Flexi-Van Submits Disclosure Statement for C & C Acquisition

Flexi-Van Leasing, Inc., which is privately held by Mr. David Murdock, is proposing to acquire Castle and Cooke, Inc. In accordance with HRS 343D, Flexi-Van has submitted an Environmental Disclosure Statement to OEQC. This is the first 343D filing in a decade. The last filing occurred in 1989 when BHP acquired PRI.

The Hawaii Environmental Disclosure Law was passed in 1982 to inform the public of anticipated changes in the use of agricultural lands resulting from changes in the ownership of the stocks or assets of publicly owned Hawaii Corporations. With the information contained in the disclosure documents, stockholders can decide whether to sell or retain their ownership interest in these corporations and in so doing influence whether there will be changes in Hawaii’s environment.

Flexi-Van’s Environmental Disclosure Statement includes a description of its organization, audited financial statements and an environmental compliance history. To review a copy of the statement, please contact OEQC.

Sound Source on Kauai Seafloor to be Reused

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego proposes to retain in place and reuse the power cable and sound source previously installed and used by the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) Project for an additional five years to carry out the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory (NPAL) project. The source is located on the seafloor at a depth of 807 meters, approximately 14.8 km north of Kauai at 22°20.94’N, 159° 34.18’W.

Under the proposed action, the seabed power cable and sound source would remain in their present locations, and transmissions would continue with approximately the same signal parameters and transmission schedule used in the ATOC project in order to: 1) perform the second phase of research on the feasibility and value of large-scale acoustic thermometry; 2) study the behavior of sound transmissions in the ocean over long distances; and 3) conduct studies on the possible long-term effects from the sound transmissions on marine life. At the conclusion of the five-year period, the seabed power cable, and possibly the sound source, would be abandoned in place.

For more information, please see page 14.

EPA to Remove Schofield from Superfund List

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, with the concurrence of the State of Hawai‘i’s Department of Health, proposes to remove Schofield Barracks from the Superfund National Priorities List. See page 19 for more.

Wailua Seawall - Exchange of Ideas

In response to a letter from Kurt Bosshard on the Wailua Golf Course Seawall published in the April 8, 2000, issue of the Environmental Notice, OEQC is also publishing letters from the County of Kaua‘i, Oceanit, and Bob Colopy of Maui. See page 21 for more.
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Draft Environmental Assessments

(1) Maunalua Bay Beach Park Improvements

District: Honolulu
TMK: 3-9-07:008, 011, 032
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 9th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Carl Braun (523-4799)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Plan Pacific, Inc.
737 Bishop Street, Suite 1520
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Dina Tamura Wong (521-9418 x 14)

Public Comment Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: SMA, waiver

The City & County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction proposes to develop a canoe halau and improve landscaping at Maunalua Bay Beach Park in Hawaii Kai. Maunalua Bay Beach Park, a 5.4-acre beach/shoreline park, is situated between the entrances to the Kala Kai and Hawaii Kai Marinas.

The proposed project consists of three parcels:

(1) TMK 3-9-07:008 – This 64,069 square foot parcel is adjacent to the makai edge of Kalanianaole Highway. It is owned by the City & County of Honolulu and is located entirely within the Special Management Area (SMA).

(2) TMK 3-9-07:011 – This 151,719 square foot parcel is located at the Koko Head end of the park. It is owned by the State of Hawaii and is under Executive Order 2626 which grants control and management of Maunalua Bay Beach Park to the City & County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation. It is located entirely within the SMA.

(3) TMK 3-9-07:032 – This 31,306 square foot parcel is located at the ewa end of Maunalua Bay Beach Park. It is owned by the State of Hawaii and is also under Executive Order 2626. This parcel is located entirely within the SMA.

The proposed canoe halau is planned for the ewa end of Maunalua Bay Beach Park on Parcel 32. The proposed project would provide a permanent and secured storage facility for canoes, kayaks and related equipment, as well as provide an informal gathering area for paddlers.

The proposed facility will measure approximately 50 feet by 50 feet and will not exceed 25 feet in height. Launching platforms or other docking provisions are not needed and off-site parking will continue to be accommodated on the adjacent State-owned Maunalua Bay Boat Launching Ramp Facility.

The proposed project would also improve the aesthetic and recreational environment at the canoe halau site and at the Koko Head end of Maunalua Bay Beach Park by providing additional shade trees, shrubbery, and groundcover.
Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)

(2) Honolulu Zoo Master Plan

District: Honolulu
TMK: 3-1-43:1 (portion of Kapiolani Regional Park)
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jim Nakasone (527-6306)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Cheryl Palesh (521-5361)

Public Challenge Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: height variance; grading; building

The Department of Design and Construction of the City and County of Honolulu has embarked on a plan to reorganize the basic layout of the Honolulu Zoo. This plan will broaden the recreational and educational experience encountered by visitors and expand the on-site breeding and research facilities with the existing zoo area. The proposed project will provide the visitor with an educational story line consisting of four main ecological environments. The Project design will maximize visitors’ educational and recreational experience since they will be totally immersed in each of the ecological environments and will be able to experience the difference between each environment as they proceed through the zoo.

New facilities to be constructed as part of the Project total 41 buildings, four open-sided structures, 11 aviaries, seven restroom facilities, a food concession, operational/support facilities, a green house, and expanding recreation visitor parking.

(3) Opaeula Watershed Protection Project

District: Waialua
TMK: 1-6-3-01
Applicant: Kamehameha Schools
567 South King Street, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Manabu Tagomori (534-3866)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Sam Lemmo (587-0381)

Public Challenge Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: BLNR permit

Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate, in a cooperative effort with the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the State of Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, proposes to construct a pig enclosure fence in the uppermost portion of the Opaeula Stream drainage, Ko’olau Mountains, Oahu. The project includes the construction of approximately 2.25 miles of 42” hogwire fence and construction of a 12’ by 16’ wooden platform to serve as a tent pad for resource management crews. The project will enclose about 150 acres of native Ko’olau wet forest. The project is part of ongoing efforts to protect native forest ecosystems, and rare, threatened and/or endangered flora and fauna found in the area. Eight species of listed, proposed, candidate, or rare plant species and two endangered tree snail species are found in the project area.

