



The Environmental Notice

December 23, 2008

STATEWIDE (HRS 343)

- 1. [Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Management Plan](#) (FEA) 2

OAHU (HRS 343)

- 2. [Waikiki Shopping Plaza Alteration and Addition](#) (FEA) 2
- 3. [Koa Ridge Makai and Waiawa Development](#) (DEIS) 3
- 4. [Ewa Makai Middle School](#) (FEA) 4
- 5. [Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements at Kupuna Home O'Waialua](#) (DEA) 4
- 6. [Hanua Street Soil Containment Cap and Barrier Project](#) (DEA) 5

MAUI (HRS 343)

- 7. [Proposed Kenolio Leilani Subdivision](#) (FEA) 6
- 8. [Kapunakea Preserve](#) (DEA) 6

MOLOKAI (HRS 343)

- 9. [Pelekunu Preserve](#) (DEA) 7

HAWAII (HRS 343)

- 10. [Hotel Renovations, King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel](#) (DEA) 7
- 11. [Puako Marine Education and Research Center](#) (DEA) 8
- 12. [Acceptance Notice for Keahuolu Affordable Housing Project](#) (FEIS) 9

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

- [Department of Accounting and General Services Proposed Exemption List](#) 9

COASTAL ZONE (HRS 205A)

- Federal Consistency Reviews** 9
- Special Management Area Minor Permits** 10
- Shoreline Notices**
 - Shoreline Certification Applications 10
 - Shoreline Certifications and Rejections 11

CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE PERMITS

- 12

LAND USE COMMISSION

- 14

POLLUTION CONTROL PERMITS (HRS 342B)

- 14

FEDERAL NOTICES

- 15

GLOSSARY

- 16

Note: The comment period for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project has been extended to Feb 6, 2009.

Note: The [2009 Deadline Calendar](#) for the Environmental Notice and an updated [OEQC Publication Form](#) is available on our website.

Katherine Puana Kealoha, Director Office of Environmental Quality Control 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702 Honolulu, HI 96813 Tel: (808) 586-4185 Fax: (808) 586-4186 Email: oeqc@doh.hawaii.gov	Website: http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/oeqc/index.html/ Kauai: 274-3141 ext. 64185 Maui: 984-2400 ext. 64185 Molokai/Lanai: 1-800-468-4644 ext. 64185 Hawaii: 974-4000 ext. 64185
---	--

The Environmental Notice is available for public review on the 8th and 23rd of each month on OEQC's website, pursuant to Chapter 343-3, HRS.

STATEWIDE (HRS 343)

1. Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Management Plan (FEA)

Island: Nihoa, Mokumanamana (Necker), French Frigate Shoals, Gardner, Laysan, Lisianski, Pearl and Hermes, and Kure
District: City and County of Honolulu
TMK: n/a
Proposing Agency: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Laura Thielen, Chairperson, 587-0401
Approving Agency: Same
Consultant: Tetra Tech, Contact: George Redpath, (808) 441-6600
Comments: FEA accepted by the Approving Agency. There is no comment period.
Permits: None

The proposed Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Management Plan is the Co-Trustee agencies' overall guiding framework to carry out seamless integrated management of the area. The Plan and EA are written to ensure ecological integrity and to achieve strong, long-term protection and perpetuation of Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) ecosystems, Native Hawaiian culture, and heritage resources for current and future generations. Through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by the Governor and the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior in December 2006, management of the Monument is the responsibility of these three Co-Trustees: the State of Hawaii, through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR); the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Monument Management Plan was also developed, in part, to implement Presidential Proclamation 8031. It consists of six priority management needs implemented via 22 action plans to implement the vision, mission, goals and objectives of the Plan. The EA was developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 Environmental Impact Statement Law. The purpose of the EA is to inform the relevant State and federal agencies and the public of the likely environmental consequences of the activities contained in the Monument Management Plan. It focuses on site-specific issues and activities within the Monument and the socioeconomic effects on the State of Hawaii. The agency has determined that this project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment.

OAHU (HRS 343)

2. Waikiki Shopping Plaza Alteration and Addition (FEA)

Island: Oahu
District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-6-19: 18, 56, 58, 61, and 62
Applicant: Waikiki Shopping Plaza, LLC, 2270 Kalakaua Avenue, Suite 1800, Honolulu, HI 96815. Contact: Leighton Mau, 923-1191
Approving Agency: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), 650 South King Street, 7th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Joyce Shoji, 768-8032
Consultant: Kusao and Kurahashi, Inc., 2752 Woodlawn Drive, Suite 5-202, Honolulu, HI 96822. Contact: Ardis Shaw-Kim, 988-2231
Comments: FEA accepted by the Approving Agency. There is no comment period.
Permits: Special District Permit (Minor), Conditional Use Permit (Joint Development), Building permit(s)

The proposed project involves the demolition of two (2) buildings and construction of a new three-story commercial building at the corner of Kalakaua and Royal Hawaiian Avenues. The project is intended to enhance the overall visual character of the block. The new building will have the same total floor area as the two structures it replaces. Thus, there will be no increase in floor area. Within the new structure, the ground floor and second floor will have 10,350 square-feet of floor area each, with 8,680 square-feet on the third floor and 275 square-feet on the roof. The new structure will be three (3) stories high with a maximum height of about 60 feet. This height is

well within the maximum allowable height limit of 280 feet. The first floor will be about 16 feet high, the second floor will be about 13.5 feet high and the third floor will be about 29.5 feet high. An awning will be provided along the entire frontage of the addition to provide shading and a pedestrian friendly environment. A trellis will cover a portion of rooftop. The existing 8-story Waikiki Shopping Plaza will be retained with some interior renovations and exterior alterations required to integrate the proposed improvements. The proposed work is intended to revitalize the building. The new building façade will be designed to complement and blend into the existing Waikiki Shopping Plaza building.

