

STATE OF HAWAI'I
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
Honolulu, Hawai'i

May 25, 2012

**Board of Land and
Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i**

REGARDING: Conservation District Enforcement File MA 09-54
Alleged Unauthorized Seawall and Stairs

BY: Henry and Diane Schweitzer
4885 Lower Honoapi'ilani Road
Lahaina, Hawai'i 96761

LOCATION/ Keonenui Beach, 'Alaeloa, Island of Maui
Tax Map Key: (2) 4-3-015:001

SUBZONE: Resource

DESCRIPTION OF AREA:

The subject area is located on the shore of Keonenui Beach, 'Alaeloa, West Maui, TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001 (**Exhibits 1, 2 & 3**). This is a northwest-facing coastline just south of Kapalua Resort. The property is located in the State Land Use Urban District up to the highest wash of the waves. Lands seaward of the shoreline are located in the Conservation District, Resource subzone.

The U.S. Geological Survey's *Atlas of Natural Hazards in the Hawaiian Coastal Zone* publication describes this area as a Rocky Beach Embayed Coast and notes the subject area has an overall high hazard assessment rating of 5 on a scale of 1 to 7 (**Exhibit 4**). Erosion and tsunami potential are within the highest hazard assessment rating.

Keonenui Beach has a narrow, wet beach with a low slope in the middle section of the bay. The beach shows signs of long-term erosion and has disappeared at the north end of the bay. The shoreline is eroding at a rate of around 1.15 feet per year in front of the subject parcel (**Exhibit 5**). The middle and south end of the bay has a transient, wet beach, which is submerged at high tide (**Exhibit 6**).

Coastal armoring has fixed the shoreline location along much of the bay. Upland substrate is generally a basalt base with overlying clay bank. The basalt base has numerous wave cut notches and caves, where coastal armoring has not covered them. There is no significant sandy resource mauka of the shoreline such as dune systems.

Though the coastal armoring is not impounding any significant sand resource, it is nonetheless serving as a wave reflective surface and is likely having a negative impact on what is left of the sandy beach.

Additionally, the beach area is a known turtle haul out location, with numerous turtles found in the bay on most days.

CHRONOLOGY:

March 19, 1979 & February 4, 1980 – Shoreline certified and re-certified for subject property. There was no evidence of a seawall or stairs. The photographs and shoreline survey show that the only structures near the shoreline at that time are a wooden bathhouse and a covered picnic area (**Exhibit 7**).

1987 – An aerial photograph of the subject shoreline documents the existence of a seawall (**Exhibit 8**).

November 21, 2003 – Maui Planning Department issued the Landowner, Henry Schweitzer, a Notice of Warning (NOW) for building a seawall without a permit. The NOW has not been resolved.

March 2, 2009 – The Maui District Land Office (MDLO) received a complaint regarding a concrete and rock wall with stairway fronting the subject property that appears to be extending out beyond the property's seaward boundary and onto the sand shoreline. MDLO conducted a site inspection, but was unable to find the subject property's seaward boundary pins (**Exhibit 9**).

April 14, May 26, and June 30, 2009 – The Landowner was sent letters requesting their response to provide authorizing documentation for the seawall and stairs (**Exhibit 10**). There had been no response to our letter for several years.

July 14, 2009 – MDLO conducted another site inspection and attempted to locate the owner; however, there was no response at the doorbell. MDLO noted additional observations: 1) Concrete stairway leading to a smaller concrete and rock stairs, which leads down to the shoreline; 2) Terraced rock walls within the SMA area; and 3) A construction gazebo within the first terraced area that has also been filled with sand (**Exhibit 11**).

July 23, 2009 – Maui Planning Department issued another two (2) NOWs for noncompliance with SMA rules and shoreline rules for the Maui Planning Commission (**Exhibit 12**).

On April 17, 2012 the OCCL received a letter from Paul Mancini (his legal counsel), which chronicles events between April 1979 and November 1984 (**Exhibit 13**). In his chronology, he alleges that the seawall was permitted. There is a document from the Maui County Board of Realtors (April, 1979) that makes a reference to a "permit obtained for the construction of a retaining wall." Staff is unsure what this documents means (from the perspective of entitlements), but the County of Maui continues to believe that the structure is not permitted.

ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE:

Survey, photographic, and documented evidence of the shoreline provides evidence that the construction of the subject seawall and stairs may have occurred between 1980 and 1984.

The highest wash of the waves currently washes against the seawall and stairs. We know of no State or County approvals for the seawall/stairway.

The current owner, Henry Schweitzer, purchased the property in 1984¹, although it is clear from Mr. Mancini's chronology that he was involved to some extent in the efforts to build the seawall and stairs, as far back as 1979.

Resolution of Alleged Unauthorized Land Use

The Department and Board of Land and Natural Resources has jurisdiction over land lying makai of the shoreline as evidenced by the upper reaches of the wash of the waves other than storm and seismic waves, at high tide during the season of the year in which the highest wash of the waves occurs, usually evidenced by the edge of vegetation growth, or the upper limits of debris left by the wash of the waves, pursuant to §205A-1, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).

Staff believes that some of the unauthorized land uses occurred within the Conservation District based upon the wave run up and historic photographs. The OCCL believes there is sufficient cause to bring this matter to the Board since it is evident that the unauthorized land uses are within the Conservation District pursuant to the Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), §15-15-20 Standards for determining "C" conservation district boundaries:

It shall include lands having an elevation below the shoreline as stated by §205A-1, HRS, marine waters, fishponds, and tidepools of the State, and accreted portions of lands pursuant to §501-33, HRS, unless otherwise designated on the district maps. All offshore and outlying islands of the State are classified conservation unless otherwise designated on the land use district maps.

Conservation District

Chapter 13-5, HAR and Chapter 183C, HRS, regulate land uses in the Conservation District by identifying a list of uses that may be allowed by a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP). The chapters also provide for penalties, collection of administrative costs and damages to state land for uses that are not allowed or for which no permit has been obtained. HAR §13-5-2 defines "land use" as follows:

The placement or erection of any solid material on land if that material remains on the land more than fourteen days, or which causes a permanent change in the land area on which it occurs.

Hawai'i Coastal Erosion Management Plan

On August 27, 1999, the Board adopted the Hawai'i Coastal Erosion Management Plan (COEMAP) as an internal policy for managing shoreline issues including erosion and coastal development in Hawai'i. COEMAP still serves as the primary shoreline policy for the DLNR and recommends a number of strategies to improve our State's management of coastal erosion and beach resources.

However, COEMAP's scope is of a general nature, more focused on broader government policy than erosion management practice. The COEMAP effort is guided by the doctrine of sustainability, promoting the conservation, sustainability, and restoration of Hawai'i's beaches for future generations.

¹ According to Maui County Property Tax Department

When assessing cases involving unauthorized shoreline structures that affect the shoreline that are constructed after the 1999, there is a “no tolerance” policy and the customary policy is to remove the structure before other actions are considered.

DISCUSSION:

In this case as in many, but not in all cases, the delineation between the State Land Use Conservation/Urban District is the shoreline.² Since portions of the seawall and stairway qualify as a land use under the Conservation District definition (HAR §13-5-2), some type of permit or approval should have been obtained by the alleged.

This report seeks conditions to resolve the Conservation District violation. Staff believes that portions of the unauthorized land uses on the shoreline was unlawful and is within the jurisdiction of the Department and Board of Land and Natural Resources. Pursuant to Chapter 183C-7, HRS, the maximum fine for a Conservation District violation is \$15,000.00 per violation, and \$15,000.00 per day for failure to stop work.³

Under the Penalty Guideline Framework (**Exhibit 14**) this action is considered “Major” since the identified land use would require a Board Permit under the permit prefix “D”. This violation follows a penalty range of \$10,000 to \$15,000. The comparable identified use in the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR-13-5) would be “Shoreline Erosion Control” for which a Board Permit is normally required.

Therefore under the Penalty Guideline Framework this unauthorized land use is considered:

1. a *Major* harm to resource or potential harm to resource; and
2. a *Major* comparable harm to resource.

Based on the information including pre-project photographs taken for the shoreline certification, more recent photographs and information provided by Mr. Mancini, we believe that the seaward portion of the seawall is within the Conservation District. In addition, the portion of the stairs that extend beyond the wall are also within the Conservation District.

Staff notes that the subject property is one of several properties on this coastline that is experiencing coastal erosion. The U.S. Geological Survey’s *Atlas of Natural Hazards in the Hawaiian Coastal Zone* publication describes this area as a Rocky Beach Embayed Coast and notes the subject area has an overall high hazard assessment rating of 5 on a scale of 1 to 7. Erosion and tsunami potential are within the highest hazard assessment rating. The shoreline is eroding at a rate of around 1.15 feet per year in front of the subject parcel.

Coastal erosion occurs as a result of the following phenomena: 1) Seasonal changes in waves and currents that remove sand from the system; 2) Long-term (chronic) erosion due to fluctuations in meteorological or oceanographic processes such as sea level rise; and 3) Human impacts to sand availability through sand impoundment and supply disruption.

² The Conservation District includes lands seaward of the shoreline as defined by Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 205A-1.

³ Act 217 that increases the maximum fine for Conservation District violations from \$2,000 to \$15,000 was signed into law on July 7, 2008.

Development on beaches and dunes has caused serious erosion of these areas, resulting in loss of recreational areas, habitat, and the storm protection that beaches, dunes and natural processes have provided. Beach narrowing and loss, and shoreline hardening (the construction of vertical seawalls or sloping stone revetments along a shoreline to protect coastal lands from marine erosion), also severely restrict public access to State Conservation land and the natural resources. In heavily armored sectors, sand impoundment mauka of walls can lead to general sand volume decreases causing or exacerbating sector-wide erosion trends.

Unfortunately, many of Hawai'i's beaches have been degraded or lost from a combination of natural erosion and inappropriate coastal development including inappropriate shoreline armoring, shallow lot shoreline subdivisions, and development built too close to the shoreline.

Many beaches in Hawaii have already been lost due to these factors. In a 2012 study by Romine/Fletcher that will be published in the Journal of Coastal Research, 70 percent of all beaches measured in the Hawaiian Islands (244 km) indicated an erosion trend. More than 21 km or 9 percent of the total length of the beaches studied were lost to erosion. In nearly all cases, the beaches were replaced with seawalls or other coastal structures. This process is nowhere else more evident than at Keonenui Beach where much of the shoreline has been replaced with seawalls. In defense of the landowners, they are only doing what others have done.

Be that as it may, we have strong evidence that the portions of the seawall and the stairs were constructed within the Conservation District without the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. In this case, we do not see much benefit from the removal of portions of the seawall within the Conservation District, however, we believe that the portions of the stairs that extend beyond the face of the wall should removed. The stairs can be recessed into the wall and property. The owner may be afforded the opportunity to apply for an after-the-fact permit for the seawall/stairs; however, there is no guarantee of the outcome.

Staff believes that the landowners should be fined one time for the unauthorized land use. In addition, Staff will recommend administrative penalties.

Lastly, staff does not know where the seaward property boundary is for this property but any structures that were built seaward of the shoreline should be required to obtain an easement from the State. One way to accomplish this would be to superimpose the 1980 shoreline map on a current survey map. This map could be used to discern what portions of the structure (s) are on State land.

This submittal and notice of the Board's meeting shall be sent to the property's landowners by certified mail to the address on record.

FINDINGS:

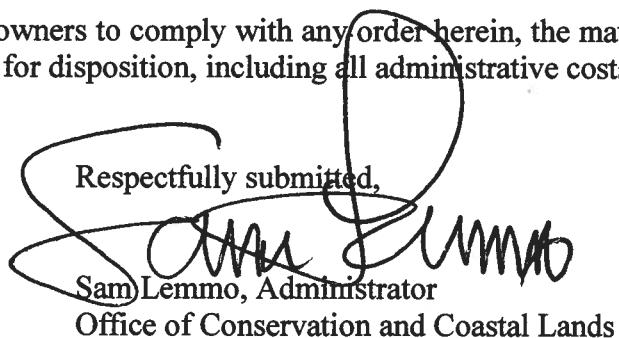
1. That the subject property contains a Conservation District land use violation of portions of a seawall and stairs;
2. That the unauthorized land use is located within the State Land Use Conservation District, Resource subzone, as evidenced by pre and post project photographs and the wash of the waves;

3. The unauthorized land use does not provide benefit to the public; and
4. That the unauthorized land use has created harm to the land and natural resources.

