



The Environmental Notice

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Josh Green, M.D., Governor
Mary Alice Evans, Director

The Environmental Notice provides public notice for projects undergoing environmental review in Hawai'i as mandated under Section 343-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the Environmental Impact Statement Law. Along with publishing Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for projects in Hawai'i. The Environmental Notice also includes other items related to the shoreline, coastal zone, and federal activities.



The DOE is proposing a new Performing Arts Center at Nanakuli High and Intermediate Schools.

photo from the [project's Draft EA](#)

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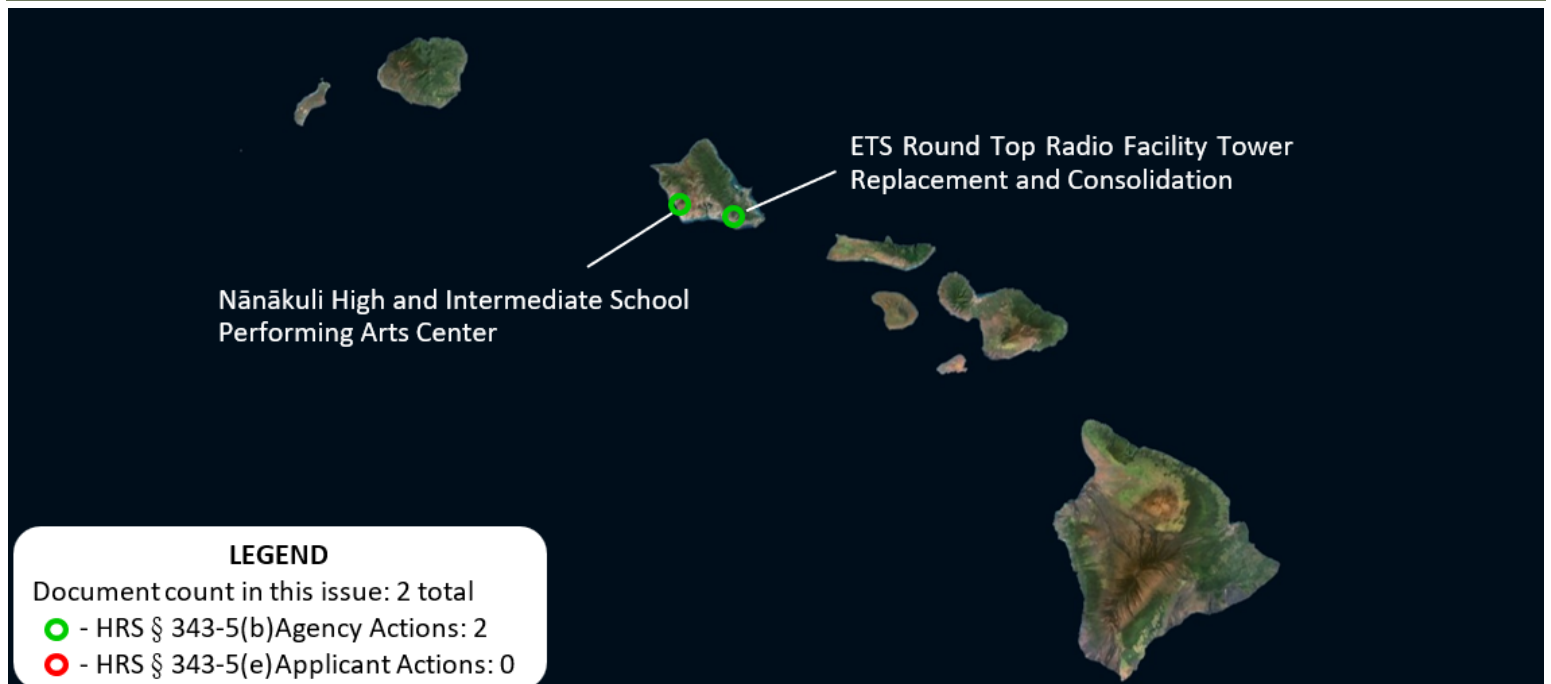
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is still seeking new members. To learn more about the work of the EAC, visit their [webpage](#). To apply to be on the EAC, submit this [online application](#) under Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism - Environmental Advisory Council.
- Please save the date for the 2025 Hawai’i Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO), scheduled to take place on August 27-29, 2025 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort.

