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More Mililani Mauka Homes

Castle & Cooke Homes plans to develop a 104 acre parcel in Mililani Mauka with 522 single-family homes and 304 multi-family units. In the 1980s the parcel was one of the planned phases for housing. It was then slated for the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus, later moved to Kapolei. The parcel is now being reconsidered for residential development. The applicant has submitted a draft environmental assessment (EA) requesting a change in the development plan from public facility to Residential and Low-Density Apartment.

Description of project impacts in the EA are based on what was described in the 1987 final EIS for Mililani Mauka in its entirety, which consisted of 6640 homes on 3500 acres for up to 21,000 people. Some of the phases have been built out and in the meantime other development has occurred in the surrounding areas, adding to the resident population. The traffic assessment reports that there will be less traffic in and out of Mililani than originally expected from the parcel's use as a university. See page 4 for details.

Index of Approved Agency Exemption Lists Published

According to the EIS rules, each agency, through time and experience, must develop its own list of specific types of actions which fall under the exempt classes listed in section 8 of the EIS regulations. These lists and any amendments to the lists must be submitted to the environmental council for review and concurrence.

The Environmental Council recommends that agencies review their exemption list every five years and revise it as appropriate. The environmental council has developed guidelines on how to properly apply the exemptions from having to prepare environmental assessments. These guidelines are available on OEQC's webpage. See page 15 for details.

Don't Say Goodbye!

Join photographers Susan Middleton and David Liitschwager as they give a presentation on Hawai'i's endangered species entitled "*Don't Say Goodbye*" on February 15, 2001, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M. in the DLNR Board Room. Their work was the subject of an Emmy Award Winning National Geographic Film recently aired on NBC. They have been working for the last two years photographing endangered plants, animals and habitats of the Hawaiian Islands for an upcoming book. For more information, see page 16.

CORAL: Council; EISPN; and New Wildlife Refuges!

The Secretary of Commerce wants "alternate representatives" on the Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (CRER) Council by March 2. NOAA has issued a notice of intent to prepare a DEIS for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands CRER. Also, the US Fish and Wildlife Service has approved Palmyra Atoll and Kingman Reef as the latest national wildlife refuges. See page 16 for more.

Urban Wildlife Interface Communities at High Risk

In our Letter of Notice, we received word from DOFAW Administrator Michael Buck that the State of Hawai'i did indeed compile a list of high-risk communities for wildfires, contrary to a previous report in the *Federal Register*. See page 20 for DOFAW's response and the list of communities in Hawai'i at high risk for urban wildfires (see, page 20).

Hawai'i Parks and Recreation Submits New Exemption List

The County of Hawai'i Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted a request for concurrence on a new exemption list to the Environmental Council. Written comments are due to the Environmental Council Chairperson, William Petti, by March 7, 2001 (see, page 18).

Definitions

Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

Draft Environmental Assessment

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

Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI (Negative Declaration)

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

EIS Prep Notice

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

Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

Final EIS

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

EIS Acceptance Notice

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

NEPA

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

Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development

of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an EA be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

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

Exemption Lists

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

Conservation District Permits

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

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Kaimuki Exploratory Wells

District: Honolulu
TMK: 3-2-059:002 (Kaimuki Middle School) &
3-1-042:009 (Kapiolani Community
College)
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Andrew Monden (587-0230)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Marc M. Siah & Associates, Inc.
810 Richards Street, Suite 888
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Marc Siah (538-7180)

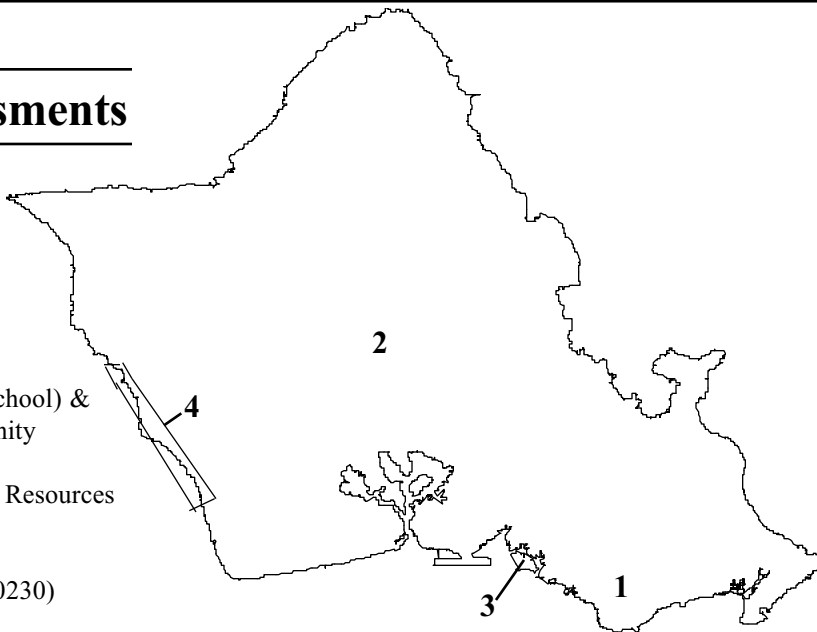
Public Comment

Deadline: March 10, 2001
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with
copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources proposes to locate a non-potable water source to provide irrigation water for various State facilities in the Diamond Head area. State facilities may include the Kaimuki Middle School (KMS), Kapiolani Community College (KCC), Fort Ruger and the Diamond Head State Monument. The preferred site, referred to as Well Site "A", is located on the KMS campus. The alternate site, referred to as Well Site "B", is located on the grounds of KCC. The project will consist of drilling and pump testing a pilot hole at Well Site "A". If the pump test results are deemed successful, an exploratory well will be drilled at Well Site "A". However, if the pump test results of the pilot well are deemed unsuccessful, the pilot hole will be capped and abandoned, and a second pilot hole will be drilled and tested at Well Site "B". If the pump test results of the second pilot hole are deemed unsuccessful, the pilot hole will also be capped and abandoned. If the pump test results are deemed successful, an exploratory well will be drilled and tested at Well Site "B". Construction of an exploratory well entails clearing and grubbing of the site and the drilling,



casing and pump testing of the well. The project is scheduled for the summer and fall months of 2001 and is estimated to last six to eight (6-8) months. Construction will take place during normal working hours and special precautions will be taken to protect students and faculty. The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000.