3. [Koa Ridge Makai and Waiawa Development \(DEIS\)](#)

Island:	Oahu
District:	Ewa
TMK:	<u>Koa Ridge Makai</u> : (1) 9-4-06:38, pors. 01, 02, 05, 39; and (1) 9-5-03: pors. 01 and 04; <u>Waiawa</u> : (1) 9-4-06: pors. 29 and 31; and (1) 9-6-04: 21; <u>Off-Site Infrastructure</u> : (1) 9-3-02: pors. 09 and 29; (1) 9-4-02: por. 24; (1) 9-4-05: pors. 06, 08, and 74; (1) 9-4-06: pors. 03, 11, 28, 29, and 39; (1) 9-4-07: por. 35; (1) 9-4-96: por. 149; (1) 9-4-127: por. 23; (1) 9-5-02: por. 01; (1) 9-5-03: pors. 01, 02, 04, 07, 11, and 14; (1) 9-5-49: por. 31
Applicant:	Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., 100 Kahelu Avenue, 2 nd Floor, Mililani, HI 96789. Contact: Ms. Laura Kodama, Director of Planning & Development, 548-4811
Accepting Authority:	State Land Use Commission, P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804-2359. Contact: Mr. Orlando Davidson, Executive Officer, 587-3822
Consultant:	Consultant: Helber Hastert & Fee, Planners, 733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590, Honolulu, HI 96813. Ms. Gail Renard, Project Manager, 545-2055
Comments:	DEIS notice pending 45-public comment. Address comments to the Applicant, with copies to the Accepting Authority, Consultant and OEQC.
Permits:	State Land Use District Boundary Amendment, City and County of Honolulu Zone Change, Plan Review Use, Certificate of Need, Water Use Permit, Well Construction and Pump Installation Permit, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit, Subdivision Approvals, Grading Permits, Building Permits

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii proposes the development of master planned communities at Koa Ridge Makai and Castle & Cooke Waiawa in Central Oahu to include low-, medium-, and high-density residential (approximately 5,000 total units), sites for parks, recreation centers, schools, and neighborhood and community commercial development to serve the residents and surrounding region. Koa Ridge Makai (575 acres) will include approximately 3,500 single- and multi-family homes, an integrated mixed-use village center, elementary school site, and substantial employment-generating uses such as commercial, light industrial, hotel, and a medical complex. The Castle & Cooke Waiawa development (191 acres) will include approximately 1,500 single- and multi-family homes, neighborhood parks, retail, community center, and an elementary school site. A Draft EIS was prepared for the Waiawa development with the State Land Use Commission as the Accepting Authority; notice of this Draft EIS was published in the November 8, 2007 issue of The Environmental Notice. The Applicant subsequently withdrew the 2007 Waiawa Draft EIS for in order to prepare this new 2008 Draft EIS that addresses both the Koa Ridge Makai and Waiawa development.

The project also includes off-site infrastructure improvements consisting of improvements to the existing H-2 Freeway Waipio Interchange; a new H-2 Freeway Interchange at the Pineapple Road overpass; a new trunk sewer line extending from Koa Ridge Makai to the Waipahu Wastewater Pump Station; and drainage improvements in Kipapa Gulch.

The project would have beneficial impacts to Oahu's housing supply, economy, and employment, and no significant adverse impacts to the natural environment, agriculture, noise, air quality, visual resources, infrastructure and utilities, and most public services. Mitigation will be provided to minimize and/or reduce potentially adverse impacts to significant historic and cultural sites, roadways and traffic, and schools to insignificant levels. See also the [Koa Ridge Appendices](#) (147 mb).

4. [Ewa Makai Middle School \(FEA\)](#)

Island: Oahu
District: Ewa
TMK: 1-9-1-69: 27
Proposing Agency: Department of Education, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Benjamin Miura, 586-0429
Approving Agency: Same
Consultant: SSFM International, Inc., 501 Sumner Street, Suite 620, Honolulu, HI 96817. Jared Chang, 531-1308
Comments: FEA accepted by the Approving Agency. There is no comment period.
Permits: NPDES, Grading, Grubbing, and Stockpiling Permit, Building Permit, Height Variance

The State Department of Education (DOE) is proposing the Ewa Makai Middle School Project. This project involves the construction of a new middle school located within the Gentry development of Ewa Makai in order to accommodate educational needs for one of Oahu's fastest growing communities.

The proposed middle school design for LEED Silver Certification rating and intended to serve approximately 1,050 sixth to eighth grade students with the capability of servicing 1,400 students through the use of year round multi-track schedule. Students will come from the surrounding Campbell Complex, within the DOE's Leeward District. The proposed middle school will be able to accommodate large student enrollments, provide flexible uses of classroom spaces, utilize sustainable design criteria, and provide a nurturing academic environment.

The school will have special features such as: (1) an indoor dining facility; (2) outdoor learning gardens; (3) cluster of classrooms that foster interdisciplinary teaching; (4) a specialty classroom such as music, art, technology, family and consumer science, dance and performance and health and fitness; (5) a library media center; (6) internet linkage to enable students to access worldwide communication networks; and (7) an administration area with a separate student center for support services. See also the [Ewa Makai Appendix](#).

5. [Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements at Kupuna Home O'Waialua \(DEA\)](#)

Island: Oahu
District: Waialua
TMK: 6-7-16:28
Proposing Agency: Hawaii Public Housing Authority, P.O. Box 17907, Honolulu, HI 96817. Contact: Mitchell Kawamura, 832-5373
Approving Agency: Same
Consultant: The Limtiaco Consulting Group, 650 Iwilei Road, Suite 208, Honolulu, HI 96817. Contact: John Katahira, 596-7790
Comments: DEA pending 30-day comment. Address comments to the Applicant, with copies to the Approving Agency, Consultant and OEQC.
Permits: NPDES (dewatering); Community Noise Permit; Community Noise Variance; UIC Permit Renewal; Grubbing, Grading, and Stockpiling Permit; Erosion Control Plan/BMPs; Street Usage Permit; Construction Dewatering Permit (Temporary); Traffic Control Plans

The State Public Housing Authority proposes to improve the on-site package sewage treatment plant (STP) at its Kupuna Home O'Waialua elderly public housing complex, which hosts its own self-contained (i.e., non-municipal) wastewater system. The existing STP has a design capacity of 10,000 gallons per day, and the treated effluent is discharged into two underground injection wells with overflows released to an on-site leach field. The STP has not been significantly upgraded since its installation in 1977, and the typical service life of package STPs is approximately 25 years. Based on efforts conducted in support of the project, it was determined the STP is near the end of its service life and in need of a major refurbishment.