STATEWIDE MAP OF EA/EIS DOCUMENTS AND DETERMINATIONS



O’AHU EAs/EISS

ETS Round Top Radio Facility Tower Replacement and Consolidation – Final EA (FONSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds (2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district
District(s)	Honolulu
TMK(s)	(1) 2-5-019:003 (por.); (1) 2-5-019:011
Permit(s)	Various, see Final EA
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai’i, Department of Accounting and General Services David DePonte, (808) 586-0492, david.c.deponte@hawaii.gov 1151 Punchbowl St, Kalanimoku Building, Rm B-10, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Consultant	Bowers + Kubota Consulting, Inc.; 2153 N. King Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819 Carah Kadota, (808) 833-1841, ckadota@bowersandkubota.com
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The Round Top Radio Facility site currently houses the Hawai’i Wireless Interoperability Network (HIWIN) facilities, which consist of two 100-foot radio antenna towers that service Federal, State, and City and County of Honolulu agencies. The Proposed Action includes the construction of a new 180-foot radio tower, demolition of the two existing 100-foot radio towers, and the transition of equipment to the new tower. The Proposed Action will include tree trimming and vegetation clearing to the extent necessary. A new concrete foundation will be constructed to accommodate the new tower. The foundation footprint size will be approximately 1,600 SF and will feature approximately 60-foot-deep drilled shafts to support the tower. A new retaining wall with a chain link fence between 12 to 14 feet high will be installed around the foundation. An existing waterline will be rerouted to accommodate the site of the new tower.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Accounting and General Services consultant, Carah Kadota, at ckadota@bowersandkubota.com.

Nānākuli High and Intermediate School Performing Arts Center – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	Wai’anae
TMK(s)	[1] 8-8-007:009
Permit(s)	See Section 4.3
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai’i, Department of Education William George, (808) 784-5125, william.george@k12.hi.us P.O. BOX 2360, Honolulu, HI 96804
Consultant	Wilson Okamoto Corporation; 1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400, Honolulu, HI 96826 Keola Cheng, (808) 946-2277, kcheng@wilsonokamoto.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 8, 2025. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to publiccomment@wilsonokamoto.com .

The DOE is proposing the construction of the new Performing Arts Center at NHIS. It is anticipated that the Proposed Project will be built out in sequences to allow for the continued operation of the existing Performing Arts Center (PAC) program.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Education consultant, Keola Cheng, at kcheng@wilsonokamoto.com.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

Status: The comment period for these projects began previously. **Comments are due April 22, 2025.** Please click on the links below to read a document, then send comments to the relevant agency and copy any relevant applicant and/or consultant identified in the submission form that follows the initial agency letter.

HAWAI’I

[Pololū Trailhead Management Plan – Draft EA \(AFNSI\)](#)

O’AHU

[Hawaiki Cable Landing Expansion Project – Draft EA \(AFNSI\)](#)

[DOT, Harbors Division, O’ahu District Baseyard Relocation – Draft EA \(AFNSI\)](#)

LISTS OF EXEMPTION NOTICES

Pursuant to [HAR § 11-200.1-17](#), State and county agencies that have determined specific actions to be exempt from the requirement to prepare an EA are required to submit a listing of such exemptions made during the previous month. Following are Lists of Exemption Notices submitted by various agencies for **March 2025, unless noted otherwise**; contact the identified agency contact on each list for additional information about any specific exemption or any ADA compliance issues:

State of Hawai'i[Department of Accounting and General Services](#)[Department of Land and Natural Resources](#)[Department of Transportation](#)[Hawai'i Community Development Authority](#)**City and County of Honolulu**[Board of Water Supply \(Feb 2025\)](#)[Department of Design and Construction](#)[Department of Environmental Services](#)[Department of Planning and Permitting](#)**County of Maui**[Department of Parks and Recreation](#)**County of Kaua'i**[Department of Water](#)

EXEMPTION NOTICES

The following agencies have declared certain actions exempt from the requirement to prepare an EA pursuant to [HAR § 11-200.1-16](#), and have voluntarily submitted the Exemption Notices for publication:

State of Hawai'i, Agribusiness Development Corporation**[Waiawa Hydroelectric Plant Project](#)**

The project proposes a replacement of the existing the Waiawa Hydroelectric Plant (WHP) which is owned by the ADC but operated by the Kekaha Agriculture Association (KAA). The KAA is a nonprofit agriculture cooperative that was established in 2003 as a sub-entity of the ADC. The existing WHP was constructed in 1908 when a 550-kilowatt (kW) powerplant was installed for \$65,500.00 using a 280-foot drop on the Kekaha Ditch (Wilcox, 1997). The WHP was originally used to supply power to sugar cane operation in Kekaha, a town known today for its historical sugar cane production.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Agribusiness Development Corporation consultant, Scott Kunioka, at sak@akinaka.com.