(2) Mililani Mauka Phase III

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-5-49: portion of parcel 27
Applicant: Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii Inc.
P.O. Box 898900
Mililani, Hawaii 96789-8900
Contact: Allan Arakawa (548-4811)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Eugene Takahashi (527-6022)

Consultant: Kusao & Kurahashi, Inc.
2752 Woodlawn Drive, Suite 5-202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Contact: Keith Kurahashi (988-2231)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 10, 2001

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: Grading, building, zone change, DP land use map

The applicant, Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. proposes to redesignate approximately 104.2 acres of land in Mililani Mauka from Public Facilities to Residential and Low Density Apartment. The 104.2 acre Phase III development site was originally part of the Mililani Mauka Phase I development, on a site previously planned for a future university (University of Hawaii, West Oahu Campus). Since the original proposal, the applicant has been informed by the University of Hawaii (UH) that they would develop the UH West Oahu Campus at Kapolei and therefore, would no longer need the Mililani site.

The proposed change would eliminate the proposed university site and replace it with proposed single family residences and apartments and/or townhouses units that will be compatible with and similar to the existing developments in Mililani Mauka Phase I and II. The proposal by the applicant, would result in approximately 522 single family units and 304 multi-family units, or a net increase of approximately 103 dwelling units approved under a previously accepted EIS for Mililani Mauka Phase I and II.

The Mililani Mauka Phase III project is projected to be developed in 5 phases, with the first phase beginning in 2002 and the last phase ending in 2008.



(3) Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Modifications and Expansion

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-5-41:05
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Cindy Masuoka (527-5843)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Brian Takeda (842-1133)

Public Comment
Deadline: March 10, 2001
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: SMA, Building, Grading, NPDES, Air

The Department of Design and Construction is proposing to expand and improve the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant facility. The Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant serves the area from Moanalua-Aliamanu to Niu Valley-Paiko Peninsula.

The proposed improvements will improve the performance & reliability of the treatment plant and increase the capacity of the treatment plant. The main improvements will include the construction of a new Headworks facility, two new primary clarifiers, new odor control systems, and the refurbishment of the solids handling facilities. Other related improvements are the construction of several new pump stations; the installation of new sewage, drainage, and water lines; and the installation of new electrical facilities.

Construction of the project is scheduled to begin in November 2001 and be completed in February 2005. The preliminary construction cost estimate is \$300 million.



(4) TGN Hawaii Cable System

District: Waianae and Ewa
TMK: 9-2-3: por. 15 and 8-5-1: por. 62
Applicant: Tycom Networks (US) Inc.
Patriots Plaza, Building A
60 Columbia Turnpike
Morristown, NJ 07960
Contact: Gerald Lynch (973-656-8610)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 S. King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Dana Teramoto (523-4648)

Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Chester Koga (842-1133)

Public Comment
Deadline: March 10, 2001

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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, SSV, CDUA

TyCom Networks, Inc., proposes to develop a submarine and terrestrial fiber optic cable system which will link Hawaii with the continental United States, Guam, Hong Kong and Japan. The purpose of the project is to provide additional telecommunication capacity to accommodate exponential increases in global telecommunication traffic.

The project will be situated in three locations as follows: 1) cable landing at Kahe Point Beach Park, 2) cable landing at Pokai Bay Beach Park, and 3) fiber optic ductline installation along Farrington Highway from Kahe Point Beach Park to Pokai Bay Beach Park.

Construction of the project will be accomplished in two phases. The first phases involve all land-side construction activities; and the second phase includes all work necessary to prepare the landing sites and actual landing of the transpacific submarine fiber optic cables.

The land-side construction activities include the construction of new manholes at Kahe Point Beach Park and Pokai Bay Beach Park and new ductlines along Farrington Highway between the beach manholes and the cable station at Maili. The terrestrial installation includes the installation of four 4-inch concrete encased PVC ducts within the Farrington Highway right-of-way. Construction will commence from both beach manholes and proceed to the Maili cable station.

The second phases involve landing the submarine fiber optic cable, pulling the cable through ducts and connecting it to the new manholes at Kahe Point and Pokai Bay.

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Kaneohe Bay Piers

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact Persons: Traver Carroll (587-0439)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 2001

Final Environmental Impact Statements

Diamond Head State Monument Master Plan Update

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 373
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Andrew Monden (587-0230)

Approving Agency/Accepting

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

Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by OEQC.



