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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE (EISPN)

HO'ONANI VILLAGE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAI'I TMK (2) 3-8-006:004

**MAPPS CASE: DEMD2025-00004** 

This letter is in response to your December 5, 2025 request for comments on the project document published in the December 8, 2025 edition of *The Environmental Notice*. A review by our Wastewater Reclamation Division (WWRD) has compiled the following:

- 1. We understand that the subject project is being developed is approximately 166.5 acres of the former Puunene Sugar Mill property located west of Pulehu Rd. and north of Hansen Rd. in Kahului. The project includes a mix of multifamily residential units, industrial and commercial development. Per the information available, the project will develop approximately 1,608 residential units, approximately 464,000 sf of industrial/commercial property with additional space for a possible 700± housing units. It is expected that the project will produce approximately one million gallons per (1 MGD) day of wastewater (average daily flow) at final buildout.
- 2. The proposed project is outside of the current sewer service area.
- 3. If the development intends to connect to the County wastewater system, we note that there is currently not enough capacity within the existing sewer collection system.
  - a. Assuming the sewer tie-in would be at Pakaula Street (SMH KA02XB3950) the project's wastewater will ultimately affect approximately 7,900 feet of existing gravity sewer lines from the tie-in point to the Alamaha Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS). These lines would need to be increased in size.

- b. The Alamaha WWPS (aka A&B WWPS), force main and 200 feet of gravity line after discharge would also need to be upgraded to accept the additional flow. Further analysis of the Kahului WWPS and its force main would need to be conducted to determine if it would have adequate capacity.
- 4. Similarly, there is not enough capacity at the Wailuku/Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF) to accept flow at this time.
  - a. The facility currently processes approximately 5.6 million gallons per day (mgd) of wastewater. To date the County has allocated about 7.5 mgd of the plants 7.9 mgd capacity.
  - b. In addition, the strength of wastewater has exceeded its original design value further decreasing actual available plant capacity.
  - c. Efforts to increase treatment capacity are underway. To accept any flow, the Ho'onani Village project would need to wait until late 2029 or 2030 for the Central Maui WWRF near Waikapu to be constructed and become operational and existing flow diverted, and/or until WWRD is successful in increasing treatment capacity at the Wailuku/Kahului WWRF.
- 5. Based on the required upgrades to the existing wastewater infrastructure and treatment capacity status WWRD suggests that the developer perform a detailed cost analysis to determine if an onsite WWRF would be more feasible.
- 6. Note that capacity cannot be guaranteed until building permits are issued. There is always a possibility that adequate capacity may not be available if construction is delayed, other projects are developed, or regulatory conditions change.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information regarding our ability to serve this project, do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 270-8230 or our Wastewater Division at (808) 270-7417.

Sincerely,

SHAYNE R. AGAWA, P.E. Director of Environmental Management

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