

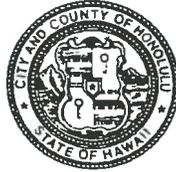
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May 11, 2016

Mr. Scott Glenn  
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Dear Mr. Glenn:

SUBJECT: Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade Project  
Final Environmental Assessment and Finding

With this letter, the Department of Design and Construction hereby transmits the final environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact (FEA-FONSI) for the Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade Project situated at Tax Map Key (TMK) 4:5-003:010, in the District of Koolaupoko on the island of Oahu for publication in the next available edition of the Environmental Notice.

The Department of Design and Construction has included copies of comments and responses that it received during the 30-day public comment period on the draft environmental assessment and anticipated finding of no significant impact (DEA-AFONSI).

Enclosed is a completed Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) Publication Form, two copies of the FEA-FONSI, an Adobe Acrobat PDF file of the same, and an electronic copy of the publication form in MS Word. Simultaneous with this letter, we have submitted the summary of the action in a text file by electronic mail to your office.

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If there are any questions, please contact Shelle Silva of our Wastewater Division at (808) 768-8763 or Ayako Kawabata, Project Manager at HDR Engineering, Inc. at (808) 697-6204.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Kroning, P.E.  
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Enclosures:

1. Final Environmental Assessment for Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade  
Project Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii
2. OEQC Publication Form
3. CD Containing FEA-FONSI in PDF and OEQC Publication in MS Word.

**AGENCY**  
**PUBLICATION FORM**

JUN 23 2016

Project Name:	Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade
Project Short Name:	Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade
HRS §343-5 Trigger(s):	Use of state or county lands or funds; Waste water facility, waste-to-energy facility, landfill, oil refinery, or power-generating facility
Island(s):	Oahu
Judicial District(s):	Koolaupoko
TMK(s):	4:5-003:010
Permit(s)/Approval(s):	<p><u>STATE OF HAWAII:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environmental Assessment (EA) under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 343</li> <li>▪ Construction Plans Approvals</li> <li>▪ Community Noise Permit (if required during construction)</li> <li>▪ Noise Variance</li> <li>▪ NPDES Dewatering Permit (contractor's option)</li> <li>▪ Initial Review and Applicable Approvals</li> </ul> <p><u>CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU (CCH):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construction Plan Approvals</li> <li>▪ Flood Elevation Certificate</li> <li>▪ Special Management Area Permit</li> <li>▪ Building Permit for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Demolition Work</li> <li>▪ Zoning Waiver for Side Yard Setback</li> <li>▪ Street Usage and Trenching Permit</li> <li>▪ Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit (contractor's option)</li> </ul>
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**Status (select one)** DEA-AFNSI**Submittal Requirements**

Submit 1) the proposing agency notice of determination/transmittal letter on agency letterhead, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEA, and 4) a searchable PDF of the DEA; a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

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- FEIS Statutory Acceptance                      Timely statutory acceptance of the FEIS under Section 343-5(c), HRS, is not applicable to agency actions.
- Supplemental EIS Determination                      The accepting authority simultaneously transmits its notice to both the proposing agency and the OEQC that it has reviewed (pursuant to Section 11-200-27, HAR) the previously accepted FEIS and determines that a supplemental EIS is or is not required; no EA is required and no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
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- Other                      Contact the OEQC if your action is not one of the above items.

**Project Summary**

Provide a description of the proposed action and purpose and need in 200 words or less.

The City and County of Honolulu is proposing to upgrade its Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) in Kaneohe on the windward side of Oahu. Proposed upgrades to the existing Waikapoki WWPS include replacement of the two existing pumps with two higher capacity pumps, renovation of existing pump station, and other miscellaneous onsite improvements. The generator room within the existing pump station building is proposed to be converted into an electrical/motor control center (MCC) room. A new emergency generator building is proposed to be constructed to house a new, upgraded diesel engine generator. Acoustical treatment will be provided to the pump station building and generator building to minimize noise emissions. To reduce the potential for vapor cavity formation and pressure surges caused by shutdown of pumps from power failure, two vacuum relief valves, located in below-grade manholes, will be added to the existing force main (pressure line) to which the pump station discharges.

The construction will occur primarily within the Waikapoki WWPS site. A new underground electrical ductline and manhole system will be installed in the existing HECO utility easement within the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex and a portion of Mahalani Place to accommodate a new HECO primary feeder. Since the project site is located within a townhouse complex and residential neighborhood, measures to minimize impact to nearby residences will be implemented to the extent practicable. There will be some short-term construction impacts such as increase in the number of vehicles accessing the site, construction equipment noise, and dust. The determination for this Final EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

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**Final Submittal**

**Final Environmental Assessment and  
Finding of No Significant Impact for  
Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade  
Kaneohe, Hawaii**

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**Final Environmental Assessment and  
Finding of No Significant Impact  
for  
WAIKAPOKI WASTEWATER PUMP STATION UPGRADE**

**Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii  
TMK: 4-5-003:010**

**May 23, 2016**

**THIS ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Responsible Official:

*Robert J. Kroning*

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Date: 5/10/16

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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ACM	Asbestos containing material	LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks
AFNSI	Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact	MCC	Motor control center
BMP	Best Management Plan	MGD	Million gallons per day
CDP	Census-designated place	MG/KG	Milligram per kilogram
CITY	City and County of Honolulu	MG/L	Milligram per liter
CZM	Coastal Zone Management	MSL	Mean sea level
DEA	Draft Environmental Assessment	NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
DOH	Department of Health	O&M	Operation and maintenance
DPP	Department of Planning and Permitting	PDH	Planned development housing
ELEV	Elevation	PLC	Programmed Logic Control
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	PPM	Parts per million
ESA	Environmental Site Assessment	PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
EXIST.	Existing	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	ROH	Revised Ordinances of Honolulu
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map	SCADA	Supervisory control and data acquisition
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact	SMA	Special Management Area
GIS	Geographic information system	SMP	SMA Use Permit
GPM	Gallons per minute	SMH	Sewer Manhole
HECO	Hawaiian Electric Company	TCLP	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
HP	Horsepower	TCP	Traditional cultural places
HRS	Hawaii Revised Statutes	TMK	Tax Map Key
I/I	Infiltration/inflow	TSS	Total suspended solids
INV.	Invert	TMDL	Total maximum daily load
KVA	Kilovolt amperes	TYP.	Typical
KW	Kilowatt	UIC	Underground Injection Control
KWH	Kilowatt hour	USGS	United States Geological Survey
LUO	Land Use Ordinance	WPTF	Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility

WWPS Wastewater Pump Station

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## FOREWORD

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The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade Project dated October 29, 2014 was featured in the November 23, 2014 edition of The Environmental Notice published by the State Office of Environmental Quality Control for public review. The following paragraphs summarize the changes that have been incorporated to the design after the DEA was published.

In the DEA, the pump station design was based on the design peak flow of 2.6 million gallons per day (mgd) and a three-pump configuration was proposed. After the publication of the DEA, the Waikapoki WWPS design peak flow was reduced to 2.0 mgd based on updated flow modeling results provided by the City and County of Honolulu (City). For the lower design peak flow of 2.0 mgd, a two-pump configuration was recommended. In the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), the revised pump station building bottom floor plan and section plan for the two-pump configuration are shown on Figures 4 and 5, respectively. By using two pumps instead of three pumps, the advantages include reduced energy consumption, reduced noise level, and shorter construction duration.

To reduce the potential for vapor cavity formation and pressure surges caused by shutdown of pumps from power failure, vacuum relief valves have been added to the design at two locations along the existing force main (pressure line) to which the pump station discharges. The vacuum relief valves will be located in below-grade manholes. The first vacuum relief valve will be located in a residential property listed in the City's database as Tax Map Key 4-5-003:007 with a 45-901 Waialele Road address. The second vacuum relief valve will be located within the City's right-of-way near 45-928 Waialele Road. Since the two vacuum relief valves will be installed on the existing force main and located in areas that have been disturbed previously during construction of the pipeline in 2002, it is anticipated that there will be no adverse environmental impact. The affected area and scope of construction is substantially less than that of the construction work for the original force main. A separate FEA, dated October 27, 1998, was prepared for the Waikapoki force main and no adverse impacts were encountered during construction of the pipeline. During construction, the City and its contractor will coordinate with the property owner at 45-901 Waialele Road to minimize the construction impact to the owner. The contractor will be required to develop and implement a Best Management Practices plan to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the maximum extent practicable.

The potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures and alternatives considered that are discussed in the DEA remain the same. The determination of Finding of No Significant Impact is recommended for this project.

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## **SUMMARY**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City and County of Honolulu is proposing to upgrade its Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) in Kaneohe on the windward side of Oahu. The pump station, which was constructed in 1965 and placed into service in 1966, is located within the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex near Keaahala Stream on the southwest shore of Kaneohe Bay. Evaluation of historical flow data have found that due to high levels of infiltration and inflow (I/I) from rain entering the collection system, the pumping capacity should be increased from 1.3 million gallons per day (mgd) to 2.0 mgd. Other objectives of the project include reducing noise emissions from the pump station and improving the overall reliability and ease of maintenance of the facility.

Proposed upgrades to the existing Waikapoki WWPS include replacement of the two existing pumps with two higher capacity pumps, modifications and rehabilitation of the existing wetwell, replacement of the existing pump station piping, renovation of the pump station building, and other miscellaneous onsite improvements. The generator room within the existing pump station building is proposed to be converted into an electrical/motor control center (MCC) room. A new emergency generator building is proposed to be constructed to house a new, larger capacity diesel engine generator. A new fuel tank will also be provided. Acoustical treatment will be provided to the pump station building and generator building to minimize noise emissions.

The construction will occur primarily within the Waikapoki WWPS site. A new underground electrical ductline and manholes will be constructed in the existing HECO utility easement within the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex and a portion of Mahalani Place to support a new HECO primary feeder. Since the project site is located within a townhouse complex and a residential neighborhood, measures to minimize impact to nearby residences will be implemented to the extent practicable. There will be some short-term construction impacts such as increase in the number of vehicles accessing the site, construction equipment noise, and dust.

The construction cost for this project is estimated to be approximately \$7.0 million. Construction is expected to begin no earlier than summer of 2017. The construction work is estimated to require approximately 18 to 24 months following award of the construction contract.

This final environmental assessment has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes based on the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination. The City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction is the proposing and accepting agency.

**PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY**

1. Proposing and Approving Agency: City and County of Honolulu  
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3. Project Name: Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade
4. Project Location: 45-919 Waialele Road  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
5. Tax Map Key: 4-5-003:010
6. Land Area: 8,101 square feet
7. Property Owner: City and County of Honolulu
8. State Land Use: Residential
9. County Zoning: R-10, Residential
10. Special Designations: Special Management Area
11. Determination: FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact)

## **Section 1**

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### **Project Description**



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## SECTION 1

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

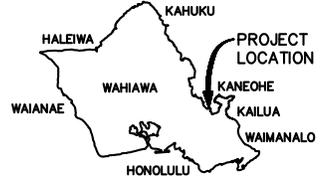
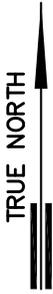
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#### A. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS), owned and operated by the City and County of Honolulu (City), is located in Kaneohe on the windward side of Oahu. The site is situated within the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex near the shoreline of Kaneohe Bay. The station is adjacent to Keaahala Stream along its north boundary as shown on Figure 1.

The pump station currently services approximately 3,000 residents in the residential developments on the southwest shore of Kaneohe Bay. Wastewater collected from the service area flows by gravity sewer lines to the Waikapoki WWPS, and is then pumped through a force main (pressurized line) and discharged to the Kaneohe Bay East interceptor sewer which flows to the Kaneohe Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility (WPTF). The wastewater is pumped from the WPTF to the Kailua Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant for secondary treatment. The treated effluent is discharged to Kailua Bay through the Mokapu Outfall.

The pump station, which was constructed in 1965 and placed into service in 1966, requires additional pumping capacity. Past studies evaluating historical flow data have found that due to infiltration and inflow (I/I) from rain entering the sewer system, the pumping capacity should be increased. This capacity upgrade project was recommended in the “Final Sewer I/I Plan, Rehabilitation and Infiltration and Inflow Minimization Study,” December 1999, prepared by the City for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Consent Decree Civ. No. 94-00765 DAE. The mandated deadline for the completion of construction for this project is June 30, 2020. The “Wet Weather I/I Assessment Update” conducted in 2012 further refined the wet weather I/I design flow used in this project. The capacity upgrade is not intended to support additional development in the service area, which is essentially fully developed. In addition to pump capacity upgrades, piping, electrical, instrumentation and building upgrades are also proposed.



**LOCATION MAP**  
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EXISTING  
WAIKAPOKI WWPS  
FORCE MAIN

EXISTING KAHANAHOU  
WASTEWATER PUMP  
STATION

K A N E O H E B A Y

LOCATION OF NEW VACUUM  
RELIEF VALVE MANHOLES

EXISTING WAIKAPOKI  
WASTEWATER PUMP  
STATION (WWPS)

WAIKAPOKI WWPS  
SERVICE AREA  
BOUNDARY

**LEGEND:**

- S8" SEWER LINE WITH PIPE SIZE
- FM8" FORCE MAIN WITH PIPE SIZE
- GRAVITY SEWER
- FORCE MAIN
- - - - SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

KANEOHE WASTEWATER  
PRELIMINARY  
TREATMENT FACILITY

KANEOHE BAY EAST  
INTERCEPTOR SEWER

**SERVICE AREA MAP**  
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**WAIKAPOKI WWPS UPGRADE**  
KOOLAUPOKO, KANEOHE, OAHU, HAWAII

**LOCATION AND SERVICE  
AREA MAP**

**FIGURE  
1**

## **B. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

### **1. Project Needs and Objectives**

The City proposes to upgrade the Waikapoki WWPS to increase the pump station's capacity, and to minimize and facilitate maintenance. Specific objectives and requirements of the project are as follows:

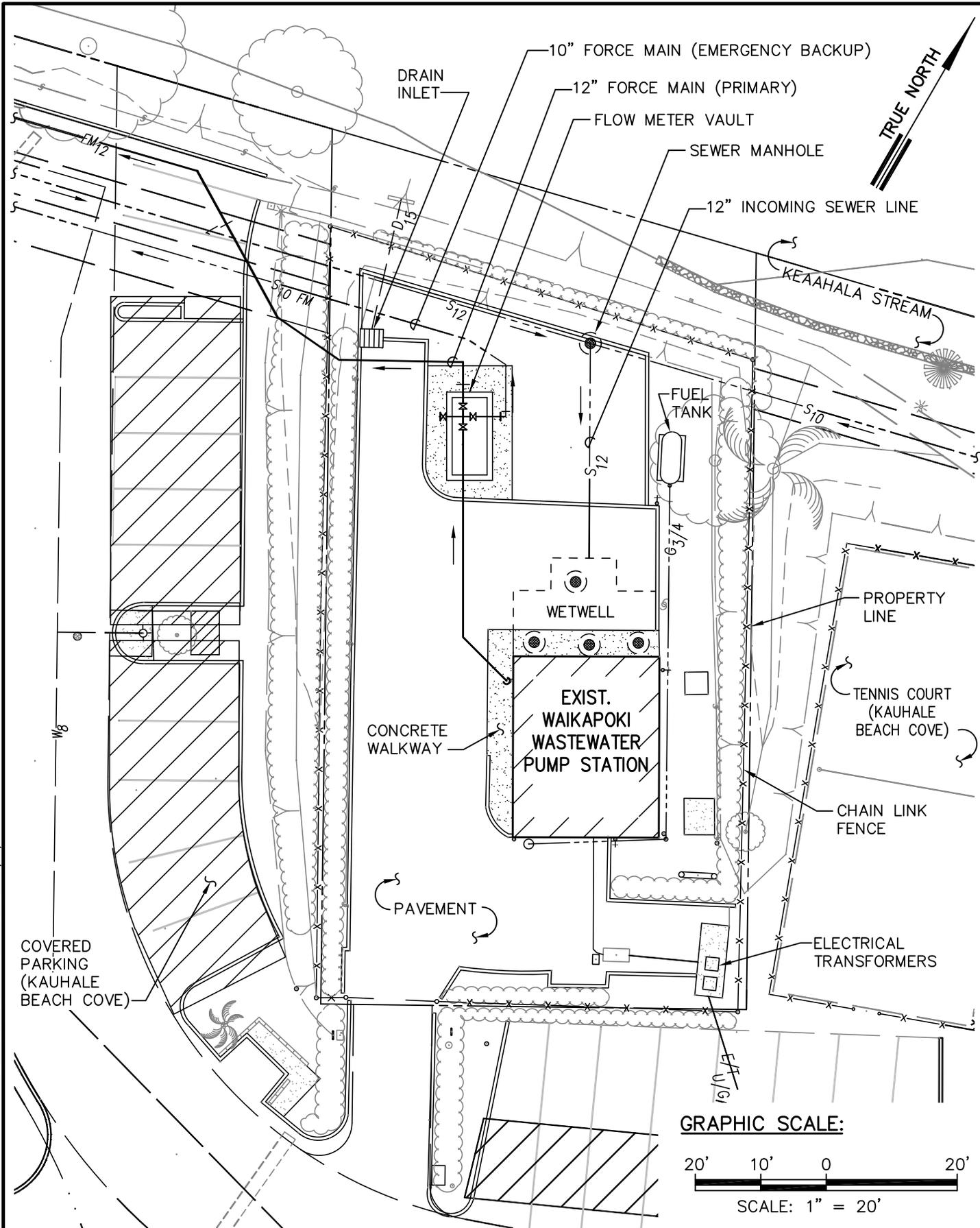
- Upgrade of the pumps is proposed to increase the flow capacity of the pump station to meet peak wastewater flow capacity requirements. Increasing the capacity will allow the station to pump the increased flow to the station due to high levels of I/I. Wastewater flows increase significantly during wet weather due to increased infiltration of groundwater and direct inflow of rainwater into sewer pipes and manhole defects and possible illicit connections such as roof gutters and outdoor drains. Future long-term plans include diverting flow from the upstream Kahanahou WWPS to another section of the collection system to reduce the Waikapoki WWPS flow.
- Promote improved overall reliability and ease of maintenance. Renovation of the pump station facility is proposed to upgrade the facility to more current technologies. This will include electrical and instrument upgrades.
- Provide backup power system. This will be achieved by installing a larger emergency generator in a new generator building.
- Reduce noise from the pump station. Acoustical treatment will be provided to minimize noise from the pumps and emergency generator.
- Meet applicable building codes, safety requirements and perform miscellaneous site improvements.