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(1) Kahului Airport Hotel

District: Kahului
TMK: 3-8-79:16 and 17
Applicant: A&B Properties, Inc.
P.O. Box 3440
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801-3440
Contact: Dan Yasui (525-8449)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Maui
Department of Planning
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: John Min (270-7735)

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

Public Comment

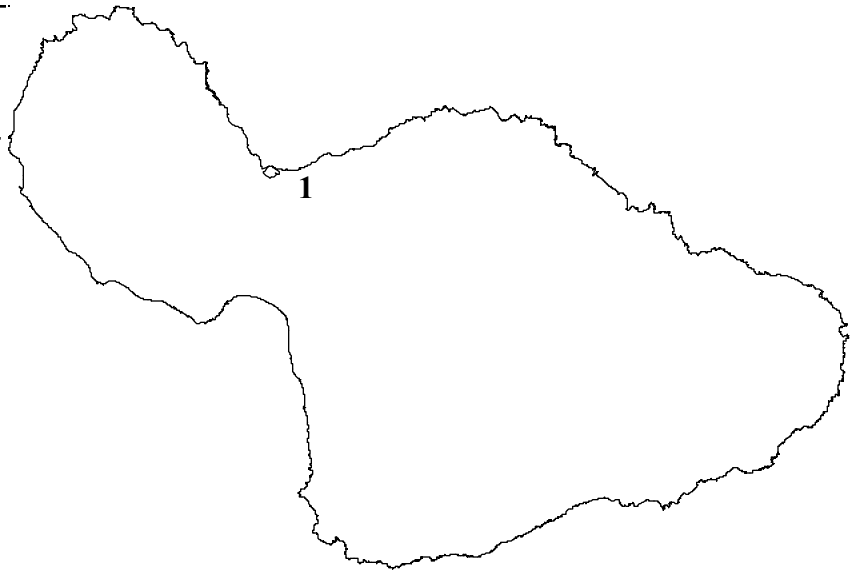
Deadline: March 10, 2001
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: Community Plan Amendment, Change in Zoning, SMA, Construction Permits

The applicant, A&B Properties, Inc., is proposing to develop a hotel and related improvements in the vicinity of the Kahului Airport in Kahului, Maui, Hawaii.

The subject property encompasses approximately 3.35 acres. The property is occupied by scrub vegetation and a concrete-lined drainage channel along its eastern boundary. Several structures housing short-term, visitor and recreation industry-related businesses occupy the remainder of the site.

The project site is enroute to the Kahului Airport and is bordered by Keolani Place to the north, the County Department of Water Supply baseyard to the east, Haleakala Highway to the south, and a building with a retail store and car rental agency to the west. Access to the site is provided from Keolani Place and Haleakala Highway.



The proposed action involves the development of a four-story hotel containing up to 140 rooms and consisting of approximately 72,000 square feet. Ancillary improvements include a swimming pool, spa, and courtyard, as well as a paved parking area and site landscaping and irrigation. In addition to guestrooms, the hotel will contain spaces for public areas and circulation, as well as areas for back-of-house functions. Principal features within the public areas include the lobby, a restaurant/buffet/lounge, a meeting room/breakfast room, an exercise room, a whirlpool, and a guest laundry.

Access to the hotel will be provided via two new driveways along Keolani Place and two new driveways along Haleakala Highway.

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Faulkes Telescope Facility

Applicant: U.H. Institute for Astronomy
2680 Woodlawn Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Contact: Dr. Rolf-Peter Kudritzki (956-8566)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 2001

Maui Notices

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Wailea Beach Villas

Applicant: Lai Honua LLC
c/o Lokahi Ventures LLC
20 La Ferrera Terrace
San Francisco CA, 94133
Contact: Mark Whiting (415-391-4410)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Maui, Department of Planning
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Ann Cua (270-7735)

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 2001

Kauai Notices

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(1) Hill Single Family Residence

District: Kawaihau
TMK: 4-9-05-05
Applicant: Richard S. Hill
c/o Walton Hong
3135-A Akahi Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Board of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Traver Carroll (587-0439)

Consultant: Walton D.Y. Hong (245-4757)
3135-A Akahi Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Public Comment

Deadline: March 10, 2001
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: CDUP

The proposed use is the construction of a single family residence, containing a total living area of 4,998 square feet, within the Conservation District, General Sub-Zone, at Aliomanu, District of Kawaihau, Island and County of Kauai, State of Hawaii. The proposed residence will be located



between 45-55 feet elevation, and the height of the residence will not exceed 25 feet. Earth tone colors and non-reflective materials will be used to minimize any visual impacts. The residence will be located no closer than 150 feet from the shoreline. There will be minimal clearing of existing vegetation within the Conservation District, which 85% of the parcel's 7.142 acres.

The site is located at the end of Kukuna Road off of Aliomanu Road and fronts Aliomanu Bay.

(2) Wailua Homesteads Well No. 3

District: Kawaihau
TMK: 4-4-01:1
Applicant: County of Kauai, Department of Water
P.O. Box 1706
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Keith Fujimoto (245-5449)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Fukunaga & Associates, Inc.
1388 Kapiolani Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: Lynn Katahara (944-1821)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 10, 2001
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: Well construction

The County of Kauai, Department of Water proposes to drill, case, and pump test an exploratory potable water well to serve Wailua Homesteads. The proposed Wailua Homesteads Well No. 3 would be located approximately 4 miles northwest of Wailua on lands owned by the State of Hawaii and managed by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife as a Game Management Area. The well would be approximately 680 feet deep, and would be partially cased with 14-inch diameter steel casing. The source may yield up to 1 million gallons per day. The estimated cost of the proposed well project is \$600,000, and construction is expected to last about 6 months.

Final Environmental Assessments (FONSI)

(3) Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plant Backup Injection Well

District: Waimea
TMK: 1-2-06:37
Applicant: County of Kauai, Dept. of Public Works
4444 Rice Street, Suite 500
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Harry Funamura (241-6610)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc.
501 Sumner Street, Suite 521
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Ivan Nakatsuka (533-3646)

Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Permits

Required: UIC, NPDES

Note: This project was inadvertently published as a FONSI in the December 23, 2000 issue of the Environmental Notice.

