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

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

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Authorization to Issue Procurement Solicitation and Award of Contract Under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 103D for the Maintenance of the Peekauai Ditch (TMK: (4) 1-5-002:008 & 009) and the Stream Mouth Maintenance at Waimea, Wailua, and Kapaa Rivers on Kauai, Hawaii

BACKGROUND:

Land Division, through the Engineering Division, desires to hire a consultant to provide the design, permitting, bidding and construction services for the one-time removal of sand from the mouth of the Waimea River, conduct routine maintenance (sand removal) at the mouths of the Waimea, Wailua, and Kapaa rivers, and clear overgrowths and debris along approximately 700 feet length of the Peekauai Ditch (Menehune Ditch). See Exhibit A-1 to A-7.

For the one-time removal of sand from the Waimea River and maintenance of the mouths of the three rivers the design shall include a topographical survey, site visits, preliminary engineering work, obtaining required permits, providing plans (including best management practice details), and conduct one public outreach meeting. The design for the clearing of debris and overgrowth from the Peekauai Ditch shall include site visits, preliminary engineering work, obtaining required permits, designing the removal of vegetation and sediments within and along a portion of the ditch, and preparing an archaeological monitoring plan.

The procurement will be made in accordance with the State Procurement Code, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 103D.

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources approved by the Environmental Council and dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, Item 39. See Exhibit B.

RECOMMENDATION:

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. That the Board of Land and Natural Resources authorize the issuance of procurement solicitation and award of the contract under HRS Chapter 103D for the work described above and authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary documents pertaining to the project, including any supplemental contracts to address unforeseen project related conditions and to exercise options as provided in the contract for the above referenced project, subject to funding, review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shoreline Disposition Specialist

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
EXHIBIT A-1
Peekauai Ditch TMK: (4) 1-5-002:008 & 009
EXHIBIT A-3
Waimea River mouth vicinity

EXHIBIT A-5
Subject Area

Wailua River mouth vicinity

EXHIBIT A-6
Kapaa River mouth vicinity

EXHIBIT A-7
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

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

Project Title: Contract design for the stream maintenance at Waimea, Wailua, and Kapaa rivers, and the Peekauai Ditch on Kauai.
Project / Reference No.: Not applicable.
Project Location: Waimea, Wailua, and Kapaa rivers and Peekauai Ditch, Kauai.
Project Description: Contract design for the one-time removal of sand at the mouth of the Waimea river, the stream maintenance of the mouths of the Waimea, Wailua, and Kapaa rivers, and the removal of debris along a section of the Peekauai Ditch (Menehune Ditch).
Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State Land
Exemption Class No.: In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources approved by the Environmental Council and dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, Item 39, which states the “Removal of silt, debris, sand and limu from above high water mark, from river and stream mouths, and from boat launching ramps”.

In the past, sediment and debris removal of the Peekauai Ditch and stream maintenance at the mouths of Waimea, Wailua, and Kapaa rivers were periodically conducted to maintain natural water flow, which have resulted in no known significant impacts to the natural and environmental resources in the area. As such staff believes that the proposed event would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.

Consulted Parties: Engineering Division.
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board find that this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Date 3/4/16

EXHIBIT B