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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
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Mr. Brian Choy, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: Negative Declaration for Proposed Acquisition of
Kaiwa Ridge parcel, Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii, TMK:
4-2-02:17.

Enclosed are four (4) copies of an Environmental Assessment for the State of Hawaii's proposed acquisition of that parcel of land situate at Kaiwa Ridge, Lanikai, Kailua, Oahu identified as TMK: 4-2-02:17.

Based on the assessment, we have concluded that the proposed acquisition will not have any significant environmental impact and therefore does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

We also enclose a copy of the OEQC form for publication in the OEQC Bulletin.

Please call Sojin Serikaku of our Land Management office at 7-0427 if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM W. PATY

Enclosure

1992-03-08-0A-~~FEA~~-Kaiwa Ridge Parcel Acquisition

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

For the

KAIWA RIDGE PARCEL ACQUISITION FOR
INCORPORATION INTO THE
NA ALA HELE TRAIL PROGRAM

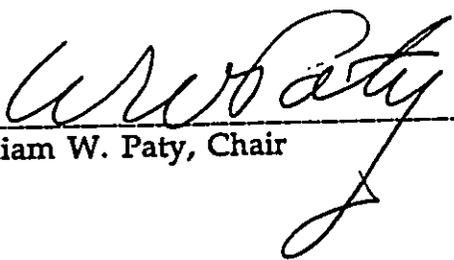
TMK: 4-2-02: 17

This Environmental document prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS

PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
DIVISION OF LAND MANAGEMENT
STATE OF HAWAII

Responsible

Official:


William W. Paty, Chair

2/18/92
Date

PREPARED BY
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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1. PROJECT LOCATION (USGS QUAD. MAP)
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I SUMMARY

**CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES (HRS)
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Proposing Agency: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Land Management

Project Name: Kaiwa Ridge Acquisition

Project Description: The proposed project involves the acquisition of a privately owned parcel for incorporation into the Na Ala Hele Trail Program. The purpose is "To protect and preserve lands having value as a resource to the State including natural, environmental, recreational, and scenic values, to control future growth, development and land uses, and for incorporation into the Na Ala Hele Trail Program."

Project Location: Land situate at Kaiwa Ridge, Lanikai, Kailua, Oahu identified as TMK: 4-2-02: 17.

State Land Use: Conservation

County Zoning: Preservation

Contact: Environmental Communications, Inc.
P.O. Box 536
Honolulu, HI 96809
Telephone: 521-8391
Attention: Fred Rodriguez

II PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Location

The subject parcel is located approximately 14.5 miles from Honolulu and one mile from Lanikai, Oahu and is generally the top of Kaiwa Ridge in the Keolu Hills, behind Lanikai and overlooking the Mid Pacific Country Club. To the east of the area below the ridge is the Lanikai residential tract; to the south is the Bellows Air Field; to the west is unimproved hillside lands as a continuation of Kaiwa Ridge and the Keolu Hills; to the north is the town of Kailua, and immediately below the site is the Mid Pacific Country golf course and the Blue Stone townhouse condominium project. (See Figure 1.)

B. KAIWA RIDGE

Historically, the subject parcel was acquired by the military shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor (@ 1942) for use as the Podmore Fire Control Stations and also as observer control for Bellows AFB. Previously conducted site inspections shows various remains of troop use, i.e. the concrete bunkers which remain to this date, and also barbed wire fencing along the area's property lines. The troops manning the site slept and lived in tents in shifts on the parcel's westerly slopes. Water and Power lines were brought up from below to serve the bunkers and tent quarters from the Lanikai side of the Ridge.

After end of World War II, the Honolulu Corps of Engineers finalized the U.S. title to the area by Map 47 of Land Court Application 616, Map 67 of Land Court Application 505, and portion of the lands described and covered by Royal Patent Number 4475 of Land Commission Award 7713, Apana 45 to Victoria Kamamalu. The parcel was declared surplus by the General Services Administration (GSA) and was offered for sale to the highest bidder. Both the State and the City & County did not offer to acquire the parcel, and the successful bidder was Mrs. R.C. Kupfer on December 16, 1963 for \$27,000.00.