The primary method of effluent disposal from the Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) will be continued irrigation reuse. The effluent is discharged into Kikiaola Land Company Ltd's (Kikiaola's) lower of two existing reservoirs. Water from Kikiaola's upper reservoir – which receives water from an irrigation ditch and storm water – discharges into the lower reservoir, where it is mixed with the effluent, prior to use as irrigation water. The proposed action is to construct one effluent injection well at the site of Kauai County's Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) 'A'. The well will be used for backup disposal of treated effluent from the Waimea WWTP. The injection well will only be used when Kikiaola is unable to accept disposal of the treated effluent in their reservoir, e.g., due to rainy weather, when irrigation with the effluent would not be practical.

Two alternatives for the injection well are being considered. The first alternative (Alternative A) would involve drilling a shallow well (less than 400 feet deep) in the caprock, for effluent injection above the Napali basalt aquifer. The caprock will be tested during well drilling to determine if there is a shallow formation that can successfully receive the effluent. If testing determines that there are no shallow layers of material adequate for effluent injection, then the second alternative (Alternative B) would involve drilling the well 600± feet into the basalt aquifer for effluent injection.

The backup well will have a proposed maximum discharge capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day (gpd). This discharge rate would accommodate diurnal and seasonal variations in flow of relatively short duration. The proposed average discharge capacity will be 300,000 gpd, which is the same as the average capacity of the WWTP.

A proposed 12-inch pipe along the existing dirt road between the WWTP and WWPS 'A' will convey disinfected secondary effluent from the WWTP to the backup injection well. This pipe will be buried at least three feet below grade.

If the injection well is drilled into the basalt aquifer (Alternative B), then a monitoring well will be constructed in the northeast corner of the WWTP. This well would be used to monitor any upgradient migration of the effluent plume. If a shallow injection well is drilled (Alternative A), then a monitoring well will not be necessary.

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(1) Newton Nine-Parcel Family Subdivision

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-4-08:33
Applicant: The Newton Family Limited Partnership
P.O. Box 426
Kailua, Hawaii 96734
Contact: Dr. George Newton (247-5524)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Land Use Commission
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359
Contact: Bert Saruwatari (587-3822)

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

Public Comment

Deadline: March 10, 2001
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: State Land Use Boundary, General Plan & Zoning Amendments; Subdivision & Grading Permits

The Newton Family Limited Partnership (Newton Family) is requesting the State Land Use Commission to amend the land use district boundary of the Conservation District in order to reclassify the Petition Area from Conservation to Agricultural. Approval of this reclassification request would enable the Newton Family to subdivide its property into 9 parcels, consisting of 8 agricultural parcels ranging in size from approximately 80 acres to about 153 acres within the Petition Area and 1 large parcel remaining in the Conservation District.

The Newton Family will distribute 5 of the 8 agricultural parcels to immediate members of the Family (referred to as Newton Children). The three remaining agricultural parcels will be sold in the market place to third parties as a means to defray the cost of the subdivision infrastructure improvements.



Although the proposed parcels are large, the Newton Children are expected to use only a small portion of their respective parcels for a farm dwelling and possible agricultural activities leaving the large remainder of each parcel in its natural state.

The proposed subdivision will be served by a private access from Wilder Road. The access, which is located within an existing easement, is unimproved and will require construction of a paved road.

Alternatively, access may be provided from an existing County Water Supply Department (WSD) service road and Hawaii Electric Light Co Inc. (HELCO) access easement. The Newton Family would extend WSD's road over HELCO's easement and into the Newton Family property. The road proposed for the subdivision will be constructed to County rural or agricultural standards and maintained as a private access. No curbs, gutters or sidewalks are planned.

While water lines for the subdivision will be underground, electrical power and telephone lines will be overhead. Private wastewater disposal units will be required for the farm dwellings. At the Wilder Road entrance to the subdivision, a modest landscaped entry feature will be developed consisting of a small rock wall, decorative native plants and other minor improvements.

The property is located in Kukuau, southwest of Hilo.

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



(2) Kulani Correctional Facility Greenhouse Construction and Improvements

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-4-08-9
Applicant: Department of Public Safety
Kulani Correctional Facility
HCI Stainback Highway
Hilo, HI 96720
Contact: Peter MacDonald (935-3758)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Consultant: Olaa-Kilauea Partnership
P.O. Box 52
Hawaii National Park, HI 96718
Contact: Tanya Rubenstein (985-6197)
FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Status:
Permits Required: BLNR permit

The Department of Public Safety is proposing the construction of a greenhouse (24' x 94') at Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF). The project includes construction of a water tank (10,000 gallons) and a fence (925 ft) surrounding the greenhouse complex. Additional smaller structures may be built off the proposed greenhouse to provide an extended growing area and storage for tools and materials. The purpose of the project is to propagate and outplant native plants with the goals of forest restoration, production of native agroforestry crops (e.g. maile, berries, teas, plants for lei-making and landscaping), and education and work training for inmates. Two additional greenhouses are proposed for the same general site at some point in the future as funding becomes available. The purpose of these additional greenhouses will be for training inmates in horticulture and production of vegetables and other agricultural products.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

▶ Paaulo Water Association Waterline Replacement Project

Applicant: Paaulo Water Association
811 Kanoelehua Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Ivan Nakano (935-2258)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Robert Taira (933-8866)

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 2001

▶ Pohakea Water System Improvement Project

Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Water Supply
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Kurt Inaba (961-8665)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 2001

Final Environmental Impact Statements

▶ University of Hawaii Center at West Hawaii

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)