The project will involve installation of a new on-site package STP. Overall, the new STP will be similar in size, capacity, and treatment level to the existing STP. The existing injection wells will be retained in proper

operating condition, and the existing leach field may be reused; however, on-site replacement of the leach field may be required. Additionally, a small shed will be installed for storage purposes.

Temporary short-term impacts to air and water quality, ambient noise levels, and traffic operations may occur during construction activities. Such potential impacts would be minimized through appropriate mitigation measures and BMPs and are not expected to be significant. Additionally, no significant adverse long-term impacts to any environmental, cultural, social, or economic resources are anticipated. Any potential operational noise impacts will be minimized and mitigated through measures implemented as part of the project. Conversely, in the long-term, the project will contribute to avoiding and/or mitigating potential adverse environmental impacts. The proposed improvements will renew the service life of Kupuna Home O'Waiialua's STP, thus improving its reliability and reducing the likelihood for potentially harmful spills or overflows. Additionally, compliance with State Department of Health standards will be maintained. A Finding of No Significant Impact determination is anticipated.

6. [Hanua Street Soil Containment Cap and Barrier Project \(DEA\)](#)

Island: Oahu
District: Ewa
TMK: 9-1-26: 26
Applicant: REIT Management & Research, LLC
Approving Agency: Department of Planning and Permitting, City and County of Honolulu, 650 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Steve Tagawa, 768-8024
Consultant: Masa Fujioka & Associates, 98-021 Kamehameha Highway, Suite 337, Aiea, HI 96701-4914. Contact: Lana Brodziak, 484-5366
Comments: DEA pending 30-day comment. Address comments to the Applicant, with copies to the Approving Agency, Consultant and OEQC.
Permits: Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit, Shoreline Setback Variance

To implement a contaminated soils (primarily lead) remediation project on a portion of a 9.6-acre site at the end of Hanua Street in the Campbell Industrial Park. This I-2 Intensive Industrial District site was previously used for various industrial activities, including a pre-cast and pre-stressed concrete (e.g. girders, beams, box drainage culverts, etc.) manufacturing facility. Con-Fab Corporation was granted a Major SMA Use Permit (No. 89/SMA-61) by the City Council for that facility on September 12, 1990 (Resolution No. 90-219).

Today most of the site is vacant. A lumber distributor (Mendocino Forest Products, LLC) uses the northeast portion of the site for lumber storage and a small office trailer. According to DEA, the contaminated soil resulted from the deposit of ash and residue materials discarded from the vehicle recycling activity that was conducted adjacent to, and immediately north of, the site. The DEA indicates that in the past, Leeward Auto Wreckers (presently Hawaii Metal Recycling) burned vehicles to remove unwanted materials (i.e., oil, paint, plastic, etc.) presumably to recover only the metals.

The proposed remedial action will be conducted on about 6.5-acre portion of the site in concurrence with the Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response program at the State Department of Health. The project will include the grading of the existing ash-contaminated soils, as well as the evacuation of about 5,000 cubic yards of contaminated soils along a portion of the site which is beyond the certified shoreline (within the Conservation District). The site will then be covered with a clean layer of fill (about 5,250 cubic yards), and a 6-inch thick asphalt cover will be constructed. A subsurface concrete containment wall will also be constructed along a 1,000-foot long shore front portion of the site to prevent the contaminated soil from migrating to the beach and near-shore marine environment. No use has been disclosed for the site once the asphalt cover has been installed.

The project will also require a Department of Army permit from the Corps of Engineers, a Section 404 Discharge and 401 Water Quality Certification, a State Conservation District Permit, and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The Major Special Management Area Use Permit and the Shoreline Setback Variance are granted by the Honolulu City Council.

MAUI (HRS 343)

7. Proposed Kenolio Leilani Subdivision (FEA)

Island: Maui
District: Wailuku
TMK: (2) 3-9-06:19
Applicant: Lokahi Pacific, 1935 Main Street, Wailuku, HI 96793. Contact: Kamaile Sombelon, 242-5761
Approving Agency: Department of Housing and Human Concerns, 2200 Main Street, Suite 546, Wailuku, HI 96793. Contact: Jo-Ann Ridao, Deputy Director, 270-7805
Consultant: Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc., 305 High Street, Suite 104, Wailuku, HI 96793. Contact: Kyle Ginoza, 244-2015
Comments: FEA accepted by the Approving Agency. There is no comment period.
Permits: Subdivision Approval and Construction Permits

Lokahi Pacific proposes to develop seven (7) 3-bedroom, 2-bath, affordable, workforce, single-family residences on an approximately 1.010-acre parcel along Kenolio Road in Kihei, Maui. The lots would range between 5,340 and 5,462 square feet in area. Each of the units will be offered to families making 80 percent and below the household median income, an income group with a demonstrated lack of available, affordably priced, single-family housing product for purchase.

Lokahi Pacific is pursuing the project to respond to the growing demand for affordable housing on the island of Maui. The proposed action will increase the supply of affordable housing, at a time when housing is expensive and in short supply on Maui. The total cost of the project, including the cost of acquisition of the parcel, is estimated at \$3,190,750.

The subject parcel is currently vacant and undeveloped. Years ago, the parcel contained several single-family residences, but all structures have since been demolished. The parcel is designated "Urban" by the State Land Use Commission, "Single-Family" by the Kihei-Makena Community Plan, and "R-2, Residential" by Maui County zoning. A Special Management Area (SMA) use permit has been approved for the project.

8. Kapunakea Preserve (DEA)

Island: Maui
District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-4-07-01; 03; 07; and 08
Applicant: The Nature Conservancy, 81 Makawao Ave., Suite 203A, Pukalani, HI 96768. Contact Mark White, 856-7664
Approving Agency: Dept of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Randy Kennedy, 587-0054
Comments: DEA pending 30-day comment. Address comments to the Applicant, with copies to the Approving Agency, Consultant and OEQC.
Permits: CDUP

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) proposes to protect an approximate 1,264 acre watershed area, flora and fauna through: 1) feral ungulate control (construction of fences, surveying, trapping, snaring, eradication, strategic fencing); 2) weed control (controlling established weeds in intact native communities, re-vegetation, preventing the introduction of alien species through manual/chemical means, releasing biocontrol agents, monitoring); 3) small mammal control (studies, aerial rodenticide); 4) monitoring (monitoring transects, data gathering, aerial scouting); 5) education (educational field trips); 6) research (research, data collection); and 7) maintenance and operations (foot trails, signage, small scale shelters, small storage facilities, operations and landing of helicopters on designated Landing Zones (LZ), fires suppression programs). The TNC has the following goals and objectives over the next six years: 1) ungulate control; 2) invasive plant control; 3) small mammal control; 4) resource monitoring; 5) rare species protection and research; 6) community outreach; and 7) watershed partnerships.