### **2. General Project Description**

The details and basis of the proposed actions are presented in a planning engineering report titled "Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade Design Alternatives Report" dated December 12, 2014 and memorandum titled "Amendment to Final Design Alternatives Report dated December 12, 2014" dated April 08, 2016. The report and memorandum provide detailed discussions of the existing pump station, the proposed upgrade work, as well as the environmental setting and potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures. A general site plan showing the existing conditions at the Waikapoki WWPS is shown on Figure 2. A site plan showing the proposed modifications is shown on Figure 3.

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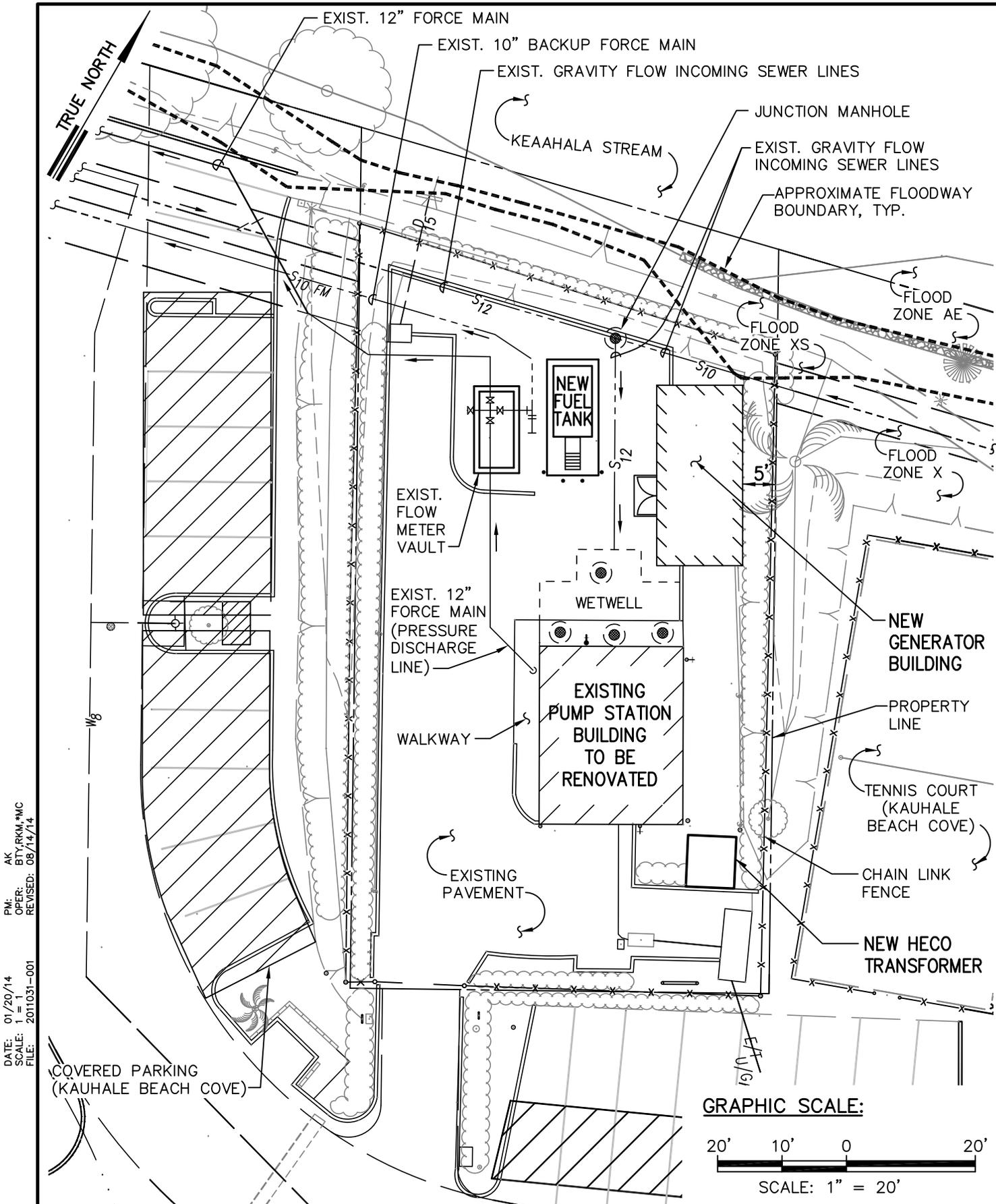
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**WAIKAPOKI WWPS UPGRADE**  
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**EXISTING WAIKAPOKI WWPS**  
**SITE PLAN**

**FIGURE**  
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**WAIKAPOKI WWPS UPGRADE**  
 KOOLAUPOKO, KANEŌHE, OAHU, HAWAII

**PROPOSED WAIKAPOKI WWPS**  
**SITE PLAN**

**FIGURE**  
**3**

The proposed upgrades are summarized below:

### Pumps

The existing pumps consist of two constant speed, vertical dry pit extended shaft sewage pumps. One pump serves as the lead pump and the other as the lag/standby pump. Two new dry-pit submersible pumps will replace the two existing vertical extended shaft pumps to increase the pump station capacity from 1.3 million gallons per day (mgd) to 2.0 mgd. Under normal conditions, one pump will be in operation and the second pump will serve as a standby unit. Existing pipes and valves are also proposed to be replaced. A preliminary bottom floor plan and section plan of the pump station building are shown on Figures 4 and 5, respectively.

### Wetwell

The wetwell will be modified to accommodate larger and repositioned piping for the new pumps. The work will require demolishing a portion of the sloping sidewalls and reconstructing the walls at a steeper slope to provide a larger area for new piping. A new epoxy coating will be provided to protect the wetwell walls.

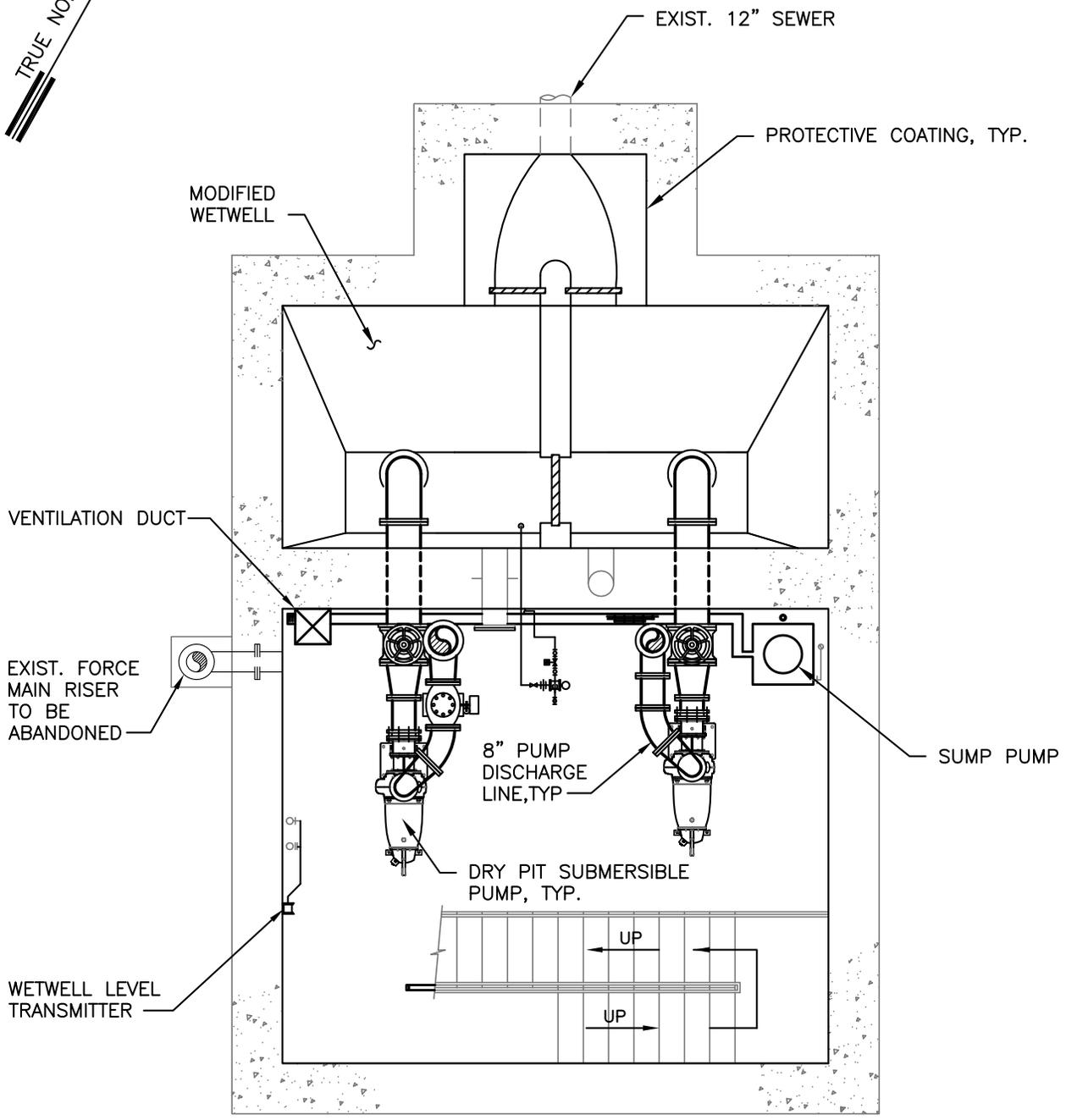
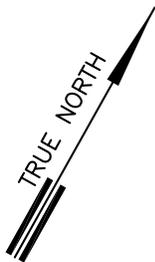
### Ventilation System

The existing exhaust ventilation system will be replaced with a new ventilation system consisting of supply and exhaust fans, ductwork and air devices. Acoustical treatment will be provided for the ventilation system to reduce noise.

### Emergency Generator and Fuel Tank

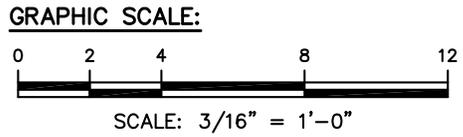
The proposed higher capacity pumps will require an upgraded electrical system and a larger emergency generator. A separate generator building will be constructed at the northeast corner of the site to house the new 125 kilowatt (KW) diesel engine generator. The size of the building is proposed to have approximate inside dimensions of 12 feet by 27 feet. The elevation view of the proposed new emergency generator building is shown on Figure 6.

To support the new emergency generator, a new 1,000 gallon aboveground double wall primary diesel storage tank sized for a seven day run time will replace the existing propane fuel tank. The new fuel tank will be located on a concrete slab near the new emergency generator building. Fuel leak detection systems will be provided.



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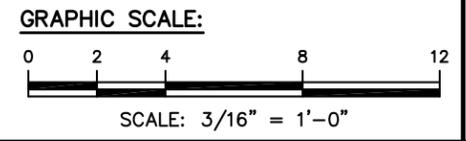
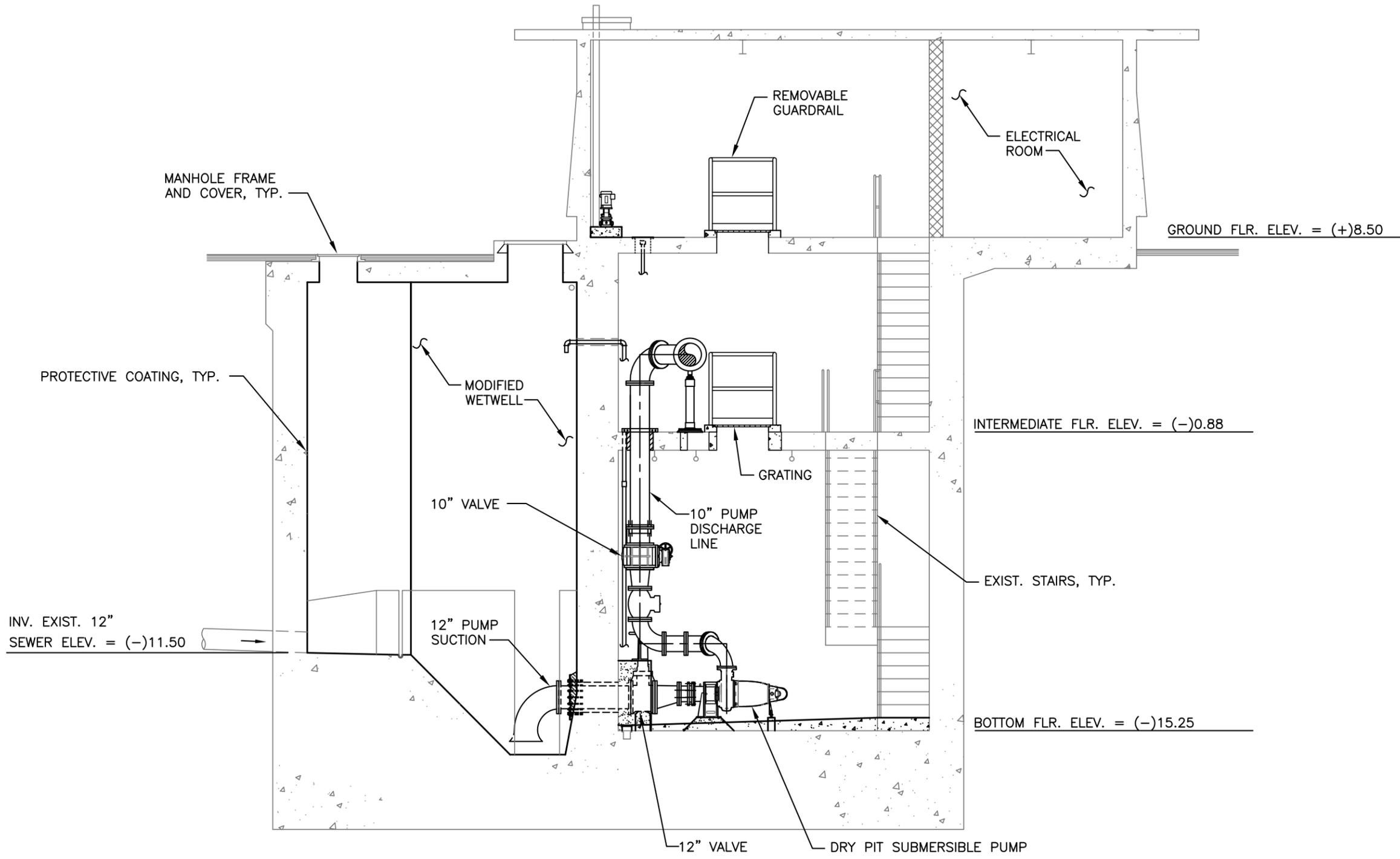
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**PUMP STATION BUILDING**  
**BOTTOM FLOOR PLAN**