AS SUCH, STAFF RECOMMENDS:

That pursuant to Chapter 183C, HRS, the Board finds the Landowner of TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001 at Keonenui Beach, 'Alaeloa, Maui, in violation of Chapter 183C-7, HRS and Chapter 13-5-6, HAR, subject to the following:

1. The Landowner is fined \$15,000.00 for the Conservation District violation, pursuant to Chapter 183C, HRS;
2. The Landowner is fined an additional \$1,000.00 for administrative costs associated with the subject violation;
3. The Landowner shall pay all fines (total \$16,000.00) within sixty (60) days of the date of the Board's action;
4. The Landowner shall apply for an after-the-fact permit for the portions of the seawall within the Conservation District, and the portion of the stairs that extend into the Conservation District shall be removed within six (6) months of the date of the Board's action;
5. That in the event of failure of the landowners to comply with any order herein, the landowner shall be fined an additional \$15,000.00 per day until the order is complied with; and
6. That in the event of failure of the landowners to comply with any order herein, the matter shall be turned over to the Attorney General for disposition, including all administrative costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Lemmo, Administrator
Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands

Approved for submittal:


William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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Subject Property

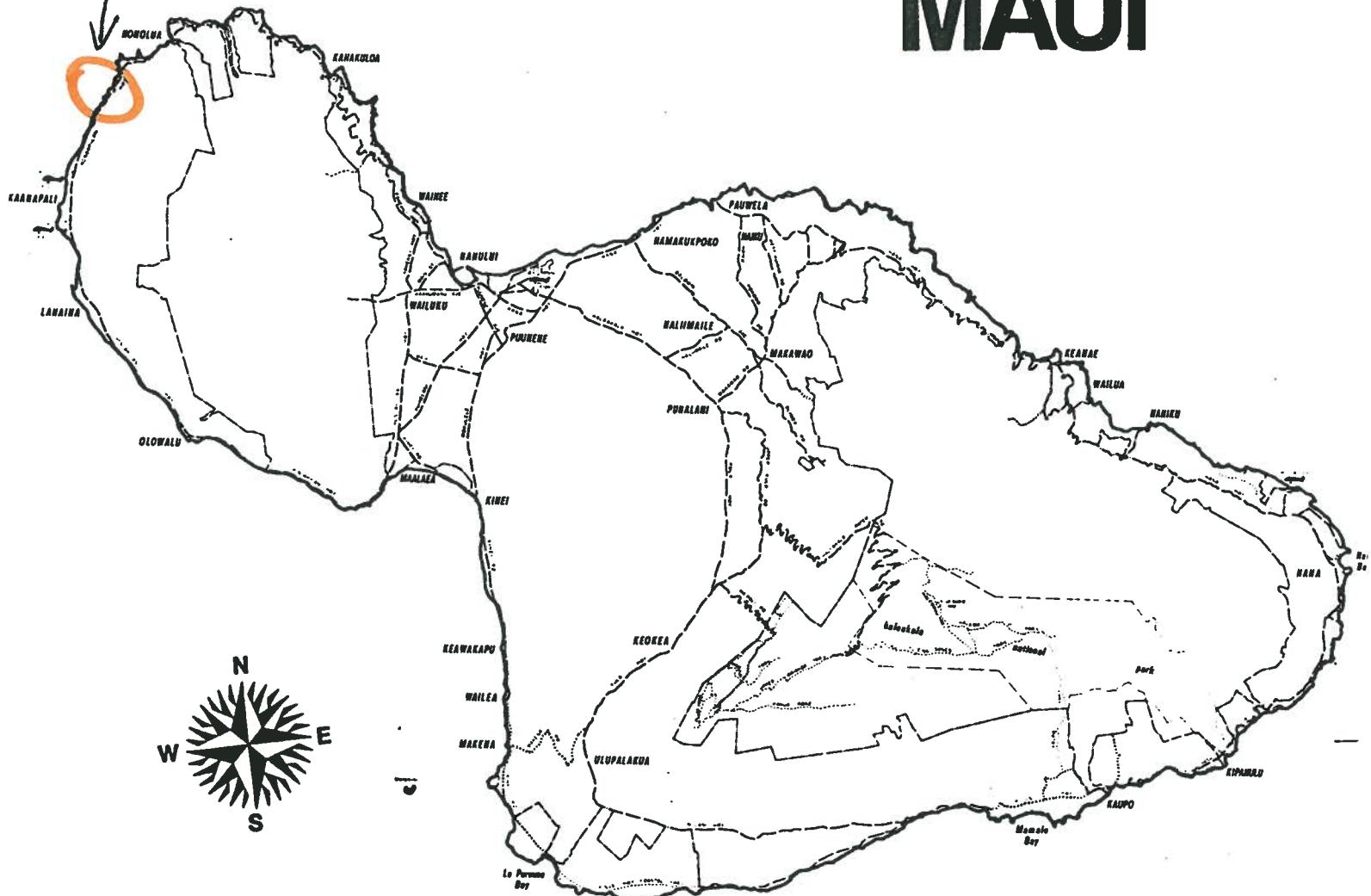
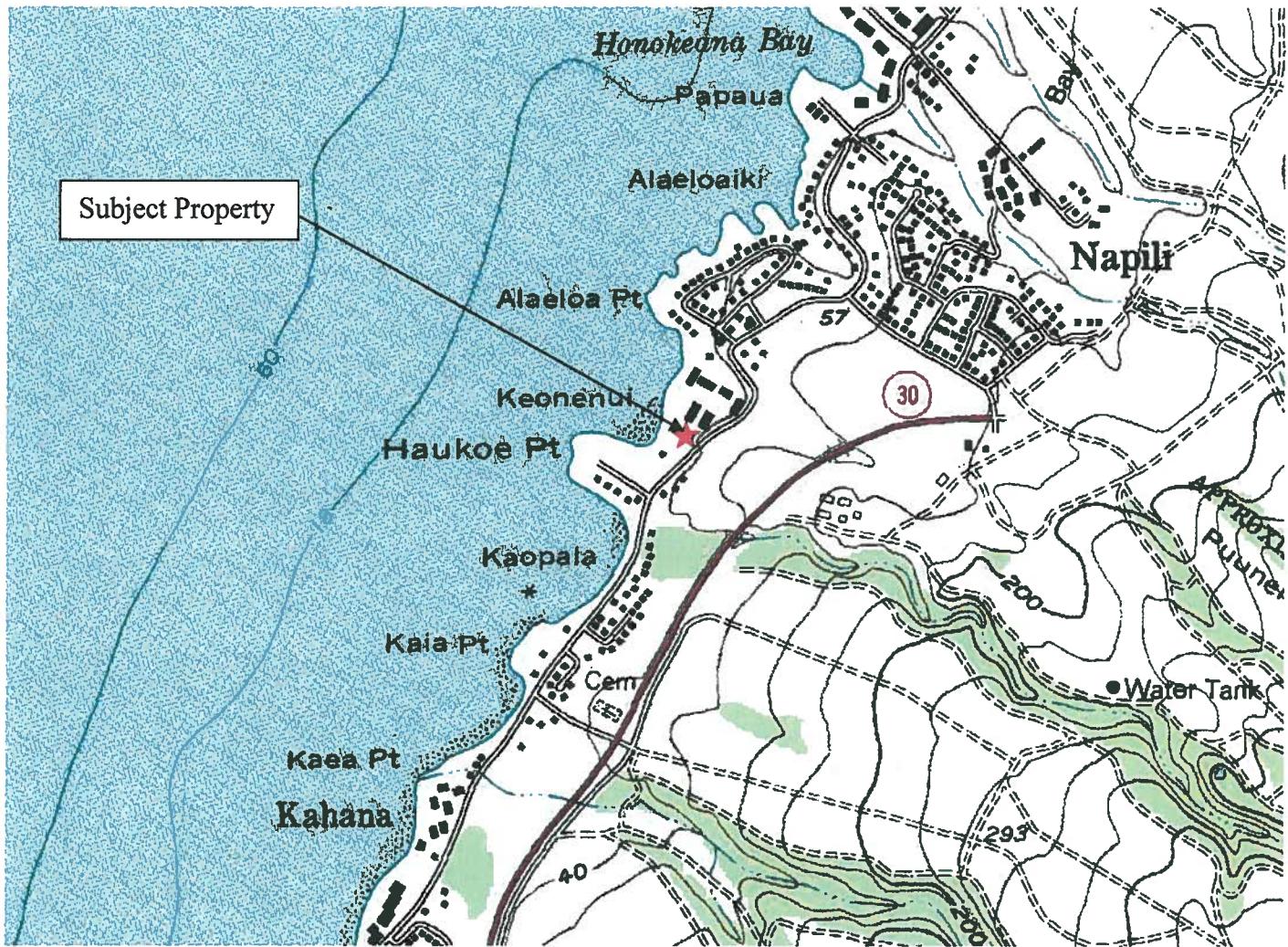


EXHIBIT I

LOCATION MAP



Source: USGS

EXHIBIT 2

TAX MAP KEY (2) 4-3-015:001



EXHIBIT 3

Napili

The highly developed coast of Napili is famous for its luxurious resorts, hotels, and golf courses that are built directly alongside one of Hawaii's most scenic shorelines. The relatively low coastal plain rises only slightly near Napili and Honokohua, where isolated coves are partly protected from refractioning trade wind waves and northerly winter swell by steep rocky outcrops and points. Offshore, a fringing reef partly dissipates wave energy, acting as a buffer for the beaches that extend along Kaanapali and within the bays of Kahana, Napili, and Honokohua. Numerous small streams originating in the West Maui Mountains flow across this gently sloping coastal terrace.

The Overall Hazard Assessment (OHA) for the Napili coast is moderate to high (5) and is largely influenced by high tsunami, stream flooding, and erosion hazards and moderately high storm, sea-level rise, and seismicity threats on this Maui coastline. Historically, there have been few tsunamis recorded at Kaanapali. However, a 15 ft tsunami that made landfall there in 1946 supports the high tsunami hazard ranking in this region, except at Kekaa Point, where it is reduced to moderately high. Flash floods and heavy rains, such as in March of 1968, when 24 inches fell in 48 hours, support a high stream-flooding hazard ranking, except at Kekaa Point, where it is moderately low. The threat from high waves is moderately low along the Napili coast, which is partly sheltered from approaching northwest swell by the island of Molokai. Storm and sea-level rise hazards are ranked moderately high, except at the steep Kekaa Point headland, where they are reduced to moderately low. High rates of erosion have recently led to the proliferation of seawalls and revetments to protect coastal property which in turn has exacerbated beach loss. As a result, the erosion hazard is ranked high except at the rocky headlands at Kekaa, Haukoe, Alaeao, and Kaeleku Points, where it is moderately low. The volcanic/seismic hazard is ranked moderately high along the Napili coast due to its location in seismic hazard zone 2. The OHA is reduced to moderate to low (3) at Kekaa Point, while south of Hanakano Point it is increased to moderate (4), reflecting the greater hazards associated with the lower coastal slope there.



Extensive development has occurred along the small and narrow beaches of the Napili coast, while fossil beachrock ridges near Honokohua mark the position of the former shoreline, if submerged offshore as evidence of rapid sea-level rise and erosion.