C. Environmental Characteristics

The site is presently undeveloped open space lands and consists of 4.133 acres. (See Figure 2) According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, "Soil Survey of Islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai, State of Hawaii", the predominant soils on the parcel are Kokokahi very stony clay, KTKE., 0-35% slope. This soil is categorized as "very

sticky and very plastic, cracking widely upon drying. There are also many stones and boulders on the surface and throughout the profile. Runoff is medium to rapid, and the erosion hazard is moderate to severe. This soil is used generally for pasture and is too stony for cultivated crops. Annual rainfall ranges from 20-35 inches and the natural vegetation consists of kiawe, koa haole, klu, bristly foxtail, pilgrass, and bermudagrass.

A site inspection and literature search of the Bishop Museum and State Historical Society did not reveal the presence of any historic sites on the parcel.

Existing flora and fauna are not considered rare or endangered and the parcel is not considered a viable habitat or nesting refuge for protected species.

III. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

The parcel has been the subject of review and discussion as a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) permit for a single family residence since the mid-1970s; there has been lengthy testimony given during the many hearings before the Board of Land and Natural Resources. The CDUA permit #1030 has since lapsed and at this point, the Land Management Division has submitted to the Board of Land and Natural Resources on August 23, 1991, a "Request for Authorization to acquire Land having Natural, Environmental, Recreational and Scenic Values, and for incorporation into the Na Ala Hele Trail Program". Authorization for the formal acquisition of the subject parcel is provided for under the provisions of Chapter 173A, HRS, Acquisition of Resource Value Lands. Further, the Land Management Division contends that the proposed acquisition is in consonance with Article XI, Section four (4), of the State Constitution which states that " The State shall have the power to acquire interests in real property to control future growth, development and land use within the State. The exercise of such power is deemed to be for a public use and purpose. " The subsequent cancellation of the CDUA permit and the denying of the request by the landowner, WACOR, Inc. for a contested case hearing by the Board of Land and Natural Resources will probably result in a lengthy judicial review of the matter. The preparation of this E.A. document is a preliminary step in the State's process of acquisition. The long range future plan to incorporate the site into the Na Ala Hele Trail Program is cited in the recently completed Program Plan entitled " Na Ala Hele Hawai'i Trail & Access System" May, 1991 prepared by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), State of Hawaii, DLNR. References are made in Chapter II, pages II-3, 4, with specific attention to the last sentence in page II-4, "*The complex can be expanded in the future with potential trails to Lanikai, the ocean, and along the base of the pali in Waimanalo*". Consequently, this E.A. does not address any physical impact parameters; any such discussions will take place at the time of the actual design planning based on the improvements to the site that will be proposed by the State for use as part of the Na Ala Hele Trail Program.

IV. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The "Do-Nothing" alternative was not considered a viable alternative in view of the recent development of the recently completed DOFAW study on the Na Ala Hele Trail program. This recognition by DLNR on preserving Resource lands for the public good has placed a sharper focus on the preservation aspect of all such Conservation designated lands. The potential loss on a permanent basis of such lands as this parcel will be irretrievable.

The landowner's proposal for residential development is another alternative that must be reviewed. This alternative would preserve the landowner's rights to develop his property on the basis that the review process would have to be adhered to by the applicant. Further, the applicant would need to comply with all government laws, rules, ordinances, and statutes governing development in a Conservation District, including a State Land Use Boundary Amendment, County Development Plan Amendment, Zoning Change, and other requirements that may be required. The applicant/landowner would then need to determine if the review process through the State and City process of land use policy change would be cost effective, considering that it could involve a minimum of 2-3 years time.

V. FUNDING AND PHASING

The acquisition process has been initiated with this E.A. document; the balance of the process will involve the completion of the E.A. document review and acceptance or non-acceptance of the E.A., appraisal of the subject parcel, and negotiations to acquire the land. At this early phase of the process, the funding is contingent on the appraisal and how acquisition will be accomplished, i.e. negotiated purchase, condemnation, or judicial action.