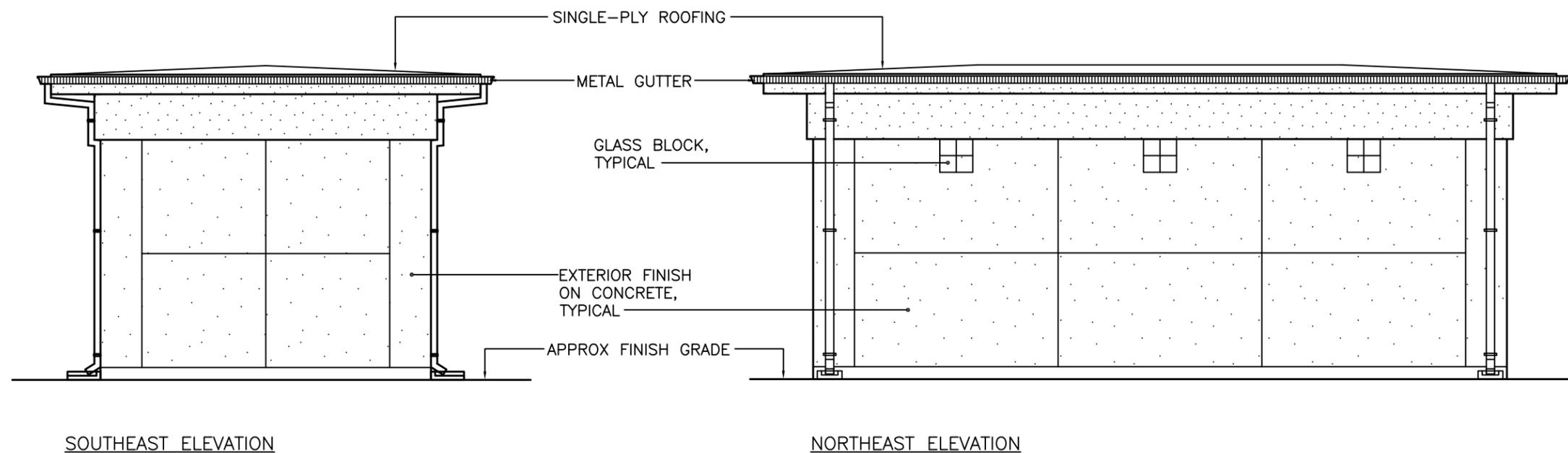
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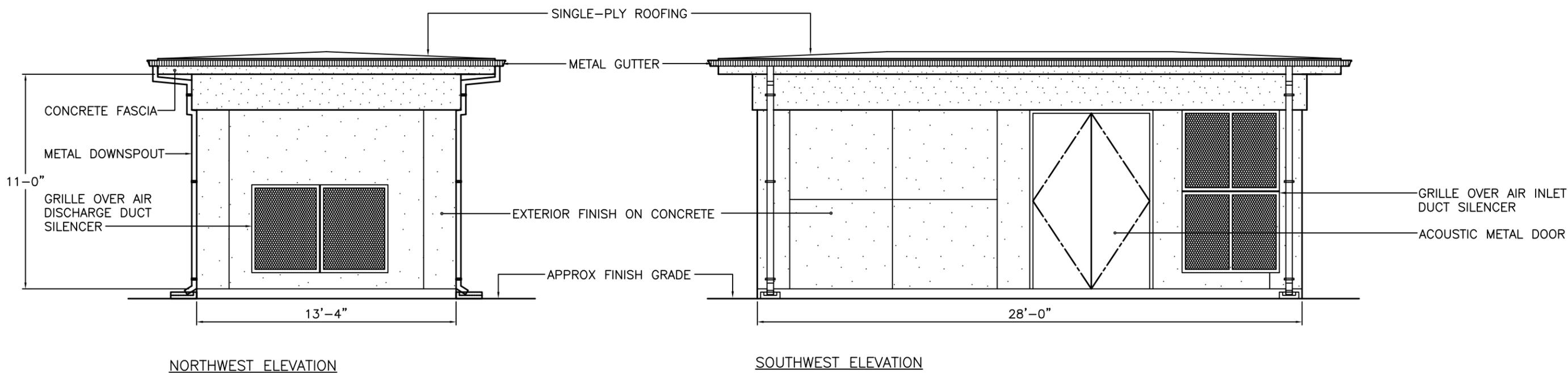


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SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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**NOTE:**  
BUILDING COLORS TO MATCH COLOR SCHEME OF KAHALE BEACH COVE TOWNHOUSE BUILDINGS AND TO BE APPROVED BY TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

GRAPHIC SCALE:



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### Electrical

The existing emergency generator room located in the pump station building will be converted into an electrical and motor control center (MCC) room. New instrumentation and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system will be provided. Other proposed electrical improvements include the replacement of all existing branch circuit wiring and associated devices, the replacement of existing intrusion alarm and card access systems, and lighting upgrades.

To support the increased electrical load from the new pump motors, a new Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) pad mounted transformer will be required to upgrade the existing electrical system from a 240-Volt, 3-phase system to a 480-Volt, 3-phase system.

A new underground electrical ductline and manholes will be installed in the existing HECO utility easement within the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex and a portion of Mahalani Place to accommodate a new HECO primary feeder. The general route of the new electrical line is shown on Figure 7.

### Other Facility Modifications

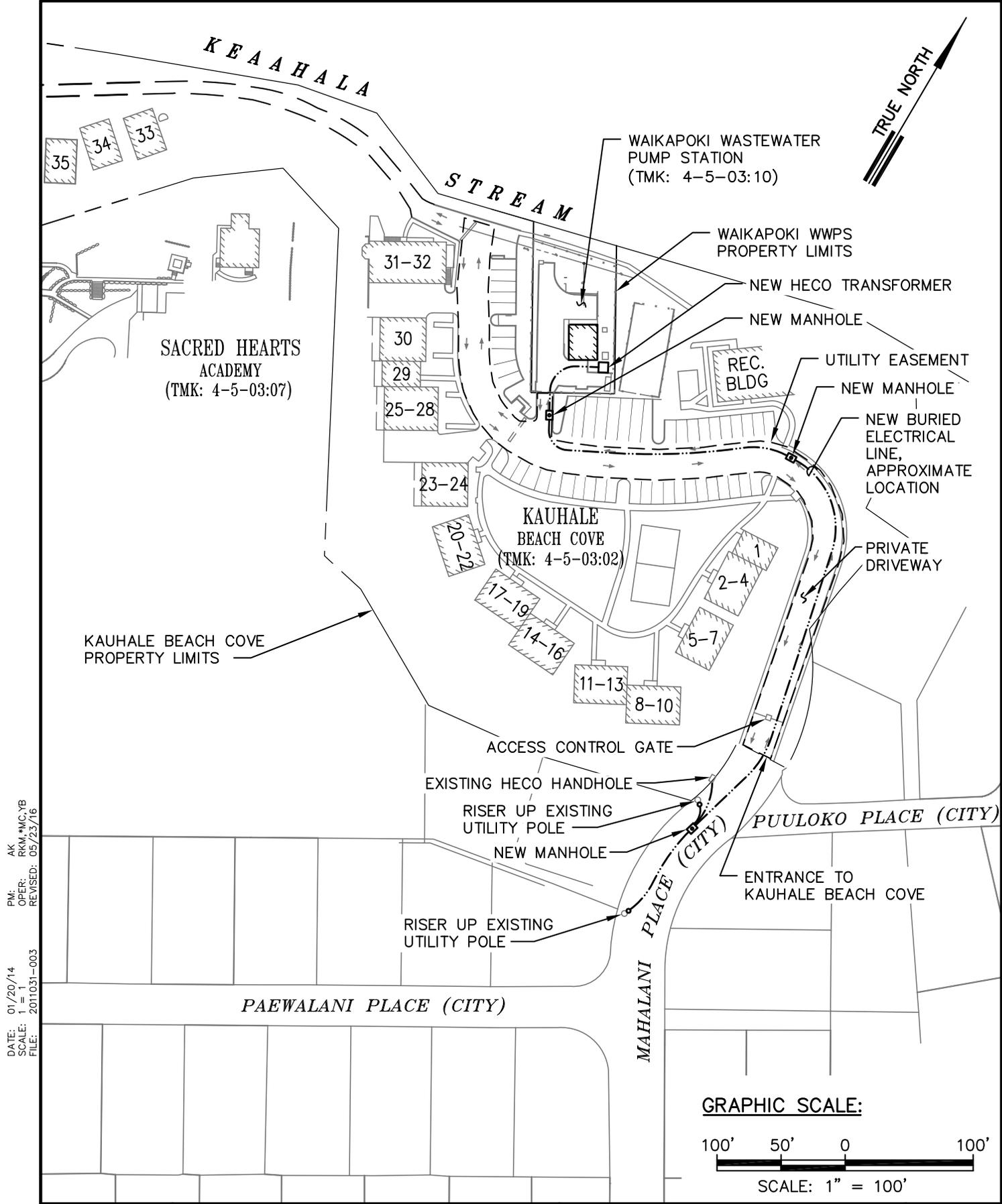
The pump station building renovation will provide acoustical treatment by removing existing wall louvers and jalousies, infilling and sealing ventilation openings, and installing new acoustical doors. A preliminary renovation plan for the existing pump station building is shown on Figure 8. Hazardous materials such as asbestos or arsenic containing materials and lead paint will be removed and properly disposed.

Proposed miscellaneous exterior site work will include replacing portions of the barbed wire chain-link fence.

Vacuum relief valves will be provided at two locations along the existing force main (pressure line) to reduce the potential for vapor cavity formation and pressure surges caused by shutdown of pumps from power failure. The vacuum relief valves will be located in below-grade manholes. The first vacuum relief valve will be located in a residential property listed in the City's database as Tax Map Key 4-5-003:007 with a 45-901 Wailele Road address. The second vacuum relief valve will be located within the City's right-of-way near 45-928 Wailele Road.

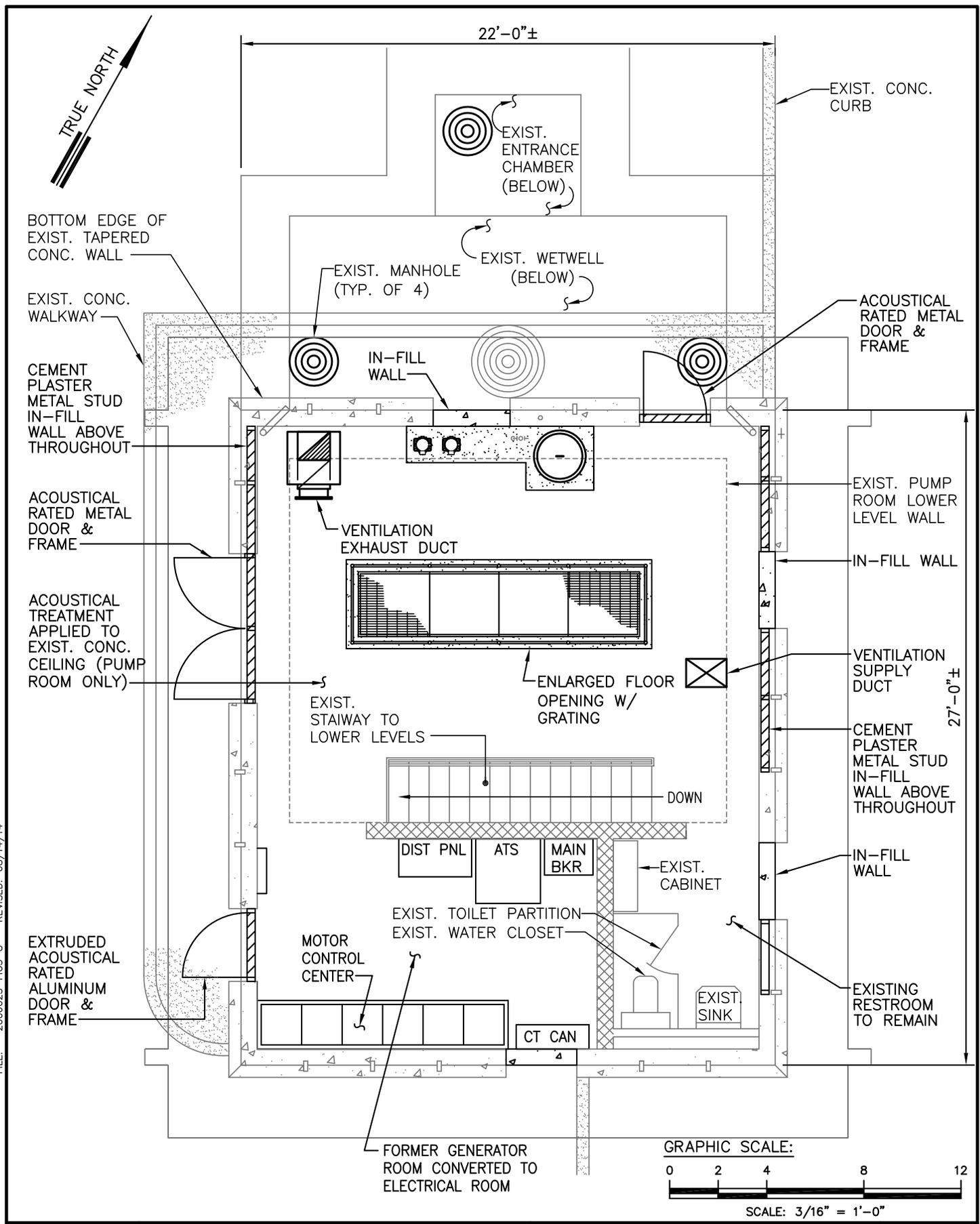
## **3. Project Funding**

The preliminary construction cost estimate for the project is \$7.0 million. The project will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu under its Wastewater Capital Improvement Program budget. Direct assessments fees will not be levied on the residents served by the project.



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**GROUND FLOOR RENOVATION PLAN**

**FIGURE 8**

#### 4. Project Schedule

Construction is expected to begin no earlier than summer of 2017. The construction work is estimated to require approximately 18 to 24 months following award of the construction contract. Engine driven bypass pumps will be used to bypass the wastewater flow entering the pump station during construction. The bypass pumps will be housed in an acoustically treated enclosure to minimize the noise impact.

#### 5. Permits and Approvals Required

##### State Permits/Approvals

Construction Plans Approvals	Department of Health  Disability Communication Access Board
Community Noise Permit (if required during construction)	Department of Health
Noise Variance	Department of Health
NPDES Dewatering Permit (contractor's option)	Department of Health
Environmental Assessment	Office of Environmental Quality Control, Department of Health
Initial Review and Applicable Approvals	State Historic Preservation Division

##### City and County of Honolulu Permits/Approvals

Construction Plan Approvals	Department of Design and Construction  Department of Planning and Permitting  Department of Environmental Services
Flood Elevation Certificate	Department of Planning and Permitting
Special Management Area Permit	Department of Planning and Permitting

Building Permit for building, electrical, plumbing, and demolition work	Department of Planning and Permitting
Zoning Waiver for side yard setback	Department of Planning and Permitting
Street Usage and Trenching Permit	Department of Planning and Permitting
Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit (contractor's option)	Department of Environmental Services

No other special permits are anticipated to be required for this project. No work is anticipated to occur within Kealahala Stream and therefore a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers is not required. Since the area disturbed by the project will be less than one acre, a NPDES permit for stormwater will not be required for the construction activity.

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## **Section 2**

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### **Environmental Setting**



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## **SECTION 2**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING**

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#### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The environmental setting of a project can significantly affect the type and extent of the impacts. This section provides an overview of the environmental setting of the project site, including characteristics of the physical and biological aspects of the natural environment and the socio-economic of the surrounding community.

#### **B. PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

##### **1. Location and Topography**

The location of the Waikapoki WWPS is shown on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map on Figure 9. The 8,101 square foot pump station parcel is listed in the City and County of Honolulu's database as Tax Map Key 4-5-003:010. It is located on 45-919 Waialele Road and is accessed through the driveway of the Kauhale Beach Cove, which is located at 45-180 Mahalani Place.

The topography over much of the project area is relatively flat with slopes ranging between one and ten percent. The low lying area in the vicinity of the Waikapoki WWPS typically ranges between six and ten feet above MSL. The area along Keaahala Stream increases in slope to as much as 60 percent.

