

# The **Environmental** Notice April 23, 2025

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.





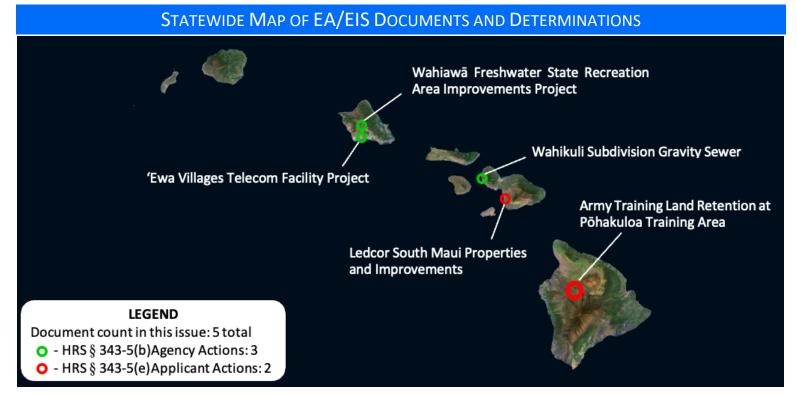
DLNR is proposing improvements to Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area. photo from the project's Draft EA 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702 • Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 • (808) 586-4185 • dbedt.opsd.erp@hawaii.gov • https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/

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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 <u>webpage</u>. To apply to be on the EAC, submit this <u>online application</u> under Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism Environmental Advisory Council.
- Please work toward ensuring that all submittals are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Our website has an <u>ADA</u> accessibility page with further information.
- The 2025 Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) is scheduled to take place on August 27-29, 2025 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. Registration will open on May 20, 2025. Please visit <u>this webpage</u> for more information and to sign up for their mailing list.



## MAUI EAS/EISS

## Ledcor South Maui Properties and Improvements – (Acceptance of Final EIS)

(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds					
Maui - multiple districts					
(2) 2-1-008:114, 127, 128, 130, 132, 133, 135, 136, 143, 145, 147, 148 AND 154 (CPR UNIT 2); (2) 2-1-028:002 AND 005; (2) 3-9-037:073; (2) 3-9-038:026 (POR.), 028 AND 049; AND PI'ILANI HIGHWAY(POR.)(NO TMK)					
SMA Use Permits and Planned Development approvals (I, II, III); Maui Planning Commission (SMA Use Permit and Planned Development approvals (1, II)					
County of Maui, Maui Planning Commission					
Tara Furukawa, (808) 270-7520, <u>tara.furukawa@mauicounty.gov</u>					
2200 Main Street, Suite 315, Wailuku, HI 96793					
Ledcor Maui LP; 590 Lipoa Parkway, Suite 259, Kihei, HI 96753					
David Goode, (808) 829-4528, <u>ledcorsouthmauipermitting@gmail.com</u>					
PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc.; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 650, Honolulu, HI 96813					
Kimi Yuen, (808) 521-5631, <u>kyuen@pbrhawaii.com</u>					
The Final EIS Vol I and Vol II was deemed accepted by the operation of law [HAR Section 11-200.1-28(e)(2)(B)] on April 1,					
2025.					

A mix of SF and MF residential communities are proposed for eight properties, which have a permitted density of over 1,991 residential units (or up to 2,137 residential units with permitted Planned Development (PD) bonuses). Ledcor is proposing an estimated total of 925-975 units and will be developing comprehensive plans for these remaining owned and leased infill parcels in the Kīhei and Wailea Resort communities. Open spaces, amenities, and pedestrian paths will be integrated within these communities. Required workforce housing, park dedication, and related infrastructure improvements will also be provided and otherwise satisfied. The plans will also include Ledcor's fair share portion of the improvements to Pi'ilani Highway at Kilohana Drive.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact County of Maui Planner, Tara Furukawa, at tara.furukawa@mauicounty.gov.