VI. DETERMINATION, FINDINGS, AND REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION

After completing an assessment of the potential environmental effects of the proposed acquisition, and consulting with other government agencies, it has been determined that for the purposes of acquisition, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. Therefore, this document constitutes a Notice of Negative Declaration.

Reasons supporting The Negative Declaration determination are as follows, using as the criteria, the policy, guideline and provisions of Chapters 342, 343, and 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

1. The proposed acquisition will not adversely affect the physical and social environment.
2. There will be no change in the existing ambient air and noise levels. Terrain features on the site will not be affected or changed.
3. There are no known endangered species of animal or plant within the project metes and bounds.
4. There are no known natural, historic, or archaeological sites within the project limits.
5. The acquisition would not alter or impact the State Land Use District Boundary designation, or the City & County Development Plan map, or the Zoning map. There would be no secondary impact on future urban development, population, or public facilities.
6. This Notice of Negative Declaration shall serve to meet the requirements of Chapter 343, HRS.

VII. LIST OF AGENCIES TO BE CONSULTED DURING
PREPARATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Date of Consultation</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
<u>Federal</u>		
U.S. Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service	1-17-92	
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service	1-17-92	
<u>State of Hawaii</u>		
Office of State Planning	1-17-92	
Department of Business and Economic Development	1-17-92	
Department of Health Environmental Management Division	1-17-92	
Department of Land and Natural Resources 1-16-92		1-23-92 (Div.of State Parks) 1-24-92 (Hist.Pres.Div.) 1-27-92 (Div.of Water Resource Mgt.) 1-29-92 (Aquatic.Resources Div.) 2-6-92 (Div.Forestry/Wildlife) 2-7-92 (Ofc.of Cons.& Env.Aff.) 2-18-92 (Div. of Land Mgt)
Department of The State Attorney General	1-17-92	
Environmental Center, University of Hawaii,	1-17-92	

City and County of Honolulu

Department of Land Utilization
Environmental Affairs Branch 1-17-92 1-22-92

Department of General Planning 1-17-92 2-6-92

Department of Parks and Recreation 1-17-92

Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 1-17-92

STATE OF HAWAII
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of State Parks

MEMORANDUM

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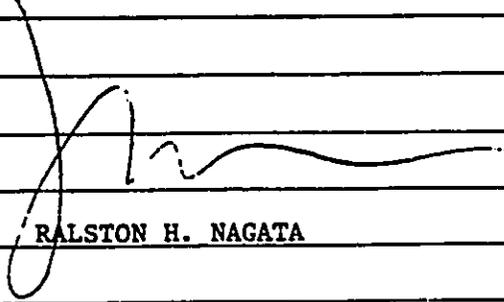
TO Division of Land Management DATE January 23, 1992

FROM Division of State Parks

SUBJECT Environmental Assessment for Kaiwa
Ridge and Mt. Olomana. Ref ACQ-92: 019

There are no known State Parks Division interests
in the two subject areas.

There may be a public need for a trail hub park
associated with the Koolaupoko Trail Complex but these
are expected to be relatively small developed areas. The
trails and wildlands would be managed by DDFAW.


RALSTON H. NAGATA

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January 24, 1992

MEMORANDUM

LOG NO: 4505
DOC NO: 0539T

TO: Roger Evans, OCEA

FROM: *Handwritten: Don Hibbard*
Don Hibbard, Administrator
for State Historic Preservation Division

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Acquisition
of the Kaiwa Ridge and Mt. Olomana Parcels
Kailua, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu
TMK: 4-2-02: 17; 4-2-05: 02 & 03

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONCERNS:

A review of our records shows that there are no known historic sites at these parcels. However, the parcels have not been inventoried, so historic sites may be present.

This action would transfer these lands from private to public ownership, a move that would enhance our Division's ability to protect historic sites that may be present. Thus, we believe that this action will have either "no effect" or a "beneficial effect" on historic sites.