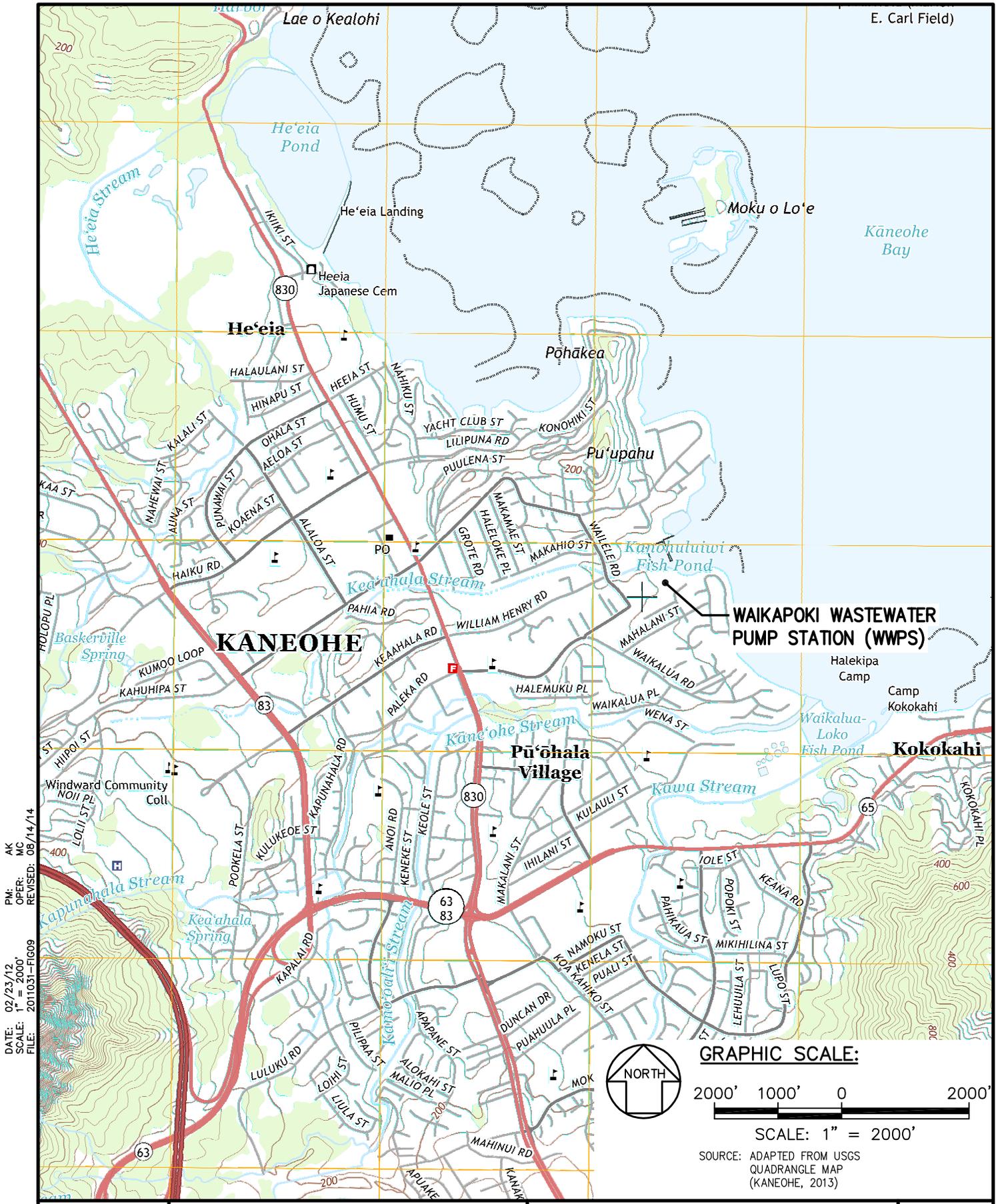
##### **2. Climate**

The climate of Oahu is dominated by northeast tradewinds. The project area has a climate that is typical of windward Oahu. Temperatures in the area are mild and uniform, with monthly average ranging between 71 degrees F and 83 degrees F. The highest recorded temperature is 96 degrees F and the lowest recorded temperature is 58 degrees F. The average annual rainfall in the area is approximately 54 inches.

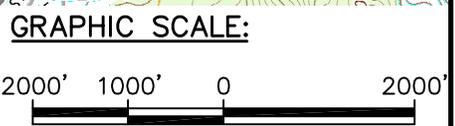
##### **3. Geology and Soils**

The project site is located on severely eroded eastern side of the Koolau Volcano. This region is within the bounds of the former caldera (McDonald, et al., 1983). Near the end of the Koolau volcanic activity, lava filled much of the caldera. Volcanic gases passing through the rock in the caldera accelerated the weathering and erosion of the rock. Remnants of the caldera lavas presently appear as deeply weathered hills surrounded by thick deposits of alluvium.

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**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**

**FIGURE 9**

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Most of the alluvium is old and consolidated. The alluvium generally consists of basaltic gravels in a matrix of clayey silts and sands. Since deposition, the alluvium has undergone deep weathering resulting in mottled clayey silts at the ground surface with decomposed gravel, cobbles and boulders that become less weathered with depth.

With the lowering of the sea level to its present elevation, streams have cut into the older alluvium resulting in the deposition of unconsolidated younger alluvium in the stream channels. One of these streams, Keaahala Stream, lies just north of the Waikapoki WWPS. The consistency of the younger alluvium is likely to be soft or loose. Where the depositional environment at the mouth of the stream is relatively calm, as it is at Keaahala Stream, the finer alluvial sediments mix with organic and marine deposits to form gray lagoonal silts and clays. Lagoonal deposits are characteristically highly compressible and very soft and loose in consistency.

A geologic map by Stearns (1939) indicates that the low lying area in the vicinity of the pump station and the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex was previously covered by “taro patch” clay. Subsurface conditions encountered in previous borings drilled for the construction of the pump station and townhouse complex generally consisted of fill at the surface. The fill was generally underlain by compressible lagoonal deposits consisting of soft clayey silts and loose silty sands and gravels. The lagoonal deposits were underlain by stiffer clays and highly to completely weathered basalts. The low lying areas, which were previously at approximately two feet above MSL, have been built up with several additional feet of fill during the construction of the pump station, residential buildings, pavements and landscaping.

#### **4. Streams, Wetlands and Nearshore Waters**

The Waikapoki WWPS is located near Kaneohe Bay and is adjacent to Keaahala Stream, which discharges into Kaneohe Bay. Under the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-54, “Water Quality Standards,” Kaneohe Bay is classified as Class AA Marine Waters. Waters falling under this classification are to be kept in their natural pristine state with protection to the water’s wilderness characteristics. Pollution and alteration of water quality in these waters are to be kept to an absolute minimum.

In the DOH’s 2012 Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report<sup>1</sup>, water bodies were assessed for pollutants such as total nitrogen, nitrate + nitrite nitrogen, total phosphorus, chlorophyll *a*, total turbidity, total suspended solids, enterococci, and other pollutants. Excessive amounts of nitrogen, nitrate + nitrite nitrogen, phosphorus, essential nutrients for animal and plant growth, can increase algal blooms in streams resulting in decreased levels of dissolved oxygen for stream organisms. Chlorophyll *a* is

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<sup>1</sup> A draft April 2014 report has been issued by the DOH.

found in plants and is used as an indicator of biomass in the water body. High chlorophyll *a* levels after a rain event can also be attributed to nutrients being washed into the water body. Turbidity and total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations measure the amount of suspended solids in the water. High levels of TSS and turbidity can increase sedimentation and siltation. Enterococci are bacteria found in the intestines of humans and are an indication of the water quality with respect to human pathogens found in sewage. Priority ratings for the establishment of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) were also given to each water body in the list. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive and still meet water quality standards.

Kaneohe Bay was assessed in several different locations. The locations of the various streams are shown on Figure 9. The Kaneohe Stream was listed as medium (M) in priority for the establishment of a TMDL. The total nitrogen, nitrate + nitrite nitrogen, total phosphorus, total turbidity, and TSS were approved for TMDLs. The Kaneohe Stream was also approved for the establishment of a TMDL in 2010. The Kawa Stream was listed as low (L) in priority for the establishment of a TMDL. The total nitrogen, nitrate + nitrite nitrogen, total phosphorus, total turbidity, and TSS were approved for TMDLs. The Kawa Stream was also approved for the establishment of TMDLs in 2002 and 2005.

Keaahala Stream was listed as low (L) in priority for the establishment of a TMDL. The total nitrogen, nitrate + nitrite nitrogen, total phosphorus, and total turbidity were not attained within the standards. A drain inlet on the northwest corner of the Waikapoki WWPS site discharges into Keaahala Stream.

## **5. Hydrology and Water Resources**

Previous geotechnical investigations in the area indicated that the groundwater table elevations typically range between zero and two feet above MSL. Due to the abundance of rain in Kaneohe, the groundwater table often rises during wet weather which causes more groundwater to seep into cracked pipes and increase infiltration. Rain events also cause increased inflow of rainwater into the sewer lines from manholes and illicit gutter and drain connections.

The project site is located below the Underground Injection Control (UIC) line established by the DOH. This indicates that the groundwater at the site is brackish and not considered suitable for potable purposes. The State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources records indicate that there are no wells within the project site. The closest well is an unused U.S. Army well located approximately three-eighths of a mile south of the project site.

## 6. Flood Hazard

The site is situated on filled land with an elevation of approximately eight feet above MSL. Based on flood zone boundaries established in 2014, the Waikapoki WWPS site has a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Flood Zone designation of Zone AE (special flood hazard area inundated by 100-year flood) and Zone XS (areas determined to be within the 500-year flood plain) along the northern boundary of the site adjacent to Keaahala Stream and a designation of Zone X (areas determined to be outside the 500-year flood plain) for the remainder of the site. The flood zone designations are defined by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as follows:

- Zone AE – *Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event determined by detailed methods. Base Flood Elevations are shown within these zones.*
- Zone XS – *Moderate risk areas within the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplains, areas of 1-percent-annual-chance flooding where average depths are less than 1 foot, areas of 1-percent-annual-chance flooding where the contributing drainage area is less than 1 square mile, and areas protected from the 1-percent-annual-chance flood by a levee. No Base Flood Elevations or base flood depths are shown within these zones.*
- Zone X – *Minimal risk areas outside the 1-percent and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplains. No Base Flood Elevations or base flood depths are shown within these zones.*

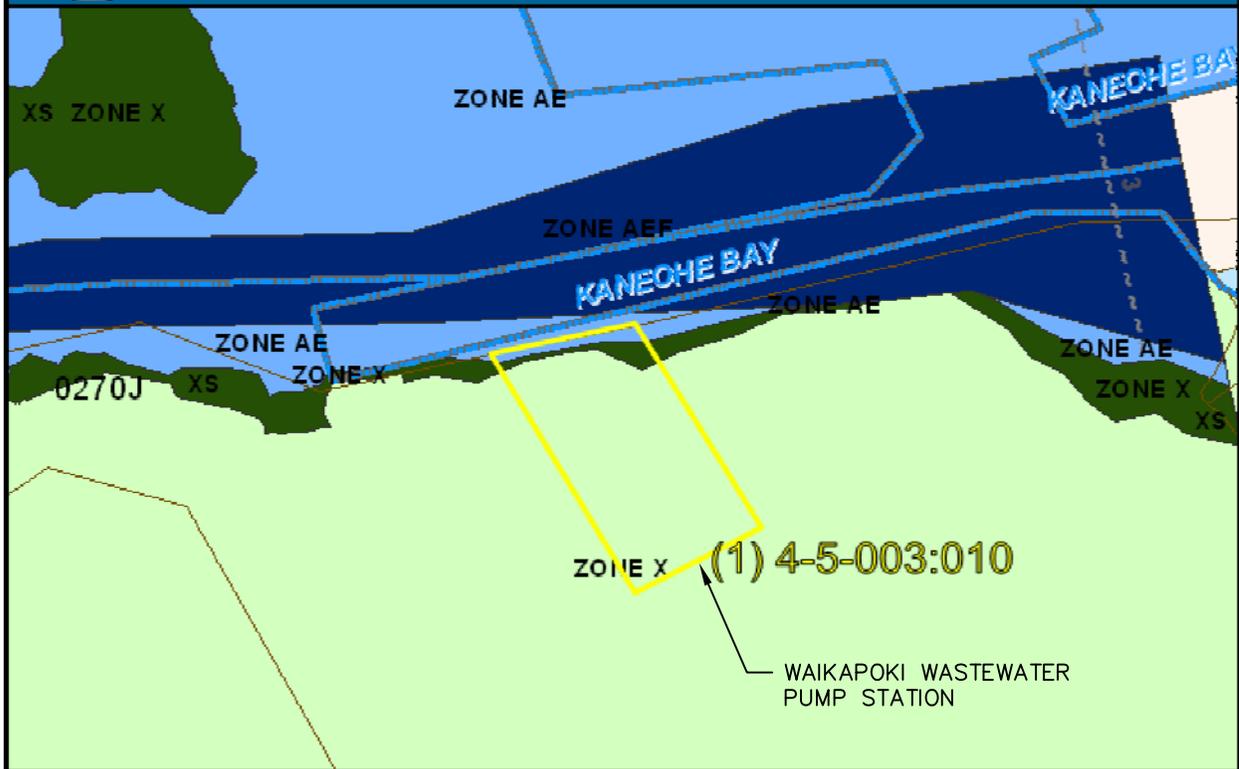
The flood hazard assessment report from the State of Hawaii National Flood Insurance Program is shown on Figure 10. The approximate boundaries for Zone AE, Zone XS, and Zone X for the pump station site are shown on Figure 3. Based on the flood zone boundaries, the majority of the pump station site, including the generator building and fuel tank, will be located in Zone X.

The project site is not located in the tsunami evacuation zone as indicated by the Tsunami Evacuation Zone Map by the Department of Emergency Management. In the event of a tsunami, waves should not exceed four feet above MSL in the area of the pump station and evacuation will not be necessary.

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# State of Hawaii FLOOD HAZARD ASSESSMENT REPORT



## NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

### FLOOD ZONE DEFINITIONS

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD** – The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zone A, AE, AH, AO, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood. Mandatory flood insurance purchase applies in these zones:

- Zone A:** No BFE determined.
- Zone AE:** BFE determined.
- Zone AH:** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); BFE determined.
- Zone AO:** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined.
- Zone V:** Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no BFE determined.
- Zone VE:** Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); BFE determined.
- Zone AEF:** Floodway areas in Zone AE. The floodway is the channel of stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without increasing the BFE.

**NON-SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA** – An area in a low-to-moderate risk flood zone. No mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply, but coverage is available in participating communities.

- Zone XS (X shaded):** Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.
- Zone X:** Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.

### OTHER FLOOD AREAS

- Zone D:** Unstudied areas where flood hazards are undetermined, but flooding is possible. No mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply, but coverage is available in participating communities.

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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 City and County of Honolulu  
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**State NFIP Coordinator**  
 Carol Tyaou-Beam, P.E., CFM (808) 587-0267

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**FIGURE  
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## 7. Flora and Fauna

The proposed construction is located primarily within a developed residential area in the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse development which is heavily landscaped with trees and ornamental plants.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) data from the State of Hawaii Office of Planning confirmed that endangered flora and fauna are not anticipated to be found within the project area. The critical habitat GIS data outlines areas that are essential for endangered or threatened species to recover. The review of the threatened and endangered plants GIS data indicated that the project site has “little or no threatened and endangered plant species.”

The United States Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*, 'ope'ape'a), the endangered Hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*, 'ea) and the threatened green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*, honu) were documented within the project vicinity. In addition, the wedge-tailed shearwater (*Puffinus pacificus*, 'ua'u kani), protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, may be present within the project vicinity.

Keaahala Stream is inhabited by the native Hawaiian prawn (opae' kala'ole) and several types of 'o'opu fish ('o'opu nakea, 'o'opu okuhe, and 'o'opu naniha).

There have been some observations of endangered waterbirds and mammals within a one and a half mile radius of the project area. Sightings of the Hawaiian duck (koloa maoli) have been reported at the Heeia Pond and Kaneohe Bay. The Hawaiian coot ('alae ke'oke'o), the Hawaiian stilt (ae'o), and the Hawaiian gallinule ('alae 'ula) have also been sighted at the Heeia Pond. Sightings of the Hawaiian monk seal on Coconut Island have also been documented. All of these animals are currently listed on the Federal government's endangered species list.

## 8. Historic and Archaeological Sites

The archeological assessment for this project is included in Appendix B. There is a low density of documented archaeological sites in Kaneohe Ahupuaa. This is in large part attributed to destruction of pre-Contact Hawaiian sites during historic farming and modern development (Hammatt and Shideler 2006:20). Background research produced no record of previous archaeological projects or documented sites in the Waikapoki WWPS project area. With the assistance of local informants, McAllister's (1933) systematic survey and recording of major sites throughout Oahu identified eight extant and former archaeological sites in the vicinity of the project area. The sites include four traditional Hawaiian fishponds (*loko*), two *heiau*, a traditional house site, and a ditch that reportedly separated the 'ili of Punaluu and Waikalua.

Research indicates that numerous *loko* along the Kaneohe Bay coast produced an abundance of marine resources in the past, with four of these *loko* near the present-day project area. The largest of these *loko*, Kalokohanahou, was filled for residential development around 1949 (Hammatt and Shideler 2006:7). Directly south of this fishpond and still visible today is Kanohuluiwi *loko*, described in a 1975 study as a small private fishpond in good condition (Henry 1993: Table 3). Adjacent to and south of Kanohuluiwi was Waikapoki *loko*, which was combined with a smaller unnamed fishpond to the south. Lastly and immediately south of Waikapoki was Punaluu *loko*, which was filled for residential development prior to the 1950s (Henry 1993: Table 3).

Documented cultural deposits containing thousands of portable artifacts and in situ ancient Hawaiian burials indicate that a substantial pre-Contact Hawaiian village once existed at the mouth of Kaneohe Stream (Clark and Riford 1986). Archival research shows another large traditional Hawaiian community once existed on the lower floodplain of Kaneohe and Kawa Streams (Hammatt and Borthwick 1989). Based on land use history and previous research, Keaahala Stream was also a preferred area for early Hawaiian settlement.