Rare plants on the subject parcel include: *Acacia koaia* (koa'oha), *Alectryon macrococcus* var. *micrococcus* ('ala'alahua mahoe), *Alphitonia ponderosa* (kauila, kauwila, oa), *Argyroxiphium caliginis* (eke silversword), *Bobea sandwicensis*, *Bonamia menziesii*, *Calamagrostis expansa*, *Chamaesyce arnottiana* var. *integrifolia*, *Chamaesyce*

olowaluana ('akoko), Clermontia oblongifolia sbsp. Mauiensis ('oha), Colubrina oppositifolia (kauila), Ctenitis squamigera (pauoa), Cyanea glabra, Cyanea lobata subsp. lobata, Cyrtandra filipes, Cyrtandra munroi, Eurya sandwicensis (anini, wanini), Exocarpos gaudichaudii (heau), Geranium hillebrandii (nohoanu, hinahina), Hibiscus kokia ssp. Kokio (koki'o 'ula'ula), Kadua (formerly Hedyotis) Formosa, Keysseria (formerly Lagenifera maviensis)(howaiaulu), Liparis hawaiiensis (Jewel orchid), Melicope orbicularis (alani), Myrsine vaccinioides (kolea), Neraudia melastomifolia (ma'aloa, ma'aloa, 'oloa), Nothocestrum latifolium ('aiea), Phyllostegia bracteata, Phyllostegia stachyoides, Platanthera holochila, Ranunculus mauiensis (makou), Santalum freycinetianum var. freycintianum ('iliahi, sandalwood). Native forest birds include: 'apapane; l'iwi; 'amakihi; and pueo. Rare Hawaiian tree snails include: Partulina perdix, P. tappaiana, P. crocea, Perdicella kuhnsi. The applicant notes that neither archeological and historical resources nor Native Hawaiian rights would be adversely affected by the proposed project.

MOLOKAI

9. Pelekunu Preserve (DEA)

Island: Molokai
District: Molokai
TMK: 5-4-3-32, 5-9-7-17, 5-9-6-11, 5-9-7-1, 5-9-7-4, 5-9-7-11, 5-9-7-14, 5-9-7-16, 5-9-7-21, 5-9-7-24, 5-9-7-30, 5-9-7-31, 5-9-7-32, 5-9-7-33, 5-9-8-5, 5-9-8-6, 5-9-8-7, 5-9-8-10, 5-9-8-12
Applicant: The Nature Conservancy, 923 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96817. Contact: Kathleen Tachibana, 954-6580
Agency: Dept of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Randy Kennedy, 587-0054
Comments: DEA pending 30-day comment. Address comments to the Applicant, with copies to the Approving Agency, Consultant and OEQC.
Permits: None

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is proposing to continue a long-term management agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, to manage the 5,759 acre Pelekunu Preserve on the island of Molokai through the Natural Area Partnership Program (NAPP). The State's NAPP is an innovative program that aids private landowners in the management of their native ecosystems. NAPP provides matching funds (\$2 state to \$1 private) for the management of qualified private lands.

Pelekunu Preserve contains an "exemplary" Hawaiian Continuous Perennial Stream, characterized by the presence and abundance of the full array of native aquatic species. The other communities are more widespread aquatic and terrestrial communities, including a variety of coastal, lowland, and montane grassland, shrubland, and forest types.

Without proactive stewardship, the preserve faces a degradation of native Hawaiian ecosystems and the possible extinction of rare and endangered Hawaiian natural communities, plants, and animals. To guard against these possibilities, the proposed management for the next six years includes feral animal control (which may include strategic fencing), invasive weed control, rare species protection, community outreach, monitoring, research and maintenance. Mitigation measures to prevent the spread of weeds, soil contamination, and effects from helicopters will be employed. Anticipated positive impacts of the proposed project include protection of rare native species, decreased erosion, improved waters quality, and increased public awareness of Molokai's native natural resources.

HAWAII (HRS 343)

10. Hotel Renovations, King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel (DEA)

Island: Hawaii
District: North Kona
TMK: (3rd): 7-5-06:20, 21, 24 & 32; 7-5-05:62, 66 & 75
Applicant: IWF KKH LLC, 2490 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, HI 96815. Contact: Greg Mooers, 880-1455
Approving Agency: Hawaii County Planning Department, 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3, Hilo HI 96720. Contact: Maija Cottle, 961-8288x253

Consultant: Geometrician Associates, PO Box 396, Hilo HI 96721. Contact: Ron Terry, 969-7090
Comments: DEA pending 30-day comment. Address comments to the Applicant, with copies to the Approving Agency, Consultant and OEQC.
Permits: Hawaii County Building Division Approval and Building, Plumbing and Electrical Permits, Planning Department Approval, Public Works Department Grading & Driveway Permits, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES), Special Management Area (Major) Use Permit

IWF KKH, LLC proposes to renovate King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel. In addition to extensive interior work, the central arcade between the two hotel towers will be demolished. The existing pool and bar area will be removed and replaced by a pool deck pulled closer to the hotel central core, along with walkways and enhanced landscaping, resulting in a more open shoreline. The existing conference and banquet facilities will be refurbished and a small pre-function vestibule area added. There will be a lecture hall, museum, and gallery for exhibiting and interpreting cultural artifacts currently displayed throughout the hotel. Additional parking will be provided through more efficient site planning. The renovation will slightly modify the overall appearance of the hotel to be more reflective of the surroundings. The project is necessary because this landmark hotel, built in 1975, is aging, and in need of major renovations.