Approving Agency/Accepting

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

Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by OEQC



Shoreline Notices

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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-804	01/17/01	Lot 592 as shown on Map 23, Land Court Application 242, land situated at Puuloa, Ewa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (91-707 Oneula Place, Ewa Beach) Purpose: <u>Determine building setback</u>	Jaime F. Alimboyoguen, for Robert Kaiwi	9-2-25: 15
OA-805	01/17/01	Lot 51, Land Court Consolidation 29, land situated at Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (45-247 Ka-Hanahou Circle) Purpose: <u>Building Permit</u>	Walter P. Thompson, Inc., for Kyoko Zaha	4-5-47: 47
OA-806	01/17/01	Lot 52, Land Court Consolidation 29, land situated at Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (45-253 Ka-Hanahou Circle) Purpose: <u>Building Permit</u>	Walter P. Thompson, Inc., for Volker Hildebrandt	4-5-47: 46
OA-807	01/17/01	Lot 29, Land Court Application 1596, as shown on Map 1, land situated at Wailupe, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (230 Wailupe Circle) Purpose: <u>Determine building setback</u>	Wesley T. Tengan, for C. Scott Wo	3-6-1: 29
MA-247	01/18/01	A portion of Grant 3343 to Claus Spreckels, land situated at Spreckelsville, Wailuku, Island of Maui, Hawaii (453 Laulea Place) Purpose: <u>Building Permit</u>	Akamai Land Surveying, Inc., for Louis A. Siracusa	3-8-2: 05
OA-808	01/23/01	Lot 1-A-21 Land Court Application 1089, as shown on Map 40, land situated at Kamananui, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (67-275 Kahaone Place) Purpose: <u>Building Permit</u>	Raymond Jong, etal	6-7-15: 59
OA-326	01/25/01	Being lot 2 of Land Court Application 999 as shown on Map 6, land situated at Kaipapau, Koolauloa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (54-225 Kamehameha Highway) Purpose: <u>Obtain County Building Permit for installation of fence</u>	Ann Tongg	5-4-11: 03
OA-809	01/26/01	Lot 78, Land Court Application 772 as shown on Map 1, land situated at Laie, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (55-639 Kamehameha Highway) Purpose: <u>Improvements</u>	Ronald Casuga, for Pamela E. Nunn	5-5-3: 19
OA-810	01/29/01	Lot 5 Waimanalo Beach Lot at Waimanalo, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (41-981/41-983 Laumilo Street) Purpose: Calculate building potential	Wesley T. Tengan, for Iwashige	4-1-7: 02

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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.

Case No.	Cert/Rej Date	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-798	Certified 01/22/01	Lot 18 of Land Court Application 609, land situated at Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (68-571 Crozier Drive) Purpose: <u>New construction</u>	DJNS Surveying & Mapping, Inc., for Brett & Samantha Saraniti	6-8-04: 32
OA-514-2	Certified 01/26/01	Lot 9 of Maunaloa Bay View Lots Subdivision Unit 1 (File Plan 750) land situated at Maunaloa, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (150 Hanapepe Loop) Purpose: <u>Improvements</u>	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, for Thomas C. Young	3-9-27: 07
OA-799	Certified 01/22/01	Lot 21, Section "C", Kawailoa Beach Lots, land situated at Kawailoa, Wailua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (61-401 Kamehameha Highway) Purpose: <u>Building permit</u>	Walter P. Thompson, Inc., for James Haas	6-1-08: 02

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.

Branch Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Date	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HELCO) CSP 0007-01-C	Keahole Generating Station, Keahole, Hawaii	Comments Due: 3/13/01	Two (2) 20 MW Combustion Turbine Generators with Heat Recovery Steam Generators, and 16 MW Steam Turbine
Clean Air Branch 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	Hamakua Macadamia Nut Company NSP 0482-01-N	Pioneer Center, Kawaihae, Hawaii	Issued: 1/25/01	10.5 MMBtu/hr Biomass/Gas Fired Boiler with Venturi Scrubber and Cyclonic Separator
Clean Air Branch 586-4200, Temporary Covered Source Permit	CTS Earth Moving, Inc. CSP 0475-01-CT	Various Temporary Sites, State of Hawaii Initial Location: Keauhou View Estates Subdivision, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Issued: 1/26/01	357 TPH Portable Crushing and Screening Plant with Diesel Engine Generators
Clean Air Branch 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	The Affordable Casket Outlet, LLC NSP 0491-01-N	1150 Kikowaena Street, Honolulu, Oahu	Comments Due: 3/8/01	One (1) 150 lb/hr Pathological Waste Incinerator

Coastal Zone News

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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 general information about CZM federal consistency please call John Nakagawa with the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2878. For neighboring islands use the following toll free numbers: Lanai & Molokai: 486-4644 x7-2878, Kauai: 2743141 x7-2878, Maui: 984-2400 x7-2878 or Hawaii: 974-4000 x7-2878.

For specific information or questions about an action listed below please contact the CZM staff person identified for each action. 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 and Tourism, P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804. Or, fax comments to the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2899.

(1) Install New Dock at Slip 103 in Maalaea Harbor, Maui

Applicant: Kahikolu Ltd., dba Frogman Charters
Contact: Phillip Kasper, (808) 667-0485

Federal Action: Federal Permit

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Contact: Peter Galloway, 438-8416

Location: Maalaea Harbor, Maui

CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878

Proposed Action:

Construct a new replacement dock at slip number 103 in Maalaea Harbor to load passengers onto a commercial vessel. The new 11 feet by 16 feet dock will be supported by an existing concrete structure and two new 12-inch diameter steel piles filled with rebar and concrete.