County of Kaua'i, Department of Water**[Operations Baseyard Slope Stabilization](#)**

The County of Kaua'i, Department of Water is stabilizing the slope below the Operations Baseyard to prevent erosion that may impact the use of the baseyard. The work includes shotcrete slope stabilization and a cutoff swale on top of the slope to prevent stormwater from flowing over the slope.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact Jason Kagimoto with County of Kaua'i, Department of Water, at jkagimoto@kauaiwater.org.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT, SECTION 106 EXEMPTION

[Limu \(native seaweed\) stewardship - outreach and annual statewide limu surveys](#)

This notice serves to notify the public that NOAA OCM is using the ACHP Exemption for Indigenous Knowledge-Informed Activities by Native Hawaiian Organizations to document compliance with Section 106 consultations pursuant to 36 CFR part 800.2(c)(4) for this specific award task led by Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA). The KUA is an innovative, community-based initiative for protecting, restoring and caring for Hawai'i. KUA is advancing community-based natural resource management in Hawai'i, working together with government agencies and communities towards restoring Hawai'i communities' traditional role as caretakers of their lands and waters. Their leadership and expertise will be important to the success of this project.

Please contact Claire Saleh at claire.saleh@noaa.gov if you have any comments or questions about this action no later than May 8th.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEWS

The following federal actions are being reviewed for consistency with the enforceable policies of the Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, including [the CZM objectives and policies in Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 205A](#). Federal consistency, pursuant to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, generally requires that federal actions, within and outside of the coastal zone, which have reasonably foreseeable effects on any coastal use (land or water) or natural resource of the coastal zone be consistent with the enforceable policies of a state's federally approved coastal management program. Federal actions include federal agency activities, federal license or permit activities, and federal financial assistance activities. This public notice is being provided in accordance with § 306(d)(14) of the CZMA, and federal regulations at 15 CFR § 930.2, § 930.42, and § 930.61. General information about federal consistency is available at the [Hawai'i CZM Program web site](#), or call (808) 587-2878.

For specific information or questions about an action listed below, contact the CZM staff person identified for each action. The CZM Program is required to adhere to federal review deadlines, therefore, comments must be received by the date specified. Comments may be submitted by mail or electronic mail, to the addresses below.

*Mail: Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804*

Email: Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Project Name: Army Training Land Retention of State Lands at Pohakuloa Training Area, Island of Hawaii

Proposed Action: The United States (U.S.) Army is proposing to retain up to approximately 22,750 acres of State-owned land to support continued military training at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA). PTA encompasses approximately 132,000 acres and is located about 6,200 to 9,000 feet above sea level in the saddle area between Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea, and Hualalai mountains on the island of Hawaii. The proposed action does not include retention of the approximately 250 acres of State-owned land administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Retention would occur by attaining a land interest that would allow continued use of the land; the land retention estate would not be selected until after completion of the EIS. The Army would arrange for retention and continued use of the State-owned land prior to the expiration of the 1964 lease to ensure uninterrupted training. Following the arrangement for retention of the State-owned land, the Army would continue to conduct Army ongoing activities (military training; facility, utility, and infrastructure maintenance and repair activities; resource management actions; and associated activities such as emergency services) on the retained State-owned land. The Army also would continue to permit and coordinate ongoing activities (training and other activities such as public use programs) by other PTA users, including Department of Defense agencies, international partners, local agencies, and the community. The Proposed Action is a real estate action (i.e., administrative action) that would enable continuation of ongoing activities on the State-owned land retained by the Army. It does not include construction, modernization, or changes in ongoing activities in the retained State-owned land. Additionally, the Proposed Action does not include changes to the use, size, or configuration of the special use airspace over the State-owned land.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) was published in April 2022 that presented the evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with the Army's proposed action. The Army published a Second Draft EIS in April 2024. The Draft EIS and Second Draft EIS were prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA); 42 United States Code [U.S.C.] Section 4321 et seq.; the 1978 version of the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulation, as amended (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500–1508); applicable Army requirements, including the Army NEPA regulation (32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions); and the Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA) statute and implementing rule, codified in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, and Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200.1, Environmental Impact Statement Rules. The Draft EIS, Second Draft EIS, and associated documents are available online:

<https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/ptaeis/project-home>.