Construction of this fence will require hand clearing a 10 foot wide corridor through vegetation for the fence line. The proposed project is expected to generate short term impacts to soil quality along the fence line, some impacts to common native vegetation, and may slightly change the Ko’olau summit trail alignment. These short-term impacts will be mitigated through the long-term benefit to the ecosystem by the removal of the negative impacts of feral pigs within the project area. The integrity of the Ko’olau summit trail will be retained. The fence route will be surveyed by Botanists and recognized snail experts to ensure that no rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal is within the area cleared for the fence.
This project is directed at the protection of ecosystems as well as rare and endangered species. This project will help protect surface and ground water quality and protect native ecosystems by eliminating the destructive impact of feral pigs in the project area.

(4) St. Rita Catholic Church Parking Lot

District: Waianae
TMK: 8-9-5:1; 8-9-7:portions of 2 and 4
Applicant: St. Rita Catholic Church
89-318 Farrington Highway
Nanakuli, Hawaii 96792

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Steve Tagawa (523-4817)

Consultant: Francisco Architect
2379 Liloa Rise
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Contact: Fidel Francisco (943-1845)

Public Challenge Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: SMA, CUP

The applicant, the existing St. Rita Catholic Church located at 89-318 Farrington Highway in Nanakuli, proposes to develop a portion of two adjacent parcels (approximately 36,024 square feet) for a 80-car parking lot to serve existing church facilities.

The applicant eventually proposes to construct a new church building on the existing church parcel (Tax Map Key 8-9-5: 1) at an unspecified future date.

These parcels are currently vacant and will require grubbing, grading, the construction of retaining walls and approximately 7,500+ cubic yards of fill. The parking lot will be constructed of asphaltic concrete.

The existing church and adjacent vacant lots are owned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). The church operates under DHHL License Agreement No. 087 and the additional property (Tax Map Key 8-9-7: portions of 2 and 4) will be incorporated into a new license agreement.

However, the applicant will be required to obtain all other County approvals, including a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit Minor (Cm), as well as comply with Flood Zone requirements.

An unresolved issue, which remains to be addressed during the permit process, is the determination that proposed construction activities will not result in a rise in the project areas flood elevation (“No-rise certification”).

(5) Young Brothers Maintenance Facility (After-the-Fact)

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-05-032:02
Applicant: Young Brothers, Ltd.
Pier 40, P.O. Box 3288
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801-3201
Contact: Jeffrey Low (543-9406)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation
79 South Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Contact: Glenn Soma (587-2503)

Consultant: Gerald Park Urban Planner (942-7484)
1400 Rycroft Street, Suite 876
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Public Challenge Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Building; Grubbing, Grading & Stockpiling; Sewer Connection

Young Brothers, Limited has built a maintenance facility at Pier 40, Honolulu Harbor to support its inter-island shipping operations. The maintenance facility was erected on State land and the State Department of Transportation-Harbors Division (“DOT-Harbors”) has requested that Young Brothers, Limited prepare an Environmental Assessment to
fulfill the requirements of its agreement for leasing State land at Piers 39 and 40. The maintenance facility occupies an area of approximately 147,600 square feet of tax map key 1-5-32: 02.

The proposed action allows YB to consolidate its maintenance and repair functions at a location adjoining Piers 39 and 40 where all its shipping operations at Honolulu Harbor take place and provides them with a covered work area for servicing and maintaining its complement of land-based equipment year round and space for inventorizing tools and parts.

The maintenance facility consists of a single structure erected on a concrete apron and bordered by a wide expanse of asphalt concrete. The 275 feet long by 90 feet wide by 52 feet high structure is the most prominent feature of the project. Its 28,158 square feet under roof provides work space for repairing truck chassis, shipping containers, and forklifts (up to 45 ton capacity). Space is also provided for a diesel and electrical shop, a welding area, equipment storage, washdown area, bulk storage, locker and toilets for men and women, and office use.

The structure is built primarily of pre-formed metal siding and metal roofing set on a reinforced concrete slab. Pre-engineered rigid metal frames posted 25 feet on center with steel columns in the center support the roof. The height of the structure does not exceed the 60-foot height limit for the I-3 zoning district.

The project cost $3.8 million to build and was funded by Young Brothers, Limited. The project was built in one construction phase of 12 months beginning in October 1997 and finishing in October 1998.

The property is owned by the State of Hawaii and leased to Young Brothers, Limited for a term of 35 years from November 1998 through October 2033.

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Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices

(6) West Mamala Bay Facilities Plan

District: Ewa

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction proposes to undertake various long-term improvements to the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system for the West Mamala Bay Sewerage Subdistrict, which is served by the Honolulu Wastewater Treatment Plant. The service area extends from Halawa to Ko Olina and from Ewa to Mililani. The purpose of the proposed and alternative improvements is to accommodate average dry weather and peak wet weather wastewater flows projected through 2020. The following summarizes the preliminary recommendations and alternatives presented in the Pre-Final Facilities Plan and will be assessed in the forthcoming Draft EIS:

Collection System: Various capacity improvements to major sewerlines, pump stations and force mains are proposed, including several private developer-financed improvements. In lieu of, or in combination with capacity upgrades, an alternative to addressing peak wet weather flows involves constructing up to four equalization facilities to capture and temporarily store storm flows so they can be fed back into the system at an acceptable rate.
Treatment and Disposal: Various improvements to the Honouliuli WWTP facility are proposed to accommodate projected flows, meet anticipated ocean disposal permit limits, implement consent decree requirements for beneficial water and biosolids reclamation and to provide flexibility for future reclamation efforts.

Unsewered Areas: Recommendations for serving two remaining unsewered areas in the West Mamala Bay Sewerage Subdistrict for which plans for connection to the municipal system had not been developed.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

(7) Schofield Barracks Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Treatment and Disposal (FEIS)

District: Wahiawa
TMK: 7-7-01-1
Applicant: Lt. Col. Wally Walters
District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Honolulu Engineer District
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440
Contact: Edward Yamada (438-5421)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii

Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Sue Sakai (521-5361)

This is a notification that a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been formulated based on comments received on the Draft EIS. Copies of the document are available for viewing at the proposing agency.

Comments on the Final EIS may be sent to the proposing agency.