## Wahikuli Subdivision Gravity Sewer System – Draft EA (AFNSI) and Appendices

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HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
5(a) Trigger	
District(s)	Lahaina
TMK(s)	TMK plats (2) 4-5-014, (2) 4-5-027, (2) 4-5-028, (2) 4-5-030, and (2) 4-5-036
Permit(s)	Numerous (see document)
Proposing/	County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management
Determining	Rommel Yanos, (808) 270-7426, <u>Rommel.Yanos@mauicounty.gov</u>
Agency	2200 Main Street, Suite 610, Wailuku, HI 96793
Consultant	AECOM; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 1600, Honolulu, HI 96813
	Jarrett Brown, (808) 529-7248, jarrett.brown@aecom.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 23, 2025. Please click on title
	link above to read the document, then send comments to WahikuliSewerEA@aecom.com.

The Proposed Action involves designing and constructing a gravity sewer system for the Wahikuli subdivision in Lahaina, HI. Final design of the project will be undertaken following completion of the EA.

The proposed gravity sewer system would be installed in the County of Maui roadway rights-of-way and, as needed, easements across private property. It would avoid existing drainage culverts and waterlines servicing the Wahikuli subdivision. The system would connect to the existing Lahaina sewer system at the operational Lahaina No. 3 Pump Station. The proposed connection would be to the existing sanitary manhole #10 in front of the wet well for the pump station on the eastern side of Honoapi'ilani Hwy, State Route 30.

The Proposed Action may involve installing sump or grinder pumps for certain properties where connecting to the sewer system via gravity is difficult due to grade differences. Easements may be necessary for constructing sewer laterals and County sewer lines for properties that do not have direct access to a public roadway. The need for sump or grinder pumps and easements will be assessed in the EA and confirmed during the design phase of the Proposed Action.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management consultant, Aaron Weieneth, at <u>aaron.weieneth@aecom.com</u>.

## O'AHU EAS/EISS

#### 'Ewa Villages Telecom Facility Project – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds					
5(a) Trigger						
District(s)	'Ewa					
TMK(s)	(1) 9-01-082:009 (portion)					
Permit(s)	Conditional Use Permit-Minor; HRS § 6E Historic Preservation Review; Zoning Waiver; Building					
Approving	City and County of Honolulu, Department of Enterprise Services					
Agency	Jordan Abe, (808) 768-7201, jabe@honolulu.gov					
	777 Ward Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96814					
Applicant	TowerCo; 5000 Valleystone Drive, Suite 200, Cary, NC 27519					
	Brian Perrott, (401) 281-9729, <u>bperrott@ebiconsulting.com</u>					
Consultant	Planning Solutions, Inc.; 711 Kapiʻolani Boulevard Suite 950, Honolulu, HI 96813					
	Jim Hayes, (808) 550-4559, j <u>im@psi-hi.com</u>					
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 23, 2025. Please click on title					
	link above to read the document, then send comments to <u>makena@psi-hi.com</u> .					

TowerCo is proposing to construct and manage a telecom facility, that includes a 120-foot-tall monopole, on a small portion of TMK No. 9-1-182:009, which is occupied by 'Ewa Villages Golf Course. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a strategically placed facility from which multiple service providers can improve and expand mobile communication services in the region. The project site is in the State of Hawai'i's Urban Land Use District and, while most of the golf course is in the City and County of Honolulu's AG-1 Restricted Agricultural District, the project site is in the R-5 Residential District.

The proposed project would use a 50-by-50-foot area near the golf course's parking lot. The 120-foot-tall monopole and associated infrastructure would be within a fenced area that would be shielded by landscaping and would not affect golf play. The monopole is currently envisioned to have a monopine disguise that would consist of radio frequency transparent branches from roughly 40 to 125 feet above ground. The facility could support the operations of up to four service providers and improve service for the rapidly expanding population in the region.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Enterprise Services contact, Jordan Abe, at <u>jabe@honolulu.gov</u>.

## Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area Improvements Project – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds						
5(a) Trigger	(2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district						
District(s)	Wahiawā						
TMK(s)	(1) 7-6-001: 006						
Permit(s)	DUP; HRS Chapter 6E Review; NPDES Construction General Permit; County Building Permits						
Proposing/	State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State parks						
Determining	Melissa Agbayani, (808) 587-0233, melissa.m.agbayani@hawaii.gov						
Agency	1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 221, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813						
Consultant	HHF Planners, 733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813						
	Scott Ezer, (808) 545-2055, <u>sezer@hhf.com</u>						
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 23, 2025. Please click on title						
	link above to read the document, then send comments to wahiawafreshwaterea@hhf.com.						

