # 0420-01-NT	Various. Initial Location: Malakole Street, Campbell Industrial Park, Oahu	Issued: 5/4/98	750 Cubic Yard/Hr. Powerscreen
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	University of Hawaii, # 0418-01-N	Waiakea, Hilo, Hawaii	Issued: 5/6/98	Three Diesel Engines
CAB, Covered Source Permit (Minor Mod.)	City and County of Honolulu, # 0215-01-C	91-1501 Geiger Road, Ewa Beach, Oahu	Issued: 5/7/98	Odor Control System
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	Transcend, Inc., # 0387-01-NT (Amendment)	Various Temporary Sites, Oahu	Amended: 5/6/98	Portable Stone Processing Plant and Diesel Engine Generator
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	Briggs Pacific Industries, # 0289-01-NT	91-650 Malakole Road, Kapolei, Oahu	Issued: 5/5/98	Bulk Material Ship Unloader and Cement Silo
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	Kauai Marriot Resort and Beach Club, #0415-01-N	Kalapaki Beach, Lihue, Kauai	Issued: 5/11/98	Two Steam Boilers
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	Hawaiian Cement, # 0252-02-N/NT	Various. Initial Location: Camp 6, Puunene, Maui	Issued: 5/12/98	Concrete Batch Plants and Diesel Engine Generator
SDWB, 586-4258, UIC	Dept. of Public Works, County of Hawaii, UH-2006	Lanikaula & Manono St. Int, Improvements, Waiakea Houselots, Hilo, Hawaii	NA	Construction of 5 New Drywells for Surface Drainage
SDWB, UIC	U.H. Institute for Astronomy, # UH-2007	Inst. for Astronomy, Ph. I, Univ. Park, N. Aohuku St., Hilo, Hawaii	Comments Due: 7/1/98	Construction of 5 New Drywells for Surface Drainage
SDWB, UIC	AOAO Royal Sea-Cliff Club, # UH-2008	75-6040 Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	NA	Abandonment of 2 Unregistered Sewage Injection Wells
SDWB, UIC	Estate of James Campbell, # UO-1315	Kahuku Shrimp Co. fka Pac. Sea Farms Inc., Marconi Rd., Kahuku, Oahu	NA	Abandonment of 3 Injection Wells
SDWB, UIC	Estate of James Campbell, # UO-1457	Kahuku Aquaculture Park Oyster Farm, Marconi Road., Kahuku, Oahu	NA	Abandonment of 6 Registered and 3 Unregistered Inj. Wells
SDWB, UIC	AOAO Hale Kahanalu, # UK-2009	Hale Kahanalu WWTP 2550 Kuai Rd., Poipu, Koloa, Kauai	NA	Registration of One Existing Sewage Injection Well

Conservation District Notices

MAY 23, 1998

DEPARTMENTAL PERMITS

Anyone interested in commenting on the following Conservation District Use Application (Departmental Permit) must submit comments to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Also, anyone interested in receiving a notification of determination on the subject CDUA must submit a request to DLNR that includes the following information:

- 1) Name and address of the requester;
- 2) The departmental permit for which the requester would like to receive notice of determination; and,
- 3) The date the notice was initially published in the Environmental Notice.

Both comments and requests for notification of determinations must be submitted to DLNR within thirty days from the initial date that the notice was published in the Environmental Notice. Please send comments and requests to:

State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Land Division
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DLNR will make every effort to notify those interested in the subject CDUA; however, the department is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. For more information, please contact Lauren Tanaka at 587-0385.



Consolidation and Resubdivision of Two Parcels in the Village Pokai Bay Subdivision

CDUA File No.:	OA-2898 (Departmental Permit)
Name of Applicant:	RYM Waianae Venture
Location:	Village Pokai Bay Subdivision Lualualei, Waianae, Oahu
TMK:	8-6-01: 04 and 61
Proposed Action:	Consolidation and resubdivision of two parcels into two lots
Chapter 343, HRS determination:	Exempt
Applicant's Contact:	Bernard Kea (521-7491)

Federal Notices

Competition for \$2.0 Million in Native Hawaiian Environmental Education Grants Expires June 18, 1998.

The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) is seeking native Hawaiian educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction in the Hawaiian language, to competitively award some \$2,000,000 to applicants proposing one of the following activities: (1) **TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN PRACTICES OF SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT**, including preparing teaching materials and demonstrating the use of native Hawaiian plants and animals for waste treatment and environmental remediation; (2) **NATIVE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION CURRICULA AND TEACHER TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES**, including K-12 language immersion programs, preservice and inservice teacher training programs, and

programs designed to increase the number of native Hawaiian teachers; or, (3) **PRISONER EDUCATION PROGRAMS** that target juvenile offenders and/or youth at risk of becoming offenders. **THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 18, 1998.** For more information, call Beth Baggett in Washington, D.C. at (202) 260-5202 (see, 63 F.R. 24908, May 5, 1998).