(8) Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Amendment of Lease (FONSI)

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-3-02 portions of 1, 2, 28
Applicant: Department of the Navy
Navy Region Hawaii Commander
Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3134
Contact: Connie Chang, Code PLN231CC (471-9338)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Sue Sakai (521-5361)

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy gives notice that an Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed amendment to lease U.S. Navy property at Waipio Peninsula to the City and County of Honolulu (City) for use as a Soccer Park.

The proposed action is to amend the existing lease with the City under which certain lands on Waipio Peninsula were leased for use as a soccer park in accordance with the authority granted by P.L. 105-45, Section 127. The proposed lease amendment will accommodate the City’s request to modify the original design of the water delivery system by locating the non-potable water irrigation system’s reservoir and related infrastructure on the leased lands.

The redesign of the water delivery system and the construction of the new reservoir will improve the efficiency of the City’s non-potable water irrigation delivery system, simplify its operational and maintenance requirements, reduce the City’s development costs, and ultimately result in lower rates for the Navy’s agricultural lessee.
Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

 Honolulu 42-inch and 24-inch Transmission Mains
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: Clifford Jamile (527-6180)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 2000

 Kailua Town Center Redevelopment (Special Management Area)
Applicant: Castle Family Limited Partnership
1199 Auloa Road
Kailua, Hawaii 96734
Contact: Randolf Moore (266-1400)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ardis Shaw-Kim (527-5349)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 2000

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 Kailua-Kaneohe-Kahaluu Facilities Plan
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design & Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Carl Arakaki (523-4671)
and
Department of Environmental Services
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Kenneth Sprague (527-6663)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Randall Fujiki (523-4432)

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

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

 Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill Expansion (Supplemental)
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Environmental Services
650 South King Street, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Frank Doyle (527-5358)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Draft Environmental Assessments

(1) Honoapiilani Highway Improvements, from Alaelae Point to Honolua Bay

District: Lahaina
TMK: State right-of-way, 4-2-5:por. 41, por. 42
Applicant: Kapalua Land Company, Ltd.
1000 Kapalua Drive
Kapalua, Hawaii 96761
Contact: Robert McNatt (669-5622)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation
650 Palapala Drive
Kahului, Hawaii 96732
Contact: Robert Siarot (873-3535)

Consultant: Munekiyo, Arakawa & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Milton Arakawa (244-2015)

Public Comment Deadline: July 10, 2000
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: SMA

The applicant, Kapalua Land Company, Ltd., is proposing to construct improvements to Honoapiilani Highway, from Alaelae Point to Honolua Bay. The purpose of the project is to adjust curve radii and pavement widths to improve operating and safety conditions of the roadway as well as upgrade drainage conditions. The applicant is proposing the project in order to fulfill one of the conditions relating to the subdivision of lands comprising Plantation Estates which abuts the mauka side of the highway.

Most of the improvements are proposed within the State-owned right-of-way. The project also extends over portions of parcels owned by Kapalua Land Company, Ltd. (TMK 4-2-5:41, 42).

Improvements are proposed along four (4) non-contiguous segments of Honoapiilani Highway. Approximately 590 lineal feet of roadway is proposed to be improved around Alaelae Point. Approximately 620 lineal feet of roadway would be improved around Makuleia Bay. A new 81-inch by 59-inch corrugated aluminum pipe culvert across the highway is also proposed. This would replace two (2) 24-inch drainage culverts. Approximately 520 lineal feet of roadway is proposed around Honolua Bay. A new 24-inch drainline is also being installed approximately 370 lineal feet to the east of the Honolua Bay roadway improvements. The drainline extends easterly approximately 340 feet within the right-of-way and then outlets to an existing drainageway.

Roadway improvements would result in lane widths of 10 feet with a 4 feet wide shoulder.

Estimated construction timeframe is six (6) to nine (9) months. Construction cost is estimated at $950,000.00.
(2) Douglas’ Alteration of Existing Access & Utility Easement

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-9-11:por. 08
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Keith Douglas
P.O. Box 11371
Lahaina, Hawaii 96761
Contact: Keith Douglas (669-4028)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Land Division, Maui District Branch
54 South High Street, Room 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Philip Ohta (984-8100)

Consultant: Stephen Pitt (871-8689)
P.O. Box 109
Paia, Hawaii 96779

Public Challenge Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Easement on State lands

The proposed project is for a minor alteration of an existing access and utility easement (L.O.D. No. S-28,000) over state lands located at Hanawana, Makawao, Maui.

The approval of the slight road alteration is for reasonably improved access to safely allow for construction equipment as well as vehicles to (2) 2-9-11-18 which is an ongoing development for a single family residence and farm. The state land affected is located in an agricultural district and is not located within the conservation district. The Douglasses are co-leasees of a portion of state land TMK: (2) 2-9-11 por. 08, on a month to month basis, in which the area of the subject is located.

The minor road alteration affecting state land is part of a larger project to allow access to the Douglas property involving crossing Hanawana Stream. The Douglasses’ original revised environmental assessment dated July 1995 for development of a residence and farm on TMK: (2) 9-11-18 was issued a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) on August 28, 1997.

(3) Ulumalu-Peahi Water System Improvements

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-08-01:61, 64
Applicant: County of Maui Department of Water Supply
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793
Contact: David Craddick (270-7816)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
2145 Wells Street, Suite 403
Wailuku, HI 96793
Contact: Alan L. Unemori (242-4403)

Public Challenge Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: NPDES, grading, building, county
right-of-way

This project will replace the existing, substandard private water distribution system in Maui Ranch Estates subdivision and adjoining properties with a new 8-inch distribution system and regular fire hydrants. The project will serve approximately 81 lots.

Anticipated improvements include:

(1) Construction of a 300,000 reinforced concrete reservoir in pastureland above the end of a currently unpaved section of Upper Ulumalu Road at an elevation of approximately 1300+ feet, approximately 1-1/4 miles south and uphill from the southwest corner of the Maui Ranch Estates subdivision.

(2) Construction of a Booster Pump Station with 10,000 gallon control tank immediately off a currently unpaved section of Upper Ulumalu Road across from the southwest corner of Maui Ranch Estates subdivision.
(3) Construction of approximately 3900 feet of 12-inch and 2700 feet of 8-inch outflow lines along Upper Ulumalu Road, including standard DWS water laterals, electronic meters and regular fire hydrants.