The contractor will obtain a dust permit and an NPDES permit in order to contain dust, sediment and storm water runoff during construction. No rare, threatened or endangered flora and fauna are present. Construction vehicles will be mobilized to/from the project site during off-peak hours to reduce traffic impacts. After the construction phase, the project will create a more visually appealing structure and grounds. Features will be moved away rather than towards the shoreline and no impact to beach recreation should occur. While the reconstructed features of Ahuena House and Hale nana mahinaai at Kamakahonu are no longer archaeologically significant, they hold great cultural significance for modern practitioners and are considered sacred. All of the area proposed for active work has previously been disturbed and is in active Hotel use today. To avoid impacts to the existing features of Kamakahonu, the features will be protected against impacts during the renovation by measures such as temporary fencing, contractor education, and monitoring, which will be developed in coordination with concerned parties. To mitigate effects to possible buried archaeological resources or human remains within the already disturbed areas of Kamakahonu and adjacent areas, archaeological monitoring will occur during subsurface demolition or development activities. The Hotel, in cooperation with historical and cultural groups, will undertake to educate visitors and kamaaina about Kamakahonu's significance. The Hotel ownership will ensure to the greatest degree reasonable access to Ahuena by cultural practitioners during the renovation.

11. [Puako Marine Education and Research Center \(DEA\)](#)

Island: Hawaii
District: South Kohala
TMK: (3) 6-9-01:01 (por.)
Proposing Agency: University of Hawaii at Hilo (UHH), Kalakaua Marine Education Center, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Contact: Mr. Ted LeJeune, Facilities Planning and Construction Office, 974-7595
Approving Agency: University of Hawaii at Hilo, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720-4091. Contact: Ms. Debra Fitzsimmons, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Affairs, 974-7750
Consultant: Helber Hastert & Fee, Planners, 733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Tom Fee/Martha Spengler, 545-2055
Comments: DEA pending 30-day comment. Address comments to the Proposing Agency, with copies to the Consultant and OEQC.
Permits: NPDES Permit, Conservation District Use Permit, County Use Permit, Subdivision Approval, Grubbing and Grading Permits, Building Permit

UHH proposes to construct a Marine Education and Research Center at a 5-acre site in Puako, adjacent to the state-owned Puako Boat Launch Ramp. The project will provide a permanent field station for UHH's Kalakaua Marine Education Center in West Hawaii to support its unique mission requirements for providing undergraduate marine science instruction, education and research in Hawaii. The proposed action would consist of an academic center and meeting rooms; marine support facilities; student and faculty living units as well as a caretaker's residence; and associated parking and circulation. Alternatives evaluated include a "Phase 1" Alternative (marine

support facilities and student living units only), a "Phase 1A" Alternative limited to temporary structures and support infrastructure, and a No Action Alternative.

The project site is located on undeveloped state land adjacent to Puako Beach Drive. Biological and archaeological surveys indicate the site does not support sensitive habitats or contain historic properties. The proposed action is not expected to result in significant direct, indirect, secondary or cumulative impacts to topography, soils, surface and groundwater, natural hazards, climate and air quality, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, infrastructure, public services, solid and hazardous waste, socio-economic factors, traffic, parking, and visual resources.

12. Acceptance Notice for Keahuolu Affordable Housing Project (FEIS)

Proposing

Agency: Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, 677 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.
Contact: Stanley Fujimoto, 587-0541

Accepting

Authority: Office of the Governor, c/o Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation, 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Janice Takahashi, 587-0639

Status: FEIS accepted by the Governor, State of Hawaii on Dec. 11, 2008

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

The Department of Accounting and General Services has submitted a [proposed exemption list](#) to the Environmental Council for review and concurrence. Please review the proposed exemption list and submit your comments by January 22, 2009 to (1) Environmental Council, 235 S. Beretania Street, Room 702, Honolulu, HI 96813; and (2) Department of Accounting and General Services, PO Box 119, Honolulu, HI 96810, Attention Chris Kinimaka.

COASTAL ZONE NOTICES

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, HRS. 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: 468-4644 x72878, Kauai: 274-3141 x72878, Maui: 984-2400 x72878 or Hawaii: 974-4000 x72878. 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. Comments may be submitted to: Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804. Email: jnakagaw@dbedt.hawaii.gov or Fax: (808) 587-2899.

Iroquois Point Beach Restoration & Stabilization, Ewa Beach, Oahu

Applicant: Ford Island Housing, LLC
Contact: Scott Sullivan, Sea Engineering, Inc., (808) 259-7966
Federal Action: Federal Permit
Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878, jnakagaw@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Location: Iroquois Point, Ewa Beach, Oahu
TMK: (1) 9-1-1
Proposed Action: Implement a beach restoration project consisting of constructing 9 T-head armor stone groins structures along 4,200 feet of shoreline fronting the Iroquois Point housing area. The groin structures would divide the beach into eight cells, with each cell 400 - 450 feet long. Groin stems would be 140 feet long, extending seaward from the low water line. Beach nourishment is also proposed for each end of the project. The purpose of the project is to restore and stabilize the sandy beach in order to eliminate the on-going erosion and shoreline recession, to stop the loss of homes and home sites, and to prevent flooding of the backshore area and

homes by storm waves overtopping the shore. The project would also remove scattered rocks, concrete and steel debris, and other rubble from the beach and nearshore areas. Public recreational opportunities for sandy beach use would be improved.

Comments Due: January 6, 2009

Special Management Area (SMA) Minor Permits

Pursuant to Ch. 205A-30, HRS the following is a list of SMA Minor permits that have been approved or are pending by the respective county/state agency. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate county/state Planning Department. Honolulu (523-4131); Hawaii (961-8288); Kauai (241-6677); Maui (270-7735); Kakaako (Honolulu) or Kalaeloa Community Development District (587-2840).

Special Management Area (SMA) Minor Permits		
Location (TMK)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Oahu: 280 North Kalaheo Avenue – Kailua (4-3-16:6)	Addition of a New Fence and Trellis at the Kalama Beach Club (2008/SMA-60)	K. Nichols Butterbaugh
Oahu: 24 Sand Island Access Road – Sand Island (1-2-23:30)	Keehi Marine Center – Warehouse Renovation (2008/SMA-62)	Keehi Marine Center/Paul Tonaki
Hawaii: South Hilo (2-1-14:11)	Installation of ADA Parking Stalls and Loading Areas (SMM 08-91)	Diamond J Investments, LLC
Kauai: Wainiha	Extension to SFR-addition of Room (SMA(M)-2009-5)	Debra March
Maui: Kahului (1-7-1-21)	Small Boat Harbor Improvements (SM2 20080075)	State Department of Land & Natural Resources
Maui: Lahaina (4-6-1-9)	Lighting of Banyan Tree (SM2 20080076)	Lahaina Town Action Committee
Maui: (2-8-3-59)	Rock Wall (SM2 20080077)	Peahi Farms I, LLC
Maui: Kihei (2-2-24-28)	Friendly Christmas Trees (SM2 20080078)	Garrett, Anthony & Katrina

Shoreline Notices

Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to HRS §205A-42 and HAR §13-222-12, the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and in Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu (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 15 calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application. If there are any questions, please call Ian Hirokawa at 587-0420.

