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Army Declares No Significant Impact for Makua Training

The United States Army, Hawaii has completed a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment for its proposed return to routine training at Makua Military Reservation. This EA supplements the 1985 Environmental Assessment for Company Combined Arms Assault Course, Makua Military Reservation.

Under the proposal, the Army would resume training at the Company Combined Arms Assault Course at MMR, but at reduced levels. The proposed action is a modified training regimen incorporating many safeguards including the implementation of a comprehensive Wildland Fire Management Plan, currently implemented stabilization measures protecting endangered species, cultural resources preservation measures, and land rehabilitation and awareness projects under the Integrated Training Area Management Program.

The Supplemental Environmental Assessment evaluated the effects of the proposed action on land use, soils and geology, vegetation and wildlife, cultural resources, air quality, noise environment, transportation, socioeconomics, environmental justice, and cumulative impacts. Upon completion of the environmental analysis, the SEA concluded that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment. The Army has therefore prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact for the resumption of routine training.

Copies of the SEA and FONSI are available for public review at the Waianae Public Library, Pearl City Regional Library, Hawaii State Library (Main Branch) and on the web at www.25idl.army.mil/Makua.

Deadline for receiving public comments on the SEA and FONSI is June 14, 2001. See page 6.

Draft Environmental Assessment for Waimea Falls Park

Attractions Hawai‘i proposes to obtain after the fact approval for structures and activities as well as construct new structures and initiate new recreational activities within the existing Waimea Falls Park outdoor recreational attraction.

Waimea Valley encompasses an area of 1800 acres and extend inland from Kamehameha Highway approximately 3.5 miles. The outdoor recreational development in the park was established in the mid 1970’s.

Ongoing and proposed activities include the following: kayaking, mountain biking, all terrain vehicles, paint gut target shooting, camping, horseback riding and possibly in the future cabin camping.

Existing and proposed structures include the following: signs, various kiosks and booths, storage sheds, shipping containers used mainly for storage, trailers serving a variety of uses, animal and bird enclosures, rain shelters, stage and show areas, jungle trek maze, and camp sites. Structures will generally be concentrated in the lower portion of the valley. The master plan shows a “future restaurant site”. For more information see page 7 or call the EA consultant Donald Clegg at 536-5695.
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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Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)

(1) Kalo Place Mini Park

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-8-24: parcel 35
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gregory Hee (527-6977)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Townscape, Inc.
900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1160
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Mary O’Leary (536-6999)

Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Grading, building, misc ministerial

The City and County of Honolulu’s Department of Design and Construction proposes to develop a “Kalo Place Mini Park” for the purpose of providing a passive recreational area and open space. The project site is a one-acre vacant parcel located on Varsity Place in the Moiliili area of Honolulu along the makai-side of the H-1 Freeway and mauka of the business district fronting King Street and University Avenue. The Hawaiian Humane Society is located along the project site’s Diamond Head property boundary. The project property is perhaps most commonly known as the former site of GASCO’s two large steel spheres that contained natural gas. The City is in the process of acquiring the site from Kamehameha Schools.

The proposed mini park will be landscaped with shade trees and grass-covered mounds grouped along a meandering concrete walkway that will loop through the site. The mini park will have picnic tables scattered throughout, trash receptacles and a drinking fountain. The park is intended to primarily serve the residents of the relatively high-density apartment buildings in the surrounding area, and employees of the area’s businesses. The mini park is intended to be a “day-use” park. The project site’s proximity to surrounding apartment complexes and businesses will make it convenient for park users to walk to the site. Pedestrian access to the park will be off of Varsity Place, which forms a T-intersection with Kalo Place near the park’s entrance. No on-site parking or comfort station will be provided due to the relatively small size of the site and the park’s passive recreational character. No playground equipment is planned at this time.