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W. MASON YOUNG
LAND MANAGEMENT

W. MASON YOUNG (A092)

MEMORANDUM

TO: OFFICE OF CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AQUATIC RESOURCES DIVISION
DIVISION OF FORESTRY & WILDLIFE
STATE PARKS DIVISION
✓ DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

FROM: W. MASON YOUNG, Land Management Administrator

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment for the proposed acquisition of the Kaiwa Ridge (TMK: 4-2-02:17) and Mt. Olomana (TMK: 4-2-05:02 & 03) parcels

We have contracted the firm of Environmental Communications, Inc. to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the proposed acquisition of the subject parcels.

Attached is a copy of a January 10, 1992 letter from Environmental Communications, Inc. requesting our comments regarding this project. We would appreciate receiving comments from your division affecting your respective areas of concern.

We request that your response be provided within ten (10) days so that we can prepare a coordinated reply to Environmental Communications, Inc.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call Sojin Serikaku at ext. 7-0427 if there are any questions.

W. Mason Young
W. MASON YOUNG

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NO COMMENTS

Kazuo G. Akita
KAZUO G. AKITA, Manager-Chief Engineer

Date: 1-27-92

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MEMORANDUM

TO: OFFICE OF CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
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Div. of Aquatic Resources

*to Comments Henry M. ...
1/29/92*



NA ALA HELE
Hawaii Trail & Access System

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Memorandum

2/6/92

TO: W. Mason Young, Land Management Division

TH: Mike Buck, DOFAW Administrator *M. Buck*

FR: Herbert Kikukawa, Oahu DOFAW *HKK*

RE: Kaiwa Ridge, TMK 4-2-02:17

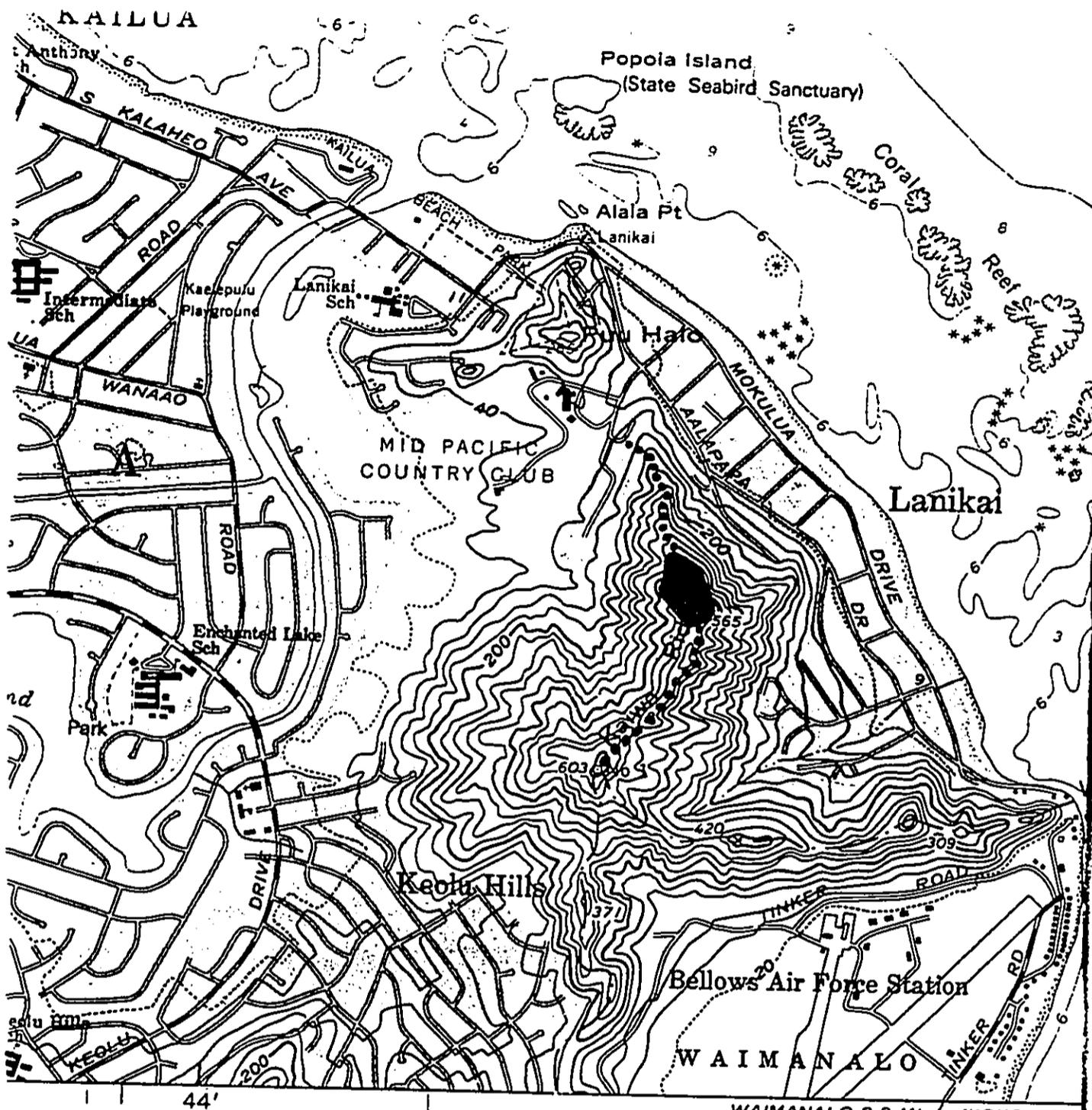
The Na Ala Hele (NAH) program - Oahu, has determined that state acquisition of the Kaiwa Ridge parcel would benefit the public and could be incorporated into the NAH system. After reconnaissance of the site on 1/30, NAH concluded that while some trail sections exceed the 25% maximum slope delineated in the NAH Program Plan for a hiking trail, certain reconstruction techniques could be utilized to provide a safer recreational experience without compromising aesthetic enjoyment of the area. The ridge provides sweeping views of Kailua and Lanikai, Waimanalo, Olomana and Maunawili valley.