File No.	Date	Location	Applicant/Owner	TMK
OA-1278	12/2/08	Lot 2 being portions of R.P. 52, L.C. Aw. 802 to Alexander Adams, Lots 30, 31 and 40, Niu Beach Lots File Plan 279 Former Kalanianaole Highway and Accreted Area, situate at Niu, Honolulu, Oahu Address: 5647 Kalanianaole Highway Purpose: Building permit	Walter P. Thompson, Inc./ Michihide Kimura	3-7-01:20
MA-418	12/11/08	Lot 3-A-1 of Kaumeheiwa Subdivision being a portion of Royal Patent 1664, Land Commission Award 10613, Apana 1 to Abner Paki situate at Puunau, Lahaina, Maui Address: 355 Front Street Purpose: N/A	Akamai Land Surveying, Inc./ Christian Lassen	4-6-03:11

HA-395	11/20/08	Lots 57 and 58 of Vacationland Hawaii Subdivision (F.P. 814) L.C. Aw. 8559, Apana 5, situate at Kapoho, Puna, Island of Hawaii Address: 14-4908 Kahiina Place and Wai Opae Road Purpose: Establish setbacks	Hartley and Magdalene Phillips/ Hartley and Magdalene Phillips	1-4-68:45, 46, 62 & 63
HA-396	11/26/08	Lot 4 of Alohi Kai Subdivision being a portion of Land Commission Award 9971, to William C. Lunalilo situate at Kaunalumalu, North Kona, Island of Hawaii Address: 77-228 Ke Alohi Kai Place Purpose: Certified shoreline	Ali Ghalamfarsa/ Kona Oasis Inc.	7-7-24:04
HA-397	11/26/08	Lot 5 of Alohi Kai Subdivision being a portion of Land Commission Award 9971, to William C. Lunalilo situate at Kaunalumalu, North Kona, Island of Hawaii Address: 77-230 Ke Alohi Kai Place Purpose: Certified shoreline	Ali Ghalamfarsa/ Fairytale at Kahaluu Beach, Inc.	7-7-24:05

Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to HRS §205A-42 and HAR §13-222-26, the following shorelines have been proposed for certification or rejection by DLNR. Any person or agency wishing to appeal a proposed shoreline certification or rejection shall file a notice of appeal in writing with DLNR no later than 20 calendar days from the date of the public notice of the proposed shoreline certification or rejections. The notice of appeal shall be sent to the Board of Land and Natural Resource, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813.

File No.	Proposed/Rejected	Location	Applicant/Owner	TMK
OA-1255	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 8 as shown on Map 1 of Land Court Consolidation 211, situated at Kaunala, Koolauloa, Oahu, Hawaii. Address: 58-145 Napoonala Place Purpose: Building setback requirement	Jaime F. Alimboyoguen/ SBC, LLC	5-8-06:38
OA-1257	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lots 239 & 240 (Map 6) Land Court Application 1052 & Lots 2 & 3 Portion of Deed: Kamehameha IV to J. Robinson and Company dated May 13, 1857 Liber 9, Page 223 (Exclusion 1 of Land Court Application 1052) and R.P. 2243, L.C. Aw. 10613, Ap. 5 to A. Paki, situated at Makaha, Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii. Address: 84-1101 & 1105 Farrington Highway Purpose: Determining building setback	Leaps and Boundaries, Inc./ Kids, LLC	8-4-3:01 & 02
OA-1270	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 6 of Kawailoa Beach Lots, Section "E" as shown on Bishop Estate Map 4210 C situate at Kawailoa, Waialua, Oahu Address: 61-721 Papailoa Road Purpose: Building setback requirement	Jaime F. Alimboyoguen/ Stephen Thorne	6-1-04:69
MA-405	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 7-A of Napili Beach Lots, situated at Napili 4 & 5, Lahaina, Island of Maui. Address: 27 Hui Drive Purpose: Installation of fire protection system and improvements to stream bank	ControlPoint Surveying, Inc./The Napili Bay Association of Apartment Owners	4-3-02:52

MA-409	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 1-A of Keawekapu Beach Lots, situate at Kamaole, Kihei, Maui Address: 3060 South Kihei Road Purpose: N/A	Akamai Land Surveying, Inc./ Woody Paylor	2-1-10:01
MA-410	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 23 of the Sunset Beach Lots Subdivision, situate at Makaehu, Kuau, Hamakuapoko, Maui Address: 129 Aleiki Place Purpose: Building permit	Akamai Land Surveying, Inc./ Peter Hanson (Agent)	2-6-12:29
MA-414	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lots 4 and 5 of the Maui Prince Hotel Subdivision being portions of Land Patent Grant S-15,029 to Ulupalakua Ranch, Inc. and Royal Patent Grant Number 835 to Mahoe situate at Maluaka, Honuaula, Makawao, Maui Address: Makena Road Purpose: Setback purposes	Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc./ Makena Hotel, LLC, Makena Resort Services, LLC	2-1-06:59 & 111
KA-318	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 14D, Land Court Application 1076 (Map 8), situated at Kikiaola, Waimea, Island of Kauai. Address: None assigned Purpose: Shoreline Determination	Roger M. Caires/KS3 LLC	1-6-08:27

CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE 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 must submit requests to DLNR that include the following information:

1. Name and address of the requestor;
2. The 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 Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809. 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, contact Dawn Hegger (587-0380) or Kimberly Mills (587-0382) of the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands.