The effects of the project are primarily related to short-term construction-related impacts. These will be mitigated through compliance with applicable State and County regulations regarding noise and fugitive dust. The project will require County approval of construction plans, issuance of building and grading permits, and other ministerial permits. Construction of the project is estimated to take approximately six to eight months, which is projected to begin in 2002.
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

(2) Granting of U.S. Navy Easements and License for Salt Lake Widening Project from Lawehana Street to Reeves Street (FONSI)

District: Honolulu
TMK: 9-901:8
Applicant: Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (N465)
517 Russell Avenue, Suite 110
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-4884
Contact: Stanley Uehara (474-5920)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Commander-in-Chief
U.S. Pacific Fleet (N465)
250 Makalapa Drive
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3131
Contact: Karen Verkennes (474-7045)

Consultant: Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.
250 North Beretania Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817-4716
Contact: Sheldon Yamasato (536-7721)

Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed granting of U.S. Navy easements and license to the City and County of Honolulu for the widening of Salt Lake Boulevard from Lawehana Street to Reeves Street.

The proposed action grants: (1) Easements to the City for (a) Construction and maintenance of storm water detention basins, (b) Drainage of surface water runoff through Navy drainage systems, (c) Installation and maintenance of landscaping and slopes along Salt Lake Boulevard, (d) Construction and maintenance of roadway improvements to accommodate additional turn lanes within Salt Lake Boulevard; and (2) a License to the City to allow for the relocation of Navy utility lines within the project area.

Potential environmental impacts of the proposed action associated with land use, water resources, earth resources, air quality, biological environment, cultural and historic resources, scenic and visual resources, natural and man-made hazards, noise, infrastructure and utilities, transportation and traffic, utilities and pipelines, socioeconomic, and public services were analyzed. Based on this analysis, the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts.

Based on information gathered during preparation of the EA, the Department of the Navy finds that implementation of the proposed action would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human or natural environment or generate significant controversy.

The FONSI and EA addressing this proposed action may be obtained from: Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3134 (Attention: Mr. Stanley Uehara, PLN231) telephone (808) 474-5920. A limited number of copies of the EA are available to fill single-copy requests.

(3) Salt Lake Boulevard Widening, Phase 2, Bougainville Drive to Reeves Street (FONSI)

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-1-10 and 9-9-02
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 15th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jeremy Lee (523-4672)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Abraham Wong (541-2700)

Consultant: Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.
3049 Ualena Street, Suite 500
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
Contact: Sheldon Yamasato (536-7721)

Permits Required: NPDES
The proposed project involves widening approximately 0.70 miles of Salt Lake Boulevard from Bougainville Drive to Reeves Street from a two-lane roadway facility to a multi-lane highway facility within the existing 100-foot wide right-of-way. The purpose of the proposed action is to complete that portion of the existing roadway to its planned function, as specified in the 2020 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. Dedicated left turn lanes, bike lane, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lighting, landscaping and an improved drainage system would also be provided.

Short term impacts to air, noise and traffic are expected during construction activities. In addition, the improved roadway is anticipated to increase traffic noise levels in the area for the long-term. As a result, noise mitigation measures will be implemented to sensitive receptor areas along Salt Lake Boulevard. In the long-term, the widened roadway would improve traffic flow and the aesthetic quality in the project area.

(4) Routine Training at Makua Military Reservation (MMR) and PFC Pilila’au Range Complex (Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact)

District: Waianae
Applicant: 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013
Contact: Peter Yuh, Jr. (656-2878, ext. 1051)

Comment Period
End Date: June 14, 2001

The United States Army, Hawaii has completed a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) for its proposed return to routine training at Makua Military Reservation (MMR). This EA supplements the 1985 Environmental Assessment for Company Combined Arms Assault Course (CCAAC), Makua Military Reservation. Under the proposal, the Army would resume training at the Company Combined Arms Assault Course at MMR, but at reduced levels. The proposed action is a modified training regimen incorporating many safeguards including the implementation of a comprehensive Wildland Fire Management Plan, currently implemented stabilization measures protecting endangered species, cultural resources preservation measures, and land rehabilitation and awareness projects under the Integrated Training Area Management Program.

The Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) evaluated the effects of the proposed action on land use, soils and geology, vegetation and wildlife, cultural resources, air quality, noise environment, transportation, socioeconomics, environmental justice, and cumulative impacts. Upon completion of the environmental analysis, the SEA concluded that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment. The Army has therefore prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the resumption of routine training.