The soil of the trail is very compacted, indicating considerable use, and relatively stable. The steepness of the adjacent terrain coupled with the abundance of "pili" grass and haole koa helps to contain users almost exclusively to the ridgeline. During the reconnaissance, three sandalwood trees were sighted. The pill boxes near the high point of the ridge appear to be intact and relatively safe, and provide an interesting (and flat) destination from which users can view the surrounding area.

TMK 4-2-02:17 does not extend to the highest point of Kaiwa Ridge, and it is unlikely that the trail users will only hike to the boundary of the proposed acquisition (the surface of the trail is well used to the highest elevation of the ridge - which contains a benchmark). Because of this, development by NAH of the lower section may increase public use of the area, and promote trespassing as pedestrians proceed along the ridgeline. Also, NAH has considered the feasibility of incorporating a Kaiwa Ridge trail to the proposed Koolaupoko trail complex in Maunawili - a difficult but not impossible task. For these reasons, NAH recommends that the state should also explore the possibility of acquiring or insuring access for the entire Kaiwa Ridge, in addition to the four-acre parcel.

Enclosures

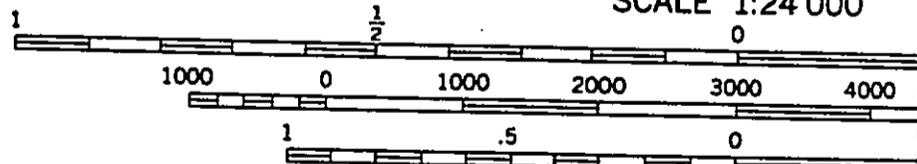
cc: Irv Kawashima, DOFAW
Chris Meller, NAH



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State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: W. Mason Young, Administrator
Division of Land Management

FROM: Roger G. Evans, Administrator
Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Acquisition
of the Kaiwa Ridge (TMK: 4-2-02: 17) and Mt. Olomana
(TMK: 4-2-5: 02 and 03) Parcels

The proposed acquisition of these parcels by the State would not normally affect OCEA. A CDUA proceeding is initiated only when the use of land is proposed. The transfer of a land title has no immediate significant effect on land use and therefore does not require CDUA.

Please feel free to call me or Sam Lemmo, at 7-0377, should you have any questions.