Construction of physical improvements at the Wahiawā Freshwater SRA to support implementation of a conceptual plan recently completed for the park. Proposed improvements include facilities and activity areas to expand recreational opportunities and enhance the safety and comfort of park users, including roughly 1.5 miles of walking trails and pathways, a roughly three-acre open lawn for passive recreation, a roughly six-acre space for disc golf, a 200- to 250-person outdoor amphitheater, a pavilion/visitor's kiosk, floating platforms and fishing pads, a multi-division field office for DLNR staff, expansion of the existing comfort station, entryway improvements, amenities such as picnic pavilions, covered picnic tables and benches, directional and informational signage, additional parking, and a roughly one-acre native landscape restoration area. Site enhancements along the steepest banks and within the SRA are also proposed for stormwater management and erosion control.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Land and Natural Resources consultant, Scott Ezer, at <u>sezer@hhf.com</u>.

## Hawaı'ı EAs/EISs

## Army Training Land Retention at Pohakuloa Training Area – Final EIS Vol 1, Vol 2, and Vol 3

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HRS §343-	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds						
5(a) Trigger	(2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district						
District(s)	Hāmākua						
TMK(s)	3) 4-4-015:008; (3) 4-4-016:005; (3) 7-1-004:007						
Permit(s)	Numerous						
Approving	State of Hawai'i, DLNR Land Division						
Agency	Russell Tsuji, (808) 587-0419, <u>dlnr.land.@hawaii.gov</u>						
	1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, HI 96813						
Accepting	State of Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources						
Authority							
Applicant	U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i & U.S. Army Installation Management Command						
	Matthew Foster, (808) 656-6821, matthew.b.foster3.civ@army.mil						
	U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i Directorate of Public Works – Environmental Division						
	948 Santos Dumont Ave., Building 105, 3rd Floor, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI 96857-5013						
Consultant	Group 70 International; 111 S. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813						
	Jeff Overton, (808) 526-5866, <u>ATLR-PTA-EIS@g70.design</u>						
Status	Final EIS has been submitted and is pending acceptance by the accepting authority.						

The Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) on Hawai'i Island encompasses approximately 132,000 acres of U.S. Government-owned and State-owned land. The U.S. Government leases approximately 23,000 acres from the State of Hawai'i. The lease expires on August 16, 2029. The Army proposes to retain up to 22,750 acres of State-owned land in support of continued military training. The retention will preserve maneuver area, provide austere environment training, enable access between major parcels of U.S. Government-owned land, retain infrastructure investments, allow for future modernization, and maximize use of the impact area. Loss of this land would impact the ability of the Army to meet training requirements and its mission of readiness. The Proposed Action is a real estate action that would enable continuation of ongoing activities. It does not include construction or changes in ongoing activities. Revisions between the Second Draft EIS and Final EIS are generally in Volume 1.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i Directorate of Public Works at <u>usarmy.hawaii.nepa@army.mil</u> or 808-656-6821.

## **PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT**

**Status:** The comment period for this project began previously. Comments are due May 8, 2025. Please click on the link 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.

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

## **EXEMPTION NOTICES**

The following agency has declared a certain action exempt from the requirement to prepare an EA pursuant to <u>HAR § 11-200.1-</u><u>16</u>, and has voluntarily submitted this Exemption Notice for publication. Please contact the identified agency for any ADA compliance issues.

## State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Housing & Finance Development Corporation

## Kemole Lane Project

Kemole Development LLC proposes to build the Kemole Lane Apartments Affordable Housing Development (Project) at 1026 Kemole Lane, which is located in Honolulu at the comer of Kemole Lane to the east and Young Street to the north. This Project will provide 20 affordable rental units on a 0.17-acre parcel of land zoned BMX-3.

After careful analysis outlined in the attachment, HHFDC has evaluated the Project's primary, secondary, and cumulative impacts, and concluded that it is not anticipated to have significant environmental effects.