Copies of the SEA and FNSI will be available for public review at the Waianae Public Library, Pearl City Regional Library, Hawaii State Library (Main Branch) and on the web at www.25idl.army.mil/Makua.

Deadline for receiving public comments on the SEA and FNSI is June 14, 2001. Comments should be sent to:

Peter Yuh, Jr.
NEPA Coordinator
Directorate of Public Works
U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5013

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

Kihara Kosan Seawall/Fencing Structures

Applicant: Kihara Kosan Company, Ltd.
2222 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815
Contact: 922-3800

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Pamela Davis (523-4807)

Public Comment Deadline: June 7, 2001
Final Environmental Impact Statements

West Mamala Bay Facilities Plan
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 14th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Bill Liu (523-4551)

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

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

Kaunala Residential Subdivision
Applicant: Kaunala Beach Estates, LLC (formerly known as Commercial Investment Hawaii, LLC
43 Ahui Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Mrs. Randolyn Grobe (523-0955)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 2001
(1) Ukumehame Firing Range Management Plan

District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-8-02
Applicant: Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) HIENG, Department of Defense
3949 Diamond Head Road,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816-4495
Contact: Melissa Dumaran (733-4268)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Pacific Environmental and Information Technologies, LLC
P.O. Box 161256
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Contact: Chris Welch/Andrew Tomlinson (864-8567)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 2001
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.
Permits Required: SMA, CDUP, CWRM well, CZM consistency, Sec. 7, Sec. 106 consultation

HIARNG proposes to improve the existing environmental conditions on its portion of the Ukumehame Firing Range by implementing a Conservation and Landscape Management Master Plan (CLMMP) in three phases. The plan is designed to incrementally enhance the existing wetland and native vegetation, improve water bird habitat, reduce soil erosion, and improve overall facility land management. This plan is intended to provide a basis for natural resource management, and does not involve any engineering changes to the physical character of the site. No structures are proposed for development as part of the project. Development of a well is included in the plan to support landscape irrigation.

(2) Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility Modifications

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-01:188
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Dave Taylor (270-7417)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 2001
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.
Permits Required: SMA, CDUP, construction permits
The County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management proposes modifications to the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF) that are intended to improve process reliability and mitigate the potential impacts of tsunami inundation. No increase in capacity is proposed. The proposed modifications include:

1. Bar screens and dewatering facilities will be replaced with new equipment.

2. A new flexible aeration basin will be constructed, and the aeration basins will be modified. Aeration piping will be replaced, and the blowers will be relocated to a new blower building.

3. New sludge pumps and grinders will be installed in the garage/maintenance shop building, and related connections will be provided. A new dewatering control room will be constructed in the operations building.

4. The chlorine building will be modified to include an oxidation-reduction potential system.

5. Electrical and instrument control systems improvements will parallel the WWRF modifications. A new power feed and metering connection, and a new standby generator will be provided in the new blower building.

6. The new dewatering control room in the operations building, and the blowers and the main electrical equipment in the new blower building will be elevated above the 100-year tsunami wave height.

7. Additional improvements include a new transformer pad, a new above-ground diesel storage tank, and a new sewage bypass line.

The project will be phased and sequenced to minimize disruptions to WWRF operations. The estimated project cost is $9.8 million; construction is anticipated to commence in early 2002.

Final Environmental Assessments/ (FONSI)

(3) Kanaloa Avenue Improvements

District: Wailuku

The County of Maui, Department of Public Works & Waste Management
Highways Division
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Lloyd Lee (270-7745)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Consultant: Chris Hart & Partners
1955 Main Street, Suite 200
Wailuku HI 96793
Contact: Rory Frampton (242-1955)

Permits: SMA, Grading, County ROW, Flood

The majority of Kanaloa is a four-lane travel way, however the northern 1600 feet of the roadway (between Mikohu Loop and Kahului Beach Road) is a two-lane roadway without improvements.