Comments Due: February 22, 2001

(2) Construct a Stream Gage on North Halawa Stream, Halawa, Oahu

Federal Action: Direct Federal Activity

Federal Agency: U.S. Geological Survey

Contact: Todd Presley, 587-2413

Location: Halawa Stream near Halawa Business Park

TMK: 9-7-20: 36 & 42

CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878

Proposed Action:

Construct a new stream gage on North Halawa Stream, Halawa, Oahu. The stream gage will consist of an instrument shelter bolted to a concrete pad on the stream bank and sampling lines and a crest-stage gage to be installed along the bank involving. The gage will involve an area of about 50 square feet.

Comments Due: February 22, 2001

(3) Emergency Repair and Improvements for the Islands of Hawaii, Maui and Molokai due to the November 2000 Flooding

Applicant: State Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Contact: SDOT - Ken Tatsuguchi (692-7578) and FHWA - Pat Phung (541-2700 x305)

Federal Action: Federal Permit and Federal Action

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FHWA
Contact: ACOE: Lolly Silva, 438-7023, FHWA: Pat Phung - 541-2700 x305)

Location: Mamalahoa Highway Island of Hawaii, Kamehameha V Highway Island of Molokai and Hana Highway Island of Maui

CZM Contact: Debra Tom, 587-2840

Proposed Action:

Due to damages from the November 2000 flood, the SDOT and FHWA propose emergency replacement and repairs to various bridges and drainage structures on the islands of Hawaii, Molokai and Maui. The proposed emergency work includes replacement of Ford Crossing, Kaalaala Stream bridge, Paaua Stream bridge on Mamalahoa Highway and improvements at Kamani Street on the island of Hawaii; emergency replacement of Kawaikapu Stream bridge on island of Molokai and emergency repair of roadway and drainage structures in the district of Hana on the island of Maui. All emergency bypass road crossings will be removed upon completion of proposed improvements. This CZM federal consistency review is being conducted in accordance with the Governor's Disaster Proclamation of November 3, 2000, and Supplemental Proclamations dated November 8, 2000 and December 7, 2000.

Environmental Council Notices

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Environmental Council Meetings

The Environmental Council is scheduled to meet on *Wednesday, February 14, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.* on the 2nd floor of the Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building, 235 South Beretania Street, Room 203, Honolulu. The Council's subcommittees are tentatively scheduled to meet the same day prior to the full Council meeting. Please call on or after February 8, 2001 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 Mr. William Petti, Chair, Environmental Council c/o OEQC, 235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 702, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or by fax at (808) 586-4186.

Exemption Lists on File with the Environmental Council

State of Hawai'i

- *Department of Agriculture - 3/2000
- *Department of Accounting and General Services - 6/96
- *Department of Defense - 6/85 (Pending review of new list)
- *Department of Hawaiian Home Lands - 10/82
- *Department of Health - 8/83
- *Department of Land and Natural Resource - Department Wide - 12/91
 - *Division of Land Management - 4/86 (Pending review of new list)
 - *Division of Water and Land Development - 9/84
 - *Division of State Parks - 12/91
 - *Division of Forestry and Wildlife - 4/2000
 - *Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation - 3/95
- *Department of Transportation - 12/92 (Pending review of new list)
- *Housing Finance and Development Corporation - 12/89
- *Hawai'i Housing Authority - 12/89
- *University of Hawaii - 12/78 (Pending review of new list)

City and County of Honolulu

- *Building Department - 8/81

- *Board of Water Supply - 11/97
- *Department of Environmental Services - 12/98
- *Department of General Planning - 10/86
- *Department of Housing & Community Development - 2/86
- *Department of Land Utilization - 8/81
- *Department of Parks and Recreation - 12/98
- *Department of Public Works - 2/92
- *Department of Transportation Services - 6/86

County of Hawaii

- *Department of Public Works - 6/95
- *Department of Water Supply - 8/79

County of Kaua'i

- *Department of Public Works - 11/99
- *Department of Water - 7/78

County of Maui

- *County Wide - 4/95

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New Comprehensive Exemption List for the County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation

Note: The County of Hawai'i Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted a request for concurrence on a new exemption list to OEQC, dated January 2, 2001. OEQC in turn forwarded this request to the Environmental Council. Written comments on this new exemption list must be submitted to Mr. William S. Petti, Chairperson, Environmental Council, 235 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813, by March 7, 2001.

"Pursuant to Section 11-200-8(a), Hawaii Administrative Rules, the following types of actions shall generally be declared exempt by the Department of Parks and Recreation from requirements regarding preparation of an environmental assessment. This exemption list was reviewed and concurred by the Environmental Council on _____.

Exemption Class #1: Operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

1. Reroofing or roofing
2. Painting of existing buildings
3. Resurfacing and repairing of existing pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways
4. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
5. Retaining walls
6. Equipment including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; electrical transformers; cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
7. Operation of initial or continuing recreational programs consistent with established park use (for example, summer fun programs, sports leagues, concert series)

8. Subdivision/consolidation of public park lands and their transfer between the City and State for continuing park use

9. Acquisition, but not improvement, of improved property for park use, and minor subdivision and consolidation of parcels necessary for acquisition of property for park use

10. Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems

11. Landscaping

12. Clearing and grubbing

13. Play courts

14. Ballfields

15. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volley- ball, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball

16. Bleachers

17. Play court practice walls

18. Ornamental and swimming pools

19. Community gardens

20. Accessible ramps and handrails

21. Litter containers

22. Trash enclosures

23. Trash compactors

24. Play equipment

25. Bike racks

26. Benches and picnic tables

27. Outdoor showers

28. Fitness exercise stations

29. Charcoal disposals

30. Arbors

31. Planter boxes

32. Pedestrian bridges in park areas

33. Maintenance/storage sheds

34. Visitor information kiosks

35. Drinking fountains

36. Hose bibs

37. Guard shacks

38. Scorekeeper booths and scoreboards

39. Phone booths

40. Bollards and vehicular access barriers

41. Steps and stairways

42. Water tanks developed to serve park

needs

43. Signs and posts

44. Skating rinks and related facilities

45. security lighting of park grounds,

structures, and parking lots

46. Lighting of ballfields

47. Lighting of play courts

48. Ball barriers

49. Batting cages

50. Sidewalks, pathways, equestrian trails,

bike paths

51. Ponds

Exemption Class #2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Park structures including, but not limited to pavilions, shelters, canoe halau, recreation buildings, multi—purpose buildings, clubhouses, education buildings, gymnasiums, ball field dugouts, trellises or pergolas, lifeguard stations, comfort stations, bathhouses, concession stands, administration buildings, bandstands, storage and operations buildings, equipment sheds, tent platforms, viewing platforms, security and information booths, and caretaker residences

2. Pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways

3. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates

4. Retaining walls

5. Equipment including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility

6. Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems and irrigation systems

7. Landscaping

8. Clearing, grading, and grubbing

9. Play courts

10. Ballfields

11. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volleyball, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball

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Exemption Class #3: Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of the same and installation of new, small, equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including, but not limited to: (A) Single family residences less than 3,500 square feet not in conjunction with the building of two or more such units; (B) Multi-unit structures designed for not more than four dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; (C) Stores, offices, and restaurants designed for total occupant load of 20 persons or less per structure, if not in conjunction with the building of

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two or more such structures; and (D) Water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extensions to serve such structures or facilities; accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences; and, acquisition of utility easements.

1. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
2. Extensions, modifications, or additions to existing buildings
3. Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems
4. Construction of new pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways
5. Retaining walls, except within the shoreline area
6. Equipment installations including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
7. Comfort facilities in existing parks
8. Benches and picnic tables
9. Ornamental and swimming pools
10. Play equipment
11. Bike racks
12. Litter containers
13. Trash enclosures
14. Arbors
15. Planter boxes
16. Pedestrian bridges in park areas
17. Outdoor showers
18. Maintenance/storage sheds
19. Visitor information kiosks
20. Drinking fountains
21. Water tanks developed to serve park needs
22. Bleachers
23. Acquisition of utility easements on other properties for park use
24. Landscaping
25. Clearing, grading, and grubbing
26. Play courts
27. Ballfields
28. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volleyball, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball
29. Play court practice walls
30. Community gardens
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48. Sidewalks, pathways, equestrian trails, bike paths

Exemption Class #4: Minor alterations in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

1. Landscaping within existing parks (i.e., trees, shrubs, grass, ground covers, and community gardening planting)
2. Clearing, grubbing, or grading within existing parks

Exemption Class #5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

1. Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities necessary within existing parks which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource including, but not limited to, archaeological or environmental surveys, reconnaissance, testing, data recovery, topographical, bathymetrical, or boundary surveys

Exemption Class #6: Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Retaining walls, except in shoreline areas
2. Plaques, sculptures, and statues
3. Trash enclosures
4. Benches and picnic tables
5. Ornamental and swimming pools
6. Play equipment
7. Bike racks
8. Arbors
9. Planter boxes
10. Pedestrian bridges in park areas
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Exemption Class #7: Interior alterations involving things such as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

1. Interior alterations and renovations to park buildings including, but not limited to, partitions, doors, counters, cabinets, shelving, plumbing, and electrical conveyances

Exemption Class #8: Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the national register or Hawaii register as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89—665, 16 U.S.C. §470, as amended, or Chapter 6E, HRS.

1. Demolition of park structures, except those structures located on any historic site

Exemption Class #9: Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances.

1. Zoning variances of park properties except shoreline setback variances

Exemption Class #10: Continuing administrative activities including, but not limited to purchase of supplies and personnel-related actions.

1. Continuing park administrative activities including, but not limited to, purchase of supplies and personnel-related actions

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Channel Restoration and Streambank Protection Workshop

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services are jointly sponsoring a 3-day workshop on channel restoration and streambank protection. The workshop, which will use classroom lectures, case histories, and field site reconnaissance, will include a variety of technical presentations on stream geomorphology and assessment techniques, channel processes, design of stable channel systems, and streambank stabilization. The intent is to introduce new approaches to address flooding and streambank stability. The workshop will be held in Room 8-120 of the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, on February 28, 2001, through March 2, 2001, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. each day. The workshop seating is limited to 35 seats. Preference will be given to those engineers, planners, hydrologists and project managers from government agencies, local watershed projects and private companies, who are involved in technical design, planning, and permitting for stream stabilization. Registration must be completed by February 12, 2001. Call Alma Elmer of the EPA at (808) 541-2710 for more information.

Special Presentation on Endangered Species

Susan Middleton and David Liitschwager have been photographing endangered species of America for 15 years. They will be giving a special presentation on "Hawai'i's Endangered Species - Don't Say Goodbye" on Thursday, **FEBRUARY 15, 2001**, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M. in Room 130 (DLNR Board Room) of Kalanimoku Hale, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu. This is a great opportunity for you to see some of the incredible natural assets of Hawai'i, many being shown for the first time.

Call for Applications for "Alternate Representatives" to the Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Council

On December 4, 2000, Executive Order 13178 established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve. The Secretary of Commerce, through the National Marine Sanctuary Program is now seeking applicants **FOR ALTERNATES** as representatives on the council. Previous applicants do not need to reapply and will still be considered in the competitive pool. Complete applications must be postmarked no later than **MARCH 2, 2001**. Application kits are available on-line at <http://hawaiiireef.noaa.gov>. For more information, call Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3125 (see, 66 F.R. 8943, February 5, 2001).