## **COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES**

## SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MINOR PERMITS

The SMA Minor permits below have been approved (<u>HRS § 205A-30</u>). 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
Kaua'i: Kapa'a (Makai side within the	Boulder placement to deter parking. (SMA(M)-2025-17	County of Kaua'i Department of
road right-of way of Moanakai Road)		Public Works
Maui: Lāhainā (4-3-005:036)	Time Extension of a proposed subdivision consisting of 9	Keith Zielinski
	residential lots and a new asphalt access road (SM220200056)	
Oʻahu: Waialua (6-6-030:050)	Sidlow New Single-Family Dwelling (2025/SMA-8)	Angela and Mark Sidlow

## **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** <u>here</u>. 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 <u>rebecca.l.anderson@hawaii.gov</u>.

File No.	Location	ZIP Code	тмк	Applicant	Owner
OA-2140	1588 Mokulua Drive	96734	(1) 4-3-001:014	Benjamin E. K. Guieb	Joseph Bismark
OA-2141	68-287 Crozier Loop	96791	(1) 6-8-005:018	Alvin A. Alimboyoguen	Peter Currie
OA-2142	68-247 Au Street	96791	(1) 6-8-012:044	Wesley T. Tengan	Paul S. Schultz Revocable Trust &
					Mun Won Change Revocable Trust
OA-2143	55-051 Naupaka Street	96762	(1) 5-5-010:024	Wesley T. Tengan	George Edward Smith and Mary
					Anne A. Smith Joint Revocable Trust

## PROPOSED SHORELINE CERTIFICATIONS AND REJECTIONS

The shoreline notices below have been proposed for certification or rejection by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (<u>HRS § 205A-42</u> and <u>HAR § 13-222-26</u>). 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	тмк	Applicant	Owner
OA-2118	Proposed	91-545 Fort	96706	(1) 9-1-007:058	Ailana Surveying &	Tip Top Investments, LLC; Jeff
		Weaver Road			Geomatics	Chen
MA-834	Rejected	South Kihei Road	96753	(2) 3-9-001:147	Kevin J. Clarke	County of Maui Wastewater
				(por)		Reclamation Division
MA-835	Proposed	3701 Lower	96761	(2) 4-3-006:063	Marcelle Anderson	The Association of Apartment
		Hanoapiilani Road				Owners The Pikake
MA-836	Rejected	1033 Front Street	96761	(2) 4-5-003:024	Akamai Land	Mount Diablo Family Trust
					Surveying, Inc.	

## **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 <u>www.federalregister.gov</u>.

## Notice: <u>Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings</u> (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 04/21/2025)

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Archipelagic Plan Team (APT) and Pelagic Plan Team (PPT) to discuss fishery management issues and develop recommendations for future management of fisheries in the Western Pacific Region. The APT will meet on Monday and Tuesday, May 5-6, 2025, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST). The APT will meet jointly with the PPT on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. HST. The PPT will meet on Thursday and Friday, May 8-9 2025, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. HST. For more specific times and agendas, please click on the title link above.

## Notice: <u>Final Environmental Impact Statement for Army Training Land Retention at Pōhakuloa Training Area in</u> <u>Hawaiʻi (ID #EISX-007-21-001-1734439520)</u> (published by the Army Department on 04/18/2025)

The Department of the Army (Army) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) regarding its proposed action to retain up to approximately 22,750 acres of the 23,000 acres of land the Army currently leases from the State of Hawai'i ("State-owned land") at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the island of Hawai`i. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Hawai`i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA), the Final EIS analyzes the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of a range of reasonable alternatives that meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action. Because the proposed action involves State-owned land, the EIS is a joint NEPA-HEPA document that meets both NEPA and HEPA requirements. The Army will observe a 30-day waiting period before deciding how much land, if any, it will seek to retain. For more information, please click on the title link above.

## Notice: <u>Marine Mammals; File No. 27552</u> (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 04/17/2025)

Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to NMFS' Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, 1845 Wasp Boulevard, Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818 (Responsible Party: Michelle Barbieri, D.V.M.) to conduct research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals (*Neomonachus schauinslandi*). For more information, 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 discretional approvals are required. An aid to understanding this is to visualize residential driveway improvements in the public right- ofway, 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

#### 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 shore- line 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).