Essential Fish Habitat Meeting

In our last issue, we reported that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) met with the public on **May 20, 1998**, regarding essential fish habitat recommendations for the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council for bottomfish, crustaceans, pelagics and precious corals. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 22, 1998.** For details, call NMFS in Honolulu at 973-2940 (see 63 F.R. 24522, May 4, 1998).

Federal Notices

MAY 23, 1998

Precious Corals

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC) will have a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team **ON JUNE 4, 1998, FROM 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.** at the National Marine Fisheries Service Honolulu Laboratory, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, Room 112. For more information please call 943-1221 (see 63 F.R. 24775, May 5, 1998).

Proposed Direct Final Rule on Used Oil and Hazardous Waste

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing standards when used oil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) is regulated. Notice of intent to file adverse comments on this proposal should have been received by **MAY 20, 1998**, after which adverse comments need to be filed by **JUNE 5, 1998**. If no notice of intent to file adverse comments was filed by May 20 and no adverse comments are received by **JUNE 5, 1998**, the EPA plans to issue a direct final rule which will become effective **JULY 6, 1998** (see, 63 F.R. 24963, May 6, 1998, and 63 F.R. 25006, May 6, 1998).

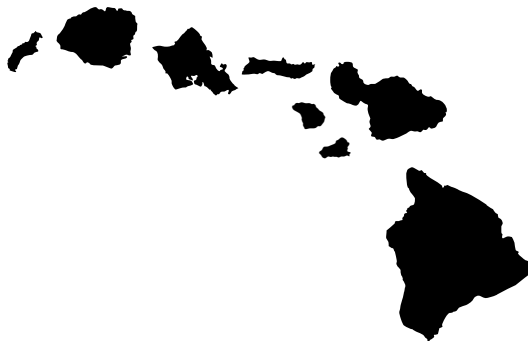
Permit to Relocate Eggs of *Eretmochelys imbricata*, Maui Hawksbill Sea Turtles

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announced that Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, La'ie, Hawai'i has applied (Permit Application No. 829250) to relocate eggs of the

hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) in conjunction with scientific research on the island of Maui, for the purpose of enhancing their survival. **WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THIS PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10, 1998** (see 63 F.R. 25867, May 11, 1998).

Critical Habitat is Low Priority in New Listing Guidance for Endangered/Threatened Species

EFFECTIVE MAY 8, 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has new final guidance for prioritizing listing actions conducted under the Endangered Species Act during fiscal year 1998. The guidance was prepared because serious backlogs still exist. The following tasks are listed in order of highest to lowest priority: (1) Processing emergency listing rules for any species determined to face a significant and imminent risk to its well being; (2) Processing final determinations on proposed additions to the endangered or threatened species lists; (3) Processing new proposals to add species to the lists; (4) Processing administrative petition findings to add, delist or reclassify species; (5) processing a limited number of delisting and reclassifying actions; (6) Processing proposed or final designations of critical habitat will be accorded the lowest priority. For more information contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Mailstop ARLSQ-452, Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (703) 358-2171 (see 63 F.R. 25502, May 8, 1998).



Neighbor Island Training Classes - FREE!

Hawaii's Environmental Review System

The law (HRS 343) and rules (HAR 11-200) --- recent changes and a new guidebook
In-Service Training for Agency Planning Staff and the Public

WHO?

Who should attend this training session?

- * Agency planners involved with preparing or processing environmental assessments or impact statements
- * Policy makers concerned with the environmental review system
- * Private sector planning staff and environmental consultants
- * Members of the public interested in monitoring the environmental impacts of projects in Hawaii

WHEN and WHERE?

Kona: Thurs., June 4th

Place: Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii
73-4460 Queen Kaahumanu Hwy., Kailua-Kona
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Kauai: Friday, July 10

Place: Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall, Exhibit Room B
4191 Hardy Street, Lihue
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Hilo: Friday, June 5th

Place: Environmental Health Office Conference Room
1582 Kamehameha Ave, Hilo
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Maui: Thurs., July 16

Place: TBA
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WHY?

Issues to be addressed in Training Sessions

- * Purpose and history of the Environmental Review System
- * How recent revisions to the EIS rules affect agencies and the public
- * Overview of the new Guidebook for the Hawaii Environmental Review System
- * New guidance documents for environmental reviews on the following issues
 - water well development
 - assessing cultural impacts
 - studying impacts caused by seawall construction
 - biological assessments
 - environmental building design
- * Recent and planned improvements to the Environmental Notice
 - How to place your organization's announcement in the Notice for FREE!
- * New requirements prior to publishing documents in the Environmental Notice
- * The Environmental Report Card and how to use it
- * How to save money and time by using the OEQC web page
- * Changes to state law from this year's legislature
- * Agency Exemption lists - Is your agency list outdated?
- * Recent lawsuits and new case law affecting HRS 343

**Registration form: Fax to OEQC at (fax) 586-4186 or mail to
235 S. Beretania St., Ste. 702, Honolulu, HI 96813**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Fax # _____

Training Session Date requested: _____

Please list items or issues you would like OEQC to address in the training session

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