## 9. Cultural Resources and Practices

There are no known significant cultural resources and practices identified within the project area. There are no recorded traditional cultural places (TCPs) or known National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible sites within the project area. No impacts are anticipated. Past development of the project area has substantially altered the site from its natural condition.

## 10. Air Quality and Odors

Existing air quality data for the Kaneohe area is not readily available. The closest air monitoring point is located in Honolulu, located at 1250 Punchbowl Street, approximately 12 miles south of the project site. The station monitors coarse particulate matter ten microns or less in aerodynamic diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>). These particulate matters could originate from the road, windblown dust, and crushing and grinding operations. In 2013, the annual average 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> in Honolulu was 11.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, which was significantly below the state and federal standard of 150 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The Honolulu monitoring station does not necessarily characterize the air quality at the project site. The project site is not situated within an air quality maintenance or non-attainment area. There are no known significant permanent sources of air pollution located in Kaneohe.

Wastewater in wetwells may potentially generate odors due to the occurrence of septic conditions within the wetwell and growth of anaerobic sulfide producing bacteria. However, during field investigations of the Waikapoki WWPS site, strong odors were not noticeable and anecdotal input from the City maintenance staff indicated that odors have not been a significant concern with the townhouse residents. This is most likely

due to the relatively small size of the upstream sewage collection system. The detention time within the system is relatively short and therefore wastewater should not exhibit a high degree of septicity.

## 11. Noise

For the homes located near the Waikapoki WWPS, sources of noise in the area may be attributed to:

- Existing vertical dry pit extended shaft non-clog centrifugal pumps.
- Emergency generator located in the pump station building.
- Vehicular traffic (local traffic).
- Others such as aircrafts, boats, birds, wind and people engaged in routine activities.

The current noise levels of the site were not measured for this environmental assessment but anecdotal information from the City maintenance staff indicated that noise is a significant concern among the townhouse residents. The proposed project will include acoustical treatment to provide sound attenuation for the new pumps, ventilation system and emergency generator. This is discussed in more detail in Section 3.

## 12. Hazardous Substances

In 1996, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted on the Waikapoki WWPS site by Woodward-Clyde Consultants for the “Waikapoki WWPS Force Main Replacement” project. The ESA for this project was based on a site reconnaissance and review of information from records and interviews. The purpose of the study was to identify “recognized environmental conditions” that may impact the proposed project.

Hazardous substances or petroleum products in the soil or groundwater would be of concern with regards to excavation work, disposal of excavated material, disposal of dewatering effluent, and the structural integrity of plastic pipelines (i.e., potential chemical attack on polyvinyl chloride pipe materials). Past City and County of Honolulu Fire Department records indicated that two minor hazardous materials spills have occurred within a quarter mile radius of the Waikapoki WWPS site. The spills include a leaking five-gallon propane tank and leaking automobile fuel tank occurred on Waikalua Road in 1988 and 1995, respectively.

An aboveground liquid propane tank for the Waikapoki WWPS’s emergency generator exists on the north end of the pump station site. There are no underground storage tanks that are registered with the DOH in the vicinity of the project site.

As part of the ESA for the Waikapoki WWPS Force Main Replacement project, VISTA Information Solutions, Inc. (VISTA), an independent information service, was subcontracted to conduct a records search of the project site and surrounding area. One Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) site was identified. The site is the Kaneohe Police Station located at 45-270 Waikalua Road. Information regarding the status of the tank was not available. The LUST site is approximately 5,000 feet from the proposed construction and will not impact the project.

On February 9, 2007, a survey for asbestos containing materials (ACM), lead containing paint, and arsenic containing materials was conducted at the Waikapoki WWPS by Kimura International, Inc. The complete survey report is available upon request.

During the asbestos survey, 96 samples of suspected building material were collected for asbestos analysis. The following building materials were identified as asbestos containing materials: door caulking, window caulking, cementitious-like board, caulk around window louver, vibration dampening cloth in generator room. Due to risk of creating an exposure hazard, the exhaust system above the generator was not sampled since the asbestos sampling needed to be conducted by destructive sampling. Samples were also not obtained from electrical systems and interior machine components due to the risk of electric shock and other safety hazards. If necessary, electrical and other equipment can likely be removed without disturbing any potential asbestos containing material.

During the lead paint survey, 17 lead paint samples were taken for analysis. Detectable levels of lead were found on 16 of the samples. Three samples were identified as lead-based paints, which is defined as having lead in concentrations greater or equal to 0.5 percent by weight or 5,000 milligrams/kilogram (mg/kg). The three samples were as follows: gray paint on exhaust fan located on the intermediate floor, yellow paint on the ground floor control room, green paint on the generator.

An arsenic level of 3.9 mg/kg was found in the gray fissured-pattern panel located in the exterior of the building. The panels are approximately 96 square feet.

## **C. SOCIO-ECONOMIC SETTING**

### **1. General**

Prior to development, Kaneohe was an agricultural area because of the abundance of rainfall on the windward side of Oahu. Now the town is mostly residential and is one of the two largest residential communities on the windward side. The area consists mainly of low rise, low density, single family homes. The Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan indicates that the area is targeted to remain as a residential suburb with limited growth in the future. The Kaneohe town core includes commercial

businesses and retail activities to service the neighborhood. Kaneohe is Neighborhood Area No. 30 and is a census-designated place (CDP).

## **2. Population**

Kaneohe has a resident population of 34,597 residents based on the 2010 Census data. The area includes 11,138 households with an average household size of 3.05 persons. In comparison, the average household size for Oahu is 2.95. The Waikapoki WWPS service area is fully developed and population growth is anticipated to be minimal.

## **3. Socio-Economic Background**

Based on the 2010 Census data, the median household age is 41.9 for the Kaneohe area. Kaneohe has 34.5 percent of households with individuals under 18 years of age and 37.4 percent of households with individuals 65 or older. In comparison, the median age on Oahu is 37.8. The 2010 Census data indicates that Oahu has 34.8 percent of households with individuals under 18 years of age and 31.2 percent of households with individuals 65 or older. Based on the U.S. Census Bureau data for years 2008 to 2012, 93.2 percent of individuals over 25 years of age in Kaneohe obtained a high school diploma or higher and 33.7 percent obtained a bachelor's degree or higher. The median household income in Kaneohe is \$82,366 and 5.7 percent of the Kaneohe residents are below the poverty level. In comparison, the median household income for the City and County of Honolulu is \$72,292 and 9.6 percent of the population is below the poverty level.

## **4. Land Ownership, Land Use, and Land Use Designations**

The Waikapoki WWPS parcel is owned by the City. According to the City and County of Honolulu's Land Use Ordinance (LUO), the parcel is zoned R-10 Residential District, which is a district intended for large lot developments or transitional areas between preservation, agricultural or country districts and urban districts. This land use would also apply to lands where residential use is desirable but some development constraints are present.

A portion of the electrical ductline is located in an area that is zoned P-2 General Preservation District, which is a district intended to preserve and manage major open space and recreation lands and lands of scenic and other natural resource value.

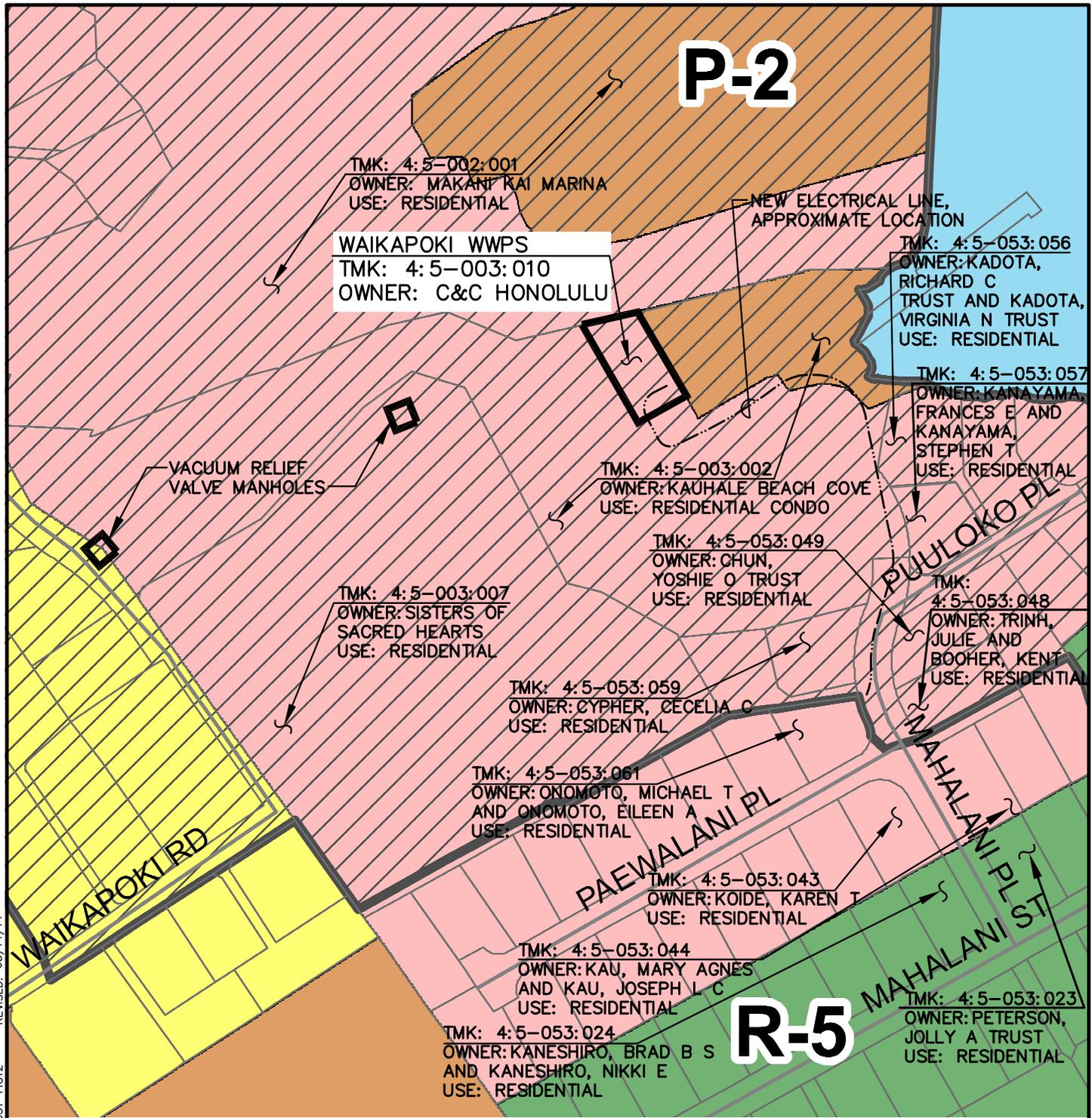
Due to its proximity to the shoreline, the project site is also within the City's Special Management Area (SMA) which is discussed further in Section 3. A map showing the zoning and SMA is shown on Figure 11.

The area around the Waikapoki WWPS is mainly residential. A study of aerial photographs dating back to 1949 show that the area was scarcely developed at the time and consisted mostly of farmlands and trees. The project site and the area surrounding it

were overgrown with vegetation and trees. Some structures existed along Waikalua Road, Waikapoki Road, William Henry Road, Wailele Road and Mahalani Street, including some homes and the Sacred Hearts Academy.

Aerial photographs from the 1950s show more residential development in the area. Mahalani Circle and Mahalani Place were fully developed. A 14-acre residential yachting community called Makani Kai Marina to the north of the project site across Keahala Stream was also developed.

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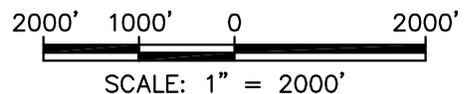


**LEGEND:**

-  P-2 GENERAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT
-  R-5 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
-  R-7.5 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
-  R-10 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
-  SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA
-  OCEAN



**GRAPHIC SCALE:**



SOURCE: INFORMATION ADAPTED FROM CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU GIS DATA



**WAIKAPOKI WWPS UPGRADE**  
KOOLAPOKO, KANEHOE, OAHU, HAWAII

**ZONING AND SPECIAL  
MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MAP**

**FIGURE  
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In 1965, the Waikapoki WWPS was constructed on the project site. The surrounding area which would later become the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex was still overgrown with vegetation. In the mid-1970s, the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex, a planned development housing (PDH) project, was constructed in the area surrounding the pump station. The development is comprised of one to three story wooden residential buildings on a 5.15 acre parcel.

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## **Section 3**

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# **Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures**



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### **POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES**

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#### **A. INTRODUCTION**

This section presents an assessment of the potential environmental impacts and describes the proposed mitigation measures for the Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade project.

Significant long-term negative impacts associated with the Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade project are not anticipated. Environmental impacts will be limited primarily to short-term disruptions associated with construction activities. The project will have the beneficial effects of reducing the potential for future wastewater spills and the associated public health hazards and adverse water quality impacts in Kaneohe Bay.

#### **B. LAND ALTERATION AND AESTHETICS**

Mitigative actions will be taken to minimize adverse impacts to the aesthetics of the area. Short-term impacts associated with land alteration and aesthetics will result from the construction activities. The work will include trenching in paved and non-paved areas, stockpiling of materials, dust fences and general visual/aesthetic deterioration. These impacts will cease upon completion of construction and the affected areas will be restored to their original condition to the extent possible. The City and County of Honolulu will provide construction inspection and monitoring services to ensure that the contractor performing the work adheres to all environmental regulations applicable to construction activities.

The exterior walls of the generator building will be painted to match the color scheme of the existing Kauhale Beach Cove Townhouse. The color scheme will be approved by the Townhouse Association's Board of Directors.

#### **C. FLOOD HAZARD**

No changes to existing grades in the floodway are proposed. All of the proposed work, including the fuel tank and the generator building, will be located within Flood Zone X, which is above the 500-year flood elevation. Portion of the site near the Keaahala Stream is in Flood Zone XS, which is within the 500-year flood boundary. During construction, the contractor will be prohibited from erecting temporary structures and storing fill, excavated material, or equipment within Flood Zone XS to ensure that the floodway is not blocked or changed. A Flood Hazard District Certification for the project will be submitted as required to certify that there will be no adverse flood hazard impacts.

The project will not have an impact on the capacity of the floodway or be impacted by the regulatory 100-year flood.

## **D. FLORA AND FAUNA**

No endangered flora is anticipated to be found at the project site. Flora outside of the pump station site will not be disturbed.

The endangered Hawaiian hoary bat, the endangered Hawksbill sea turtle, the threatened green sea turtle, and the wedge-tailed shearwater may be encountered within project vicinity during construction. The recommended Best Management Practices by the United States Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service will be implemented to protect the endangered and threatened fauna to the maximum extent practicable. To minimize adverse impacts on seabirds and sea turtles from artificial lighting, night work will be limited to the extent possible, and shielded lighting will be used where necessary.

The proposed project is not expected to impact the fauna in Keaahala Stream and Kaneohe Bay from a water quality standpoint. Mitigative measures will be taken to minimize potential adverse impacts to the water quality of Keaahala Stream and the native Hawaiian species which inhabit the stream.

## **E. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

The contractor will be required to develop and implement a Best Management Practices (BMP) plan to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the maximum extent practicable. The contractor will be required to prevent silt-laden runoff from active work areas, construction access roads, and material stockpiles by complying with the City's BMP Manual for construction sites. Provisions will be included in the contract plans and specifications that will limit the volume of soil that the contractor is allowed to stockpile at the construction site. This will minimize the risk of having significant amounts of soil washing into the storm drainage system during a major storm.

Work requiring dewatering is expected to be minimal since most of the construction will occur above the water table. Discharge of dewatering effluent to Keaahala Stream or Kaneohe Bay will not be permitted for this project unless the contractor obtains a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the State Department of Health (DOH). Due to difficulties and time delays in obtaining an NPDES permit, particularly for discharging to the Class AA waters of Kaneohe Bay, it is anticipated that the contractor will utilize other methods of disposing the dewatering effluent and/or construction methods that will mitigate any dewatering. These methods may include discharging the effluent into other nearby excavation trenches, irrigating the surrounding vegetation, and hauling the water to an acceptable disposal site. It is anticipated that the contractor will utilize construction methods which will minimize the production of dewatering effluent.

Although the BMP plan and NPDES permit will help to minimize water quality impacts, there will still be some potential for discharge of silt and other construction debris into the storm drainage system or directly into Keaahala Stream. The DOH or City's Stormwater

Branch will be responsible for citing the contractor for any illicit discharges and water quality violations. The City will notify the residents of the townhouse developments on either side of Keaahala Stream upon commencement of the construction to be aware of and report to DOH any discoloration or other unusual appearances of the stream water. City construction inspectors will monitor the operations of the contractor to the extent possible.

The proposed effort to prevent the discharge of silt and other pollutants into Kaneohe Bay to the maximum extent practicable through best management practices and diligent monitoring is consistent with the pollution control objectives and recommendations of the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan (Kaneohe Bay Master Plan Task Force, et al., 1992).

