



Fw: A25-811F W: OHA Comment Re: DEIS for Ho'onani Village Mixed Use Development Project, Pu'unene, Maui



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Subject: OHA Comment Re: DEIS for Ho'onani Village Mixed Use Development Project, Pu'unene, Maui

Aloha e Emily,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is in receipt of your letter dated March 20, 2026, regarding the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Ho'onani the Village Mixed Use Development Project at Pu'unene, Maui [TMK (2)3-8-006: 001, 004 & 005].

In regards to archaeological resources, OHA supports minimally pursuing archaeological monitoring for the project. OHA requests to be provided with copies of any current or future correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD).

In regards to water resources, OHA observes that while the project's projected daily average demand for water of 1.1 MGD exceeds the sustainable yield for the Kahului aquifer of 1.0 MGD, the DEIS indicates that the applicant will continue to coordinate with the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) and County of Maui to ensure adequate water supply is available and the aquifer is recharged. CWRM further recommended consultation with the 'Aha Moku to determine if proposed water usage will impact any traditional and customary practices. OHA supports CWRM's call for further consultation with the Aha Moku and the DEIS's proposal to complete a supplemental Ka Pa'akai Analysis for any water use permit submission to CWRM. As part of these processes, OHA would like to see clear assurances that effectiveness of any water management methods will be monitored and that adjustments will be implemented to correct any deviations from projected aquifer recharge rates and possible impacts to identified traditional and customary practices.

Mahalo for your time. We look forward to continuing consultation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo,

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