(4) Construction of an 8-inch water distribution system within Maui Ranch Estates subdivision right-of-ways.

(5) Connection of the new 8-inch line on Maluna Place with an existing 8-inch line on the east end of Pakanu Street, including a pressure reducing valve on this line.

(6) Installation of pressure regulating valve assemblies at appropriate locations on Upper Ulumalu Road, Waipalani Road, Kapuai Road and Lanikai Place.

(7) Interconnecting lines at cul-de-sacs between Waipalani Road and Lanikai Place, and between Kalipo Place and Upper Ulumalu Road to enhance circulation and minimize dynamic pressure losses in the system.

(8) Construction of an 12-inch inflow line on Kaupakalua Road between the 200,000 gallon “Kaupakalua tank” and the western end of the “Maldonado line”.

(9) Construction of an 8-inch inflow line on Upper Ulumalu Road between the eastern end of the “Maldonado line” and the Booster Pump Station, and on Upper Ulumalu Road between the Booster Pump Station and the 300,000 gallon reinforced concrete tank.

Previously Published Projects

Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

Lahaina Retail Building

Applicant: Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.
3660 Waialae Avenue #400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Contact: Alvin Awaya (924-1000)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:
County of Maui Planning Department
250 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Colleen Suyama (270-7735)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 2000

Environmental Council Meetings

The Environmental Council is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 14, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. at the State Capitol Conference Room 312.

The Council various committees are tentatively scheduled to meet the same day prior to the full Council meeting. Please call on or after June 8, 2000 for the final agenda.

Any person desiring to attend the meetings and requiring an accommodation (taped materials or sign language interpreter) may request assistance provided such a request is made five (5) working days prior to the scheduled meetings. This request may be made by writing to Ms. Barbara Robeson, Chairperson, Environmental Council c/o OEQC, 235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 702, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or by fax at (808) 586-4186.
(1) Kaloko-Honokohau Business Park

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-4-8:13 (por.) and 30
Applicant: Lanihau Partners, L.P.
c/o Tsukazaki, Yeh and Moore
100 Pauahi Street, Suite 204
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Michael Moore (961-0055)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: State Land Use Commission
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359
Contact: Esther Ueda (587-3822)

Consultant: GeoMetrician Associates
HC 2 Box 9575
Keaau, Hawaii 96749
Contact: Ron Terry (982-5831)

Public Comment Deadline: July 10, 2000
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: LUD boundary amendment, UIC, Chapter 6E, grading, building

Lanihau Partners seeks to reclassify to the Urban District 336.984 acres that are currently within the State Land Use Conservation District in North Kona. A Conservation District Use Permit issued in 1967 allows quarrying uses over most of the area. Another portion is used for cattle grazing on an intermittent basis, while some of the land supports no current land uses. The Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park is makai of the area. The purpose of the reclassification and subsequent rezoning is to allow the development of the Petition Area for mixed light industrial and commercial uses and the continuation of the existing quarry and related uses. The Petition Area is located halfway between the Kona International Airport at Keahole and Kailua-Kona along Queen Kaahumanu Highway. It is an infill property between the Kaloko and Honokohau Mauka Industrial Parks. The proposed land uses will be consistent with the uses on those adjacent properties. The EIS will include an evaluation of potential impacts to groundwater, native biota, viewplanes and archaeological features in order to formulate measures that will reliably avoid or minimize impacts to these resources.

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

(2) University of Hawaii Center at West Hawaii

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-3-10:33 (portion)
Applicant: University of Hawaii Facilities Planning Office for Community Colleges
4303 Diamond Head Road
Manele Bldg., Room 103
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Contact: Maynard Young (734-9771)
The action or subject of this EIS is the creation of a permanent physical facility for higher education in the western part of the island of Hawai‘i. The facility is known as the University of Hawai‘i Center at West Hawai‘i (UHCWH). The proposed action discussed in this document is based on the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) for UHCWH.

The University of Hawai‘i’s presence in West Hawai‘i began in 1971 when courses were offered through the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. The rapid growth of the region and continuing demand for higher education resulted in the establishment of UHCWH in 1996. Since July 1, 1998, UHCWH has become the responsibility of Hawai‘i Community College in Hilo (HawCC) and is temporarily housed in a shopping center in Kealakekua. Since the present location allows no room for growth, the University’s Board of Regents (BOR), after a detailed site selection study, chose the 500-acre State owned parcel at Kalaoa as the site of a permanent facility for higher education. UHCWH will be situated in the southwestern corner of this 500-acre parcel and will cover approximately 30 acres of land. The site is located approximately 3 miles east of Kona International Airport and is accessible via Queen Kaahumanu Highway and Kaimi Nani Drive. This location consists of lava lands never before developed for modern use.

West Hawai‘i is the only remaining major geographic area and population center in the Hawaiian Islands that does not have a permanent facility for higher education. Thus, the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges has made the planning, design and construction of the new University Center at Kalaoa a priority. UHCWH differs from other campuses in the UH system, in that it serves as a vehicle for delivering programs and services from all parts of the University system. Degrees are conferred by other campuses (UH Hilo, HawCC, UH Manoa, etc.) which provide educational programs and courses to the center. This multi-program approach from distant sources is made possible by the use of distance education technology such as the internet and the Hawai‘i Interactive Television System (HITS).

UHCWH is intended to be a commuter school and will not contain dormitories, faculty housing, or athletic facilities. UHCWH is planned for an ultimate student population of 1500.

Acceptance Notices

Puainako Street Extension and Widening

Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Casey Yanagihara (961-8327)

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 Status:
FEIS accepted by the Governor of Hawaii on May 18, 2000.
Kauai Notices

JUNE 8, 2000

Final Environmental Assessments (FONSI)

(1) Kauai Main Police Facility/Emergency Operating Center/Prosecuting Attorney Offices

Applicant: County of Kauai, Dept. of Public Works
4444 Rice Street, Suite 275
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Douglas Haigh (241-6650)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Public Challenge Deadline: July 10, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Building, zoning & use permits

The project is the development of an 8 acre site for the Kauai Main Police Station/Emergency Operating Center/Offices of the Prosecuting Attorney. Improvements include site grading, landscaping, employee access road and parking, one two story 58,000 SF building and one two story 10,000 SF building. The site is located near Lihue Airport and adjacent to the planned State Judiciary Complex.