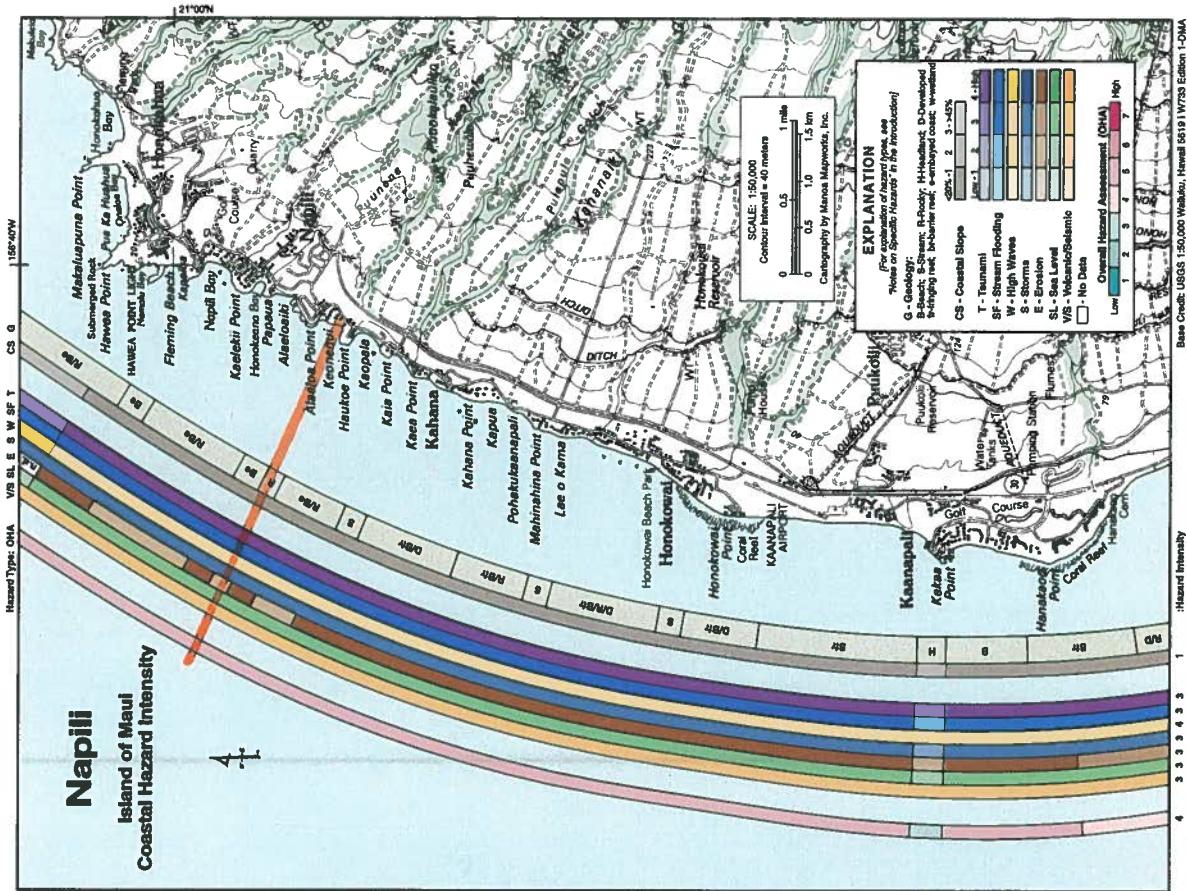
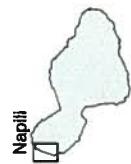
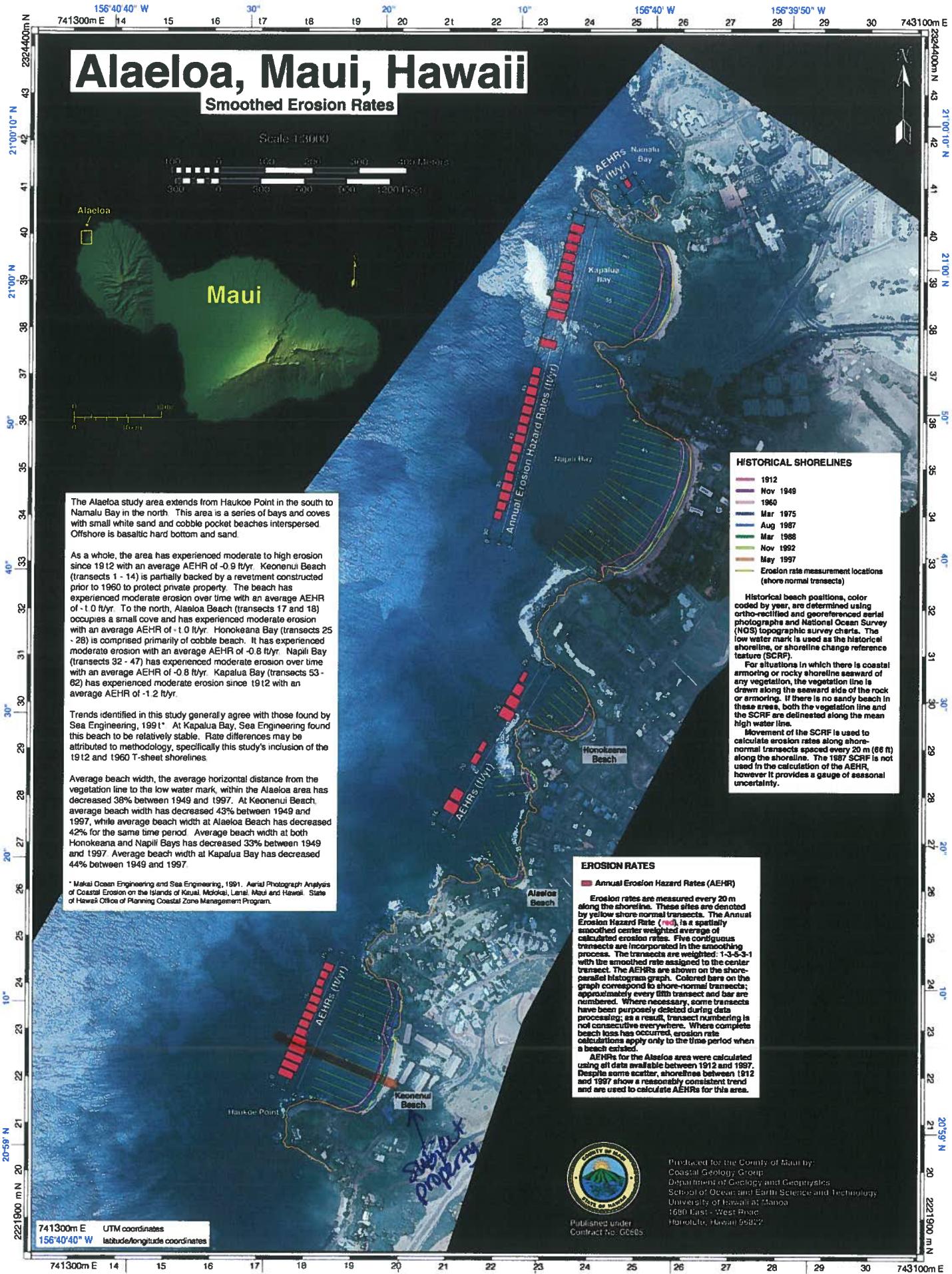


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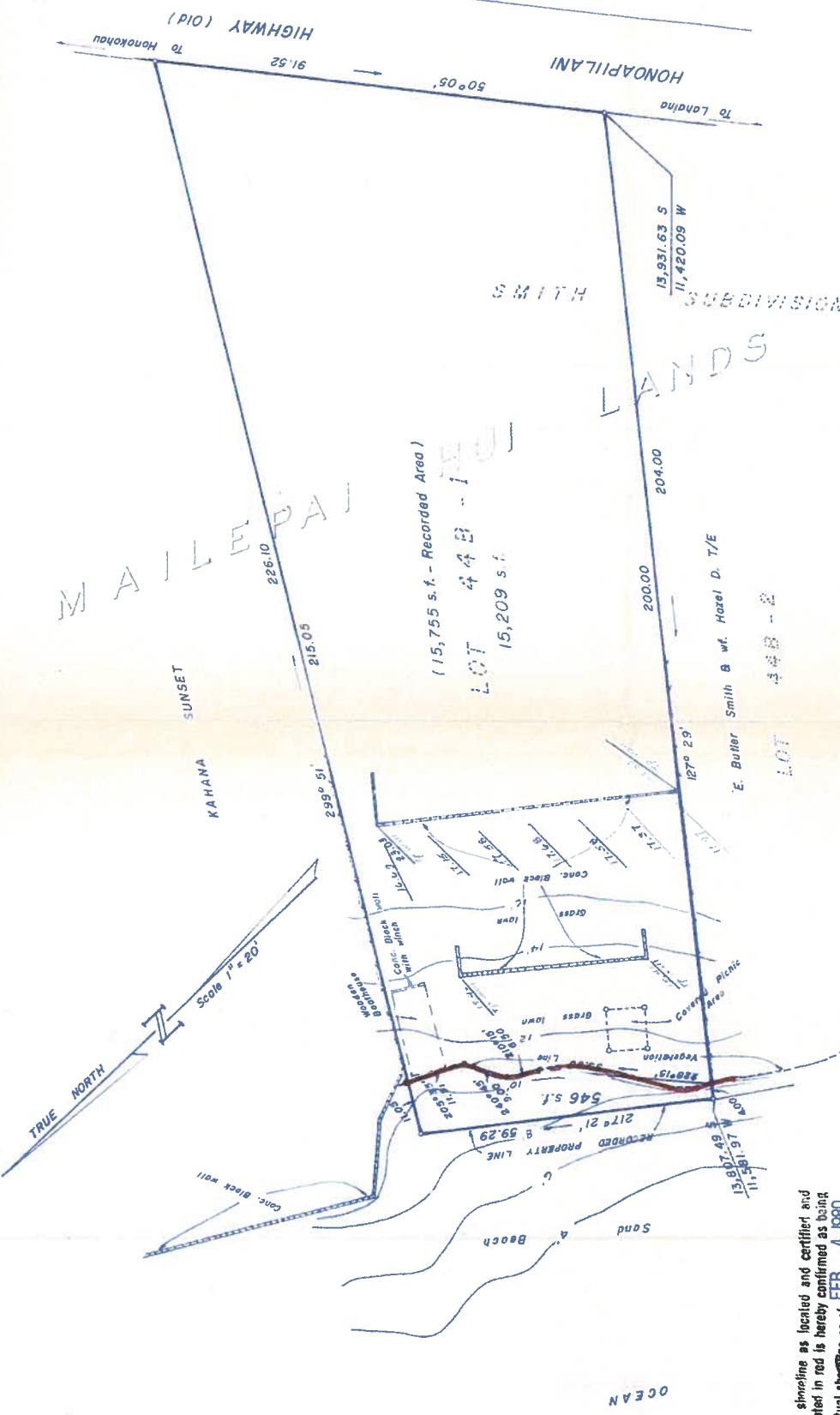




2003 Oblique Photo

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EXHIBIT 6



TOPOGRAPHIC AND SHORELINE SURVEY

OF

LOT 44B-I OF THE SMITH SUBDIVISION, MAILEPAI HUI LANDS
PORTION OF R.R. 1663, L.C. AW. 5524 TO L. KONIA

AT ALAELOA, KAANAPALI, MAUI, HAWAII

SCALE: 1 inch = 20 feet

PREPARED AT REQUESTED OF:

William Taylor
1853 Anapu Place
Kaneohe, Maui, Hawaii 96753

FEBRUARY 11, 1979

Revised - MARCH 8, 1979

Resubmitted - JANUARY 23, 1980
PREPARED BY:
GEORGE F. NEWCOMER
LAND SURVEYOR
Kahului Building, Suite 350
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

This work done by me or under my direction.

George F. Newcomer
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
CERTIFICATE NO. E713-S

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NOTES

1. Adjoining owners from Tax Map Records.
2. Coordinates referred to "MALO △".
3. Actual field survey done January 4, 1979 at 11:00 A.M.
4. Pipes set at all corners.
5. Shoreline field inspected January 21, 1980, no appreciable change.

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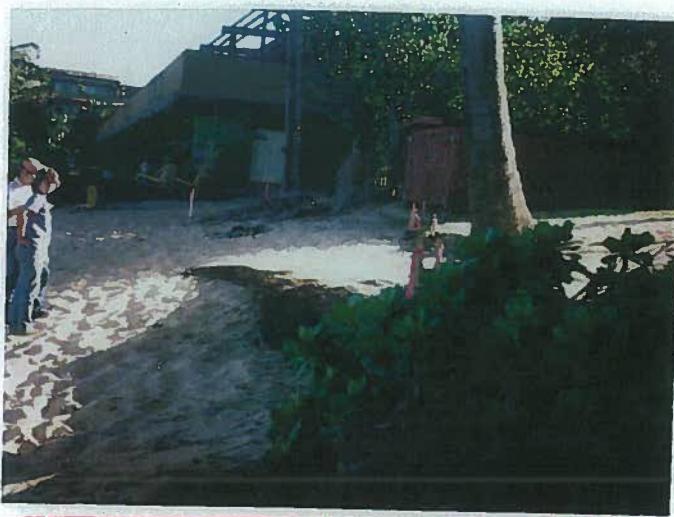
N.W. Corner.

Taken on conc. wall - Kahana Sunset



S.W. Corner.

