

April 5, 2010

Jo-Ann T. Ridao
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Re: Lana'i City Affordable Housing Project

Aloha Jo-Ann,

The flora and fauna survey and assessment study I conducted in August 2008 included a general survey of insects. At the time of the survey, and to this day, there are no insects or invertebrates on Lana'i that are on the endangered species list. I do, however, observe insects and invertebrates and look for native species that may be of interest or concern. These would be addressed in my report if found. None were found. The project site is located on old agricultural land that has an abundance of non-native species and habitat. It is also far-removed from native habitats on Lana'i.

The rare damselfly (*Megalagrion xanthomelas*) was observed on the margins of the reservoir behind the Ko'ele Lodge about one mile distant from the Lana'i City Affordable Housing Project. This damselfly is restricted to aquatic habitats such as this reservoir. The project is far removed from this reservoir and contains no habitat that would attract these insects.

I have determined that there are no real environmental concerns regarding insects or invertebrates (or any other plants or animals) that would be negatively impacted by this project.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide clarification regarding my flora and fauna study.

Sincerely,

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