It is anticipated that a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) will be made for this project. The project was clearly identified in the Lihue-Hanamaulu Master Site Plan Environmental Impact Statement and the County rezoning of the site specifically identifies the Kauai Main Police Facility and Emergency Operating Center uses.

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

(2) North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory

Applicant: University of California San Diego
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
IGPP-0225, 9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, California 92093
Contact: Dr. Peter Worcester (858-534-8031)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Tom Eisen (587-0439)

Consultant: Marine Acoustics, Inc.
809 Aquidneck Avenue
Middletown, RI 02842
Contact: Kathleen Raposa (401-847-7508)

Public Comment Deadline: July 24, 2000
Status: DEIS 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

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego proposes to retain in place and reuse the power cable and sound source previously installed and used by the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) Project for an additional five years to carry out the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory (NPAL) project. The source is located on the seafloor at a depth of 807 meters (2648 ft.), approximately 8 nautical miles (14.8 km) north of Kauai at 22°20.94′N, 159° 34.18′W.
Under the proposed action, the seabed power cable and sound source would remain in their present locations, and transmissions would continue with approximately the same signal parameters and transmission schedule used in the ATOC project in order to 1) perform the second phase of research on the feasibility and value of large-scale acoustic thermometry; 2) study the behavior of sound transmissions in the ocean over long distances; and 3) conduct studies on the possible long-term effects from the sound transmissions on marine life. At the conclusion of the five-year period, the seabed power cable, and possibly the sound source, would be abandoned in place.

The NPAL project is funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and will be carried out by Scripps in conjunction with the Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington.

Formerly known as the Kauai Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC), Phase 2.

In January of 1996, DLNR, Land Division initiated development of a strategic plan to address coastal erosion within a framework of beach protection, something that had never been attempted before in this State. These efforts resulted in the development of the Hawaii Coastal Erosion Management Plan (COEMAP) adopted in August 1999 by the BLNR and the establishment of the Coastal Lands Program.

One of the plan’s major recommendations is to promote beach nourishment and restoration as a viable alternative to shoreline armoring (i.e., the practice of building hard shoreline structures to stop land loss/shoreline retreat). Unfortunately, this customary practice has caused the accelerated loss of Hawaii’s beaches. When a hard structure is present, beach loss can occur for two primary reasons: 1) the shoreline structure refocus wave and current action on the sandy beach, causing it to erode rather than retreat landward, and 2) these structures cut-off the supply of sand to the beach resulting in beach deflation or starvation.

Beach loss seriously impacts all of us. When beaches erode, shoreline access is lost. Recreation and cultural activities are limited, coastal habitat is impacted, and our visitor economy suffers.

Implementation of a statewide CDUP and Corps SPGP will streamline the permitting process for small-scale beach nourishment projects and consolidate permitting of these projects within one agency, the DLNR. This would provide an incentive for shore owner groups to seriously consider this practice as an alternative to shoreline armoring. Use of small-scale beach nourishment in Hawaii could reduce the incidence of shoreline armoring and enhance public beaches with minimal negative environmental consequences.
Shoreline Notices

JUNE 8, 2000

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.

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<td>Maui Beach Hotel and Maui Palms Hotel Properties, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii (170 Kaahumanu Avenue) Purpose: Determine current location of shoreline for building setback</td>
<td>Tanaka Engineers, Inc., for Elleair Hawaii, Inc.</td>
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<td>DJNS Surveying and Mapping, for Peter C. Clinton</td>
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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.

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<td>Tanaka Engineering Services, Inc., for Gary Wampler</td>
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Federal Consistency Reviews

The Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program has received the following federal actions to review for consistency with the CZM objectives and policies in Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This public notice is being provided in accordance with section 306(d)(14) of the National Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. For more information, please call John Nakagawa with the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2878. Federally mandated deadlines require that comments be received by the date specified for each CZM consistency review and can be mailed to:

David W. Blane, Director
Office of Planning
Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804.

Or, fax comments to the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2899.

(1) Federal Grants for the Hawaii Game Management Program and the Hawaii Non-Game Management Program, State of Hawaii

Applicant: Department of Land & Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Wildlife
Contact: Paul Conry, 587-4176

Federal Action: Federal Assistance - Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration

Federal Agency: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Proposed Action:
Receive and use federal funds from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for planning, coordination and implementation of the Hawaii Game and Non-Game Management Programs. The Hawaii Game Management Program ($3,044,035 requested) will fund projects to monitor hunter activities and game species population status and characteristics, land leases to provide additional areas available for public hunting, game habitat improvement projects to enhance wildlife populations in areas available for public hunting, game habitat improvement projects to enhance the population in suitable habitats through control of alien predators, and facility and infrastructure development and operation projects that will aid in data gathering and analysis and other activities that maximize hunter recreational opportunities and staff efficiency.

The Hawaii Non-Game Management Program ($1,065,338 requested) involves operation and maintenance, population management, habitat management, facilities construction, and survey and inventory. The goal of the Hawaii Non-Game Management Program is to manage, preserve and protect the native avifauna and their habitats for their intrinsic, recreational, scientific, and educational values and to provide opportunities for public enjoyment of these resources. A major focus of the program is on management and recovery of endangered species.

The grant packages for these programs are available for public review on the Division of Forestry & Wildlife web page at: http://www.state.hi.us/dlnr/dofaw/pubs/index.html. If you are providing comments to the Office of Planning please send a copy to Paul Conry, Wildlife Program Manager, Division of Forestry & Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Comments Due: June 22, 2000

(2) North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory Project, Kauai

Applicant: University of California San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Contact: Susie Pike, (858) 534-8031


Federal Agency: U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Location: Ocean waters off the north shore of Kauai

Proposed Action:
Scripps Institution of Oceanography is requesting a Letter of Authorization from NMFS for the incidental take of marine mammals associated with the continued operation, for five additional years, of the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) sound source for the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory Project. The project involves (1) the second phase of research on the feasibility and value of large-scale acoustic thermometry (ATOC), (2) long-range underwater sound transmission studies, and (3) studies on the possible long-term effects of the sound transmissions on marine life.