PROJECT:

File No.: CDUA OA-3491
Name of Applicant: United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Location: Kuliouou, Oahu
TMK: (1) 3-8-06:07
Proposed Action: Stream Monitoring Station
343, HRS determination: Exempt
Applicant's Contact: Ronald Rickman, 587-2407

PROJECT:

File No.: CDUA OA-3493
Name of Applicant: United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Location: Moanalua, Oahu
TMK: (1) 1-1-13:01
Proposed Action: Rain Gage Replacement

343, HRS determination: Exempt
Applicant's Contact: Ronald Rickman, 587-2407

PROJECT:

File No.: Cдуа OA-3494
Name of Applicant: Honolulu Marine, LLC
Location: Keehi Lagoon Small Boat Harbor
TMK: (1) 1-2-25:24 & 35
Proposed Action: Small Boat Shipyard
343, HRS determination: Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) was published in Office of Environmental Quality Control's Environmental Notice on February 23, 2008
Applicant's Contact: Brian Takeda of RM Towill, 842-1133

PROJECT:

File No.: Cдуа HA-3490
Name of Applicant: Ooma Beachside Village LLC, C/o Jennifer Benck, Carlsmith Ball LLP, P.O. Box 656, Honolulu, HI 96809
Location: Ooma, North Kona, Island of Hawaii
TMK: (3) 7-3-09:04
Proposed Action: Trim and thin vegetation, place 6,200 linear feet of boulders to block vehicular access
343, HRS determination: Exempt
Applicant's Contact: Jennifer Benck, 523-2500

The Applicant proposes to trim and thin vegetation, temporarily placing boulders 6,200 linear square feet to block vehicular access to the sand, and construct signage, located on subject parcel TMK: (3) 7-3-09:04, Ooma, North Kona, Island of Hawaii.

Due to the increase in vehicular activity onto the beach from the existing coastal trail the applicant is worried about public safety, visibility, erosion, and the protection of the beach. Vegetation will be trimmed and thinned to improve visibility. Two new warning signs will be installed and address vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety. Boulders three feet in diameter will be placed by hand or with equipment and located within the existing vegetation and mauka of the sand dunes. Temporary shelter (tarp, pop-up tent, etc.) will be set up to provide shade for staging operations. Public access will not be limited.

The subject parcel is located in the State Land Use Conservation District, General and Resource subzones. Access to the subject parcel is via an unpaved jeep road that intersects with Queen Kaahumanu Highway. Secondary access is possible through the OTEC road which connects to a coastal jeep trail located along the shoreline. The site consists of sand, and lava rock covered with heliotrope, naupaka, Christmas berry, noni, fountain grass, kiawe, and koa haole. Various birds, mongoose, and feral cats have been seen on the subject parcel. The applicant notes there are no Federal or State listed rare, endangered or threatened species of flora and/or fauna found on the subject parcel. An Archeological Survey was conducted and no known sites will be impacted by the proposed project. There will be no impact to known historic, archeological, and cultural sites. Traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights occur and will continue.

After reviewing the application, DLNR finds that:

1. The proposed use is an identified use within the Protective subzone of the Conservation District according the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), 13-5-22, P-4, C-1, LANDSCAPING, REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS PLANTS, "landscaping, defined as alteration (including clearing) of plant cover. Such alteration shall be limited to plant materials that are endemic or indigenous and similar in character and appearance to existing vegetation in the surrounding area. Natural vegetative cover, where disturbed, shall be restored or replaced with endemic or indigenous planting. The introduction of alien plant species is prohibited in the Protective subzone;" please be advised however that this finding does not constitute approval of the proposal;
2. A public hearing pursuant to HAR 13-5-40 will not be required;
3. In conformance with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended, and HAR, Title 11, Department of Health, Chapter 200, Environmental Impact Statement Rules, Subchapter 8, Section 11-200-8(4), the proposed use is exempt.

LAND USE COMMISSION

Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill

A petition to amend the State Land Use District Boundaries with the following general information has been submitted to the State Land Use Commission (LUC). You may review detailed information regarding the petition at the LUC located at 235 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 or at the Dept of Planning and Permitting, City & County of Honolulu, 650 South King Street, 7th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813. A hearing on this petition will be scheduled at a future date. If you are interested in participating in the hearing as a public witness, please write the LUC at PO Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804-2359 or call 587-3822. If you intend to participate in the hearing as an intervenor, pursuant to Sec. 15-15-52, HAR, you should file a Notice of Intent to Intervene with the LUC within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please contact the LUC for further information.

Date: December 2, 2008
Petitioner: Dept of Environmental Services, City & County of Honolulu, 1000 Uluohia Street, Suite 308, Kapolei, HI. 96707
Landowner: City & County of Honolulu, under the control of the Dept of Environmental Services
TMK: (1) 9-2-03: 72 and 73
Location: Waimanalo Gulch, Honouliuli, Ewa, Oahu
Request: Agricultural to Urban
Acreage: Approximately 200.622 acres
Proposed Use: Landfill

POLLUTION CONTROL PERMITS

Department of Health Permits

Pursuant to HRS §342B and HAR §11-60.1, the following is a list of some pollution control permits currently before the State Dept. of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI. Abbreviations are as follows: Clean Air Branch (**CAB**) 586-4200; Comments Due (**CD**); Covered Source Permit (**CSP**); Clean Water Branch (**CWB**) 586-4309; Issued (**I**); Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch (**SHWB**) 586-4226; Safe Drinking Water Branch (**SDWB**) 586-4258; None (**N**); NonCovered Source Permit (**NSP**); National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System under the Federal Clean Water Act (**NPDES**); Received (**R**); Temporary (**T**); Underground Injection Control (**UIC**); Not Applicable (**NA**).

Branch Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Date	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Edwin DeLuz Trucking and Gravel, LLC CSP No. 0454-01-C Modification & Renewal Application	Located at: Kapoaula, Hamakua, Hawaii	Comments Due: 1/2/09	750 TPH Stone Quarrying and Processing Plant with a 1390 HP Diesel Engine Generator
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Non-Covered Source Permit	Gateway Builders and Hauling NSP No. 0704-01-NT Initial Application	Located at: Various Temporary Sites State of Hawaii	Issued: 11/28/08	Two (2) 100 TPH Tub Grinders
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Non-Covered Source Permit	Coca-Cola North America NSP No. 0679-01-N Initial Application	Located at: 91-233 Kalaeloa Blvd., Kapolei, Oahu	Issued: 12/5/08	Two (2) 150 hp Boilers
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Non-Covered Source Permit	Robert F. Stay NSP No. 0705-01-NT Initial Application	Located at: Various Temporary Sites State of Hawaii	Issued: 12/5/08	One (1) 100 TPH Tub Ginder w/one (1) 800 hp Diesel Engine

Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Sphere LLC dba Pacific Aggregate CSP No. 0703-01- C/CT Initial Application	Located at: 87-601 Paakea Road, Waianae, Oahu, and Temporary Sites, State of Hawaii	Issued: 12/9/08	Crushing and Screening Plants
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. CSP No. 0686-01-C Initial Application	Located at: Rodgers Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii	Issued: 12/11/08	Honolulu International Airport Dispatch Standby Generators

FEDERAL NOTICES

Draft EIS, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Amended Notice

EIS No. 20080469, Draft EIS, FTA, HI, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, provide high-capacity transit service on Oahu from Kapolei to the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Waikiki, City and County of Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii. Comment period ends: 02/06/2009. Contact: Ted Matley 415-744-3133. Revision to FR Notice published 11/21/2008: Extending comment period from 01/07/2009 to 02/06/2009.