The Maui County Department of Public Work and Waste Management is proposing improvements to the 2-lane section including:

* Resurfacing the existing pavement, to create two travel lanes and a striped median.
* Widening the existing pavement to include bike lanes and on-street parking.
* Installing concrete curb, gutters, and sidewalks.
* Installing four speed tables at crosswalks.
* Replace the existing drainage system.

The proposed drainage improvements will intercept runoff from onsite and offsite areas via inlet structures and curb inlet catch basins. Drain lines will convey stormwater to sump areas near Kahului Beach Road, which will serve as detention and desilting basins.

Construction-related impacts to noise will be mitigated by adherence to Department of Health rules on noise control and limiting construction to standard working hours. Construction-related impacts to air and water quality will be mitigated by utilizing best management practices such as limiting disturbed areas, quickly covering or landscaping bare areas and using water for dust control. Impacts to potential sub-surface archeological or historical resources will be mitigated via archaeological monitoring during construction. No substantial impacts are anticipated.
Previously Published Projects
Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

📍 Central Maui Landfill Expansion & Related Improvements Entrance Facility
Applicant: County of Maui
Department of Public Works & Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Elaine Baker (270-7872)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment Deadline: June 7, 2001

📍 Upcountry Town Center
Applicant: Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 187
Kahului, Hawaii 96732
Contact: Warren Suzuki (877-3882);
Robert McNatt (877-3874)

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 7, 2001

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices (EISPN)

📍 East Maui Water Development Plan
Applicant: County of Maui
Department of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Craddick (270-7816)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Maui
Board of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Craddick (270-7816)

Public Comment Deadline: June 7, 2001
Draft Environmental Assessments

(1) Kaumalapau Harbor Breakwater Repair

District: Lanai
TMK: 4-9-03-26
Applicant: State Department of Transportation Harbors Division
79 S. Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Fred Pascua (587-1888) and
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Honolulu Engineer District
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440
Contact: Jim Hatashima (438-2264)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: State Department of Transportation Harbors Division
79 S. Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Fred Pascua (587-1888)

Consultant: Sea Engineering, Inc.
Makai Research Pier
41-202 Kalanianaole Highway
Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795
Contact: Scott Sullivan (259-7966)

Public Comment Deadline: June 22, 2001
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicants with copies to the consultant and OEQC. This is a joint Federal-State project.

Permits Required: WQC

The project site is not a wetland, special aquatic site, marine sanctuary or wildlife refuge. Coral cover on the existing breakwater will be destroyed by the project, however the new breakwater will consist of materials similar to the existing breakwater and coral is expected to recolonize on the new structure. Endangered species coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service concluded that the proposed project would not effect endangered or protected species or their critical habitat, nor would the project effect an identified Essential Fish Habitat. The project will not affect archaeological or cultural resources in the project area. Concurrence with the Corps “no effect” determination has been obtained from the State Historic Preservation Office. The project will be undertaken in a manner consistent to the fullest extent practicable with the State Coastal Zone Management Program.

Comments on this Draft Environmental Assessment should be provided by June 22, 2001.
(1) Klein’s Petition for Reclassification of Land from Conservation to Urban

District: Puna
TMK: 1-5-09:39
Applicant: Harrison J. & Sharene Z. Klein, Trustees under the Klein Living Trust dated September 17, 1999
c/o Carlsmith Ball, LLP
121 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Steven Lim, Esq. (935-6644)

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

Consultant: Carlsmith Ball, LLP
121 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Steven Lim, Esq. (935-6644)

Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: LUC Boundary Amendment, SMA exemption for proposed agricultural uses