Establishment of the Kingman Reef and Palmyra Atoll National Wildlife Refuges

Effective January 18, 2001, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the establishment of: the Kingman Reef National Wildlife Refuge in the central Pacific ocean; and the Palmyra Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. For more information, call Charles Houghten in Portland, Oregon at (503) 231-6207 (see, 66 F.R. 7660, January 24, 2001).

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve EIS

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued its notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement and management plan for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve. NOAA plans to hold public scoping meetings to solicit information and comments on the range and significance of issues related to management of, and designating the reserve as a National Marine Sanctuary. For more information, email Helen Golde at helen.golde@noaa.gov (see, 66 F.R. 5509, January 19, 2001).

Hamakua Energy Partners Filing with the Federal Energy Commission

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) announced that Hamakua Energy Partners, L.P., has filed information with respect to a change in facts relative to its status as an exempt wholesale generator and an application for determination that it remains an exempt wholesale generator pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations and Section 32 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended. Hamakua Energy Partners, L.P., is a Hawai'i limited partnership that will be engaged directly and exclusively in operating an approximately 63 MW net naphtha and distillate oil-fired power plant (facility) located in Honoka'a, and selling energy at wholesale from the facility. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888, First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions should be filed on or before **FEBRUARY 1, 2001**. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> - call (202) 208-2222 for assistance (see, 66 F.R. 4810, January 18, 2001).

Federal Notices

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Farmland Protection Program

Urban sprawl continues to threaten farmland. Social and economic changes over the past three decades have influenced the rate at which land is converted to non-agricultural uses. There continues to be an important national interest in protecting farmland; once developed, such productive lands with rich topsoil is effectively lost forever, placing future food security at risk. Effective January 22, 2001, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, announces the availability under September 30, 2001, of \$30 million for the Farmland Protection Program. The CCC, acting through the appropriate NRCS State Conservationist, must receive proposals for participation with 45-days from January 22, 2001. State, tribal, and local governmental entities may apply; however, non-governmental entities are only eligible for the original \$10 million provided by the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. For more information, please read the Federal Register notice cited below and contact Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, Room 4-118, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850-0002, telephone (808) 541-2600, email kkaneshiro@hi.nrcs.usda.gov (see, 66 F.R. 6566, January 22, 2001).

Letter of Notice

(Editor's note: The Office of Environmental Quality Control received this letter, dated January 29, 2001, from Division of Forestry and Wildlife Administrator, Michael Buck, in response to a summary of a Federal notice we published in the January 23, 2001, Environmental Notice, entitled "No State Response on Urban Wildland Interface Communities at High Risk from Wildfires." The Federal Register cited in that notice (66 F.R. 751) did note at page 751 that "[t]his initial list of communities is incomplete and will be updated as information from the States and Tribes becomes available." OEQC would like to thank Mr. Buck for correcting the record.

Dear Ms. Salmonson:

I would like to cite an error of your January 23, 2001 publication of "The Environmental Notice" newsletter, specifically page 19 ("No State Response on Urban Wildland Interface Communities at High Risk from Wildfires"). The Division of Forestry and Wildlife has identified wildland urban interface communities in Hawaii. This list was sent to the Western Governor's Association with the caveat that it was not all-inclusive, and that other communities would be added later. The list was sent in November 2000. The list of communities is attached for your information. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is actively involved in all aspects of wildfire issues that affect the state of Hawaii as well as the western United States. We maintain a FIRE web site, which we invite you to visit (www.state.hi.us/dlnr/dofaw/fmp). We are partners with Region 5 of the U.S. Forest Service, and are active participants with the Western Governor's Association, the National Association of State Foresters, the Council of Western State Foresters, and the Western State Fire Managers. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Michael G. Buck
Administrator

Attachment: Wildland Urban Interface Communities in Hawai'i

KAUAI: Koke'e; Poipu; Wailua; Hanalei; Anahola; Kilauea; Hanapepe Hts.; Ha'ena; and, Kalaheo.

O'AHU: Makaha; Wai'anae; Nanakuli; Makakilo; Mililani; Schofield Barracks; Hawai'i Kai; Kailua; Kane'ohe; Kualoa; Kunia; Ma'ili; Waialua; Kapolei; Honokai Hale; Ko 'Olina; Hale'iwa; Sunset Beach; Waimea; Pupukea; Hau'ula; and Ka'a'awa.

MOLOKAI: Kaunakakai; Kualapu'u; Maunaloa; Kamiloloa; Halawa; and, Puko'o.

LANAI: Lana'i City.

MAUI: Kahakuloa; Olinda; Kihei; Wailuku; Waihe'e; Kula; Hana; Launiupoko; Waikapu; Maui Meadows; Wailea; Ha'iku; Oma'opio; Ulupalakua; Kaupo; and Kipahulu.

HAWAII: Kamuela; Honoka'a; Laupahoehoe; Pa'auilo; Kona; Hilo; Pahala; Volcano; Na'alehu; Puako; Pu'uuanahulu; Keokea; Waikui; Fern Acres; Fern Forest; Hawaiian Acres; Hawaiian Beaches; Hawaiian Shores; Kohala Estates; Hawaiian Ocean View Estates; Pepe'ekeo; Wa'a Wa'a; Paradise Park; Pahoa; Discovery Harbour; Waikoloa Village; Kurtistown; Keaau; Mountain View; Kapoho; 'Ainaloa Subdivision; Nanawale Estates; Leilani Estates; Black Sand Subdivision; Orchidland Subdivision; Volcano; Kahena Beach Estates; Kaupulehu; Kulali; Kehena Subdivision; Miloli'i; Waiki'i; North Kohala; and, Kealahou.