Location: Between Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea, and Hualalai mountains, Island of Hawaii

Federal Action: Federal Agency Activity

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii

CZM Contact: Debra Mendes, (808) 587-2840, Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Comments Due: April 22, 2025

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES (CONTINUED)

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEWS (CONTINUED)

Project Name: Army Training Land Retention of State Lands at Kahuku Training, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Makua Military Reservation, Island of Oahu

Proposed Action: The United States (U.S.) Army is proposing to retain up to approximately 6,322 acres of State of Hawai'i-owned land to support continued military training at three O'ahu training areas (Kahuku Training Area (KTA), Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area (Poamoho), and Mākua Military Reservation (MMR)). The 65-year lease of these lands was initiated in 1964 and expires on August 16, 2029. The purpose of the proposed action is to enable the Army to secure the long-term military use of these state-owned lands on Oahu, for which the leases expire in 2029. The object is for the Army to retain use of these training lands for ongoing military training and to meet combat readiness requirements on Army-managed lands in Hawaii.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS), published in April 2024, evaluates potential environmental impacts associated with the Army's proposed action. The Draft EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA); 42 United States Code [U.S.C.] Section 4321 et seq.; the 2020 version of the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations, as amended (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500–1508); applicable Army requirements, including the Army NEPA regulation (32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions); and the "Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act" (HEPA) statute and implementing rule, codified in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 and Hawai'i Administrative Rules Chapter 11-200.1, Environmental Impact Statement Rules. The Draft EIS and associated documents are available online: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/oahueis/project-home>

Location: Kahuku Training area, Kawaihoa-Poamoko Training Area and Makua Military Reservation, Island of Oahu

Federal Action: Federal Agency Activity

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii

CZM Contact: Debra Mendes, (808) 587-2840, Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Comments Due: April 22, 2025

Hawaii-California Training and Testing

Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is to conduct military readiness activities, comprised of training, testing, and modernization and sustainment of ranges in the Hawaii-California Testing and Training (HCTT) Study Area. The Study Area is made up of air and sea space off California, around the Hawaiian Islands, and a transit corridor connecting them. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to conduct military readiness activities in the HCTT Study Area to ensure the U.S. military services are able to organize, train, and equip service members and personnel, needed to meet their respective national defense missions in accordance with their Congressionally mandated requirements.

The National Marine Fisheries Service is a cooperating federal agency because the scope of the Proposed Action and alternatives involves activities that have the potential to affect protected resources under the agency's jurisdiction and for which they have special expertise, including marine mammals, threatened and endangered species, essential fish habitat, and national marine sanctuaries.

Location: Eastern Pacific Ocean region. North of the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific Ocean along the California Coast. Project area also includes nearshore areas used by the U.S. Marine Corps for amphibious landing training, such as Kāne'ohē Bay and Marine Corps Training Area Bellows. A link to the Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement can be found here: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/>

Federal Action: Federal Agency Activity

Federal Agency: Lead Agency: United States Department of the Navy

CZM Contact: Joshua K. Hekeka, CZM Staff, (808) 587-2845, Joshua.K.Hekeka@hawaii.gov

Comments Due: April 22, 2025

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES (CONTINUED)

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEWS (CONTINUED)

Project Name: Waiaka Bridge Replacement and Realignment

Proposed Action: The State Department of Transportation (HDOT) proposes to bring Waiaka Bridge up to current design guideline standards and address functional deficiencies for land width, shoulders, pedestrian access, and railing heights for efficient operation, improving the line-of-sight for roadway approaches to the Waiaka Bridge, and improving hydraulic conditions for Keanuimano Stream under Waiaka Bridge to prevent overtopping and flooding during storm events.

The following activities will occur: (1) construct a replacement bridge at the existing location and (2) construct a single lane roundabout to replace the existing Kawaihae Road and Kohala Mountain Road intersection. The combined total project area including the bridge footprint, existing roadway, bridges approaches, foot access/vegetation clearing areas, and designated construction staging areas would be approximately 205,100 square ft (4.71 acres). The project will demolish and remove the existing bridge and center pier. The new bridge will be constructed in the same general location and include a 60-ft span with bridge abutments spanning the existing stream. This bridge work will require the following in-stream and streambank activities:

- Excavate and widen existing rock stream bed for new bridge span. Natural rock stream bed condition will be maintained. Rip-rap may be required at the interface of the widened stream bed and new abutment walls.
- Construction of new bridge abutments and wing walls.
- Contractor will install and maintain in-stream best management practices during construction for the duration of in-stream construction activities. A temporary bypass road and bridge will be constructed to maintain Kawaihae Road traffic during construction.
- Construction easements will be required from the affected parcels. Upon completion of construction, the temporary bypass road and bridge will be removed, and the land area will be restored to previous existing condition and returned to the landowner.