Site development management measures from the State Office of Planning's "Hawai'i Watershed Guidance" and EPA's "National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Urban Areas, Management Measure 4: Site Development" will be implemented to the maximum extent practicable.

Best management practices will be performed to minimize the potential of service disruptions and wastewater spills during construction. In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules, Section 11-62-23.1(j), backup power will be provided during construction to reduce the potential of unauthorized wastewater discharge during a primary power outage, and a permanent emergency generator will be provide as part of the facility upgrade.

Long-term BMPs include use of gravel ground cover over a permeable weed barrier to minimize silt-laden runoff from bare ground or inadequately maintained vegetative ground cover.

## **F. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

The proposed upgrade project is not anticipated to have adverse impacts on the groundwater. The project may improve groundwater quality in the service area because the increased pump capacity will reduce the potential for spills and groundwater contamination.

## **G. AIR QUALITY AND WASTEWATER ODORS**

The use of construction equipment such as backhoes, trucks, compressors, portable generators, hand compactors, and pavers will create noise, dust and exhaust emissions. The contractor will be required to control the generation of dust by adequately watering down the construction site, keeping the construction site and access roadways reasonably free of dust causing materials, and implementing other appropriate dust control practices in accordance with the City's BMP Manual for construction sites.

The proposed pumping capacity upgrade is not expected to generate noticeable odors. The system has not had significant odor problems in the past and is not likely to have odor problems during or following construction of the upgrade project. The higher pumping capacity may potentially reduce odor in the downstream sewer system by allowing for

improved flushing of the lines to decrease solids accumulation and hydrogen sulfide gas production.

## **H. NOISE**

The noise level will increase during the construction period. The construction equipment noise and sounds associated with construction activities will be minimized by ensuring properly functioning mufflers are provided on machinery and restricting construction activity to normal working hours. The contractor will be required to meet applicable vehicular and community noise standards established by the DOH. Work on weekends will be limited to the extent possible.

Under the DOH Regulations, Title 11 Chapter 46 Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Waikapoki WWPS is classified as Class A which applies to residential, conservation, preservation, public and open spaces. The noise requirement for this class is 55 dBA for daytime (from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and 45 dBA for nighttime (from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m) along property boundaries. Acoustical treatment recommended by an acoustical consultant will be provided in the existing pump station building and new emergency generator building to minimize noise emissions.

Sound attenuation treatments will be required to reduce sound levels from the pump station building. Existing exterior doors will be replaced with acoustical rated metal doors and frames. Existing wall louvers and high jalousies around the building perimeter will be removed and openings in-filled with solid walls to control equipment noise transmission to the neighborhood. For the ventilation system for the existing building, internally lined ducts, and spring vibration isolators for the discharge exhaust and inlet supply fans will be provided.

The new emergency generator building will have acoustical rated metal doors. Interior bare surfaces of the exterior walls and the underside of the roof deck are proposed to be lined with semi-rigid fiberglass panels totaling four inches in thickness for acoustical treatment. Duct silencers are proposed to be installed at the air intake and discharge wall openings to reduce equipment noise to the outside. The generator will be equipped with an exhaust silencer, exhaust piping and engine cooling ductwork with acoustical treatment for noise attenuation. The generator is also proposed to be mounted on spring vibration isolators.

## **I. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES**

The previous development of the project area and immediate vicinity largely occurred before the enactment of cultural resource management rules and regulation. Records on soil stratigraphy and earlier archaeological results within the project area are not available. Thus, anticipated archaeological findings are based on previous archaeological investigations in comparable environments along Kaneohe Bay.

Historic maps indicate the low elevation area within which the present-day Waikapoki WWPS site exists, was once a traditional Hawaiian fishpond, filled to an unknown depth during the dredging of the Waikapoki fishpond between 1928 and 1949 (Henry 1993: Table 3; Park et al. 2008: Figure 8). The Waikapoki *loko* once had a southern dividing wall as depicted on an 1876 map. Superposition of the Waikapoki WWPS property over georectified historic maps places the majority of the project area directly over the dividing wall that separated the original Waikapoki *loko* and the adjacent unnamed fishpond. However, a 1928 map no longer shows this dividing wall, indicating the dividing wall was removed between 1877 and 1927, combining Waikapoki *loko* with the adjacent unnamed fishpond.

Archaeological investigations at Kalokohanahou *loko*, which is approximately 218 yards (200 m) north of Waikapoki *loko*, unearthed a pond facies layer (sedimentary deposits) directly below the construction fill (Park et al. 2008). A large basalt boulder was also discovered; likely a remnant of the Kalokohanahou *loko* retaining wall. Similarly, it is anticipated that subsurface evidence of the Waikapoki *loko* may be encountered in the form of a gleyed soil layer or remnants of the retaining wall that once separated the small unnamed fishpond from Waikapoki *loko*.

Land use history and previous archaeological studies indicate the mouths of streams, like Keaahala Stream, were preferred areas for early Hawaiian settlement (Hammatt and Shideler 2006:20). Thus, there is a possibility that undisturbed cultural deposits associated with an early traditional Hawaiian settlement could exist beneath the construction fill.

Construction will take place on previously disturbed areas. Construction excavations at the Waikapoki WWPS will generally be limited to the fill layer. Potential for findings during excavations is minimal. The emergency generator building and fuel tank will be supported on deep foundations consisting of drilled and grouted micropiles with an outside diameter of 7 inches. During the micropile drilling operation, there is a possibility of encountering evidence of a former *loko* and possibly its associated retaining wall. Potential adverse effects resulting from ground disturbing actions will be mitigated by implementing a proactive archaeological monitoring program that includes detailed documentation and protocol for managing inadvertent discoveries.

## **J. CULTURAL RESOURCES AND IMPACTS**

There are no known significant cultural resources and practices identified within the project area. There are no recorded TCPs or known NRHP eligible sites within the project area. No impacts are anticipated. Past development of the project area has substantially altered the site from its natural condition.

## **K. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

Based on the previous land use of the project site for agriculture and wastewater treatment, remediation work for underground hazardous materials is not anticipated to be required at the project site.

The contractor will also be required to hire a qualified asbestos abatement contractor to remove materials containing asbestos in areas where renovation activities are likely to disturb the asbestos containing material. The untested generator exhaust silencer and electrical components that may contain asbestos will be required to be removed intact and disposed of by the abatement contractor. The services of a qualified consultant will be obtained to monitor and inspect the removal activities to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local guidelines and regulations pertaining to the handling of asbestos containing material.

Due to the presence of lead in the painted surfaces, the contractor will be required to hire a qualified lead abatement contractor to remove lead paint for renovation activities that are likely to disturb painted surfaces. A qualified consultant will also be retained during construction to conduct inspections, air monitoring and clearance sampling during the removal of lead paint. The detectable levels of lead were below 5 milligram per liter (mg/L), the definition of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulated hazardous waste. No special disposal requirements for lead paint are therefore anticipated. During the construction phase of the project, however, the contractor will be required to verify the levels of lead in paint for building components that are removed by sampling using the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) prior to disposal. If it is determined during construction that the levels of lead exceed 5 mg/L, the entire building component must be disposed of as RCRA regulated hazardous waste. The contractor will be required to dispose of the lead containing paint as a RCRA regulated hazardous waste. Metal scraps are exempt from TCLP testing if the scraps are recycled.

Currently, there are no regulatory standards for arsenic in building material. Activities such as sanding, grinding, cutting, abrading, and drilling can create airborne arsenic containing particulates or dusts that can be inhaled and pose a health risk. Such activities will be avoided. If affected by the renovation or demolition work, the arsenic containing panels will be required to be removed and properly disposed by qualified personnel.

The contractor will remove as much hazardous material as possible. Undisturbed potential hazardous materials to remain on site will be identified and documented in the pump station's operation and maintenance manual with instructions for the appropriate measures.

## **L. TRAFFIC**

Prior to the commencement of the project, the residents and neighborhood board will be apprised of the project. Residents in the immediate work area may be inconvenienced by

restrictions to driveway access and roadway frontage usage. The contractor and the City will coordinate restrictions to private driveway access and use of carports with the affected property owners prior to the closure.

The contractor will be required to make provisions for emergency access and will be required to provide full access during non-working hours. Emergency services (fire, ambulance and police) will be notified prior to implementation of any required detours or street closures, though none are anticipated. The contractor will be required to notify the City Department of Transportation Services to alert Oahu Transit Services of the construction activity.

The contractor will be required to establish an offsite base yard or approved onsite storage areas to park and store all equipment when not in use to minimize impacts to residents. The contractor will be required to provide adequate and safe sidewalk widths, allow for adequate visibility, and institute other actions to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety. The contractor will be required to provide the residents of Kauhale Beach Cove with pedestrian access to their units, mailboxes and cars at all times.

#### **M. USE OF ENERGY**

The proposed upgrade will utilize efficient solid-state variable speed drives and new higher efficiency pumps; however, the overall energy use may be comparable or higher than the current energy use due to the increased overall pumping capacity of the pump station. Based on the proposed project's two 34-horsepower pumps configuration, the new electrical load for the pump station and emergency generator building was calculated to be approximately 160 KVA (kilo-volt-ampere).

#### **N. USE OF POTABLE WATER**

The proposed upgrade will not result in an increase in the use of potable water. The new dry pit submersible pumps will not require potable water for cooling and lubrication of pump seals. Potable water will continue to be used for periodic washdowns of the pump room and wetwell.

#### **O. SUSTAINABLE DESIGN**

The upgraded facilities will reduce energy consumption and minimize the use of resources. Anticipated sustainable design features include reuse of topsoil, reuse of excavated material for fill, and salvaging of equipment and recycling of metals from demolition work. Exposed soil will be replanted as soon as possible and consideration will be given to use of cut vegetation for mulch.

#### **P. SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND LAND USE IMPACTS**

The proposed upgrade project is not intended to increase the pumping capacity for development and population growth in the area, but rather to accommodate current and future

dry- and wet-weather generated flows. Since the Waikapoki WWPS service area is essentially fully developed, no population increase due to the project is anticipated.

This project will benefit the residents of the service area by minimizing the probability of future public health hazards and sewer service disruptions caused by sewage spills due to inadequate pumping capacity. The proposed acoustical treatment will reduce noise emission and provide for a quieter environment. The City will benefit by reducing the expenditure of manpower for clean up and for reporting/administrative tasks associated with wastewater spills. The City will further benefit by the reduction of risk of legal actions and fines associated with the Clean Water Act. The City will also benefit by reducing cost to operate and maintain the station.

The construction cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$7.0 million. The project will provide employment for contractors and their employees, material suppliers, and others associated with the construction industry.

## **Q. RELATIONSHIP TO LAND USE POLICIES AND CONTROLS**

### **1. State Land Use District**

The Waikapoki WWPS site is classified as “Urban” by the State Land Use Commission and the proposed project is consistent with this designation.

### **2. Hawaii State Plan**

The proposed project is consistent with the Hawaii State Plan (Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226) and complies with the objective of “maintenance and pursuit of improved quality in Hawaii’s land, air, and water resources” (§226-13[a][1]). It is also consistent with the policy of the State to “promote the proper management of Hawaii’s land and water resources,” (§226-13 [b][2]) and “promote effective measures to achieve desired quality in Hawaii’s surface, ground, and coastal waters” (§226-13 [b][3]). The project will decrease the risk of sewage spills and thereby improve stream and coastal water quality. The project will meet the needs of the Kaneohe community and does not conflict with the State Plan with respect to the well being of the residents and protection of the environmental and cultural resources.

This project is consistent with the State’s sustainability policy to “promoting decisions based on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future generations,” (§226-108 [5]). The proposed project will employ sustainable design features and concepts where possible and practicable. The proposed upgrade to the existing facility will promote efficient use of water, energy and construction materials.

The proposed project complies with the resource conservation objective of the Office of Planning’s “Priority Guidelines and Principles to Promote Sustainability” to “implement solid and liquid wastewater management.” The proposed project will help to protect

public health and preserve the environment by reducing the potential for sewage spills and promoting efficient wastewater transmission in Kaneohe and Windward Oahu.

### 3. City and County of Honolulu General Plan

The proposed project is consistent with the following policies and objectives of the City's General Plan:

#### III. Natural Environment

*Objective A To protect and preserve the natural environment*

*Policy 7 Protect the natural environment from damaging levels of air, water, and noise pollution.*

#### V. Transportation and Utilities

*Objective B To meet the needs of the people of Oahu for an adequate supply of water and for environmentally sound systems of waste disposal*

*Policy 5 Provide safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive waste-collection and waste disposal services.*

*Policy 7 Require the safe disposal of hazardous waste.*

*Objective C To maintain a high level of service for all utilities*

*Policy 1 Maintain existing utility systems in order to avoid major breakdowns.*

*Policy 2 Provide improvements to utilities in existing neighborhoods to reduce substandard conditions.*

*Policy 3 Plan for the timely and orderly expansion of utility systems*

#### VII. Health and Education

*Objective A To protect the health of the people of Oahu.*

*Policy 3 Coordinate City and County health codes and other regulations with State and Federal health codes to facilitate the enforcement of air-, water-, and noise-pollution controls.*

The project will result in a cost-effective and timely capacity upgrade of the Waikapoki WWPS to decrease the risk of sewage spills and water pollution.

#### **4. Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan**

Kaneohe is part of the Koolaupoko District which spans from Makapuu Point, the easternmost point of Oahu, to Kaoio Point at the northernmost end of Kaneohe Bay.

The proposed project is consistent with the following Wastewater General Policies outlined in Section 4.3.3 of the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan:

- Section 4.3.3 states “Direct all wastewater produced within the Urban Community Boundary and Rural Community Boundary to municipal or military sewer service systems.” The pump capacity upgrade in the proposed project will allow for greater efficiency in pumping wastewater to the Kaneohe Bay East Interceptor sewer which discharges to the Kaneohe WWPTF and then the Kailua WWTP, all of which are municipal sewer systems.
- Section 4.3.3 states “Mitigate visual, noise, and odor impacts associated with wastewater collection and treatment systems, especially when they are located adjacent to residential designated areas.” Acoustical treatment of the pump station and the proposed generator building will minimize noise emissions from the site. Odors generated by the proposed project are not expected to be a concern.

#### **5. City and County of Honolulu Special Management Area**

In Chapter 205A of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), each county in the State is mandated to establish land near the shoreline as Special Management Areas (SMA). For the City and County of Honolulu, Special Management Areas are established in Chapter 25 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH). Developments within Special Management Areas require a permit.

Due to its vicinity to the shoreline of Kaneohe Bay, the project site is located in the SMA. A request was submitted to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for a ruling of whether an SMA Use Permit (SMP) is required for the project. DPP has determined that a Major Special Management Area Permit (Major SMP) is required for the project because the new generator building and the on-site improvements meet the definition of a “development” and the project cost is greater than \$500,000. Major SMPs are processed by the DPP and the authority for approval lies with the City Council.

The proposed project is consistent with the following policies and objectives outlined in Chapter 25 of the ROH:

- Section 25-3.2.a.3 states “Provisions are made for solid and liquid waste treatment, disposition and management which will minimize adverse effects upon special management area resources.” The project will have the beneficial effects

of reducing the potential for future wastewater spills due to surcharged pipelines and thereby improve stream and coastal water quality.

- Section 25-3.2.a.4 states “Alterations to existing land forms and vegetation; except crops, and construction of structures shall cause minimum adverse effect to water resources and scenic and recreational amenities and minimum danger of floods, landslides, erosion, siltation or failure in the event of earthquake.” The exterior paint of the proposed generator building will match the appearance of the adjacent buildings. Short-term impacts associated with land alteration and aesthetics will result from the construction activities, and these impacts will cease upon completion of construction and the affected areas will be restored to their original condition to the extent possible. It is not anticipated that the construction activities will affect the existing water resources, scenic and recreational amenities, nor the project area and its vicinity due to floods, landslides, erosion, siltation or failure in the event of earthquake.
- Section 25-3.2.b.2 states “The development is consistent with the objectives and policies set forth in Section 25 3.1 and area guidelines contained in HRS Section 205A 26.” This project is in compliance with the objectives and policies set forth in both Section 25.3.1 of the ROH and Section 205A 26 of the HRS.

## 6. State of Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program

The State of Hawaii designates the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program to “describe objectives, policies, laws, standards, and procedures to guide and regulate public and private uses in the coastal zone management area,” set forth in HRS §205A-1.

The following is an assessment of the proposed project with respect to CZM’s objectives and policies set forth in HRS § 205(A)-2.