Taken at edge vegetation line



S.W. Corner

Taken on Property Corner.



N.W. Corner taken on P.

1979



S.W. corner - looking Northerly
toward Kahana Sunset



N.W. Corner - looking S.W.early
Taken at concrete wall (Kahana Sunset)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH: 1987



Source: Coastal Geology Group

EXHIBIT 8

Photos taken: 3/2/09

Henry & Diane Schweitzer, TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001



Shoreline area fronting the Schweitzer property at TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001. Possible encroaching stairway onto the sand shoreline.

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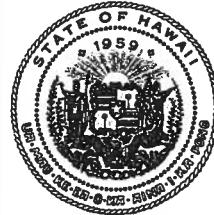
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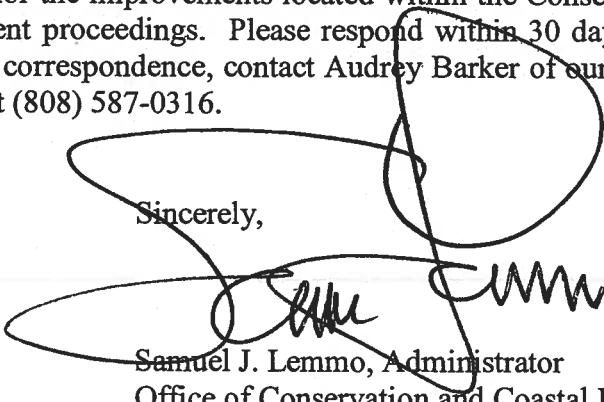
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Please provide authorizing documentation and construction date for the seawall and stairways. Should there be no authorization for the improvements located within the Conservation District, the OCCL may initiate enforcement proceedings. Please respond within 30 days. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, contact Audrey Barker of our State Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at (808) 587-0316.

Sincerely,


Samuel J. Lemmo, Administrator
Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands

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Please respond within 15 days of receiving this letter. Should we not receive a response from you, the Department intends to bring this matter to the attention of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) as an alleged violation of Hawai'i Revised Statute Chapter 183C-7 and rules promulgated pursuant to that chapter.

Should you have any questions, contact Audrey Barker of OCCL at (808) 587-0316 or audrey.t.barker@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT 1D₂

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Attachment

c: Chairperson
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County of Maui, Department of Planning

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According to our records, the shoreline was previously certified in 1979. The shoreline survey and photographs from this record provide evidence that the current seawall and concrete stairs were not there in 1979.

Both the Maui Planning Department and OCCL have no records of approval for construction of the subject seawall or stairs. In addition, the Maui Planning Department issued a Notice of Warning in 2003 to your property regarding seawall construction without a permit.

It appears that a portion of the stairs are encroaching on land within the Conservation District, under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawai'i, and OCCL believes that a Conservation District use violation has occurred. The construction of a seawall and concrete stairs requires authorization, which you did not receive. At a minimum, seawalls in the Conservation District require a Board permit. The subject unauthorized land uses must be resolved.

EXHIBIT 1D₃

Henry Schweitzer
Page 2 of 2

ENF: MA-09-54

We shall be forwarding this matter to the attention of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) as an alleged violation of Hawai'i Revised Statute Chapter 171-6(12) and Chapter 183C-7, and rules promulgated pursuant to these chapters

A staff report with recommendations shall be forwarded to you by certified mail notifying you of the date, time, and place of the Board meeting regarding this Conservation District enforcement action. Should you have any questions, contact Audrey Barker of OCCL at (808) 587-0316 or audrey.t.barker@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel J. Lemmo".

Samuel J. Lemmo, Administrator
Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands

c: Chairperson
MDLO
DOCARE
Thorne Abbott, Maui Planning Department

Photos taken: 7/14/09

Henry Schweitzer, TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001



EXHIBIT 11

Photos of improvements made along the shoreline and within the SMA area at the Schweitzer property at 4885 Lower Honoapiliani Road, Lahaina HI.

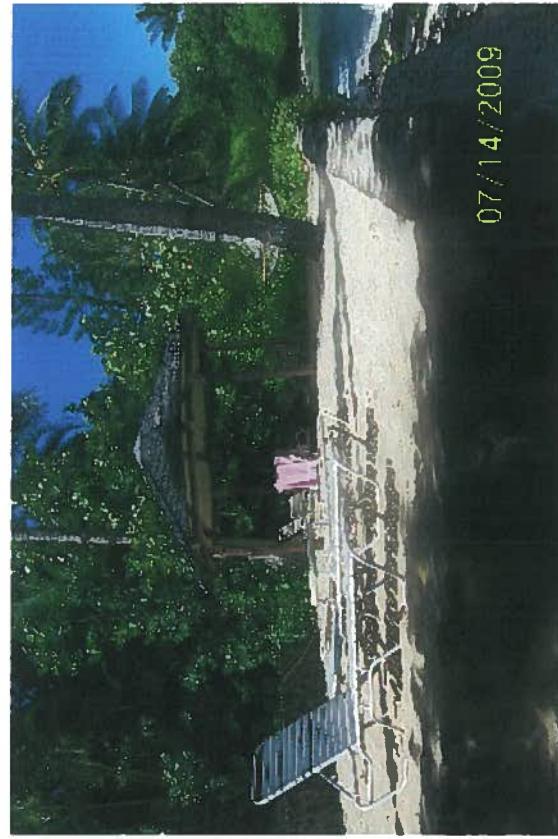


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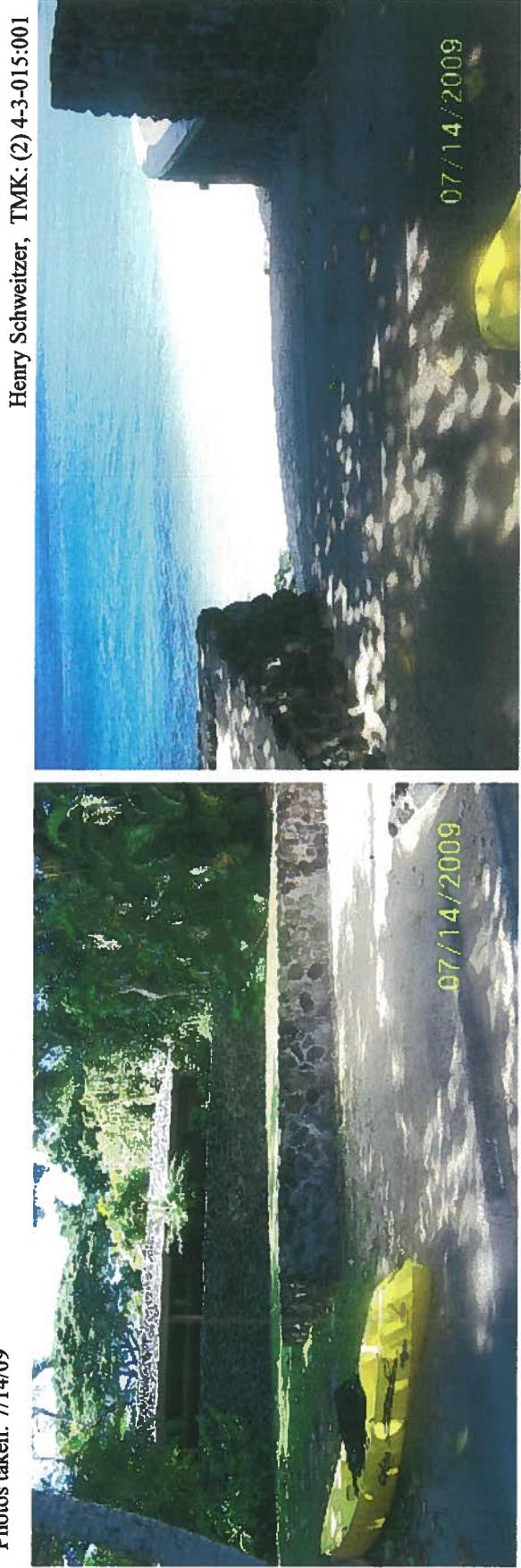
Concrete stairway leading to the shoreline line of Kahana Bay.



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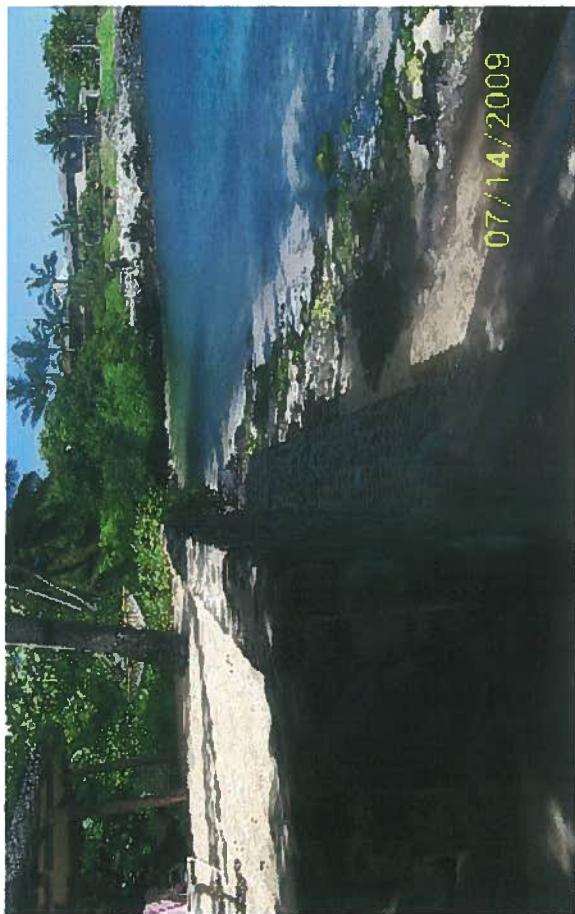
Terraced area filled with sand with a wood gazebo.

Photos taken: 7/14/09



Henry Schweitzer, TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001

Improvements at the makai side of the Schweitzer property. Property overlooks Kahana Bay.



CHARMAINE TAVARES

Mayor

JEFFREY S. HUNT

Director

KATHLEEN ROSS AOKI

Deputy Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

July 23, 2009

Certified Receipt No. (7008 3230 001 1256 5849)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schweitzer
4885 Lower Honoapiilani Road
Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer:

**RE: FIRST (1ST) REQUEST FOR CORRECTION FOR A CONFORMITY WITHIN
THE SHORELINE AREA**

TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001-0000
RFS No.: 09-0002157
Description: Failure to obtain shoreline setback determination for a property located at 4885 Lower Honoapiilani Road, Maui, Lahaina, Hawaii

Based on the evidence collected on July 7, 2009, we find that the construction of concrete seawall and concrete stairs leading to the ocean, does not comply with §§12-203-10, 12-203-11, 12-203-12(a)(8), 12-203-12(b), 12-203-12(c) and 12-203-13(a), Shoreline Rules for the Maui Planning Commission, as amended, and shall be removed by August 7, 2009. Evidence of the aforementioned non-conformity includes photos and county/state records.

Please be advised that a follow-up investigation will be performed, and if not in compliance, you will be subject to civil and criminal enforcement action.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact me at Sonny.Huh@mauicounty.gov or (808)270-7810.

Sincerely,

Sonny Huh
Zoning Inspector

xc: Thome Abbott, Staff Planner
Jay Arakawa, Supervising Zoning Inspector (via e-mail)
Sonny Huh, Zoning Inspector (via e-mail)
RFS No. 09-0002157 (KIVA related document; RFS Project File)
09/General File

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EXHIBIT 12,

250 SOUTH HIGH STREET, WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

MAIN LINE (808) 270-7735; FACSIMILE (808) 270-7634

CURRENT DIVISION (808) 270-8205; LONG RANGE DIVISION (808) 270-7214; ZONING DIVISION (808) 270-7253

CHARMAINE TAVARES

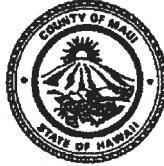
Mayor

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KATHLEEN ROSS AOKI

Deputy Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

July 23, 2009

Certified Receipt No. (7008 3230 0001 1256 5849)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schweitzer
4885 Lower Honoapiilani Road
Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer:

**RE: FIRST (1ST) REQUEST FOR CORRECTION FOR A NON-COMFORMITY
WITHIN THE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA)**

TMK: (2) 4-3-015:001-0000

RFS No.: 09-0002157

Description: Failure to obtain SMA permit for a property located at
4885 Lower Honoapiilani Road, Maui, Lahaina,
Hawaii

Based on the evidence collected on July 7, 2009, we find that the construction of concrete seawall and concrete stairs leading to the ocean, does not comply with §12-202-12, SMA Rules for the Maui Planning Commission, as amended, and shall be removed by August 7, 2009. Evidence of the aforementioned non-conformity includes: photos and county/state records.