NA ALA HELE
Hawaii Trail & Access System

Memorandum

2/14/92

TO: W. Mason Young, Land Management Division
TH: Mike Buck, DOFAW Administrator *M.B.*
FR: Herbert Kikukawa, Oahu DOFAW *H.K.*
RE: Mt. Olomana parcels (TMK: 4-2-05:02 & 03)

DOFAW - Oahu District, has determined that state acquisition of the Olomana parcels would benefit the public by helping to insure the quality of the viewplane of the Olomana area. The Na Ala Hele (NAH) program has selected the Maunawili area as the site for the proposed Koolaupoko trail complex. Once the proposed complex has been constructed and is being used by the public, an aesthetic viewplane will be of even greater value and help to enhance the recreational experience.

cc: Irv Kawashima, DOFAW
Chris Meller, NAH

DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION
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January 22, 1992

Mr. F. J. Rodriguez
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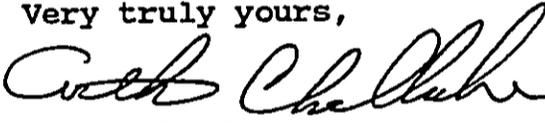
Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Kaiwa Ridge/Mt. Olomana Acquisition E.A.

Thank you for soliciting our input in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources planned acquisition of parcels on Kaiwa Ridge and Mt. Olomana.

We have no comments to make at this time. However, we respectfully request a copy of the completed Environmental Assessment for our review.

Very truly yours,


DONALD A. CLEGG
Director of Land Utilization

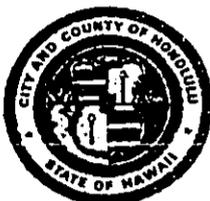
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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PLANNING
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650 SOUTH KING STREET
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February 3, 1992

Mr. F. J. Rodriguez
Environmental Communications Inc.
P.O. Box 536
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Kaiwa Ridge/Mt. Olomana Acquisition
Environmental Assessment (EA)

This is in response to your letter of January 17, 1992 asking for our comments relative to the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for the Kaiwa Ridge/Mt. Olomana acquisition.

The area proposed for acquisition is designated for Preservation use on the Development Plan Land Use Map for Koolaupoko. The proposal, which is intended to preserve a geographically unique aspect of Windward Oahu, is consistent with our General Plan objectives and policies for the natural environment. Therefore, we have no objections to the proposal at this time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Eugene Takahashi of our staff at 527-6022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin B. Lee", is written over the typed name and title.

BENJAMIN B. LEE
Chief Planning Officer

BBL:lh

cc: S. Serikaku (DLNR)

JOHN WAIHEE
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DIVISION OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Mr. F. J. Rodriguez, President
Environmental Communications, Inc.
1146 Fort Street Mall, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment for Mt. Olomana and
Kaiwa Ridge Acquisitions, TMK: 4-2-05: 02 and 03
and TMK: 4-2-02:17

We earlier provided you with copies of comments received from the various Divisions of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Land Management Divisions also offers the following comments.

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 173A, Acquisition of Resource Value Lands provides that the Board of Land and Natural Resources may acquire by purchase, gift or by eminent domain, lands having value as a resource to the State and that such acquisitions are declared to be for a public use. Land having value as a resource to the State includes land having natural environmental, recreational, scenic or historic values and may include park and trail systems which provides access to such land.

Although the State has provided for the regulation and control of land use and development of such resource value lands under provisions of various land use laws, these lands may in many instances require placement under public ownership and management in order that they can be made accessible to all of the people of the State.

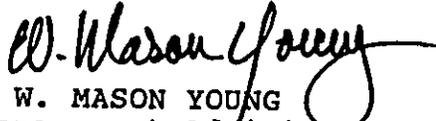
The Mt. Olomana and Kaiwa Ridge properties are considered resource value lands and their acquisition are considered necessary to insure that these lands are forever kept for public use.

Mr. F. J. Rodriguez
President
Environmental Communications, Inc.
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The landowners of the Mt. Olomana and Kaiwa Ridge parcels have opposed the acquisition of their properties by the State and have filed a petition with this department for a contested case hearing on this matter. Both requests are still pending.

Please call Sojin Serikaku at 587-0427 if there are any questions.

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