The Project will require night work for the concrete pours required for new bridge construction. Four (4) discrete and separate night pours that may require up to two (2) consecutive nights of concrete pour work if the contractor is unable to complete the pour on the first night will be required every four to six (4-6) weeks.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2026 with a construction duration of 18 months. No night work is anticipated with this project due to noise and light concerns for the residential properties within the project area. Link to FEA can be found here: https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/Doc_Library/2022-07-08-HA-FEA-Kawaihae-Road-Replacement-of-Waiaka-Bridge-and-Realignment-of-Approaches.pdf

Location: Intersection of Kawaihae Road and Kohala Mountain, South Kohala, Island of Hawaii

Applicant: State Department of Transportation

Federal Action: Federal Permit

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, etc.

CZM Contact: Debra Mendes, (808) 587-2840, Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Comments Due: April 22, 2025

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MINOR PERMITS

The SMA Minor permits below have been approved ([HRS § 205A-30](#)). For more information, contact the relevant county/state planning agency: Honolulu [(808) 768-8015]; Hawai'i [East (808) 961-8288], [West (808) 323-4770]; Kaua'i [(808) 241-4050]; Maui [(808) 270-7735]; Kaka'ako or Kalaeloa Community Development District [(808) 587-2846]

Location (TMK)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Hawai'i: North Kona (7-8-012: 048 and 7-8-010: 044)	Tree Removal and Archeological Preservation Plan Activities (PL-SMM-2025-000072)	Kamehameha Schools
O'ahu: Malaekahana (5-6-001: 031)	Construction of a Swimming Pool on a Shoreline Parcel (2025/SMA-13)	Steven R. Lenhoff/Rebekah Facer

SHORELINE NOTICES

APPLICATIONS FOR SHORELINE CERTIFICATION

The shoreline certification applications below are available for review and comment at the Department of Land and Natural Resources offices on Kaua’i, Hawai’i, Maui, and Honolulu, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220 ([HRS § 205A-42](#) and [HAR § 13- 222-12](#)). **Maps and photos of each application file can be viewed [here](#).** 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 this public notice of the application. For more information, contact Rebecca Anderson at rebecca.l.anderson@hawaii.gov.

File No.	Location	ZIP Code	TMK	Applicant	Owner
OA-2138	2335 Kalakaua Avenue	96815	(1) 2-6-002:017	Walter P. Thompson, Inc.	Outrigger Waikiki LLC (Lessee)
OA-2139	68-133 Au Street	96791	(1) 6-8-011:045	Walter P. Thompson, Inc.	Linda Gallaher
HA-659	Kalaniana’ole Street	96720	(3) 2-1-011:005	Loren Slentz	Department of Hawaiian Homelands
KA-493	4-1532 Kuhio Highway	96746	(4) 4-5-012:009	Honua Engineering, Inc.	Lin Wang, Benjamin Johnston, and Eun Chae Kwon
KA-494	5000 Aliomanu Road	96703	(4) 4-9-004:012	Esaki Surveying & Mapping, Inc.	Aliomanu Sand Castles LLC

PROPOSED SHORELINE CERTIFICATIONS AND REJECTIONS

The shoreline notices below have been proposed for certification or rejection by the Department of Land and Natural Resources ([HRS § 205A-42](#) and [HAR § 13-222-26](#)). Any person or agency who wants to appeal shall file a notice of appeal in writing with DLNR no later than 20 calendar days from the date of this public notice. Send the appeal to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Hawai’i 96813.

File No.	Status	Location	Zip Code	TMK	Applicant	Owner
OA-2128	Proposed	240 Paiko Drive	96821	(1) 3-8-001:007	Ailana Surveying & Geomatics	Kurt Ing
OA-2132	Proposed	Memorial Park, Kalakaua Avenue	96815	(1) 3-1-031:003	ControlPoint Surveying, Inc.	City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks & Recreation
MA-842	Proposed	25 Kai Pali Place	96761	(2) 4-5-003:037	Akamai Land Surveying, Inc.	Gay Family Trust Estate, Robert Judd Trustee
MA-845	Proposed	21 Kai Pali Place	96761	(2) 4-5-003:006	Arthur P. Valencia	Michelle O. Long Family Trust
KA-491	Proposed	5-6636 Kuhio Highway	96714	(4) 5-8-006:024	Benjamin E. Guieb	William K. Cleeton

PRIOR DETERMINATION

On August 25, 1998, the CCH's DOC issued a [Final Environmental Assessment \(EA\) for the Kūhiō Beach Park Expansion and Kalakaua Avenue Promenade project](#), which was published in the [September 23, 1998 issue of The Environmental Notice](#) issued by the Environmental Review Program. The Final EA concluded with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), indicating that the project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Since then, several efforts have been undertaken by the CCH to address the increasing demand for surfboard storage. In 2021, a fire destroyed the surfboard lockers, prompting further consideration for improvements and replacements.