Comments Due: June 30, 2000
# Pollution Control Permits

**JUNE 8, 2000**

## 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.

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<td>Willcocks Construction Corporation NSP 0473-01-NT</td>
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<td>Maui Department of Water Supply, #00-CW-PW-10</td>
<td>Napili Well, Maui TMK (2)4-3-01:06</td>
<td>Comments Due: 6/21/00</td>
<td>Discharge process wastewater to receiving waters named Napili 4-5</td>
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Kaloko Industrial Park Phases III & IV

The LUC has received the following request regarding a proposed district boundary amendment, pursuant to Chapter 205, HRS:

Docket No: A00-732
Petitioner: TSA INTERNATIONAL, LIMITED
Location: Kaloko, North Kona, Hawaii
Acreage: 102.3 acres
TMK: 7-3-51: 60
Request: Conservation to Urban
Date Filed: May 25, 2000

If you would like further detailed information on this matter, please contact:

State Land Use Commission
Location Address
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
(State Office Tower)
235 S. Beretania Street, Room 406
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359
Phone: 587-3822

Federal Notices

Regional Conditions for Nationwide Permits

The Honolulu District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has issued a notice, dated May 3, 2000, that 13 regional conditions will become effective upon approval by the Division Engineer, and no sooner than June 7, 2000, when the final and modified nationwide permits (NWP's) take effect. Call the ACOE for details.

Cancellation of PEIS for the Criminal Alien Requirement

In April 1999, the Federal Bureau of Prisons of the U.S. Department of Justice proposed to establish national procedures for the award and monitoring of contracts for low-security non-federally owned and operated detention and prison facilities for the criminal alien population and determine the potential impacts to natural and manmade environments in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (see, Environmental Notice, May 8, 1999, at page 17 for details). Scoping meetings were held in Philadelphia, Dallas and San Diego. As a result, the Bureau has decided to cancel the Programmatic EIS and instead concentrate its efforts and resources at preparing individual site-specific EIS’s for facilities proposed to house the criminal alien population.

For details, call or write to Mr. David J. Dorworth, Chief, Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch, U. S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20534, telephone (202) 514-6470, fax (202) 616-6024, or email siteselection@bop.gov (from May 4, 2000, notice, Federal Bureau of Prisons).

Addendum No. 1 to the Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed Plan FEIS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued an addendum to the Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed Plan FEIS to clarify the land treatment component of the plan, including purposes, eligibility, contracting method, and operation and maintenance requirements. Also, since typographical and factual errors, and inconsistencies identified by the NRCS programmatic review have been corrected, NRCS has determined that Addendum No. 1 does not substantively change any aspect of the existing watershed plan and does not require a supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (from April 28, 2000, letter of Kenneth Kaneshiro, NRCS, to recipients of the Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed Plan FEIS).

EPA to Delete Schofield Barracks Site from Superfund List

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, (EPA) wants to remove the Schofield Barracks site from the National Priorities List (NPL) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or “Superfund”). Both EPA and the State of Hawai‘i Department of Health (on March 13, 2000) have determined that the remedial action for the site has been successfully executed. Comments concerning the proposed deletion of the site from the NPL should be submitted on or before June 21, 2000, to Mark Ripperda, Mail Code SFD-8-3, USEPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA.
The deletion docket is also available for review at the Wahiawa library and Wheeler Army Airfield. For more information call the State Health Department in Honolulu at (808) 586-4249 (see, 65 F.R. 32058, May 22, 2000).

The U.S. Army Corps Wants Your Feedback in Listening Sessions

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to start a dialogue with its stakeholders, the general public, and with federal, state, and local agencies about future water resources challenges facing the nation. This will entail a series of fourteen regional listening sessions (as facilitated workshops) to be held from June through September 2000. The Pacific Ocean Division of the Corps will host a listening session in Honolulu on JULY 26, 2000, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. In order to optimize time available to all attendees, there will not be time for participants to present prepared formal statements. However, written statements may be submitted may be submitted to the Corps web site at www.wrsc.usace.army.mil/iwr/waterchallenges or by calling Mr. Mark Gmitro toll free (877) 447-6342. The registration forms for these listening sessions may be found on the aforementioned website (see, 65 F.R. 34453, May 30, 2000).

Irradiation of Fruits and Vegetables

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing rules for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment for fruits and vegetables imported into the United States. The irradiation treatment would provide protection against fruit flies and the mango seed weevil. Comments need to be received by APHIS by JULY 25, 2000. To submit a comment by postal mail, send an original and three copies to Docket No. 98-030-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 98-030-1 (see 65 F.R. 34113, May 26, 2000).

Maui Public Schools Nominated to the National Register of Historic Places

The National Park Service (NPS) announced that the Hawai‘i State Historic Preservation Officer has nominated the following Maui schools to the National Register of Historic Places: Henry Pernine Baldwin High School, No. 00000667; Ke‘anae School, No. 00000665; Kaupo School, No. 00000662; Paia School, No. 00000664; Pu‘unene School, No. 00000663; and, Wailuku School, No. 00000666. Written comments may be sent to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, D.C. 20240, no later than JUNE 14, 2000 (see 65 F.R. 34497, May 30, 2000).

Proposed Endangered Status for Guam/Mariana Islands Plants

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing endangered status for the following plants: Nesogenes rotensis; Osmoxylon mariannense; and, Tabernaemontana rotensis. The first two species occur on the island of Rota in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The last occurs on both Rota and the U.S. Territory of Guam. Comments and public hearing requests must be received by JULY 17, 2000 (for details, see 65 F.R. 35025, June 1, 2000).

Fishery Meetings

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet on JUNE 13-16, 2000 from 8:30 A.M. till 5:30 P.M. at the Maui Prince Hotel, 5415 Makena Alanui, Makena, Hawai‘i 96753. Public hearings will be held on criteria to allow new entry intor the Mau Zone limited entry bottomfish fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and on amendments to the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish, Crustaceans, and Precious Corals Fishery Management Plans (FMP’s). For more information call (808) 522-8220 (see 65 F.R. 34432, May 30, 2000).