Petitioners Harrison J. and Sharene Z. Klein, Trustees under the Klein Living Trust dated September 17, 1999, seek to amend the State Land Use District Boundaries to reclassify the approximately 2.621-acre oceanfront property situate at Keonepoko Iki, District of Puna, from the Conservation District into the Urban District. The Petitioners originally sought to amend the State Land Use District Boundaries from the Conservation District to the Agricultural District. The Petitioners propose improvements to the existing single-family residential dwelling and related improvements, to including without limitation, an interior stairway, and the cultivation of ti-leaf plans, coconut trees and palms and recommence a commercial farming operation. Existing improvements on the Property consist of a split-level single-family residential dwelling, enclosed garage/storage unit, at-grade lap pool, cesspool, and extensive landscaping. The Property is located makai of the Government Beach Road, and its southern boundary abuts the Waiakahiula 1st ahupua’a, and Welea Street, a dead-end street within the Hawaiian Beaches Subdivision. The Project Area is located within the State Land Use Conservation District, Resource (R) Subzone, is zoned Agricultural one-acre (A-1a) by the Hawaii County Zoning Code, and is within the County of Hawaii Special Management Area which runs makai of and along the Government Beach Road.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

Kaupulehu Roadway and Water System Expansion
Applicant: PIA - Kona Limited Partnership
P.O. Box 803,
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743
Contact: Roger Harris (881-9500)
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Final Environmental Impact Statements

Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area Expansion

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
State Parks Division
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Daniel Quinn (587-0290)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Status: FEIS currently under review by OEQC.

Piha Kahuku Organic Farm

Applicant: G.B. Hajim
P.O. Box 373
Hakalau, Hawaii 96710
Contact: Karen Akiba (963-5482)

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

Public Comment Deadline: June 7, 2001

Conservation District Notices

Departmental Permits

Persons interested in commenting on the following Conservation District Use Application (Departmental Permit) must submit comments to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Also, anyone interested in receiving notification of determinations on Conservation District Use Applications (Departmental Permits) must submit requests to DLNR that include the following information:

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

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

Please send comments and requests to: State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Underground Fuel Storage Tank Removal at Mauna Kea

File No.: CDUA HA-3034D
Applicant: UH Facilities Planning and Mgm’t Office
Location: Mauna Kea Summit, Hawaii
TMK: (3) 4-4-15:09
Action: Excavation and Removal of Tank
343, HRS determination: Exempt
Applicant’s Contact: Charles Schuster (808) 591-8553

DLNR will make every effort to notify those interested in the subject CDUA, it is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. For more information, please contact Masa Alkire at 587-0385.
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Beach Nourishment Notices

Application for Beach Nourishment Fronting the Kana’i A Nalu Apartment Complex, Ma’alaea, Maui

Location: Beach Fronting the Kana’i A Nalu Apartment Complex, Ma’alaea, Maui
Applicant: Kana’i a Nalu Association of Apartment Owners
250 Hau’oli Street
Ma’alaea, Maui, Hawaii 96793
File No.: Beach-MA-01-3 (Cat II)
Ref.: CDUP ST-3000

The loss of Hawaii’s sandy beaches is a major social, economic, and environmental problem. Studies show that hardening the shoreline where there is chronic coastal erosion causes beach narrowing and beach loss. Researchers found 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 on retreating shorelines. Similar losses have occurred on the island of Maui, and to a lesser degree, on Kauai and Hawaii.

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.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources recently approved a Statewide Conservation District Use Application for Small Scale Beach Nourishment Projects in Hawaii. This was done to support the establishment of a State Program General Permit (SPGP) issued to the DLNR by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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.

The proposed project would qualify as a Category II Permit under the Statewide CDUP and proposed SPGP. The project involves the placement of between 1,000 and 1,500 cubic yards of sand on the beach fronting the Kana’i a Nalu Apartments. Sand would be obtained from the Maui Lani dune quarry. It is expected that nourishment operations would take place over a 4-6 day period.

In conformance with Title 11, Chapter 200(8), of the Administrative Rules, a Programmatic Draft Environmental Assessment was published in the Environmental Notice for the proposed use under State Wide Conservation District use Application (ST-3000), on March 8, 2000. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division issued a Finding of no Significant Impact to the Environment (FONSI) on May 18, 2000. The FONSI was published in the June 8, 2000 Environmental Notice.

It was the intent of the programmatic EA to include small-scale beach nourishment projects such as the one proposed at Kana’i a Nalu.