Please be advised that a follow-up investigation will be performed, and if not in compliance, you will be subject to civil and criminal enforcement action.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact me at Sonny.Huh@mauicounty.gov or (808)270-7810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonny Huh". Below the signature, the name "Sonny Huh" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font, followed by "Zoning Inspector".

xc: Jay Arakawa, Supervising Zoning Inspector (via e-mail)
Sonny Huh, Zoning Inspector (via e-mail)
RFS No. 09-0002157 (KIVA related document; RFS Project File)
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EXHIBIT 12

PAUL R. MANCINI*
THOMAS D. WELCH, JR.
JAMES W. GEIGER

MANCINI, WELCH & GEIGER LLP
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

COUNSEL
ROSALYN LOOMIS

*A LAW CORPORATION

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION
AND COASTAL LANDS
THE KAHULUI BUILDING
33 LONG AVE., SUITE 470
KAHULUI, HAWAII
96732-1681

2012 APR 17 A 10:10

DEPT. OF LAND & TELEPHONE:
NATURAL RESOURCES (808) 871-8351
STATE OF HAWAII

FACSIMILE:
(808) 871-0732

April 16, 2012

Mr. Sam Lemmo
State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Planning Section
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

RE: Chronology with regard to Building Permits for Construction of Seawall; TMK: 4-3-15:1

Dear Sam:

This is to follow up on our conversation concerning the above.

Find attached a chronology I put together with regard to the application for permits for the construction of a seawall. Please review it and phone me when you have an opportunity. The Schweitzers would not have proceeded and purchased the property without the seawall being permitted and constructed.

Very truly yours,

MANCINI, WELCH & GEIGER LLP


Paul R. Mancini

PRM:ta
Enclosure
cc: Hoyle and Diane Schweitzer

EXHIBIT 13

**CHRONOLOGY WITH REGARD TO BUILDING PERMIT
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL ON NAPILI PROPERTY**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Narrative on Documentation</u>
April 1, 1979	Maui County Board of Realtor's residential property listings. Office of Michael McCormick. Remarks: "Permit obtained for construction of retaining wall which will be completed".
November 1, 1979	Agreement of Sale between Schweitzers and Graham Trust.
December 28, 1979	Construction plans by Stephen Pitt for Chapman seawall. Schweitzer acquisition documentation.
January 23, 1980	Letter from George Newcomer to Alvin Haake, Land Agent, Department of Land and Natural Resources transmitting prints of shoreline certification by Saito to Taylor Construction. Pictures being transmitted showing gazebo.
January 25, 1980	Taylor Construction Company memo to Hoyle Schweitzer regarding shoreline verification with regard to property.
May 18, 1980	Letter from Hoyle Schweitzer to Tosh Ishikawa explaining urgency and necessity of construction of seawall on Napili property.
May 24, 1980	Letter from Taylor Construction to Hoyle Schweitzer asking for additional letter and documents to be submitted to Tosh Ishikawa. Notation shows the same being accomplished on May 29, 1980.
July 28, 1980	Construction Agreement with Taylor Construction and Mr. & Mrs. Hoyle Schweitzer for construction of seawall.
November 12, 1984	Deed from Charles Edward Graham, Trustee for Graham Trust to Henry Hoyle Schweitzer and Diane Adele Schweitzer.

MAUI COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS
RESIDENTIAL

Price	List Date	Exp. Date	Waterfront
\$1,150,000.00	4/1/79	11/1/79	yes

VIEW: OCEAN
 MOUNTAIN

MLS 3258	Address Rural Route 1 - Box 471-A Kahana, Maui, Hawaii 96761					
District: Kahana	Land Area 15,755	Roofed Area Main 1962	Age 13	FS xxxxx	Reg	
Schools Kamehameha III Lahaina Intermed Lahainaluna		Other* 460	Zoning			
Bdrms Two	Stories One	Div 2	Zone 4	Sect 3	Plat 15	Parcel 1
Baths Two	Enc Lndy Yes	Lot 91			X 226	irr.
Md. Qtrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Roof Shake	Ass. Bal. S	None			
Gar.* 460 sq. ft.	<input type="checkbox"/> Floor Quarry, Asph	Title Paid By				
Patio*	<input type="checkbox"/> Constr DW WF	Ass. Val 19	79/80			
Lanai 36'x12'	<input type="checkbox"/> Cond Excellent	Land \$120,667				
Fam Rm	Easements None	Impr. S	34,406			
Din Rm Area	Set-back 20 ft.	1978 Taxes \$	1160/yr			
Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Topo Slop/Terrace	Home Exempt				
Incl:	Hir/Rng/ Refri	Dw/Disp/ W/D	Drps/	TV Cable		
And:	Bedroom drapes, Bedspreads match wallpaper					
Lessor FEE		Rent S	Term			
Ren. Date	Expr					
Exist 1st Mort.	S	S	Mo			
Now @ %	P&I or all incl	Exist 2nd or AVS	90,000@8%-4yr			
Will Accept:	Cashout remain.					

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Remarks | FURNISHED Not in price
 Oceanfront w/59 ft. golden sand beach. Well maintained/landscaped. Garden off master bath, 2 outdoor showers, auto.sprinklers,outdoor lighting,boat shed.Permit obtained for construc.of retaining wall which will be completed.
 Shown by appoint. only thru Listor. 24 hrs. notice, please.

Off Mike McCormack WV	No. 80402	Ph. 661-3607
Lt. Jewel Wieck	No.	Ph. 661-0924

GENERAL NOTES

- CONCRETE TO BE FRC - 3000 PSI & 28 DAYS
- SEAL, TO BE INTERIMINARY GRADE NO. 451
- ABOUT TO BE FRC - 2500 PSI & 28 DAYS
- MORTAR TO BE FRC - 3000 PSI & 28 DAYS
- PROVIDE 3" CLEAR SPACING BETWEEN EARTH AND REINFORCING
- LAP ALL REIN. 24 INCHES MINIMUM
- BLOCK TO BE LAID IN RUBBLE BASE
- GROUT ALL CELLS SOLID WITH GROUT
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- NO PORTION OF SEALWALL TO BE LOCATED ON FLOOR UNDISTURBED
- LINE OF THE SEALWALL PROPERTY LINE.
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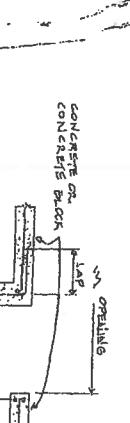
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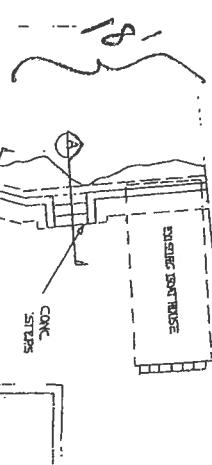
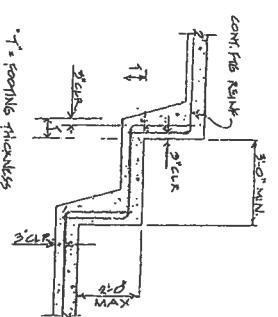
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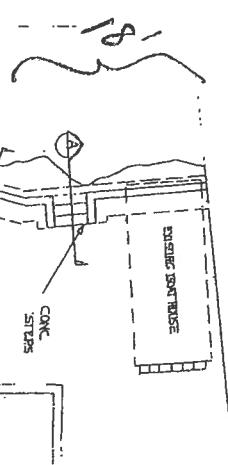


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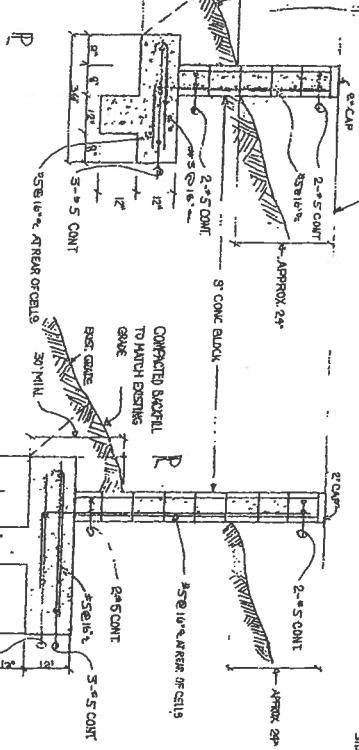
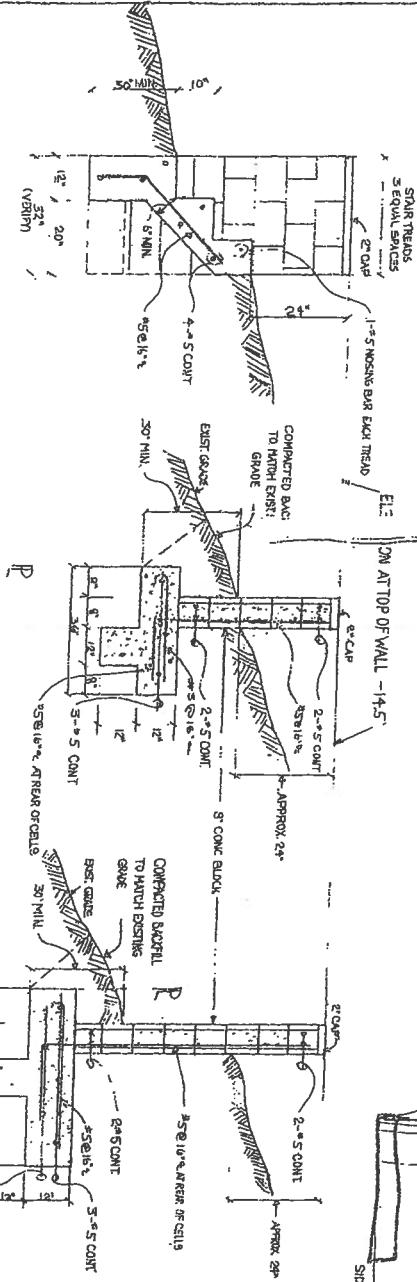


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③ SITE PLAN

SCALE 1'-0"



A STAIR SECTION

3'-0" = 1'-0"

B WALL SECTION

3'-0" = 1'-0"

C WALL SECTION

3'-0" = 1'-0"



NORMAN SAITO ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.
civil structural surveying

January 23, 1980

REFER: 581-8

Mr. Alvin Haake
Dept. of Land &
Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Wailuku, HI 96732

Dear Mr. Haake:

SUBJECT: Shoreline Recertification of Lot 44B-1 - Smith Subdivision
Alaeloa, Kaanapali, Maui - TMK: 4-3-15:1

Dear Mr. Haake:

We are transmitting herewith six prints of the above for your processing.
An inspection of the property showed no appreciable change from the
shoreline certified March 19, 1979.

Thank you for your cooperation, should you have any questions please
contact us.

Very truly yours,

NORMAN SAITO ENGINEERING
CONSULTANTS, INC.