### 1. Recreational Resources

*Objective A Provide coastal recreational opportunities accessible to the public.*

*Policy A Improve coordination and funding of coastal recreational planning and management; and*

*Policy B Provide adequate, accessible, and diverse recreational opportunities in the coastal zone management area by:*

- (i) Protecting coastal resources uniquely suited for recreational activities that cannot be provided in other areas;*

- (ii) *Requiring replacement of coastal resources having significant recreational value including, but not limited to surfing sites, fishponds, and sand beaches, when such resources will be unavoidably damaged by development; or requiring reasonable monetary compensation to the State for recreation when replacement is not feasible or desirable;*
- (iii) *Providing and managing adequate public access, consistent with conservation of natural resources, to and along shorelines with recreational value;*
- (iv) *Providing an adequate supply of shoreline parks and other recreational facilities suitable for public recreation;*
- (v) *Ensuring public recreational uses of county, state, and federally owned or controlled shoreline lands and waters having recreational value consistent with public safety standards and conservation of natural resources;*
- (vi) *Adopting water quality standards and regulating point and nonpoint sources of pollution to protect, and where feasible, restore the recreational value of coastal waters;*
- (vii) *Developing new shoreline recreational opportunities, where appropriate, such as artificial lagoons, artificial beaches, and artificial reefs for surfing and fishing; and*
- (viii) *Encouraging reasonable dedication of shoreline areas with recreational value for public use as part of discretionary approvals or permits by the land use commission, board of land and natural resources, and county authorities; and crediting such dedication against the requirements of section 46-6.*

The proposed project is located near Kaneohe Bay and is adjacent to Keaahala Stream, which discharges into Kaneohe Bay. The Makani Kai Marina, a residential yachting community, is located north of the project site across the Kaneohe Bay. The construction of the proposed project will be confined within the Waikapoki WWPS property and existing utility easement. Water quality will be protected during construction through BMPs. It is anticipated that there will be no adverse impact on the existing coastal recreational resources and recreational facilities during and after the completion of construction.

## 2. *Historical Resources*

*Objective A* Protect, preserve, and, where desirable, restore those natural and manmade historic and prehistoric resources in the coastal zone management area that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.

*Policy A* Identify and analyze significant archaeological resources;

*Policy B* Maximize information retention through preservation of remains and artifacts or salvage operations; and

*Policy C* Support state goals for protection, restoration, interpretation, and display of historic resources.

Construction of the proposed project will take place on previously disturbed areas. Construction excavations at the Waikapoki WWPS will generally be limited to the fill layer, and potential for findings during excavations is minimal. The emergency generator building and fuel tank will be supported on deep foundations consisting of drilled and grouted micropiles. During the micropile drilling operation, there is a possibility of encountering evidence of a former *loko* and possibly its associated retaining wall. Potential adverse effects resulting from ground disturbing actions will be mitigated by implementing a proactive archaeological monitoring program, which includes detailed documentation and protocol for managing inadvertent discoveries.

## 3. *Scenic and Open Space Resources*

*Objective A* Protect, preserve, and, where desirable, restore or improve the quality of coastal scenic and open space resources.

*Policy A* Identify valued scenic resources in the coastal zone management area;

*Policy B* Ensure that new developments are compatible with their visual environment by designing and locating such developments to minimize the alteration of natural landforms and existing public views to and along the shoreline;

*Policy C* Preserve, maintain, and, where desirable, improve and restore shoreline open space and scenic resources; and

*Policy D* Encourage those developments that are not coastal dependent to locate in inland areas.

Construction of the proposed project will not obstruct present views. It is anticipated that the construction activities will not affect the quality of the existing coastal scenic and open space resources. The proposed project will help to protect coastal resources by reducing the potential for future wastewater spills due to overloaded pipelines.

#### 4. *Coastal Ecosystems*

*Objective A Protect valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, from disruption and minimize adverse impacts on all coastal ecosystems.*

*Policy A Exercise an overall conservation ethic, and practice stewardship in the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources;*

*Policy B Improve the technical basis for natural resource management;*

*Policy C Preserve valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, of significant biological or economic importance;*

*Policy D Minimize disruption or degradation of coastal water ecosystems by effective regulation of stream diversions, channelization, and similar land and water uses, recognizing competing water needs; and*

*Policy E Promote water quantity and quality planning and management practices that reflect the tolerance of fresh water and marine ecosystems and maintain and enhance water quality through the development and implementation of point and nonpoint source water pollution control measures.*

The contractor of the proposed project will be required to develop and implement a BMP plan to prevent adverse coastal impacts to the maximum extent practicable. It is anticipated that the construction activities will not affect the existing coastal ecosystems. The proposed project is anticipated to protect the coastal ecosystems by reducing the potential for future wastewater spills and coastal contamination.

#### 5. *Economic Uses*

*Objective A Provide public or private facilities and improvements important to the State's economy in suitable locations.*

*Policy A Concentrate coastal dependent development in appropriate areas;*

*Policy B* Ensure that coastal dependent development such as harbors and ports, and coastal related development such as visitor industry facilities and energy generating facilities, are located, designed, and constructed to minimize adverse social, visual, and environmental impacts in the coastal zone management area; and

*Policy C* Direct the location and expansion of coastal dependent developments to areas presently designated and used for such developments and permit reasonable long-term growth at such areas, and permit coastal dependent development outside of presently designated areas when:

- (i) Use of presently designated locations is not feasible;
- (ii) Adverse environmental effects are minimized; and
- (iii) The development is important to the State's economy.

The proposed project will result in a short-term beneficial impact on the State's economy by creating new jobs during construction. By reducing the potential of future sewage spills, the City will be able to allocate their resources in other areas.

## 6. Coastal Hazards

*Objective A* Reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami, storm waves, stream flooding, erosion, subsidence, and pollution.

*Policy A* Develop and communicate adequate information about storm wave, tsunami, flood, erosion, subsidence, and point and nonpoint source pollution hazards;

*Policy B* Control development in areas subject to storm wave, tsunami, flood, erosion, hurricane, wind, subsidence, and point and nonpoint source pollution hazards;

*Policy C* Ensure that developments comply with requirements of the Federal Flood Insurance Program; and

*Policy D* Prevent coastal flooding from inland projects.

The majority of the project site is located in Flood Zone X. No changes to existing grades in the floodway are proposed. During construction, the contractor will be prohibited from erecting temporary structures and storing fill, excavated material, or equipment within the floodway to ensure that the floodway is not blocked or changed. A

Flood Hazard District Certification for the project will be submitted as required to certify that there will be no adverse flood hazard impacts.

7. *Managing Development*

*Objective A Improve the development review process, communication, and public participation in the management of coastal resources and hazards.*

*Policy A Use, implement, and enforce existing law effectively to the maximum extent possible in managing present and future coastal zone development;*

*Policy B Facilitate timely processing of applications for development permits and resolve overlapping or conflicting permit requirements; and*

*Policy C Communicate the potential short and long-term impacts of proposed significant coastal developments early in their life cycle and in terms understandable to the public to facilitate public participation in the planning and review process.*

The proposed project site is located within the City's Special Management Area, which is subject to regulation by the City and County of Honolulu. This environmental assessment identifies and proposes mitigation measures to address anticipated construction impacts. The draft environmental assessment (DEA) was featured in the November 23, 2014 edition of The Environmental Notice published by the State Office of Environmental Quality Control for public review. Copies of the DEA were also distributed to regulating agencies and stakeholders as stated in Section 6 of this environmental assessment. The final environmental assessment will also be published for public review.

8. *Public Participation*

*Objective A Stimulate public awareness, education, and participation in coastal management.*

*Policy A Promote public involvement in coastal zone management processes;*

*Policy B Disseminate information on coastal management issues by means of educational materials, published reports, staff contact, and public workshops for persons and organizations concerned with coastal issues, developments, and government activities; and*

*Policy C Organize workshops, policy dialogues, and site specific mediations to respond to coastal issues and conflicts.*

This environmental assessment provides a mean for soliciting public participation. Pre-assessment consultation was conducted to solicit input from regulating agencies and stakeholders. Comments from the pre-assessment consultation phase were incorporated into the draft environment assessment which was distributed to regulating agencies and stakeholders for review. The persons and agencies contacted for this project are listed in Section 6. A copy of the DEA was also made available at the Kaneohe Public Library. The comments received from the DEA have been responded to and incorporated into the final environmental assessment. The copies of the DEA comment and response letters are located in Appendix A-2 of this report.

## 9. *Beach Protection*

*Objective A Protect beaches for public use and recreation.*

*Policy A Locate new structures inland from the shoreline setback to conserve open space, minimize interference with natural shoreline processes, and minimize loss of improvements due to erosion;*

*Policy B Prohibit construction of private erosion-protection structures seaward of the shoreline, except when they result in improved aesthetic and engineering solutions to erosion at the sites and do not interfere with existing recreational and waterline activities;*

*Policy C Minimize the construction of public erosion-protection structures seaward of the shoreline;*

*Policy D Prohibit private property owners from creating a public nuisance by inducing or cultivating the private property owner's vegetation in a beach transit corridor; and*

*Policy E Prohibit private property owners from creating a public nuisance by allowing the private property owner's unmaintained vegetation to interfere or encroach upon a beach transit corridor.*

The proposed project site is located away from the ocean and public beaches. Due to the distance from the shoreline, no adverse direct impact to area beaches is anticipated. This project will reduce the potential for future sewage spills that could adversely impact the beach areas.

## 10. *Marine Resources*

*Objective A Promote the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources to assure their sustainability.*

*Policy A Ensure that the use and development of marine and coastal resources are ecologically and environmentally sound and economically beneficial;*

*Policy B Coordinate the management of marine and coastal resources and activities to improve effectiveness and efficiency;*

*Policy C Assert and articulate the interests of the State as a partner with federal agencies in the sound management of ocean resources within the United States exclusive economic zone;*

*Policy D Promote research, study, and understanding of ocean processes, marine life, and other ocean resources to acquire and inventory information necessary to understand how ocean development activities relate to and impact upon ocean and coastal resources; and*

*Policy E Encourage research and development of new, innovative technologies for exploring, using, or protecting marine and coastal resources.*

The proposed project is not located within coastal waters. It is anticipated to not have any direct impacts to marine resources, other than the beneficial impact of reducing sewage spills.

## **7. Land Use Ordinance and Zoning**

The pump station services primarily residential developments on the southwest shore of Kaneohe Bay and is located in a townhouse complex off Mahalani Place near the shoreline of Kaneohe Bay. The parcel is zoned R-10 Residential District and is within the City's Special Management Area. This project would benefit the residents of the service area by reducing the risk of wastewater spills and associated adverse water quality impacts.

According to the City's Land Use Ordinance, the required front yard setback for uses other than dwellings is 30 feet, and the required side and rear yard setbacks for uses other than dwellings is 15 feet. The existing pump station building encroaches into the required front yard setback by approximately five feet if the front yard is assumed to be the south side of the site where the driveway is located.

Since the new emergency generator building would be classified as an “other use,” the setback as required by the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), Chapter 23 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) is 15 feet. However, due to the required size of the building and limited space, it is proposed that the building be located at five feet clear from the property line. A Zoning Waiver will need to be obtained to allow the new building to encroach within the setback area. The City’s Department of Planning and Permitting indicated that the waiver would need to be requested and issued as part of the building permit approval process.

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## **Section 4**

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### **Alternatives Considered**



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## **SECTION 4**

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

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#### **A. INTRODUCTION**

This section discusses various alternatives for the proposed Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade project. The alternatives considered and basis for selecting the best alternative are discussed below.

#### **B. PROJECT ALTERNATIVES**

##### **1. Preferred Alternative**

The preferred alternative is the upgrade work proposed for the existing pump station facility discussed in Section 1 of this environmental assessment. Since this alternative involves upgrading existing facilities, it is the most cost effective and efficient alternative in meeting the pump capacity needs of the Waikapoki WWPS service area.

##### **2. No Action Alternative**

The “no build” or “no action” alternative proposes that no action will be taken to upgrade or change the existing pump station. With this alternative, no new environmental impacts would arise, however, the pumping capacity of the pump station needs to be increased by the timeline set forth by the EPA’s Consent Decree.

##### **3. Postponed Action Alternative**

In the postponed action alternative, like the “no action” alternative, the pumping capacity of the pump station needs to be increased by the timeline set forth by the EPA’s Consent Decree.

##### **4. Alternative Locations**

Seeking alternative locations for a new pump station will require substantial cost and generate numerous environmental impacts. The pump station is the low point in the sewer system that services the region; therefore, all collection system lines will need to be rerouted to the new site. This will require significant construction and the impacts to the community and environment will be substantial.

##### **5. Reconstruct a New Pump Station Building on the Same Site**

Reconstructing a new pump station building on the same site will require substantial cost and generate numerous environmental impacts. Due to space constraints, the existing pump station building will need to be demolished prior to the construction of the new pump station building. This alternative will have a prolonged construction period. The

construction cost will exceed the City's construction budget for this project; therefore, this alternative will not be feasible.

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**Determination**



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## SECTION 5

### DETERMINATION

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#### A. DETERMINATION

This assessment for the proposed Waikapoki WWPS upgrade project determines that no significant environmental impact will occur and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is therefore deemed to be in order.

#### B. SUPPORTING RATIONALE

Reasons supporting the above determination include:

- 1. The proposed action does not involve an irrevocable commitment or loss of or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.**

There are no known significant natural or cultural resources associated with the project site. There are no recorded TCPs or known NRHP eligible sites within the project area. No impacts are anticipated. Past development of the project area has substantially altered the site from its natural condition. There are no anticipated adverse impacts on Native Hawaiian access and gathering rights.

- 2. The proposed action does not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.**

The proposed project is consistent with land use plans, policies and controls and would not curtail beneficial uses of the environment in the area.

- 3. The proposed action is in concert with the State's long-term environmental policies, goals and guidelines as expressed in Chapter 344, HRS, and any revisions and amendments thereto, court decisions and executive orders.**

The proposed project is consistent with the State's Land Use Plan which is in concert with all applicable policies, goals and guidelines. No long-term adverse environmental conflicts are foreseen.

- 4. The proposed action does not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.**

There will be some positive economic impacts related to short-term construction activities.

**5. The proposed action does not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.**

The proposed project will not result in an increase of population in the area. The service area is largely fully developed and is therefore not subject to additional development. The project will not have adverse impacts on other public facilities such as roads, electrical power and water system.

**6. The proposed action does not have significant adverse effects on public health.**

Short-term impacts associated with construction will have minimal potential for affecting public health. Construction activities will be regulated to minimize noise, dust and exhaust emissions. The project will not result in significant increases in odors and noise. The project will have the beneficial impact of reducing the potential for wastewater spills and the associated risks to public health. Acoustical treatment will be provided to the existing pump station building and new emergency generator building to minimize noise emissions to an acceptable level regulated by the State Department of Health.

**7. The proposed action does not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.**

The existing physical aspects of the surrounding area will be preserved. The project will not result in a significant increase in adverse odor, noise or aesthetic impacts. In addition, reduction of the potential for sewage spills will benefit water quality in Keaahala Stream and Kaneohe Bay.

**8. The proposed action is individually limited and cumulatively does not have a significant effect upon the environment or involve a commitment for larger actions.**

The Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade project is limited in scope to the proposed pump upgrade, facility modifications and other miscellaneous work.

**9. The proposed action does not substantially affect rare, threatened or endangered species or habitats.**

Based on review of available information, no endangered flora is anticipated to be found at the project site. Several endangered and threatened fauna were documented within the project vicinity. To protect those species, Best Management Practices will be implemented to the maximum extent practicable. Effort will be made to minimize the discharge of silt and other pollutants into Keaahala Stream during construction to prevent to the maximum extent practicable adverse impacts to water quality and native Hawaiian species.

**10. The proposed action does not detrimentally affect air, water quality, or ambient noise levels.**

Short-term impacts on air, water quality and noise may occur during the construction period, but will be mitigated by construction practices and will be regulated by the project's plans and specifications. Acoustical treatment will be applied to keep noise levels of the proposed facilities within the regulated limits. No increase in odor generation is anticipated. The project will have the beneficial impact of reducing the potential risk of wastewater spills and the potential for adverse water quality impacts.

**11. The proposed action does not affect or is likely to suffer damage by being located in an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, beach, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary or coastal waters.**

The proposed project is not located in an environmentally sensitive area nor within a tsunami zone. The project is not located on unique geologically hazardous lands. The proposed project is also not anticipated to have any significant adverse impacts on fresh or coastal waters. No unpermitted discharge will be allowed into Kaneohe Bay during construction.

**12. The proposed project does not substantially affect scenic vistas and viewplanes identified in County or State plans or studies.**

The project site is not part of a unique or valuable scenic resource. The project will have no long-term visual impacts. The generator building proposed to be erected at the northeast corner of the site will be compatible in scale, mass and height with the existing pump station building. The other proposed modifications will be applied to the existing pump facilities and will not impact the viewplane.

**13. The proposed action does not require substantial energy consumption.**

The additional energy, if any, required to operate the proposed facilities is not significant.

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## **Section 6**

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### **Persons and Agencies Contacted**



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## SECTION 6

### PERSONS AND AGENCIES CONTACTED

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#### A. PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION

Pre-assessment consultation correspondence and other relevant consultation information associated with the preparation of this environmental assessment are presented in Appendix A-1. Pre-assessment consultations included:

- Written correspondence to various agencies and community members soliciting input.
- Presentation at the Kauhale Beach Cove Board of Directors meeting on January 22, 2014.