Contact Sam Lemmo of our Coastal Lands Program at 587-0381, should you have any questions on this matter.
**Alien Species Permits**

**Transfer of Male Orangutan**

Before most alien organisms can be brought into Hawaii they must receive a permit from the Board of agriculture. The application is first reviewed by experts in biology and heard in a public meeting of the Committee on Plants and Animals. To learn more about these permit applications, interested parties are encouraged to contact: Plant Quarantine Branch, Hawaii Department of Agriculture, 701 Ilalo St., Honolulu, HI 96813, Ph. 586-0846.

The following import applications are now being reviewed by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

**Title:** Request to (1) Allow the Transfer of a Male Orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus) from the Honolulu Zoo to the Orangutan Foundation International (Hilo, Hawaii) to Provide for an Animal Sanctuary, Education and Research Center; (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Transfer of a Male Orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus) from the Honolulu Zoo to the Orangutan Foundation International (Hilo, Hawaii); and (3) Establish Permit Conditions for the Importation of Orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus) by the Orangutan Foundation International (Hilo, Hawaii) to Provide for an Animal Sanctuary, Education and Research Center.

**Purpose:** To provide a permanent residence for a male orangutan at an orangutan sanctuary operated by the Orangutan Foundation International, which is located adjacent to the Panaewa Rainforest Zoo, Hilo, HI.

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**Shoreline Notices**

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>Portion of Queen Surf Promenade at Kapiolani Park, Wakiki, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii - Governor Executive Order 3082, 3779, 2438, 1689, 1817 &amp; 1438 to City and County of Honolulu Address: 2709, 2745, 2727 and 2777 Kalakaua Avenue</td>
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<td>Wesley T. Tengan, for Kenneth T. Olds, Jr. etal</td>
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<td>Robert K. Sing, for Barbara C. Wong, Trust</td>
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<td>Wesley T. Tengan, for Lillian F. Shiraki, Revocable Trust</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>The whole of Grant 1997 to Kauwe, land situated at Pao 2-6, North Kahala, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii</td>
<td>Wes Thomas Associates, for Jonathan Cohen</td>
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<td>Lot 10 Land Court Application 1052, as shown on Map 79, land situated at Makaha, Waianae, Island of Oahu, Hawaii</td>
<td>ControlPoint Surveying, Inc., for Anthony and Ann Guerrero</td>
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<td>ControlPoint Surveying, Inc., for James Wicklund, Jr. and Paula Wicklund</td>
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<td>Portion of R. P. 5667, Land Commission Award 5931 to Pehu, land situated at Waikiki, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii</td>
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<td>Lot 4 of Puako Beach Lots (HTS Plat 414-A), being the whole of Land Patent Grant 13554 to Albert Antone Guerrero and Charlotte Jackson Guerrero, land situated at Lalamilo, Waimea, South Kohala, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii</td>
<td>Wes Thomas Associates, for Breckinridge L. Wilcox, Trustee of the Henderson and Wilcox Family Trust</td>
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<td>HA-170-2</td>
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<td>Lot 11 of the Keawalai Beach Lot Extension being a portion of Mahele Award No. 32, Royal Patent 4513 to Kanele, land situated at Kahului 2nd, South Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii</td>
<td>Wes Thomas Associates, for Baylor &amp; Linda Marie Triplett</td>
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<td>Lot 7993-A, as shown on map 794 of Land Court Application 1089, land situated at Honouliuli, Ewa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii</td>
<td>ControlPoint Surveying, Inc., for Trustees under the Will and Estate of James Campbell</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 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
Department 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) Aircraft Apron Safety and Security Lighting Project

Federal Action: Negative Determination
Federal Agency: Department of the Navy
Contact: Cory Waki, 471-9338
Location: Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay, Oahu
CZM Contact: Debra Tom, 587-2840
Proposed Action:
The Navy is proposing to install perimeter safety and security lights at the P-3 Orion aircraft apron within MCBH Kaneohe Bay. The project will involve installation of 11 60-foot galvanized steel floodlight poles, to adequately illuminate the aircraft apron. The proposed apron lighting system, designed to provide an average illumination of 1-foot candles, will be directed downward toward the apron and outfitted with a system of internal louvers and/or external hoods. The Navy filed a CZM federal consistency negative determination stating that the activity will not affect the coastal zone outside of federally controlled areas and therefore, is not subject to review by the Hawaii CZM Program.