BY

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George F. Newcomer
Registered Professional
Land Surveyor

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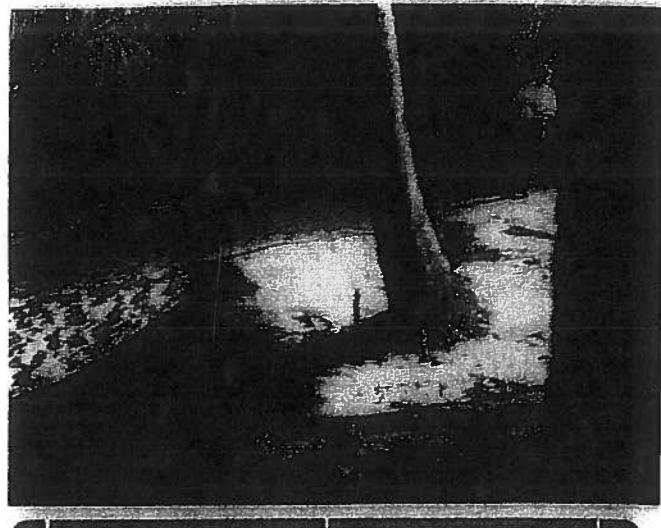
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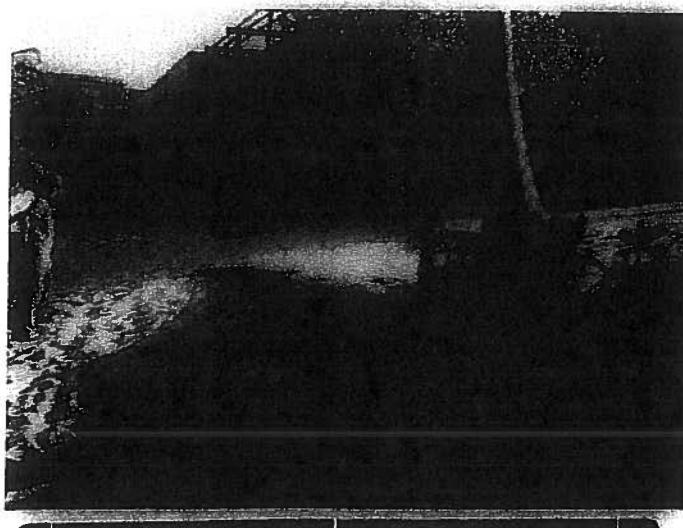
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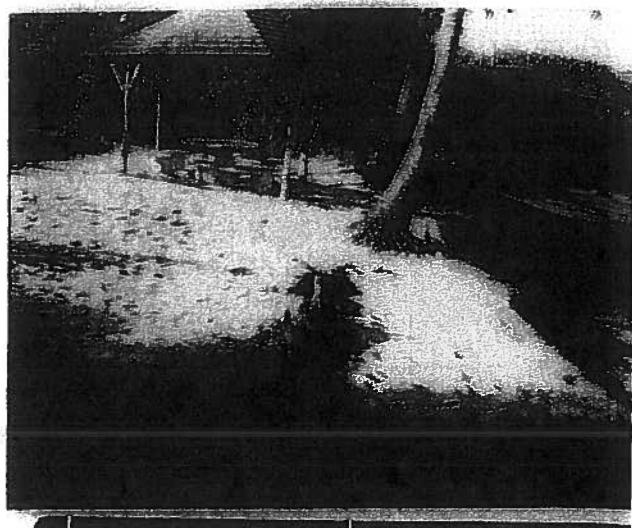
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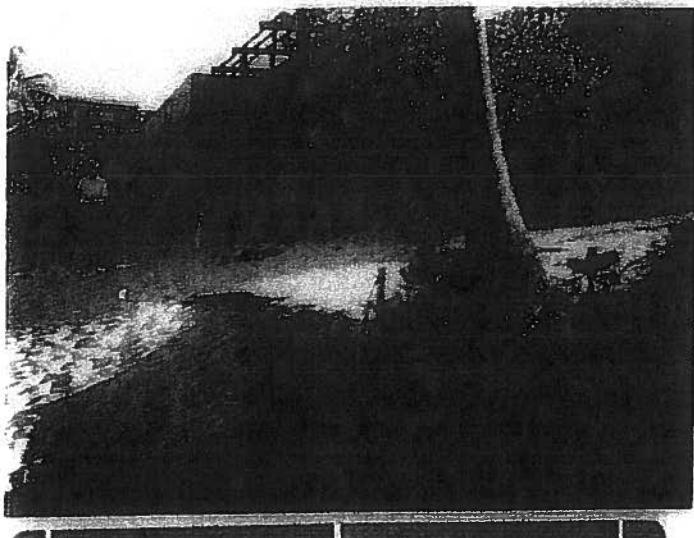
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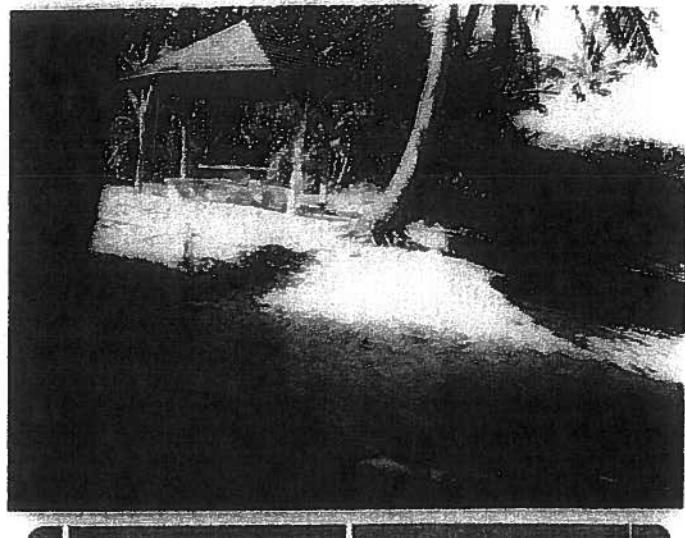
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— 500' across - looking SW

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— H.W. Davies - looking SW
Tall - ocean wall (a Sunspot)

TAYLOR CONSTRUCTION CO.

973 PALAPALA DRIVE • KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII 96732 • PHONE 877-5441

Mr. Hayke Schwinn -
less Construction
Molana Dick Hey
Cali Formal - Code, I

DATE

JAN 25 1980

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Hi - Enclosed are the
Plans for your workshop -
I did a few revisions on
them so hope you are pleased
with the results -

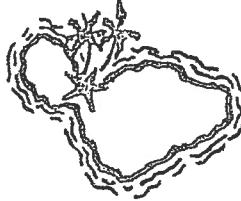
There is also my addition.
We can add under side. like this
possibly without to have to move -
that would save in cost this is up.

Sincerely - Bruce
Enclosed plan of garage -

SIGNED

to Maui

TAYLOR



CONSTRUCTION CO.

May 18, 1980

May 29 1980

Mr. Toshio Ishikawa
Planning Director
County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Sir:

As per your request, I am submitting for your consideration this letter which explains the urgency and necessity of construction of a sea wall on my property in Napili.

Due to the storms which occur from time to time and especially this last winter in Napili, our shoreline is being eroded away and some damage has been done to our property. We have hesitated requesting or being involved in the construction of a sea wall, however, after looking at the alternatives and determining there will be no adverse effects to the shoreline, we see it is a must.

We have hired Norman Saito Engineering Consultants, who have surveyed the land and obtained a shoreline verification. We have also acquired the services of Stephen Pitt, a structural engineer, who has designed the wall according to the scope of the problem. We are under contract to Taylor Construction Company to build the wall when everything has been approved.

We are submitting all of this information including authorization for Taylor Construction to build the structure and trust approval will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Hoyte Schweitzer

HS/bt
Encl.

TAYLOR CONSTRUCTION CO.

973 PALAPALA DRIVE • KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII 96732 • PHONE 877-5441

TO Mr. Hoyle Schweitzer
1038 Princeton Drive
Marina Del Ray, California 90291

DATE

DATE May 24, 1980

Dear Hoyle:

Please execute the attached letter
to Mr. Toshio Ishikawa so we can
commence with the next phase of this
project. Return this to me so I
can submit it with the other necessary
documents. Thanks.

John S. Taylor
5/24/80

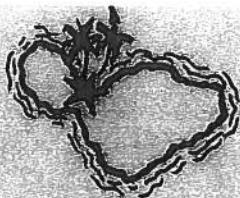
BY

Bill

SIGNED

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TAYLOR
973 PALAPALA DRIVE



CONSTRUCTION CO.

NASKA, MAUI, HAWAII 96732 – TELEPHONE 877-5441

Job No. _____

This Agreement, made this _____ day of _____, 19_____, by
and between _____, Taylor CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, hereinafter called the Contractor, and
_____ and Mr. Boyle _____, jointly and/or severally, hereinafter called the Owner.

The Contractor agrees to furnish all labor and materials to perform at _____, NASKA, MAUI,

(Address)

the following described work:

Exclusions _____

The Owner agrees to pay the Contractor, or his designated agent or assignee, for the performance of the above described work the sum of _____

DOLLARS (\$ _____), payable as follows:

The parties further agree to perform and be bound by the terms and conditions set forth on the reverse side hereof and hereby make a part hereof.

Accepted by

By _____ (Owner)

_____ (Owner)

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EXHIBIT 14

1 INTRODUCTION

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 183C-7 was amended on July 7, 2008 to increase the maximum penalty for a Conservation District violation to up to \$15,000 per violation, in addition to administrative costs, costs associated with land or habitat restoration, and damages to public land or natural resources, or any combination thereof.

This document, *Conservation District Violation Penalties Schedule Guidelines and Assessment of Damages to Public Land and Natural Resources* is intended to provide the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) with a framework to systematically carry out its enforcement powers, in the determination and adjudication of civil and administrative penalties. These guidelines are to be used for internal staff guidance, and should be periodically reviewed to determine their effectiveness, and whether refinements are needed. These guidelines are consistent with HAR §13-1, Subchapter 7, Civil Resource Violation System (CRVS).

2 CONSERVATION DISTRICT VIOLATION PENALTIES SCHEDULE GUIDELINES

The charging and collecting of penalties is an enforcement tool that may be used to ensure future compliance by the responsible party and others similarly situated. The penalty amount(s) shall be enough to ensure immediate compliance with HAR §13-5 and HRS § 183C, and cessation of illegal activities. Penalties will be assessed for each action committed by an individual(s) that conducts an unauthorized land use and that impairs or destroys natural resources protected under Chapter § 183C, HRS.

The Staff will treat each case individually when assigning conservation district penalties using the following framework, and additional considerations and factors for upward or downward adjustments. The staff of the OCCL (Staff) will use these penalty schedule guidelines to issue violation notices and to make recommendations to the Board of Land

and Natural Resources (Board), Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Chairperson), or Presiding Officer, whom may ultimately adjudicate the Conservation District penalties. These guidelines presume that all cases in which a violation has occurred, the Chairperson, Board, or Presiding Officer may also assess administrative costs, damages to public land or natural resources, and costs associated with land or habitat restoration.

2.1 PENALTY CALCULATION

The penalty range for these actions will be substantially determined based on the type of permit that would have been required if the individual(s) had applied to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) or Board for pre-authorization to conduct the identified use, under Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-5-22, 23, 24, 25. Assessing the penalties according to the Conservation District permit type accounts for the level of review or scrutiny the unauthorized use would have received by the Department or Board in order to avoid damage to the natural resource. This graduated permit review framework corresponds to the level of actual or potential "harm to the resource"¹ caused by the violation.

Once the baseline for the penalty range has been established according the required permit, the penalty may be adjusted appropriately upward or downward according to the "harm to resource" caused or potentially caused by the violator's action and additional considerations and factors (See 2.1.4),² within the assigned penalty range. Where Staff was unable to associate the unauthorized use with a typical land use identified in HAR §13-5, Staff may try to associate the action with the most similar identified land use in HAR §13-5, or according to the "harm to the resource" caused by the violation. Table 1

¹ "Harm to resource" is an actual or potential impact, whether direct or indirect, short or long term, impact on a natural, cultural or social resource, which is expected to occur as a result of unauthorized acts of construction, shoreline alteration, or landscape alteration (See Appendix B: Definitions) adapted from Florida Department of Environmental Protection 2000 Administrative Fines and Damage Litigation, Cf. 62B-54.

² Penalty amounts may be adjusted up or down, based on additional considerations, such as the actual extent of the direct damages, significance of any outside indirect impacts, environmental record of the violator, responsiveness of violator, etc. (See 2.1.4 Additional Considerations and Factors).

was created to demonstrate the penalty ranges for the type of required permit and “harm to resource” (See 2.1.1 or Appendix A).

Moderate Harm to the Resource/Departmental Permit (C)

Violations identified with the required permit prefix (C) may incur a penalty in the range of \$2,000-\$10,000, as a Departmental permit would have been required, due to the possibility of causing “moderate harm to the resource.” Examples of “moderate harm(s) to the resource” may be adverse impacts that degrade water resources, degrade native ecosystems and habitats, and/or alter the structure or function of a terrestrial, littoral or marine ecosystem. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, unauthorized landscaping causing ground disturbance, unauthorized alteration, renovation or demolition of existing structures or facilities, such as buildings and shoreline structures, maintenance dredging, agriculture, and animal husbandry, etc.

The violation penalty range associated with each required permit will be assessed in accordance with the following harm to resource indices in this graduated framework.