The Proposed Action involves the construction of surfboard storage racks to replace those damaged by a fire, with new design largely following the configuration outlined in the original design assessed in the August 1998 Final EA. Given these considerations, the Proposed Action is anticipated to result in direct, indirect and cumulative effects similar to those identified and analyzed in the 1998 Final EA.

The [CCH's DOC has determined](#) that the Proposed Action aligns with the findings of the previously prepared Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact, and that a supplemental statement is not required. As a result, the Proposed Action can proceed without the need for additional environmental review under HRS Chapter 343.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) ACTIONS

As a courtesy, listed below are documents submitted for publication that have been prepared pursuant to NEPA, rather than Chapter 343, HRS (sometimes referred to as “HEPA”). Accordingly, these entries may have unique comment periods. Occasionally, actions are subject to both NEPA and HEPA. In those cases, a separate Chapter 343, HRS, entry would be published in *The Environmental Notice* when a relevant document or determination is submitted to OPSD/ERP.

Hawaii Public Housing Authority Demolition of David Malo Circle and Piilani Homes Project – EA (FONSI)

Island	Maui
District(s)	Lahaina
TMK(s)	(2) 4-6-010:028 and (2) 4-5-007:005
Permit(s)	Grading Permit, NPDES Permit
Proposing Agency	Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director Hawai'i Public Housing Authority State of Hawai'i 1002 North King Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817 Contact and Phone: Ms. Becky Choi, (808) 832-6020, becky.l.choi@hawaii.gov
Approving Agency	The Honorable Josh Green, M.D. Governor, State of Hawaii Office of the Governor Executive Chambers State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Consultant	Bowers and Kubota Consulting, Inc. 2153 North King Street, Suite 200 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96819 Contact and Phone: Ronald A. Sato, AICP, (808) 836-7787, rsato@bowersandkubota.com
Status	Comments due no later than April 24, 2025, to: Mr. Jesse Wu, Director Office of Public Housing (Honolulu Field Office) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 1003 Bishop Street, Suite 2100 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Email: jesse.wu@hud.gov

The State of Hawai'i (Hawai'i), Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) proposes the demolition of the remaining structures of David Malo Circle and Piilani Homes to allow for the future recovery and reconstruction of these sites. No buildings remain at David Malo Circle except for remaining accessory structures such as light poles, trash enclosures, mailboxes, etc. Five buildings remain at Piilani Homes along with other accessory structures. Demolition and site stabilization will include the demolition of remnant structures, disposal of demolition debris, soil sampling, the removal of contaminated soil, and the stabilization of the sites using gravel or similar materials to prevent erosion. Ash and debris have been removed and surface soil has been scraped, tested, and replaced with gravel by the United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at all building sites which were destroyed by fire at both Project sites. HPHA is currently evaluating options to replace the total 60 units lost or redevelop. Therefore, this project does not include reconstruction of redevelopment for these sites.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the HPHA consultant, Ronald A. Sato, at rsato@bowersandkubota.com.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) ACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Draft EA

Island	O’ahu
District(s)	Kāne’ohe Bay and Kailua Bay
Permit(s)	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.
Proposing Agency	Marine Corps Base Hawaii Maj Thomas Santos, (808) 272-5549, thomas.e.santos.civ@usmc.mil
Approving Agency	Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Southwest Ryan Maynard, (619) 705-5556, ryan.m.maynard4.civ@us.navy.mil
Consultant	Stantec; 737 Bishop Street, Suite 3050, Honolulu HI 96813 Peer Amble, (805) 570-1313, peer.amble@stantecgs.com
Status	A printed copy is available at the Hawaii Documents Center (Hawaii State Public Library) and at the following libraries on O’ahu: Kailua Public Library and Kāne’ohe Public Library. A copy of the Draft EA is located at the following websites: https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp and the MCB Hawaii website: https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Resources-Services/Pertinent-Information/Water-Reclamation-Facility-Upgrades-EA/ . The Draft EA will be available for a thirty-day public review and comment; all comments must be in writing and postmarked or emailed on or before May 8th, 2025. Please address written comments to: Peer Amble, Stantec GS Inc., 737 Bishop Street, Suite 3050, Honolulu HI, 96813. Comments may also be submitted via email to: MCBH.WRF.EA@stantecgs.com .