(2) Housing Replacement Program at Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Federal Action: Negative Determination
Federal Agency: Department of the Navy
Contact: Cory Waki, 471-9338
Location: Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay, Oahu
CZM Contact: Debra Tom, 587-2840
Proposed Action:
The Navy is proposing to replace approximately 1,612 existing family housing units at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH Kaneohe Bay). The 293-acre project is intended to span a 10-year period, with completion targeted for 2011. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide on-base housing of suitable quality for military personnel and their dependents. The Navy filed a CZM federal consistency negative determination stating that the activity will not affect the coastal zone outside of federally controlled areas and therefore, is not subject to review by the Hawaii CZM Program.

(3) Proposed Reissuance of General Permit for Maintenance Clearing of Rivers, Streams, Storm Drains, and Beach Areas in the State of Hawaii (GP2001-04)

Federal Action: Federal Permit - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers General Permit
Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Contact: William Lennan, 438-6986
CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878
Proposed Action:
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to reissue the general permit for maintenance clearing of rivers, streams, storm drains, and beach areas in the State of Hawaii for use by the general public, groups and public agencies. The existing general permit expired on March 10, 2001 and the reissued general permit would be in effect for five years from its approval. Restrictions on permit applicability, limitations of work, and general and special conditions are proposed to prevent adverse impacts from projects potentially authorized under the general permit.

Comments Due: June 6, 2001

MACZMAG and Subcommittees

Non-Government Members Subcommittee
Date: Friday, May 25, 2001
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Location: 235 South Beretania Street, Room 204
CZM Contact: Susan Feeney, 587-2880

Marine and Coastal Zone Management Advisory Group
Date: Friday, May 25, 2001
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Location: 235 South Beretania Street, Room 204
CZM Contact: Susan Feeney, 587-2880
Pollution Control Permits

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Department of Health Permit

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>West Hawaii Concrete NSP 0434-01-N (Amendment)</td>
<td>5039D Queen Kaahumanu Highway, TMK: 7-4-08: 13, Kona, Hawaii</td>
<td>Issued: 5/1/01</td>
<td>150 cy/hr Concrete Batch Plant</td>
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<td>Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. CSP 0219-01-CT (Amendment)</td>
<td>Various Locations Statewide, Initial Location: 100 Kaupulehu Drive, Kaupulehu, Kona, Hawaii</td>
<td>Issued: 5/3/01</td>
<td>Two (2) 357 TPH Portable Stone Quarrying and Processing Plants with Diesel Engine Generators</td>
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<td>Clean Air Branch 586-4200 Temporary Covered Source Permit</td>
<td>Grace Pacific Corporation CSP 0040-01-CT (Amendment)</td>
<td>Various Locations Statewide, Initial Location: Camp 10, Ameron Quarry, Puunene, Maui</td>
<td>Issued: 5/7/01</td>
<td>186 TPH Drum-Mix Asphalt Concrete Plant with Recycle kit; 1.25 MMBtu/Hr Hot Oil Heater; and Diesel Engine Generator</td>
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<td>State DOT #01-CW-WQC-02</td>
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<td>Department of Navy #01-CW-WQC-01</td>
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<td>Comments Due: 6/6/01</td>
<td>Repair Wharves A7 and S374</td>
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Federal Notices

Permit for whale takes

National Marine Fisheries Service has issued a permit to Thomas F. Norris, Science Applications International Corp., 3990 Old Town Avenue, Suite 105A, San Diego, California 92110, to take gray (Eschrichtius robustus), minke (Balaenoptera acutorostrata), and Bryde’s (Balaenoptera edeni) whales for purposes of scientific research. The requested permit has been issued for these three non-endangered species of whale. The request for a permit related to the three endangered species of whale (blue, fin, and humpback) is deferred pending receipt of a report of the effects of the tags on the non-endangered species. Comments may be addressed to: Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 973-2935; fax (808) 973-2941. [Federal Register, 5/10/01, Page 23884]

EPA comments on fishery management plan

EPA reviewed the following FEIS and found that the document adequately addresses the issues raised in its comment letter on the DEIS: Environmental Review Process (ERP) No. F-NOA-K91008-00, Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, Fishery Management Plan, To Analyze Longline Fisheries, Commercial Troll and Recreational Troll Fisheries, Commercial Pelagic Handliner and Commercial Pole and Line Skipjack Fishery, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. EPA comments prepared pursuant to the ERP, under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the NEPA are available. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. [Federal Register, 5/11/01, Page 24136]
Letters of Notice

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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.