2.1.1 Identified Land Use Penalties

The first two of the following sections explain the identified and non-identified land use framework. The next four sections: Tree Removal, Additional Considerations and Factors, Continuing Violations and Permit Non-Compliance, and In-Kind Penalties, provide guidance for the upward or downward adjustment of penalties based on the initial framework discussed in Section 2.1.1, Identified land use penalties.

2.1.1 Identified Land Use Penalties

The violation penalty range associated with each required permit will be assessed in accordance with the following harm to resource indices in this graduated framework.

Table 1. Penalty Guideline Framework

Harm to resource or potential for harm to resource	Identified Land Use Permit beginning with the letter	Penalty Range
Major	D (Board)	\$10,000-\$15,000
Moderate	C (Departmental)	\$2,000-\$10,000
Minor	B (Site Plan)	\$1,000-\$2,000
Very Minor	(B) (Site Plan)	Up to \$1,000

Minor Harm to the Resource/Site Plan Approval (B) Permit

Violations identified with the required permit prefix (B) may incur penalties as a site plan approval would have been required to assure that “minor harm(s) to the resource” are minimized. “Minor harm(s) to the resource” may incur a penalty of \$1,000-\$2,000 and could be actions causing limited to short-term direct impacts including, but not limited to, small-scaled construction, construction of accessory structures, installation of temporary or minor shoreline activities or similar uses.

Major Harm to the Resource/ Board Permit (D)

Violations identified with the required permit prefix (D) may incur a penalty in the range of \$10,000 - \$15,000 as a Board permit would have been required to minimize the possibility of causing “major harm to the resource.” Examples of “major harm(s) to the resource” may include actions that cause substantial adverse impact to existing natural resources within the surrounding area, community, ecosystem or region, or damage to the existing physical and environmental aspects of the land, such as natural beauty and open space characteristics. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, unauthorized single-family residences or unauthorized structures, grading or alteration of topographic features, aquaculture, major marine construction or dredging, unauthorized shoreline structures, major projects of any kind, mining and extraction, etc.

2.1.2 Non- Identified Land Use Penalties

Violations in which an unauthorized use is not identified in HAR §13-5-22, 23, 24, 25, Staff may try to associate the action with the most similar identified land use in HAR

§13-5 or according to the "harm to the resource" caused by the violation. Refer to the above section, *Identified Land Use Penalties*, for the most similar required permit prefix. To categorize the violation as a "harm to resource" when no similar use is identified in HAR §13-5, Staff will refer to Table 1 and the definitions of the four violation types of "harm to resource" (See Appendix B: Definitions).

2.1.3 Tree Removal

Violation penalties for the removal of any federal or state listed threatened, endangered, or commercially valuable tree may incur a fine of up to \$15,000 per tree. Removal of any native tree may incur a fine of up to \$1,000 per tree. The removal of any invasive tree shall be considered as removal/clearing of vegetation.

The Board, Department, or Presiding Officer also has the option of considering the removal of more than one tree as a single violation, similar to the removal/clearing of vegetation.³ If violation is considered as one violation, a fine amount of up to \$15,000 may be incurred, utilizing the guidelines for Major, Moderate, Minor, and Very Minor outlined in this schedule. However, the removal of any federally or state listed threatened or endangered tree shall be considered on a one violation per tree basis, with a maximum penalty of up to \$15,000 per tree.

2.1.4 Vegetation Removal/Vegetation Clearing

Past Staff recommendations and Board decisions have treated some cases of tree or removal as one citation of vegetation clearing/vegetation removal, this practice may be continued in violations resulting in minor or very minor harm to the resource. In accordance with the identified land uses within HAR §13-5 the assessment of vegetation removal has been based on a single citation of removal/clearing determined by the square footage of vegetation removed (See Table 3 Vegetation Removal). However, the

Table 3. Vegetation Removal

Action	Comparable Harm to Resource	Penalty Range
Removal of more than 10,000 sq. ft.	Major	\$10,000-\$15,000
Removal of Vegetation or of 2,000-10,000 sq. ft. of vegetation	Moderate	\$2,000-\$10,000
Removal of less than 2,000 sq. ft. vegetation	Minor	\$1,000-\$2,000
Cleaning of Invasive or Noxious vegetation	Very Minor	Up to \$1,000*

Note: The clearing of threatened, endangered or commercially valuable plants will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, but depending on the importance of the species may incur a penalty of up to \$15,000 per plant. According to Table 2, the clearing of vegetation may incur a penalty of up to \$1 sq. ft., as clearing 10,000 sq. ft. Staff could assess a penalty of \$10,000.

2.1.5 Additional Considerations and Factors

After Staff applies the Conservation District violation graduated penalty framework to identify the violation penalty range (1, 2, and 3 found above), the Staff may incorporate several considerations into the final assessed conservation district penalty including but not limited to, those factors identified in HAR §13-1-70 Administrative Sanctions Schedule; Factors to be Considered.

2.1.6 Continuing Violations and Permit Non-Compliance

Each day during which a party continues to work or otherwise continues to violate conservation district laws, and after the Department has informed the violator of the offense by verbal or written notification, the party may be penalized up to \$15,000 per day (penalties for every day illegal actions continue) by the Department for each separate offense.

³ White Staff and Board decisions in MA-01-09, OA-05-40 and HA-06-08 have treated the removal of non-native, invasive, or noxious trees as one citation of "clearing" with mandatory remediation plans.

* Provided the harm to the resource and/or site damage were minimal.

Violation of existing approved Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) conditions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Existing permit violations, in which deadlines are not met, may be individually assessed by the Staff as to prior violator conduct, knowledge, and compliance. Violation of permit conditions involving initiation and/or completion of project construction, notification of start and completion dates, failure to file legal documents, etc., may be considered very minor within the existing framework, although it should be noted that such actions may result in permit revocation. Failure to perform proper cultural, archeological, or environmental impact studies or failure to implement proper best management practices as identified in the standard permit conditions may be assessed more severely by Staff, as a moderate or major harm to the resource, due to the potential of greater adverse impacts to natural resources from the violator's failure to comply with the permit conditions, may have occurred.

2.1.7 In-Kind Penalties

Once the penalty amount has been established through the framework above, the Department may determine that the full payment or some portion of the penalty may be paid as an in-kind penalty project.⁵ This would not serve as a way to avoid payment but as a way to reduce the cash amount owed while allowing the Department to consistently enforce its rules. The in-kind penalty project is not designed to credit the violator for restoration or remediation efforts that may be already required, but to offset a portion of the cash penalty assessed. The in-kind penalty should be enough to ensure future compliance with HAR §13-5 and HRS §183C, by the violator and to deter other potential violators from non-compliance.

In-kind penalties will only be considered if (1) the responsible party is a government entity, such as a federal agency, state agency, county agency, city agency, university, or school board, or if (2) the responsible party is a private party proposing an environmental

⁵ In-Kind Penalty framework has been adopted from Florida Department of Environmental Protection. 2007. Program Directive 921, Settlement Guidelines for civil and administrative penalties.

restoration, enhancement, information, or education project. In-kind penalties are limited to the following specific options:

- a. **Material and/or labor support for environmental enhancement or restoration projects.** The Department will give preference to in-kind projects benefiting proposed government-sponsored environmental projects. For shoreline violations, this may include state beach nourishment projects and dune restoration projects.
- b. **Environmental Information and Environmental Education projects.** Any information or education project proposed must demonstrate how the information or education project will directly enhance the Department's, and preferably the OCCL's, mission to protect and conserve Hawaii's Conservation District Lands.
- c. **Capital or Facility improvements.** Any capital or facility improvement project proposed must demonstrate how the improvement will directly enhance the Department's and/or public's use, access, or ecological value of the conservation property.
- d. **Property.** A responsible party may propose to donate land to the department as an in-kind penalty. Donations will be handled by the Department's Legacy Lands program or similar program.

2.1.8 Penalty Adjudication

3 ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES TO PUBLIC LAND OR NATURAL RESOURCES

Violation penalties may be adjudicated similarly to the harm to resource indices in the penalty guideline framework.

Comparable Harm to Resource	Identified Land Use Permit	Penalty Adjudicator
Major	\$10,000-\$15,000	Board
Moderate	\$2,000-\$10,000	Board
Minor	\$1,000-\$2,000	Chairperson or Presiding Officer
Very Minor	up to \$1,000	Chairperson or Presiding Officer

Major and Moderate Harm to the Resource

The Board may adjudicate penalties to violations categorized as causing or potentially causing major or moderate harm(s) to the resource. The Board may also adjudicate cases in which repeat violations, repeat violators, or egregious behavior were involved, or moderate to significant actual harm to the resource occurred. The Board may also adjudicate the payment of part or all, of the penalty as part of an In-kind penalty.

Minor and Very Minor Harm to the Resource

The Board may delegate to the Chairperson or a Presiding Officer the power to render a final decision in minor and very minor conservation district violations in order to provide expeditious processing and cost effective resolution. The Chairperson or appointed Presiding Officer may adjudicate penalties to minor and very minor violations characterized by inadvertent or unintentional violations and those violations which caused minor or very minor harm to the resource.

Penalties to recoup damages to public lands or natural resources for the purposes of enforcement and remediation may be assessed in addition to Conservation District violation penalties assessed by the aforementioned guidelines. The assessed total value of the initial and interim natural resource(s) damaged or lost (compensatory damages) and the cost of restoration or replacement of the damaged natural resource(s) (primary restoration cost) along with any other appropriate factors, including those named in HAR §13-1-70, may be adjudicated by the Board. The total value may be estimated on a per annum basis, and then may be used to calculate the net present value of the initial and interim loss of natural resource benefits, until the ecosystem structure, function, and/or services are restored.

The cost of a full-scale damage assessment by the Department would be an administrative cost, which could be recouped by the Board from the landowner or offender pursuant §HRS 183C-7. In some cases, the damage to public lands or natural resources may occur on more than one ecosystem or habitat type, (e.g., sandy beaches, seagrass beds, and coral reefs). In such instances, damages for all impacted systems will be handled cumulatively.

Since all the ecosystem services provided by the ecosystem in question cannot be quantified (e.g., the aesthetic value), the values obtained are lower bound estimates, and may be applied to systems similar to the referenced ecosystem using the benefit transfer method. These valuations, to account for the loss of ecosystem services and the cost to restore them, may be applied to Hawaiian ecosystems on public lands: such as Kea and Ohia forests, coral reefs, seagrass beds, wetlands, dune and beach ecosystems, and other important Hawaiian ecosystems.

While each case is unique and individual in nature, the Department may not be able to conduct detailed damage assessments in each case, and may refer to past precedent,

economic ecosystem valuations, and other published environmental valuations to estimate and assess damages on smaller scales (for valuations and publication examples see Appendix C: References and Appendix D: Damages Examples). Using the benefit transfer method to apply past precedents and published valuations in some situations would allow the Department to focus its administrative duties and time on remediation and restoration efforts. However, as ecological valuation and research continue, more comprehensive estimates may be produced and utilized.

The Board may allow restoration activities and damage penalties to be conducted and/or applied to a site different from the location of the damaged area where similar physical, biological and /or cultural functions exist. These assessed damages are independent of other, city, county, state and federal regulatory decisions and adjudications. Thus, the monetary remedies provided in HRS §183C-7 are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies allowed by law.

3.1 PRIMARY RESTORATION DAMAGES

The cost of land or habitat restoration or replacement, the cost of site monitoring, and site management may be assessed and charged as primary restoration damages. Restoration efforts will aim to return the damaged ecosystem to a similar ecological structure and function that existed prior to the violation. In cases in which the damaged ecosystem was predominately composed of non-native species, restoration efforts must re-vegetate Conservation District land and public lands with non-invasive species, preferably native and endemic species when possible. The use of native and endemic species may thus result in the restoration of ecological structure and function critical for the survival of endemic Hawaiian species.

Returning the damaged and or severely degraded site to a condition similar to or better than its previous ecological structure and function (e.g., a terrestrial system such as a Koa (*Acacia koa*) forest) would include: (1) calculating the level of ecosystem services to be restored from carbon sequestration, climate regulation, nutrient cycling, air and water purification, erosion control, plant and/or wildlife habitat, and any other services which

may be valued; (2) purchase, production and out-planting of Koa seedlings; and (3) monitoring, maintenance, and management for the time period of mature growth of ~40-60 years, to achieve mature canopy structure, native under-story, and an acceptable level of lost ecosystem structure, function and/or services restored.