Native Remains Repatriation

The National Park Service announced that it will begin repatriation of an inventory of human remains from Hawai‘i in the possession of the National Museum of Health and Medicine (formerly the Army Medical Museum), Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. to Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai‘i Nei. For additional information, call Dr. Lenore Barbian in Washington D.C. at (202) 782-2203, email barbian@afip.osd.mil before JUNE 22, 2000. Additional claimants must also come forward by June 22, 2000 (see 65 F.R. 33351, May 23, 2000).

Humpback Whale Advisory Council Members Wanted

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary wants applicants for seat vacancies on its Sanctuary Advisory Council: Business/Commerce; Citizen-at-large; Commercial Shipping; Conservation; Fishing; Native Hawaiian; Ocean Recreation; Tourism; and Whale Watching. Contact Kellie Araki at 6700 Kalaniana‘ole Highway, Suite 104, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96825 for application kits. Applications are due by JUNE 10, 2000 (see 65 F.R. 34662, May 31, 2000).
Letters of Notice

JUNE 8, 2000

OEQC prints “Letters of Notice” to encourage public participation in our EIS system. Your views are welcome. We may edit letters due to limited space. The opinions presented do not necessarily reflect those of OEQC.

More Comments on the Wailua Seawall


Dear OEQC:
Thank you for printing my letter with regards to the foregoing. However, I take issue with your deletion of the Consultant’s name from the article. One of the purposes of the letter was to advise the government agencies/public of a consultant, who I believe, has acted in bad faith in this process.
I hereby request an explanation as to this censorship. I would also ask that this file, including my letter to the Bulletin, be placed on the agenda of the Environmental Council for discussion.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Editor’s note: The name of the consultant was omitted by OEQC to avoid potential libel.


Dear Dayan [of Oceanit]:
This confirms our phone conversation last week (pursuant to my phone call) and our discussion of the boundaries of the golf course in relation to the Executive Order. We also discussed the County’s use of fill and the request for certification of the coastline without any prior citizen input. I again asked that Oceanit retract those statements in its Environmental Assessment that were not accurate and again asked that you consult the County in these regards. My understanding is that you were not interested in following up with the County. I gathered that you felt it was the County’s problem. We also discussed the discovery that several years ago, the County had received $183,000.00 from FEMA for revegetation of the subject coastline. I questioned the absence of revegetation as an option in Oceanit’s Environmental Assessment in light of the fact that the County had already advised FEMA that it was going to employ this method of shoreline protection.
You suggested that I discuss these concerns with Mr. Sullivan who I understand owns and/or controls Oceanit. I left a message with Mr. Sullivan’s secretary last week requesting that he call me. He has failed to return my telephone call.

I am meeting with the State Surveyor at the site on May 16, 2000. Perhaps you would like to attend.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

From Cesar C. Portugal, County Engineer, Department of Public Works, County of Kaua’i, May 5, 2000.

Dear Ms. Salmonson [of OEQC]:
We are taking this opportunity to submit our letter of notice on the issue of erosion control of beach and coastal lands as afforded by the Office of Environmental Quality Control in the April 8, 2000, issue of the OEQC Bulletin. Further, per our discussions with Mr. Jeyan Thirugnanam of your office, OEQC will publish letters from our consultant OCEANIT and Mr. Bob Colopy who are very interested in the preservation of coastal lands. The County of Kauai has contracted the Coastal Engineering Studies for the protection of the Wailua Golf Course as required by both the Department of Land & Natural Resources and Office of Environmental Quality Control. We believe credit and valid decisions should be based upon technical recommendations that come from experts with special knowledge in ocean engineering.
Enclosed for publication is hard copies of letters from Oceanit and Bob Colopy. Also, enclosed is an e-mail disk of the letter for your use.
Please let us know the Bulletin date for publication of our letters. We request that the letters be published as soon as possible while Mr. Bosshard’s comments are still fresh in everyone’s mind.

From Dayanand Vithanage, P.E., Oceanit, May 5, 2000, to Mr. Kenneth Kitabayashi, Chief, Department of Public Works, County of Kauai.

Dear Mr. Kitabayashi,
We have responded to the subject document as follows: Oceanit Laboratories, Inc. (Oceanit) prepared the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for Wailua Golf Course (WGC) and published it for public comments in January 2000. The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) at the request of Mr. Kurt Bosshard, issued a letter on January 24, 2000, urging the County of Kauai (County) to withdraw the DEA. The County promptly complied with this demand and withdrew the document. The County did not withdraw the project as is stated in the opening paragraph of the subject letter.
This letter is being submitted to provide the public with facts about this project, and to clear up misinformation regarding the erosion problem that exists at Wailua Golf
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Course. The DEA was published as a “First Notice” to invite public comments. Comments from the public and agencies are welcome and will receive a response. Any amendments to the DEA resulting from meaningful inputs will be made on the final EA. OEQC disrupted this process by ordering the County to withdraw the DEA, based on misrepresentations made by one individual.

All information provided in the DEA was obtained from existing data as well as field investigations and analysis. No misrepresentations whatsoever were made in documenting this information. The rate of erosion of the certified shoreline and shoreline escarpment was calculated by comparing topographic surveys of the area conducted by professional surveyors during 1958, 1965, 1968, 1978, 1986, and 1996. All offsets to the shoreline were measured from a baseline established within the golf course. The average recession rate of the shoreline escarpment at the golf course in the project area is about 1 foot per year from 1958 to 1996. Therefore the statement that there is no erosion to WGC has no basis in fact and is misleading.

Oceanit was contracted by the County to study erosion problems along a 3,500 foot stretch of the Wailua Golf Course boundary from the Driving Range to the second hole. Several remedies were analyzed; advantages and disadvantages of each were documented in the “Erosion Control Report” provided to the County. Construction of a low revetment (elevation + 7 feet from mean sea level) backed by a pedestrian path and a vegetated slope was selected by the County as the preferred approach. A major portion of the revetment will be covered by beach sand under normal conditions, and will only be exposed when the sand in front of it has eroded under stormy conditions.

Although there has been some controversy regarding the use of revetments as a shore protection structure, OEQC has not to our knowledge directed any agency to “not” construct seawalls or revetments for shoreline protection. It is a well-documented fact that a properly constructed revetment that is designed to dissipate surplus wave energy does not adversely affect the beach in front of it. In fact, if the beach at Wailua Golf Course were stable, there would be no need to construct any erosion control structure, or replenish the beach with sand or establish vegetative protection at the shoreline.