The following letter was received from William C. Moore of “West Waikiki” on Hilton Hawaiian Village’s Waikikian Development Plan:

" ... The overload of West Waikiki is bad enough even without Hilton’s new tower. West Waikiki has largely been ignored by the big push to improve Waikiki yet, the ½ mile circle measured from ground zero, the corner of Ala Moana Blvd. and Hobron Lane, probably has the dubious distinction of being the most densely populated real estate in Waikiki. Over the past 40 years, neither the City nor the State has done anything to relieve the congestion except to allow the density to build. The result has been a mini Hong Kong.

I doubt the Governor or the Mayor [has] ever walked this neighborhood. Sections of Ala Moana, such as the front door of the Prince [Hotel] are nice but choke points are easy to see. In some areas sidewalks narrow down to three feet. In one spot a narrow sidewalk with a telephone planted in the middle shares a space with a major bus stop. Naturally, the hundreds of pedestrians walking to and from the shopping center can’t get by, [and] not surprisingly, they step into the street to pass while traffic whizzes by.

Hobron Lane has become a parking lot for tour buses, trolleys, harbor traffic and frustrated drivers thinking they can detour the gridlock on Ala Moana. I don’t blame the tour companies, they have to make a living and they have to be where the action is.

... None of our elected representatives over 35 years [has] displayed any interest in relieving what has become a visibly over burden[ed] and unsafe public mess within West Waikiki. All the money has drifted towards the other end of Waikiki[;] why would the politicians think the people who live here would be pleased with a 400 unit timeshare?

The Hilton plan appears to pass the cost of their traffic problem to the tax payer rather than to themselves. Into this mess steps Hilton with its plan to add yet another 400 units (even before the effects of the [Kalia] Tower about to be open are felt). Hilton makes it easy to be cynical about its public relations efforts now in high gear. That is because Hilton’s traffic solution for the new 35 story Tower is to dump its traffic into the narrow lane [Dewey Lane] between the Hilton and the Ilikai. A driver entering this lane has two choices: To head for Hobron Lane or to turn toward Ala Moana Blvd. The points where Hilton obliges its drivers to enter these busy ways have long, well earned reputations as traffic choke points, but what makes it easy to be cynical about ... is that Hilton could, if it desired, bring the new Tower traffic out to Kalia Road where it would merge with less traffic volume. That kind of solution, however, is probably more costly to the Hilton because it would probably need to widen the roads within the Hawaiian Village property. Perhaps they ask, “Why make an expensive traffic problem for our stockholders when we have the City and our neighbors to pay for it in terms of more traffic congestion, more gasoline for no good purpose, and more disappointed tourists and residents alike at how Waikiki has developed.

The new Tower places neighboring property (tax) values at risk. ... the proposed Hilton Tower ... is so massive and so tall that it threatens the neighboring property values. There is nothing architecturally distinctive about Hilton’s Tower, it is just a huge piece of concrete. Now, I believe no one [is] guaranteed a good view in life. But City planners must be aware that property values can just as easily vaporize as well [as] be added when you insert an architectural oddball into a neighborhood. Only the market will tell, but my guess is that the new Hilton Tower will diminish property values at Discovery Bay and other buildings on the Mauka side of Ala Moana Blvd. simply because the power “will take” whatever present or prospective property owners think is attractive in the West Waikiki living environment, and that “taking” will translate into lower property values and tax revenues. Our City government needs to decide who should win this battle: The tax paying West Waikiki residents whose property values are at risk or Hilton’s stockholders? " 