The purpose of the proposed action aims to eliminate non-compliant discharges during planned maintenance events unexpected repairs by upgrading the existing infrastructure and building a redundant system with a capacity equivalent to the current Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The upgraded facility would introduce new water reuse capabilities on base and be designed to meet tsunami resilience standards. Additionally, the improvements would enhance the quality of treated effluent to R-1 standards, allowing reclaimed water to be used for on-base irrigation, thereby reducing overall water demand and diverting up to 1 million gallons per day from the ocean outfall. Construction would be carried out in phases to minimize disruptions and ensure continuous operation of the WRF. The proposed construction would occur on previously disturbed areas and undeveloped landscaped areas within the existing WRF footprint. No modifications to the ocean outfall would occur under the proposed action, and there would be no increase in total discharge quantities. The upgraded WRF would operate just like the existing WRF.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Marine Corps Base consultant, Peer Amble at peer.amble@stantecgs.com.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE APPLICATIONS

Persons interested in commenting on the following Conservation District Use Application or interested in receiving notification of determinations on Conservation District Use Applications must submit comments and requests to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Notification requests must include the following information: 1) Name and address of the requestor; 2) The application for which the requestor would like to receive notice of determination; and 3) The date the notice was initially published in the Environmental Notice. Send comments and requests to: 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 CDUAs. However, DLNR is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. For more information, please contact the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands staff listed for each project. CDUAs can be found on the OCCL website at dlnr.hawaii.gov/occl.

PROJECT:

- File No.:** [CDUA HA-3969 Department’s Acceptance Letter](#)
- Name of Applicant:** County of HI-Dept. of Public Works
- Location:** Pi’ihonua, South Hilo, Hawai’i
- TMK:** (3) 2-3-030:002
- Proposed Action:** Subdivision for Public Purpose
- HRS Ch. 343 determination:** Exempt
- Consultant's Contact:** Ron Terry (808) 987-5239
rterry@hawaii.rr.com
- OCCL Staff Contact:** Tiger Mills (808) 587-0382
Kimberly.mills@hawaii.gov

FEDERAL NOTICES

As a courtesy, listed below are some relevant entries from the Federal Register published since the last issue of *The Environmental Notice*. For more information, click on the title link, also available at www.federalregister.gov.

Notice: [Notice of Availability of Evaluation Findings for Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserve](#) (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 03/27/2025)

Notice is hereby given of the availability of final evaluation findings for the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve and six State and Territory coastal management programs: American Samoa, Hawaii, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, and Oregon, which were prepared pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act. For more information, please click on the title link above.

Notice: [Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Protected Species Workshop Participant Registration Form](#) (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 03/31/2025)

The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 30, 2025. For more information and to submit comments, please click on the title link above.

Notice: [Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Bay Watershed Education and Training Program National Evaluation System](#) (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 03/28/2025)

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on December 20, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. For more information please click on the title link above.

Notice: [Draft 2024 Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports](#) (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 03/21/2025)

NMFS reviewed the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regional marine mammal stock assessment reports (SAR) in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). SARs for marine mammals in the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regions were revised to include new information. NMFS is soliciting public comments on the draft 2024 SARs and requesting new information for strategic stocks that were not updated in 2024. For more information and to submit comments, please click on the title link above.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Agency Actions

Projects or programs proposed by any department, office, board, or commission of the state or county government which is part of the executive branch of that government per [HRS 343-2](#).

Applicant Actions

Projects or programs proposed by any person who, pursuant to statute, ordinance, or rule, requests approval for a proposed action per [HRS 343-2](#).

Draft Environmental Assessment

When an Agency or Applicant proposes an action that [triggers](#) HRS 343, an Environmental Assessment shall be prepared at the earliest practicable time to determine whether the action's environmental impact will be significant, and thus whether an environmental impact statement shall be required per [HRS 343-5\(b\)](#), for Agency actions and [HRS 343-5\(e\)](#), for Applicant actions. For actions for which the proposing or approving agency anticipates a Finding of No Significant Impact (AFNSI), a Draft EA (DEA) shall be made available for public review and comment for 30 days and public notice is published in this periodic bulletin.

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The action's proponent shall respond in writing to comments on a DEA received during the 30-day review period and prepare a Final EA (FEA) that includes those responses to determine whether an environmental impact statement shall be required. If there are no significant impacts, then the Agency will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required and the project has cleared HRS 343 requirements. The public has 30 days from the notice of a FONSI in this bulletin to challenge the FONSI in the Environmental Court and seek a ruling to require the preparation of an EIS.