3.2 COMPENSATORY DAMAGE CALCULATION

Compensatory damages to public lands or natural resources may be assessed and charged to the violator to compensate for ecosystem damage and lost initial and interim ecosystem services to the public. All Divisions of the Department may coordinate their resources and efforts along with existing ecosystem valuations and publications (See Appendix C and D for examples) to derive the estimated total value of the natural resource damaged until the ecosystem structure, function, and services are estimated to be recovered.

The total value of the natural resource that is lost or damaged may include the initial and interim values of the ecosystem services provided by the natural resource or habitat, and the social-economic value of the degraded site, until the ecosystem structure, function, and/or services are restored. Assessing the damages to the resource could include: estimating the loss of ecosystem services of carbon sequestration, climate regulation, nutrient cycling, plant and/or wildlife habitat, biodiversity, air and water purification, erosion control, coastal protection, the loss of benefits to tourism, fisheries, society, cultural inspiration and practices, and any other services which may be valued.

These natural resource damages may be assessed using economic valuation techniques to estimate the total value(s) of the natural resource(s) damaged on a per area basis, including: total ecosystem service value, total annual benefits, the market value of the natural resource, or any other factor deemed appropriate. The total value of the present and interim natural resource damage may be estimated by calculating the net present value of these lost benefits, values and services. The net present value may be calculated using a discount rate to scale the present and future costs to the public, of the interim losses of ecosystem services over the restoration time. The restoration time may be

estimated as the number of years for the damaged natural resource or ecosystem to reach maturity and/or the ecosystem structure and function to be restored similar to the pre-violation state. The discount of future losses and accrued benefits may be used in the valuation of mitigation efforts performed by the violator. For example the restoration conducted immediately after damage occurred may be calculated to have a higher present benefit worth than the benefit of restoration activities undertaken a year or two later.

In other instances, a habitat equivalency analysis (HEA) or a resource equivalency analysis (REA) may be used to scale equivalent habitat or wildlife losses for estimating both ecosystem damage penalties and restoration efforts.

3.3 ADJUDICATION OF DAMAGES

The adjudication of primary restoration damages and compensatory damages will be adjudicated by the Board due to the complexity of the assessment process and to assure proper checks and balances, including adequate public notice and a public hearing.

In addition to the damages and penalty violations assessed, the Department is allowed to recoup all administrative costs associated with the alleged violation pursuant to HRS §183C-7(b). All penalties assessed will be in compliance with HRS §183C-7(c) and will not prohibit any person from exercising native Hawaiian gathering rights or traditional cultural practices.

APPENDIX A: GUIDELINE FRAMEWORK TABLES

Table 1. Penalty Guideline Framework

Harm to resource or potential for harm to resource	Identified land use permit beginning with the letter	Penalty Range
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Minor	B (Site Plan)	\$1,000-\$2,000
Very Minor	(B) (Site Plan)	Up to \$1,000*

Table 2. Vegetation Removal

Action	Comparable Harm to Resource	Penalty Range
Removal of more than 10,000 sq. ft.	Major	\$10,000-\$15,000
Removal of Vegetation or of 2,000-10,000 sq. ft. of vegetation	Moderate	\$2,000-\$10,000
Removal of less than 2,000 sq. ft. vegetation	Minor	\$1,000-\$2,000
Clearing of invasive or noxious vegetation	Very Minor	Up to \$1,000*

Note: According to Table 2, the clearing of vegetation may incur a penalty of up to \$1/sq. ft., as clearing 10,000 sq. ft. Staff could assess a penalty of \$10,000. The clearing of threatened, endangered or commercially valuable plants, will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, but depending on the importance of the species may incur a penalty of up to \$15,000 per plant.

APPENDIX B: DEFINITIONS

recreation, scientific discovery, fisheries, society, cultural inspiration and practices, and any other services which may be valued.

Definitions:

- (1) "Baseline" means the original level of services provided by the damaged resource.
- (2) "Benefit Transfer Method" estimates economic values by transferring existing benefit estimates from studies already completed for another location or issue.⁷
- (3) "Board" means the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
- (4) "Board Permit" means a permit approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
- (5) "Chairperson" means the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources
- (6) "Civil Resource Violations System" or "CRVS" means a system of administrative law proceedings as authorized under chapter 199D, HRS, and further prescribed in Subchapter 7, 13-1, HAR, for the purpose of processing civil resource violations.
- (7) "Compensatory Damages" means damages for compensation for the interim loss of ecosystem services to the public prior to full recovery.
- (8) "Contested Case" means a proceeding in which the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after an opportunity for an agency hearing.
- (9) "Department" means the Department of Land and Natural Resources.
- (10) "Departmental Permit" means a permit approved by the Chairperson.
- (11) "Discounting" means an economic procedure that weights past and future benefits or costs such that they are comparable with present benefits and costs.
- (12) "Ecosystem Services" means natural resources and ecosystem processes, which may be valued according to their benefits to humankind.

For example: carbon sequestration, climate regulation, nutrient cycling, plant and/or wildlife habitat, biodiversity, air and water purification, erosion control, coastal protection, the loss of benefits to tourism,

- (13) "Grossly negligent" violation means conscious and voluntary acts or omissions characterized by the failure to perform a manifest duty in reckless disregard of the consequences.⁸
- (14) "Harm to resource" means an actual or potential impact, whether direct or indirect, short or long term, acting on a natural, cultural or social resource, which is expected to occur as a result of unauthorized acts of construction, shoreline alteration, or landscape alteration as is defined as follows:
 - (a) "Major Harm to resource" means a significant adverse impact(s), which can cause substantial adverse impact to existing natural resources within the surrounding area, community or region, or damage the existing physical and environmental aspects of the land, such as natural beauty and open space characteristics
 - (b) "Moderate Harm to Resource" means an adverse impact(s), which can degrade water resources, degrade native ecosystems and habitats, and/or reduce the structure or function of a terrestrial, littoral or marine system (but not to the extent of those previously defined as those in (a)).
 - (c) "Minor Harm to Resource" means limited to short-term direct impacts from small scaled construction or shoreline or vegetation alteration activities.
 - (d) "Very Minor Harm to Resource" means an action in which the impact on the water resource or terrestrial, littoral or marine ecosystem was insignificant, and was not of a substantial nature either individually or cumulatively.

For example, "major harm to the resource(s)" would be associated with a major land use violation that would have likely required a Board Permit, such as building a house, while a "minor harm to the resource(s)" may be

⁷ Definition adapted from Florida Department of Environmental Protection. 2000 Administrative Fines and Damage Liability. Ch. 62B-54.

⁸ Ecosystem Valuations http://www.ecosystemvaluation.org/benefit_transfer.htm

associated with minor land uses requiring an administrative Site Plan Approval, for building a small accessory structure.

APPENDIX C: REFERENCES

- (15) "Knowing" means an act or omission done with awareness of the nature of the conduct.
- (16) "Net Present Value" means the total present value (PV) of a time series of cash flows.
- (17) "OCCL Administrator" means the Administrator of the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands.
- (18) "Party" means each person or agency named or admitted as a party.
- (19) "Person" means an appropriate individuals, partnership, corporation, association, or public or private organization of any character other than agencies.
- (20) "Presiding Officer" means the person conducting the hearing, which shall be the chairperson, or the chairperson's designated representative.
- (21) "Primary Restoration Damages" means the costs to restore the damaged site to its prior baseline state.
- (22) "Site Plan" means a plan drawn to scale, showing the actual dimensions and shape of the property, the size and locations on the property of existing and proposed structures and open areas including vegetation and landscaping.
- (23) "Willful violation" means an act or omission which is voluntary, intentional and with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or fail to do something the law requires to be done.

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APPENDIX D: DAMAGES EXAMPLES

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Examples of Damage Assessments and Possible Remediation Efforts

The following are only brief past estimates used in Hawaii and other states; they are by no means comprehensive or limiting. These are intended to be examples for possible assessments and remediation efforts not as templates. As previously stated each case will be handled individually to account for unique ecological, economic and cultural impacts. The following are organized by habitat type.

Coral

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Civil Damages):

The DEP can impose fines of up to \$1,000/m² of reef damaged and is dependent on the absence of extenuating circumstances such as weather conditions, disregard of safe boating practices, navigational error, whether the vessel operator was under the influence of drugs or alcohol etc.

Cesar et al 2002 (Ecosystem Service Valuation)

Cesar et al. used a Simple Coral Reef Ecological Economic Model (SCREEM) to assess Hawaiian coral reefs based on the annual benefits of the coral reefs to recreation/tourism, property amenities, biodiversity, fisheries and education. The annual benefits and total economic value could then be expressed on a 'per area' basis. This study found the total annual benefits of the coral reefs of Hanauma Bay to be \$37.57 million (\$2,568/m²), of the coral reefs in Kihei to be \$28.09 million (\$65/m²) and the coral reefs on the Kona coast to be \$17.68 million (\$19/m²).

Pila enforcement (KA-02-10) (Primary Restoration Cost)

Damage to Coral reef ecosystems was assessed for restoration activities according to Florida guidelines, as \$5,830,000 for 5,380 m² of coral reef damage. This calculation

was similar to the estimated cost of remediation efforts \$390,000 to clean 5,000 yd³ of beach sand. However between 30,000-50,000 yd³ was estimated to be impacted, totaling approximately \$85,000 (for the 13 acres, or \$65,000 for 10m²). This totaled between \$3,100,000 and \$4,700,000, and did not include coral colony re-establishment. An additional \$630,000 was estimated for the 10-year monitoring period, (however studies by Cesar et al. 2003 estimated a 25 year period for recovery of ecological impacts).

Thus damage to corals may be calculated as follows:

Number of square meters of coral damaged

X Multiplied by \$1,000 (or estimated value of coral on per/area basis)
(#m² x \$1000)

Plus the estimated net present value of ecosystem services lost until recovery. (This may be more if damage to an area such as Hanaua Bay with increased recreational economic revenue.)

- +Plus cost of Remediation
- +Plus Cost of cleaning sediment from reef
- +Plus Cost of cleaning sediment/mud from beach sand
- +Plus Cost of coral reestablishment
- +Plus Cost of Monitoring
- +Plus Cost of Management

Seagrass beds (Compensatory Damage)

The Florida DEP fines offenders \$100/yd² of damage to seagrass beds for the first yd² damaged and \$75/yd² per each additional yd² damaged.

- \$100 for the first yard damaged
- +\$75 per each additional yard
- or net present total value of ecosystem services lost until recovery
 - +vegetation planting
 - +monitoring

Sand Beaches (ex. Of Primary Restoration Costs)

Minimum penalty cost of restoration and potential negative ecological, social and environmental impacts should be included in the assessment of damaged, degraded or lost sandy beaches. As one of Hawaii's greatest natural resources the following should be included in the minimum penalty assessment, however, as ecological valuation and research continue, more comprehensive estimates may be produced. In KA-02-10 Pilaa, \$390,000 fine was estimated to clean 5,000 yd³ of beach.

- +Cost of lost revenue due to altered Beach resources (compensatory)
- +primary restoration costs
- +Plus cost of cleaning of sediment/mud from beach area (if necessary)
- +Plus cost of beach nourishment (sand replacement)
- +Plus cost of native dune vegetation

(In some circumstances the loss of beach resources may be assessed in conjunction with other ecological impacts listed above, such as coral reefs and sea grass beds.)

APPENDIX E: PENALTY CALCULATION WORKSHEET

3. Does the violator's have a history of violations?

Violator's Name(s): _____

TMK: _____

OCCL Staff Member: _____

Date: _____

4. Was the violation repetitions or of a long duration?

5. Was the violator Responsive and exhibit a level of cooperation of with the Department and/or Staff?

Part 1- Penalties

Violation Type	Permit Prefix	Harm to Resource (D,C, B) (actual & potential)	Tree or Vegetation Status	Penalty Range	Adjustments (Mark Adj. Choice #1-8)	Multi-day (# days)	Total
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

Penalty Total:

Penalty Adjustments and Descriptions (please attach additional adjustments and descriptions, including but not limited to those listed in §13-1-70)

1. Actual environmental damage extent (onsite)

Description: _____

7. Did the violator receive Economic or commercial gain through non-compliance?

6. Does the Violator have a Financial Hardship?

8. Other.

Description: _____

Total Adjustment: up/down _____

Multi-day penalties

Number of days to multiply penalty: _____

Reasoning: _____

2. Actual environmental damage extent (offsite)

Description: _____

Total multi-day: _____