Public Notice Of Findings In Compliance With Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management

PROJECT: Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Complex
LOCATION: Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu
TAX MAP KEY: Division 1, Zone 4, Section 4, Plat 08

The U.S. Marine Corps is considering constructing a new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Complex in the south-central area of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay, adjacent to the Mokapu Central Drainage Channel (MCDC). A new BEQ Complex is needed to meet the high demand for on-base bachelor enlisted housing that is up to standard and provides military personnel convenient and safe access to support and recreational facilities. Due to operational and other planning commitments, available land suitable for the siting of BEQs at MCB-Hawaii is scarce. The preferred site lies within a 100-year flood zone and is therefore subject to review under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Panel 15003C0280F, revised 30 September 2004, the proposed BEQ Complex is located in Zone D, defined as areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible. A separate 2003 study of the MCDC, which passes by the proposed BEQ site on the east side, mapped the 100-year flood hazard area along the channel: the flood area may encompass up to approximately ¾ of the proposed project site. The MCDC Study identifies a flood elevation of between 3.6 feet (1.1 meters) to 4.6 feet (1.4 meters) above Mean Sea Level (MSL) in the proposed project site area. The ground elevation in the proposed project area varies between 3.9 to 6.5 feet (1.2 to 2.0 m) above MSL. The MCDC study floodplain is not reflected on the FEMA map.

The BEQ Complex would be located back from the banks of the MCDC, separated by a recently-planted vegetated corridor, and be elevated a minimum 2.868 meters (m) or 9.41 ft above mean sea level (msl), well above the projected base flood elevation, via a combination of the use of fill material and construction upon pile foundations. Two alternative sites to the proposed site were considered, as well as the No Action Alternative. After careful evaluation of the alternatives, the U. S. Marine Corps has determined that there are no other practicable alternatives to siting the project in the floodplain.

Public comment was invited through public notice in the State Department of Health's *Environmental Notice* on 23 October 2008. A 14-day period was provided for submittal of comments. During and subsequent to that period, no responses have been received.

Comments on this decision or requests for a more detailed Statement of Findings and Public Explanation may be addressed to the Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3134 (Attn.: PAO), telephone 472-1008, or email don.rochon@navy.mil. To be considered, comments must be received by January 23, 2008.

GLOSSARY

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 Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). If the lead State or County agency (the proposing agency for agency actions, or the approving agency for applicant actions) anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then affected agencies, individuals, and organizations must be consulted and a Draft EA (DEA) is written and public notice is published in this periodic bulletin (see, section 343-3, HRS) known as the Environmental Notice. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

After the lead agency reviews the public comments, if it determines that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, and then it will prepare a Final EA (FEA) and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) formerly called a Negative Declaration. The FEA 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 periodic bulletin to ask a court to require the preparation of an EIS.

Final Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

When a lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared prior to implementing the project. Like the DEA (see above), affected agencies, individuals and organizations must be consulted prior to preparation of the FEA and issuance of a determination called an EIS Preparation Notice (EISPN). (The EA is called final, to distinguish it from the draft, above). After the FEA is written by the agency, and notice of the FEA-EISPN is published in this periodic bulletin, any agency, group, or individual has 30 days from the first publication of the EISPN to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects. The public (including an applicant) has 60 days from the first notice of an EISPN in this periodic bulletin to ask a court to not require the preparation of an EIS.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

After receiving the comments on the FEA-EISPN (see above), the agency or applicant must prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prior to project implementation which must disclose the likely impacts of a project. Direct, indirect and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with mitigative measures. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this periodic bulletin to comment on a DEIS. The DEIS must respond to comments received during the FEA-EISPN comment period in a point-by-point manner.

Final Environmental Impact Statement

After considering all public comments filed during the DEIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final EIS (FEIS). The FEIS must respond in a point-by-point manner to all comments from the draft stage and must be included in the FEIS. For applicant projects, the approving agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. For an agency project, the Governor or the Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted may the project be implemented.

Acceptability

If the FEIS is accepted, notice of this action is published in this periodic bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to ask a court to vacate the acceptance of a FEIS. In the case of applicant actions, the law requires that an approving agency must make a determination on acceptance within 30 days of receipt of the FEIS or the FEIS is deemed accepted. Also, for applicant actions, the law provides for an administrative appeal of a non-acceptance to the Environmental Council.

National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal projects to prepare an EA or EIS. In many ways it is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this periodic bulletin to help keep the public informed of important federal actions.

Conservation District

Any 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. Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of permit applications are published in this periodic bulletin.

Special Management Area

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastline of all islands and development in this area is generally regulated by Chapter 205A, HRS and county ordinance. A special subset of the SMA that is regulated by Chapter 343, HRS is the Shoreline Setback Area. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). This periodic bulletin posts notice of these SMA applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the shoreline setback from the certified shoreline. The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified by the State surveyor prior to construction. This periodic bulletin publishes notice from the Department of Land and Natural Resources of both shoreline certification applicants and of final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a 15-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. [Agendas](#) of their regular meetings are posted on the Internet 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 periodic bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making, as well as notice of the Council's decision on the list.

Endangered Species

This periodic bulletin is required by Section 343-3(c), HRS, to publish notice of public comment periods or public hearings for Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP), Safe Harbor Agreements (SHA), or Incidental Take Licenses (ITL) under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as availability for public inspection of a proposed HCP or SHA, or a proposed ITL (as a part of an HCP or SHA).