Final Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

An EIS shall be required if the Agency finds that the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment. The Agency shall file notice of such determination with OPSD called an EIS Preparation Notice (EISPN) along with the supporting Final EA. After the notice of the FEA-EISPN is published in this bulletin, the public has 30 days to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments. The public (including the Applicant) has 60 days from the notice of the EISPN in this bulletin to ask a court to not require the preparation of an EIS.

Act 172-2012, Direct-to-EIS, Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (with no EA)

Act 172 in 2012 amended HRS 343 by providing for an agency to bypass the preparation of an environmental assessment for various actions that in the experience of the agency would clearly require the preparation of an EIS. The agency must submit its determination that an EIS is required for an action (Act 172-2012, EISPN) with a completed publication form detailing the specifics of the action. This starts a 30-day scoping period in which the agency or applicant must hold a public scoping meeting for the preparation of the Draft EIS. Written comments and responses on the EISPN must be incorporated into the subsequent Draft EIS and oral comments from the public scoping meeting must be recorded and submitted to OPSD with the Draft EIS.

HEPA

While technically there is no "Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act," HRS 343 is often referred to by this term.

Act 312-2012, Secondary Actions in the Highway or Public Right of Way

Act 312-2012, amended HRS 343, by adding a new section ([HRS 343-5.5](#), entitled "Exception to applicability of chapter"). HEPA allows for a statutory exception for "secondary actions" (those that involve infrastructure in the highway or public right-of-way) provided that the permit or approval of the related "primary action" (those outside of the highway or public-right-of-way and on private property) is not subject to discretionary consent and further provided that the applicant for the primary action submits documentation from the appropriate agency confirming that no further discretionary approvals are required. An aid to understanding this is to visualize residential driveway improvements in the public right-of-way, versus, retail outlet driveway improvements in the public right-of-way.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

After receiving the comments on the EISPN, the Agency or Applicant must prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The content requirements of the DEIS shall contain an explanation of the environmental consequences of the proposed action including the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts and their mitigation measures. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this bulletin to comment on a DEIS.

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 and must be included in the FEIS. For Applicant projects, the Approving Agency is the Accepting Authority and must make a determination within 30 days or the FEIS is deemed accepted as a matter of law. For an Agency project, the Governor or the Mayor (or their designated representative) is the Accepting Authority, and unlike applicant actions, there is no time limit on the accepting authority reviewing the FEIS. Only after the FEIS is accepted may the project be implemented.

Acceptability

The Accepting Authority must be satisfied that the FEIS meets three criteria (process, content, response to comments) to accept it. Whether the FEIS is accepted or not accepted, notice of the Acceptance Determination is published in this bulletin. The public has 60 days from publication to legally challenge the acceptance of a FEIS. For both Applicant and Agency actions, the Applicant or the proposing Agency can prepare a Revised DEIS after a non-acceptance determination.



Maui Sunset

Photo by [Thomas Hawk](#)**National Environmental Policy Act**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal projects to prepare a Federal EA or EIS. In many ways it is similar to Hawai'i's law. Some projects require both a State and Federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Upon request by a federal agency, OPSD publishes NEPA notices in this bulletin to help keep the public informed of important federal actions.

Conservation District

Proposed uses of land in the State Conservation District require a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved/denied by the Department or Board of Land and Natural Resources. Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Conservation District.

Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Area

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastline of all islands; development in this area is generally regulated by [HRS 205A](#), and county ordinance. A portion of the SMA that is addressed by HRS 343 is the [Shoreline Area](#), which includes land between the State-certified shoreline and the county-determined shoreline setback line. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Shoreline Setback Area. Some projects going through the SMA permit process on O'ahu are also required to go through an environmental review process that mirrors HRS 343; these "ROH Chapter 25" EAs/EISs are included in this bulletin.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawai'i 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 bulletin publishes notice from the Department of Land and Natural Resources of shoreline certification applicants and final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Advisory Council

The [Environmental Advisory Council](#) is a 15-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. They serve as a liaison between the Director of OPSD and the general public concerning ecology and environmental quality. Agendas of their regular meetings are posted on the Internet and the public is invited to attend.

Agency Exemption Lists

Government agencies may keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are exempt from the environmental review process. These lists and any amendments shall be submitted to the Council for review and concurrence ([HAR 11-200.1-16](#)). This 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 bulletin is required by [HRS 343-3\(c\)](#), 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).