STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 10, 2015

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii


APPLICANT:
World Triathlon Corporation, a foreign corporation.

LEGAL REFERENCE:
Sections 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:
Portion of Government lands situated at Lalamilo, South Kohala, Hawaii, identified by Tax Map Key: (3) 6-9-001: portion of 015, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit A.

AREA:
545.025 acres, more or less.

ZONING:
State Land Use District: Conservation
County of Hawaii CZO: Ag-5A

TRUST LAND STATUS:
Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: YES __ NO __x__
CURRENT USE STATUS:

Encumbered by Revocable Permit No. S-7786, Volcano Island Honey Company, LLC, Permittee, for apiary purposes.

Encumbered by Revocable Permit No. S-7820, Volcano Island Honey Company, LLC, Permittee, for apiary purposes.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Temporary access purposes.

TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

One day. May 30, 2015, between the hours of 8:30am to 12:30pm.

CONSIDERATION:

Gratis.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Sections 11-200-8(a)(1) & (4) and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources approved by the Environmental Council and dated December 4, 1991, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, which states, “Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.” And Exemption Class No. 4, which states, “Minor alterations in the conditions of land, water or vegetation.”

DCCA VERIFICATION:

| Place of business registration confirmed: | YES _x_ | NO |
| Registered business name confirmed: | YES _x_ | NO |
| Applicant in good standing confirmed: | YES _x_ | NO |

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

1) Contact and notify the Puako Community Association of the proposed activity and to coordinate accesses through a locked gate at the Puako Roman Catholic Church property.
REMARKS:

The subject 545.025 acre parcel consisting primarily of grasslands with a kiawe forest is identified as TMK: (3) 6-9-001:015. A graveled roadway for emergency evacuation purposes traverses the property, which would lead evacuees to the Mauna Lani Resort property.

At its meeting of September 26, 2008 (D-4) and December 9, 2011 (D-2), Volcano Island Honey Company, LLC, was approved two revocable permits for Apiary purposes. Revocable Permit No. S-7786 & Revocable Permit No. S-7820 each consisting of approximately 5 acres.

Over the past 11 years, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources has approved the World Triathlon Corporation a right-of-entry permit to traverse State-owned lands for use of the Puako Evacuation Road relating to its annual Ironman 70.3 Hawaii (Honu Half Ironman) Triathlon. The triathlon entails a swim transition at Hapuna Beach State Park and a bike-to-run transition at the Fairmont Orchid Hawaii. The proposed use of the subject evacuation roadway is to allow hotel staff and/or Ironman Triathlon personnel with their support vehicles to transport safety equipment between Hapuna Beach and the Fairmont Orchid Hawaii. Transporting of the equipment will be done using 4-wheel drive Gators. The proposed activity is expected to be on Saturday, May 30, 2015, between the hours of 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Staff is recommending that this permit be at gratis, as Permittee and/or persons acting for or on its behalf will not profit monetarily as this right-of-entry is strictly for access purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to the World Triathlon Corporation (Ironman 70.3 Hawaii Triathlon/Honu Half Ironman) covering the subject area under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:

   A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time;

   B. This right-of-entry is for May 30, 2015, between the hours of 8:30am to 12:30pm;
C. Permittee shall contact and discuss with the Puako Community Association the proposed activity and to coordinate possession of the key to a locked gate at the Puako Roman Catholic Church property;

D. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Wesley T. Matsunaga
Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

[Signature]

Carty S. Chang, Interim Chairperson
HAPUNA BEACH STATE PARK

SWIM COURSE
1.2 mi - 1.93 km

KEY
- Swim
- Bike
- Aid Stations
- Timing Mat

TO QUEEN KA'AHUMANU HWY

BEACH PATH

T1

START

1.2 mi - 1.93 km
BIKE COURSE
56 mi - 90.1 km

KEY
- Bike
- Aid Stations
- Timing Mat

IRONMAN 70.3 HAWAII

HAWI

KAWAIHAE

HAPUNA BEACH STATE PARK
BIKE START - T1

BIKE FINISH

MAUNA LANI DR.

Turnaround

QUEEN KA'AHUMANU HWY
RUN COURSE
13.1 mi - 21.1 km

KEY
- Bike
- Run
- Full Aid Stations
- Out & Back Full Aid Stations
- Liquids-Only Aid Stations
- Timing Mat

PUAKO PETROGLYPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK
THE FAIRMONT ORCHID
FINISH
PAUOA BEACH
MAUNA LANI BAY HOTEL & BUNGALOWS
NOMURA HAWAII VILLAGE
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: World Triathlon Corporation, 2014 Ironman 70.3 Hawaii Triathlon.

Project / Reference No.: Puako, Lalamilo, South Kohala, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 6-9-001: portion of 015.

Project Location: To authorize World Triathlon Corporation, Fairmont Orchid Hawaii personnel, and/or persons acting for or on its behalf to traverse unencumbered State lands by way of the Puako Emergency Assess Roadway to transport safety equipment between Hapuna Beach State Park and the Fairmont Orchid Hawaii Hotel. Transporting of equipment will be done using 4-wheel drive gators. The proposed activity will be conducted on Saturday, between the hours of 8:30am to 12:30pm, May 30, 2015.

Project Description:

Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State lands.

Exemption Class No. and Description: In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Sections 11-200-8(a)(1) & (4) and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources approved by the Environmental Council and dated December 4, 1991, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, which states, “Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.” And Exemption Class No. 4, which states, “Minor alterations in the conditions of land, water or vegetation.”

Exemption Item Description from Agency Exemption List: Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

Consulted Parties: Minor alterations in the conditions of land, water or vegetation.

Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands was previously consulted as a source authority having jurisdiction or expertise in this matter, and concur that the exemption identified above is applicable to and appropriate for the proposed project.
Recommendation: It is recommended that the above request be exempt from requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, as it will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

The subject site has been in continued use as an emergency evacuation roadway since the 1980's. The proposed use by the World Triathlon Corporation will involve negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

Carty S. Chang, Interim Chairperson

2/13/15

Date