Chairperson and Members
Hawai‘i Board of Geographic Names
State of Hawai‘i

SUBJECT: Review name of Mountain View, a town on the Island of Hawai‘i

SUMMARY: In the GNIS database, Feature ID 362495 appears with a Feature Name of “Mountain View,” a Feature Class of “Populated Place,” and Variant name of “Mountainview” [Exhibit A]. The requestor, Bob Ernst, is asking that the name of the town be changed to its older name of “Maunahu‘ihu‘i.”

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ernst initially submitted a request to change the name of Mountain View to ‘Ōla’a. Staff informed Mr. Ernst that ‘Ōla’a is the name of the ahupua’a in which the village is located and is contained in the names of the nearby forest park reserve and reservation homesteads. However, Place Names of Hawaii (Pukui, Elbert, and Mookini, 1974) notes that the old name of Mountain View was “Maunahu‘ihu‘i” [Exhibit B]. Mr. Ernst later submitted this request to change the name of Mountain View to “Maunahu‘ihu‘i.”

Further research revealed that “Atlas of Hawai‘i Third Edition” (Juvik and Juvik, 1998) shows “Mauna Hu‘ihu‘i” as an alternate name for Mountain View on its maps of Hawai‘i [Exhibit C].

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board add the former name of the town, “Maunahu‘ihu‘i” and “Mauna Hu‘ihu‘i” as a variants.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/
Arthur Buto
EXHIBIT A

Feature Detail Report for: Mountain View

ID: 362495
Name: Mountain View
Class: Populated Place

Primary from U.S. Geological Survey 1:24,000 scale topographic maps (or 1:25K, Puerto Rico 1:20K)
and from U.S. Board on Geographic Names files. In some instances, from 1:62,500 scale or 1:250,000
scale maps.

Entry Date: 06-Feb-1981
*Elevation: 1440.439

*Elevations in feet/meters from the National Elevation Dataset

Decision Card

Federal Codes

Census Code: 63300
Census Class Code: U5
GSA Code: 6700

Class Code Description: Populated Place that is also a census designated place with the same name.

Variant Names

Variant Name: Mountain View

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Mo'o-loa

for 9 miles from the seacoast. Stones near here were called Pā'ao's canoe, paddles, and fishhooks, and the fields he cultivated were called nā mau'i a Pā'ao (Pā'ao's grasses) and left untouched for fear of storms. (HM 370–371.) A stone east of the heiau was called Pāhaku-holehole-kānaka (stone [for] stripping human [flesh]). The flesh was removed from human sacrificial victims and the bones were made into fishhooks and other objects. Pahu-kihi heiau at Kailua, O'ahu, was also called Mo'o-ki. Lit., many mo'o or many lineages.

Mo'o-loa. Land section and falls, Ka-malo qd., south Moloka'i. Lit., long lizard or long ridge.


Mo'o-nomoli. Beach and land area, Airport qd., Moloka'i.

Mo'o-nuku. Place, Kuli'o'o, Honolulu. (TM.) Lit., cut-off land section.


Mōpua. Village, Olowalu qd., Maui. Lit., melodious (said to be the name of a legendary character).

Moreira. Street, Papa-kōlea, Honolulu, named for Benjamin Moreira, who built the first house on this street. (TM.)

Mormon Temple. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was established in Lāhaina, O'ahu in 1850; in 1920 the temple was dedicated—the first ever built outside Salt Lake City.

Morris. Lane, Ka-pā-lama section, Honolulu, named for a part-Hawaiian carpenter family who in 1890 owned property there. (TM.)

Mother Waldron. Park, Kaka'ako, Honolulu, named for Mrs. Margaret Waldron (1873–1939), teacher at Punahou School, and founder and director of the playground for 24 years.

Mott-Smith. Drive, Makiki, Honolulu, named for E.A. Mott-Smith, a lawyer who was a trustee of the Launani Estate in 1926 when the Launani House was moved from Makiki to Mauna-lua. (TM.)

Mott-Smith Building. Brick structure, downtown Honolulu, constructed in 1897 and named for Dr. John Mott-Smith, Honolulu dentist.

Mount Ball. See Pa'upa'u.

Mount Olympus. Mountain, Ke'olau Range between Mānoa Valley and Wai-mānalo, O'ahu. See Tantalus.

Mountain View. Village and elementary school, Hilo qd., Hawai'i, named for the Mountain View House, built in 1891 as a half-way house stop on the way to the volcano from Hilo (Olson 75). See Mauna-hu'ūhūi.


Mulikai-ōlēna. Stream, Wai-mānalo, O'ahu. Lit., turmeric river or yellow river.

158 Mu'o-lau-lani. Site of the Queen Lili'u-o-ka-lani Children's Center,
Matlock

of Hawai'i. In 1930 he was president of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. (TM.)

Matlock, Street, Makiki, Honolulu, named for William Matlock Campbell who lived in Hawai'i prior to 1900. He built and sold many of the houses on Matlock, Davenport, and Young streets. (TM.)

Matsonia. Drive, Wilhelmina Rise, Honolulu, named for a Matson steamer. (TM.)

Matzie, Lane, Ka-pa-lama section, Honolulu, named for a seaman who came to Honolulu in about 1880 and told tall tales in exchange for drinks. (TM.)

Mau-hill. See Wai-komo.

Maui. Second largest island in the Hawaiian group, 48 miles long, 26 miles wide, with an area of 728 square miles and a population in 1970 of 38,691. Wai-uku is the major town and county seat. Maui High School is in Ka-hulu. The county includes Maui, Lā-na', Ka-ho-olawe, and Moloka'i's islands. Epithet: Maui o Kama. Maui of Kama (a famous ancient chief, also called Kama-la-a-walu). The island was named for the demigod Māui (see Appendix 3).

Maukele. Wet mountain areas, as at Wai-pu'o qd., Hawai'i. (See PE, maukele.)

Ma'uleil. Bay, East Maui.


Mau-loku. Leaping place for souls, Nihoa. Lit., continuous falling.

Mau-lua. Bay and gulch, Honomū qd., Hawai'i. Lit., always depressed.

Mauna. 'Mountain'.

Mauna-ala. Site of Royal Mausoleum, Nu'uanu, Honolulu. Lit., fragrant mountain.


Mauna Ho'āno. Church at Pa'a'ulo, Hawai'i. Lit., hallowed mountain.

Mauna-hui. Peak (2,828 feet high), Kaunakakai qd., Moloka'i. Lit., combined mountain.

Mauna-hu'ulu. Old name for Mountain View. Hawai'i. Lit., chilly mountain.

Mauna-ihi. Place, Punchbowl, Honolulu; named in 1936 by Mrs. Manuel E. Rees; it was formerly a portion of Prospect Street. (TM.)

Mauna-iki. Hill (3,032 feet high) and trail, Kī-lau-ea qd., Hawai'i. Lit., small mountain.

Mauna-kapu. Hill, Lihu'e district, Kaua'i. Mountain in the Wai-anae range separating Nānākuli and Honolulu forest reserves. O'ahu. Lit., sacred mountain.

Mauna-kea. Important street, downtown Honolulu, probably named for an Inter-Island steamer. Leis were sold on the street (and still are), because the street led to a pier.

Mauna Kea. Highest mountain in Hawai'i (13,796 feet); quadrangle. State park, observatory, and forest reserve; land section, hotel, and
EXHIBIT C