The low, sloping revetment designed to control erosion of the WGC will not have adverse impacts on the existing beach because wave runup will reach the revetment only when the existing beach has eroded significantly. It is the opinion of coastal engineers that “beach and shoreline erosion occurs solely due to an imbalance between the sand supply and loss from the beach area, and is in no way related to any structure that is beyond the reach of waves.” In fact, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has already issued a permit for the construction of a revetment in Poipu, Kauai.

Oceanit did not include in the DEA any opinions intended to mislead the public into believing that an emergency existed at the golf course or that there was a need for immediate installation of any structure. The County of Kauai and Oceanit received many comments from the public and agencies both for and against the project. Oceanit is working with the County to provide responses to these comments. These will be incorporated in the DEA at the next submission.

The EA process is designed to include public input that is then reflected in the proposed development. It is unfortunate that the EA process was disrupted and was not permitted to proceed, as was designed by law, to allow further input by all members of the public.

From Bob Colopy to Kenneth Kitabayashi via electronic mail

ISSUE - BEACH OR GOLF COURSE: Are seawalls/revetments a valid approach for beach management policy?

The OEQC bulletin on 1/23/2000 published the DEA notification of a Wailua beach revetment proposed by a coastal engineering firm to protect a public golf course on a Kauai shoreline. But according to state publications, shoreline armoring is supposed to cause beach loss. If true, then how could a government agency be recommending such an approach? On the other hand, if erosion problems are very technical issues involving unique situations in each case, then perhaps the coastal engineering firm’s recommendation may be the best solution. Kauai County would not benefit from such erosion expertise if they insisted on a blanket armor prohibition regardless of the specific circumstances.

The DLNR stated in the OEQC bulletin dated 3/8/2000 that, “Studies show that nearly 25 percent, or 17 miles of sandy beaches on the island of Oahu have been lost or severely narrowed over the past 70 years due to shoreline armoring. Similar losses have occurred on the island of Maui, and to a lesser degree, on Kauai and Hawaii.” Ken Bosshard, in the OEQC bulletin (4/8/2000) questioned whether the County of Kauai “had been advised of these issues” relating to use of a seawall/revetment for erosion control. However, it now appears that the study upon which all of the recent anti-armoring policies are based, is invalid and the public and legislators need to be so informed so laws and policies can be corrected. Check our the web site http://www.savethereef.org/uhresearch.html for more information.

As president of a Maui homeowners’ oceanfront community association confronted with severe coastal erosion, the seawall/erosion debate has great interest to us. We have learned that most beaches in Hawaii are or were
naturally armored with many defenses. This natural armor is easily observed and includes beachrock, pebble and rock rip rap, reef breakwaters, natural volcanic rock breakwaters such as at Poipu beach, natural volcanic rock groins as well as hidden layers of coral rubble underneath the sand opposite coral reefs. In the past, coral rubble’s role as a natural beach armor was not understood so it was widely mined for construction, road building and airport runways.

The Kailua golf course abuts a fringing reef beach. The eroding area is adjacent to the old WWII airfield and directly opposite the only reef section that appears missing. It is well known that coral rubble mining of reefs and shorelines was done north of the golf course and certainly throughout the islands. A 1992 UH study states: “Kapaa beaches and shorelines have been subjected to varying degrees of degradation since the late 1950’s, when extensive dredging was conducted on the inner Kapaa reef for coral rubble construction.”

Thus, in many cases the loss of sand on the beach is not due to armoring but just the opposite - its removal. However, the DLNR, OEQC, state legislature and some counties did not know about the flaws of the UH study that blamed armor for the beach loss. So they have pushed for laws and policies that make permits for armoring impossible to get in a timely fashion thus leading to the irreversible loss of property. Realizing that seawall permits are now almost impossible to get, some have built seawalls illegally. The penalties can exceed $60K/month while the erosion causing activities that necessitated the armoring continue. Thus it is critical to correct these policies in order to conserve Hawaii’s dwindling sand reserves until such time as the real erosion activities are addressed.

Kauai county is correct in proposing to follow the consultant’s recommendations for armoring since armor is just another equal alternative to be considered in dealing with each unique erosion situation.

Thank you for printing our perspective on the seawall/erosion debate.

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REQUEST FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS
Docket No. 00-CWB-PRC

The Department of Health is soliciting proposals for nonpoint source pollution control projects for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 grant funding. To be eligible for funding, projects must demonstrate or implement measures that prevent, control, and/or reduce nonpoint source pollution of Hawaii’s rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, coastal waters, and/or groundwater resources. Projects contained within watersheds listed in Category I of the State’s Unified Watershed Assessment are encouraged. However, all projects meeting the listed requirements, and occurring throughout the State, are eligible.

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, June 30, 2000. Five copies of the submitted proposal hand delivered will be accepted at the address shown below. Proposals received after the specified deadline will not be considered. The selection and award will be based on capabilities, addressing targets, qualifications, and cost. The Department of Health reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to award with or without discussions with the offeror. The Department of Health will utilize a multi-step sealed proposal process. This project is one hundred percent Federally funded and requires a one hundred percent match/in-kind match from the applicant. The award of the contracts, if they be awarded, will be subject to all the required approvals.

To request or pick up a proposal package contact: The Department of Health, Clean Water Branch, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4912, Phone: (808) 586-4309. Fax: (808) 586-4352. Neighbor islands may call toll free: (808) 468-4644 x64309

If additional information regarding project and proposal requirements is needed, contact: Randy Rush, Polluted Runoff Control Program at the address shown above. In addition, the Department of Health will hold informational meetings in 2000 to assist those who are interested. The meeting locations, dates, and times are as follows:

May 26 - Lihue, Kauai
Department of Health Conference Room
3040 Umi Street
Lihue, Kauai 96769
2:30 – 4:00 pm

May 31 - Wailuku, Maui
Maui County Civil Defense Conference Room
200 South High Street, 1st Floor
Wailuku, Maui 96793
3:00 – 4:30 pm

June 1 - Honolulu, Oahu
Kinaw Hale Conference Room, First Floor
1250 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
3:00 – 5:00 pm

June 5 - Hilo, Hawaii
State Building Conference Room C
75 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii
2:30 – 4:00 pm