Parties contacted for pre-assessment consultation input are listed below. Parties that provided written input are indicated by an “\*”. Parties which received written responses are indicated with a “+”. The following pre-assessment consultation documents are included in Appendix A-1.

- Sample copy of a typical letter requesting input on the project.
- Copies of correspondence (arranged in order of the agencies/persons listed below).
- Excerpts of the Kauhale Beach Cove Board of Directors meeting minutes.

#### 1. **Federal Government**

Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service<sup>+</sup>  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch<sup>+</sup>

#### 2. **State Government**

Department of Health, Office of Environmental Quality Control  
Department of Health, Wastewater Branch<sup>+</sup>  
Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division  
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Oahu Island Burial Council  
State of Hawaii, Division of Aquatic Resources<sup>+</sup>  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Senator Jill Tokuda, District 24  
Representative George Okuda, District 48

**3. County Government**

Department of Planning and Permitting  
Council Member Ikaika Anderson, District 3

**4. Others**

Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club  
ALU LIKE, Inc. Central Administration  
Hui Malama I Na Kupuna o Hawaii Nei  
Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30  
The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii  
Mr. Thomas French, Makani Kai Marina, General Manager

**5. Utilities**

Hawaiian Electric Company<sup>+</sup>

**6. Kauhale Beach Cove**

Ms. Sasha Tsuda, Hawaii First Inc., Property Manager  
Ms. Laurel LaClair, Hawaii First Inc., Association Manager  
Mr. Larry Lusk, Site Manager  
Mr. Brian Kelly, President, Board of Directors  
Ms. Tammy Olsen, Vice President, Board of Directors  
Mr. Kevin Cotton, Secretary, Board of Directors  
Ms. Barbara Lee, Co-Treasurer, Board of Directors  
Mr. James Slagel, Co-Treasurer, Board of Directors<sup>+</sup>  
Mr. Clayton Iseke, Director, Board of Directors  
Mr. Duane Keys, Director, Board of Directors

**B. PARTIES CONSULTED PRIOR TO PREPARATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Copies of the DEA were mailed or delivered to the following agencies, organizations and other interested parties listed below. Parties consulted during the pre-assessment phase that are not included on the distribution list were notified of the availability of the DEA and sent a copy if one was requested.

The DEA was published in the November 23, 2014 edition of The Environmental Notice by the State Office of Environmental Quality Control. The public review period ended on December 23, 2014. A total of four comment letters were received as of January 15, 2015.

In the list of parties presented below, parties that provided written comments are indicated by an “\*”. Copies of the comment and response letters are presented in Appendix A-2 in the order of the list presented below.

**1. Federal Government Agencies**

Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch

**2. State Government Agencies**

Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of Planning\*  
Department of Health, Office of Environmental Quality Control (2 copies)  
Department of Health, Environmental Management Division, Clean Water Branch  
Department of Health, Environmental Management Division, Wastewater Branch\*  
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division (5 copies)  
Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

**3. County Government Agencies**

Honolulu Board of Water Supply\*  
Department of Planning and Permitting (5 copies)

**4. Elected Officials**

Senator Jill Tokuda, District 24  
Representative Jarrett Keohokalole, District 48  
Council Member Ikaika Anderson, District 3

**5. Kauhale Beach Cove**

Ms. Sasha Tsuda, Hawaii First Inc., Property Manager  
Ms. Laurel LaClair, Hawaii First Inc., Association Manager  
Mr. Larry Lusk, Site Manager  
Mr. Brian Kelly, President, Board of Directors

**6. Others**

Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club  
Mr. Roy Yanagihara, Chair, Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30  
Mr. Thomas French, Makani Kai Marina, General Manager  
Hawaiian Electric Company\*  
Kaneohe Public Library

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## **Appendix A**

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### **Correspondence and Consultation Documentation**



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### **Pre-Assessment Consultation Correspondence and Documentation**





## SAMPLE LETTER REQUESTING INPUT

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July 28, 2014

C/O Pacific Reefs Nwr Complex  
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Department of the Interior  
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Honolulu, HI 96850-5000

**Subject:** Waikapoko Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment  
TMK: 4-5-003:010

To Whom It May Concern,

HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), on behalf of the Department of Design and Construction of the City and County of Honolulu (City), is preparing an environmental assessment for the Waikapoko Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade project. HDR is soliciting pre-assessment comments and input on this project.

### Background Information and Project Objectives

The Waikapoko Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS), owned and operated by the City, is located in Kaneohe on the windward side of Oahu. The site is situated adjacent to Kealahala Stream and within the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex near the shoreline of Kaneohe Bay. The 8,101 square foot parcel site is located on 45-919 Waialele Road and is accessed through the driveway of the Kauhale Beach Cove, which is located at 45-180 Mahalani Place.

The pump station currently services approximately 3,000 residents in the residential developments on the southwest shore of Kaneohe Bay. Wastewater collected from the service areas flows by gravity flow sewer lines to the Waikapoko WWPS, and is then pumped and discharged to the Kaneohe Bay East interceptor sewer for transmission to the Kaneohe Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility. Flow is conveyed from the pump station via a force main (pressurized line). A location and service area map is shown on Figure 1.

The pump station, which was placed into service in 1966, requires additional pumping capacity. Past studies evaluating historical flow data have found that due to high levels of infiltration and inflow (I/I) from rain induced flow entering the sewer system, the pumping capacity should be increased. This capacity upgrade project was recommended in the "Final Sewer I/I Plan, Rehabilitation and Infiltration and Inflow Minimization Study," December 1999, prepared by the City for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Consent Decree Civ. No. 94-00765 DAE. The capacity upgrade is not intended to support additional development in the service area, which is essentially fully developed.

The City proposes to upgrade the Waikapoko WWPS to increase the pump station's capacity, reduce the noise from the pump station, improve its reliability, and minimize and facilitate maintenance. Specific objectives and requirements of the project are as follows:

- Upgrade of the pumps is proposed to increase the capacity of the pump station to increase the margin of safety in meeting peak wastewater flow capacity requirements. Increasing the capacity will allow the station to accommodate the increased flow to the station due to high levels of I/I. Wastewater flows increase significantly during wet weather due to increased infiltration of groundwater and direct inflow of rainwater into sewer pipes through pipe and manhole defects and illicit connections such as roof gutters and outdoor drains. The existing Waikapoko WWPS and some of the sewer lines in the service area have inadequate capacity and are stressed during high flows. High flows during major storm events have resulted in past sewage spills in the area. Future long-term plans include diverting flow from the upstream Kahanahou WWPS to another portion of the system to reduce the Waikapoko WWPS flow.
- Promote improved overall reliability and ease of maintenance. Renovation of the pump station facility is proposed to upgrade the facility to more current technologies. This will include much needed electrical and instrument upgrades.
- Provide adequate and reliable backup power systems. This will be achieved by installing a larger emergency generator in a new generator building.
- Reduce noise from the pump station. Acoustical treatment will be provided to minimize noise from the pumps and emergency generator.
- Meet applicable building codes, safety requirements and perform miscellaneous site improvements.

### Proposed Project

A general site plan for the project is shown on Figure 2. The proposed project includes the following:

- Three new dry-pit submersible pumps with larger capacities will replace the two existing vertical extended shaft pumps. The new pumps will produce less noise because the pump motors, rather than being located on the ground floor, will be on the bottom floor, approximately two stories below ground. The pumps and motors are designed to operate underwater when flooding occurs.
- The existing exhaust system will be removed and replaced with a new ventilation system to meet current safety standards. The ventilation system will be provided with noise attenuation features.
- A new generator building will be constructed in the northeast corner of the site and a new diesel fuel tank will replace the existing propane fuel tank.
- The existing generator room will be converted to an electrical and motor control center (MCC) where electrical and instrument upgrades will be implemented.

- A new Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) pad mounted transformer will replace the existing transformer to support the increased electrical load. A new underground electrical line will be installed through the existing utility easement from Mahalani Place to the new transformer. The general route of the new electrical line is shown on Figure 3.
- Pump station facilities will receive acoustical treatment such as acoustical louvers to decrease noise emissions.
- Other miscellaneous facility renovations such as the removal of hazardous materials where needed and miscellaneous onsite upgrades such as painting and fence repairs will also be performed.

#### Preliminary Project Assessment

The environmental impacts associated with the project will be evaluated in the environmental assessment currently being prepared by HDR. The following is a brief discussion addressing the preliminary assessment of the environmental impacts and issues.

The project is expected to have minimal environmental impacts during both construction and subsequent operation of the facilities. The City intends to mitigate any negative impacts to the extent practicable.

The primary short-term construction impacts to surrounding residents will result from trenching work within the Kaunale Beach Cove driveway utility easement and a portion of Mahalani Place for installation of a new electrical line. Impacts from the trenching work and work at the pump station include construction within roadways, truck traffic to and from the site, construction equipment noise, and dust. The contractor will be required to implement appropriate traffic control and safety measures, meet applicable noise standards established by the State Department of Health, and control the generation of dust by implementing appropriate dust control practices. Best Management Practices will be implemented to minimize silt runoff from the project site and impacts to Kealahala Stream and nearshore waters.

No increases in noise and odors associated with the operation of the upgraded pump station are expected. Pump station facilities will be provided with new pumps and acoustical treatment to minimize noise levels. Odors from the pump station, which are currently not a significant issue, is expected to decrease in the future once the flow from the Kahanahou WWPS is diverted.

The construction cost for this project is estimated to be \$6.0 million. Construction is expected to begin not earlier than summer of 2015. The construction work is estimated to require approximately 18 to 24 months following award of the construction contract.

#### Request for Input and Comments

We would appreciate receiving any pre-assessment input and comments that you may have at this time by August 28, 2014. We will make every effort to address your concerns in the draft environmental assessment. Please submit your comments to:

Ayako Kawabata  
HDR Engineering, Inc.  
1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1200  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Facsimile: (808) 697-6201  
Email: Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com

To address potential cultural impacts in the environmental assessment, we would especially appreciate any input and information that you may have related to possible impacts on the traditional practices of any ethnic group. The names and phone numbers of individuals that we could contact regarding the practices that may be affected would be very helpful to us.

Please feel free to call me at 697-6204 to discuss any aspect of the proposed project. Thank you for your participation in the environmental review process for this project.

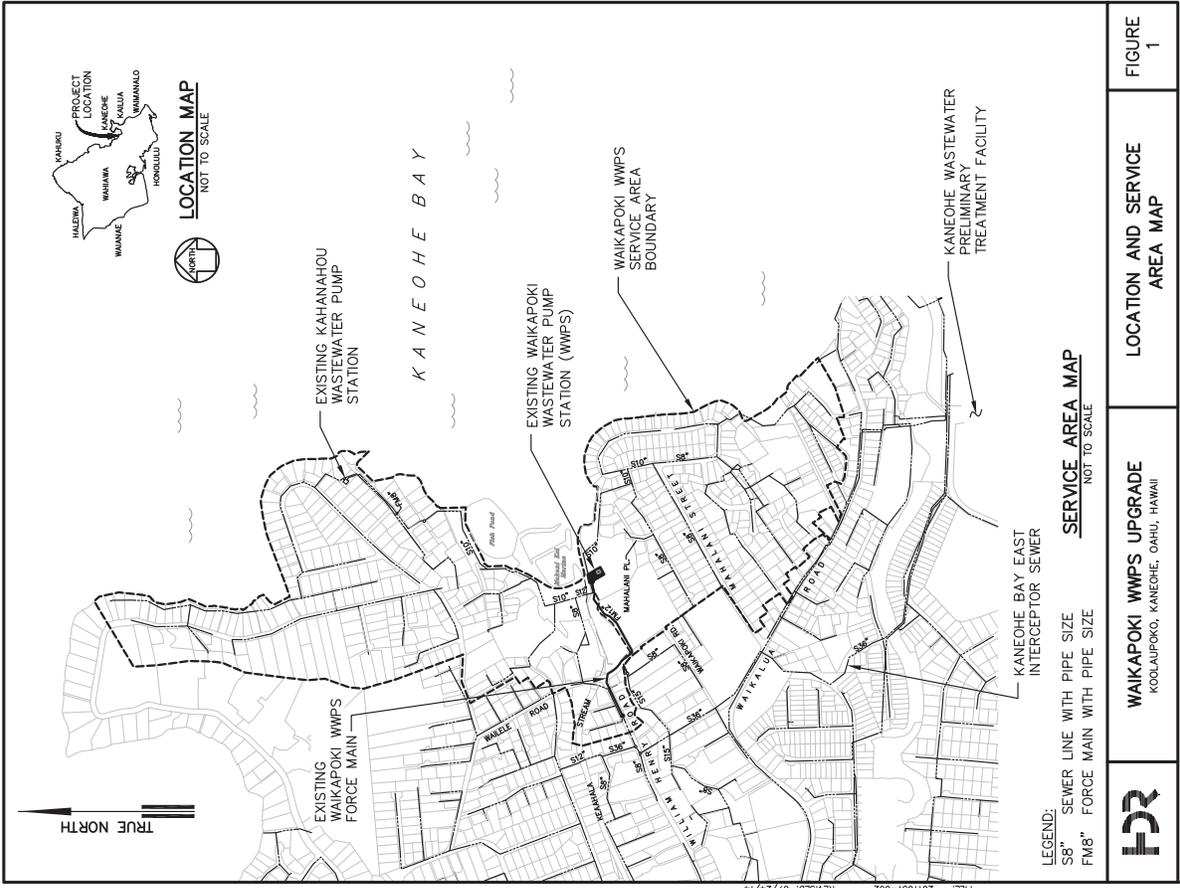
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Ayako Kawabata  
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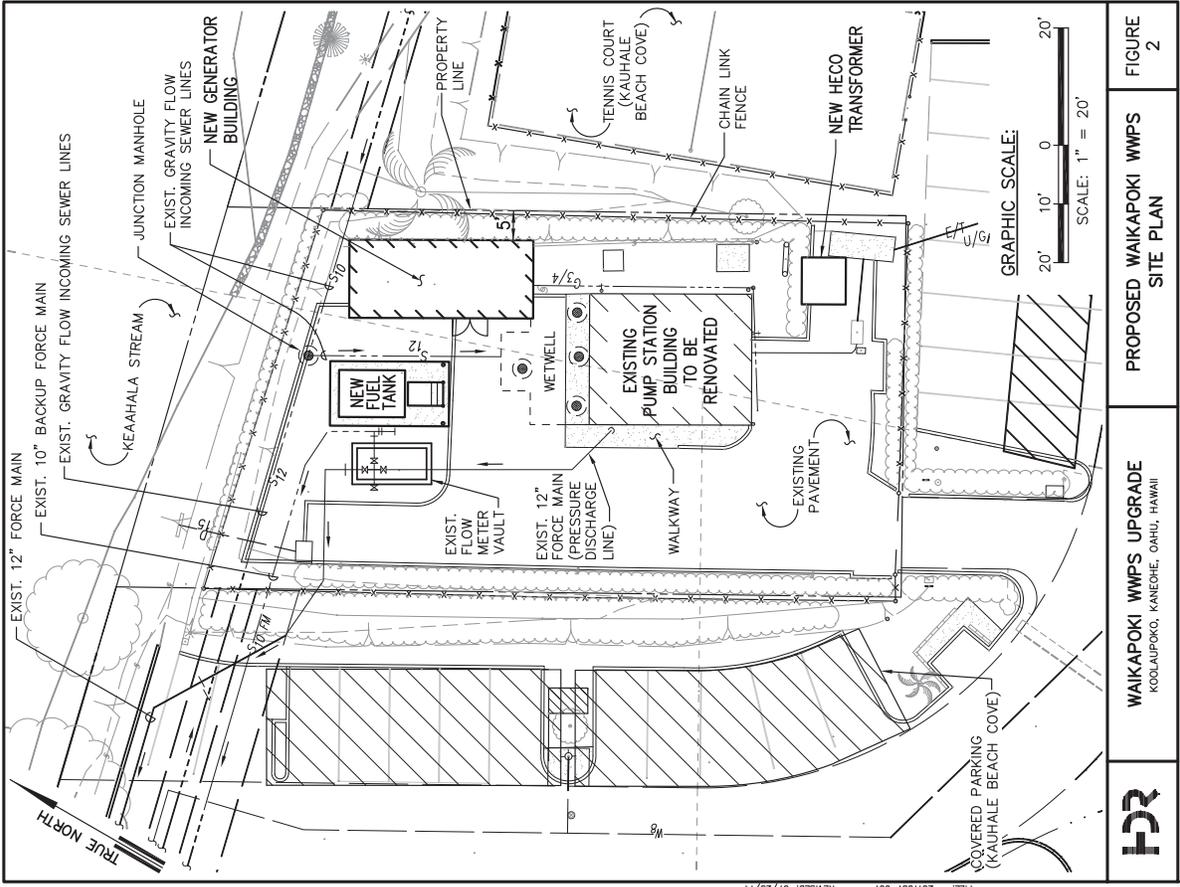
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**WAIKAPOKI WMPs UPGRADE**  
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**LOCATION AND SERVICE AREA MAP**

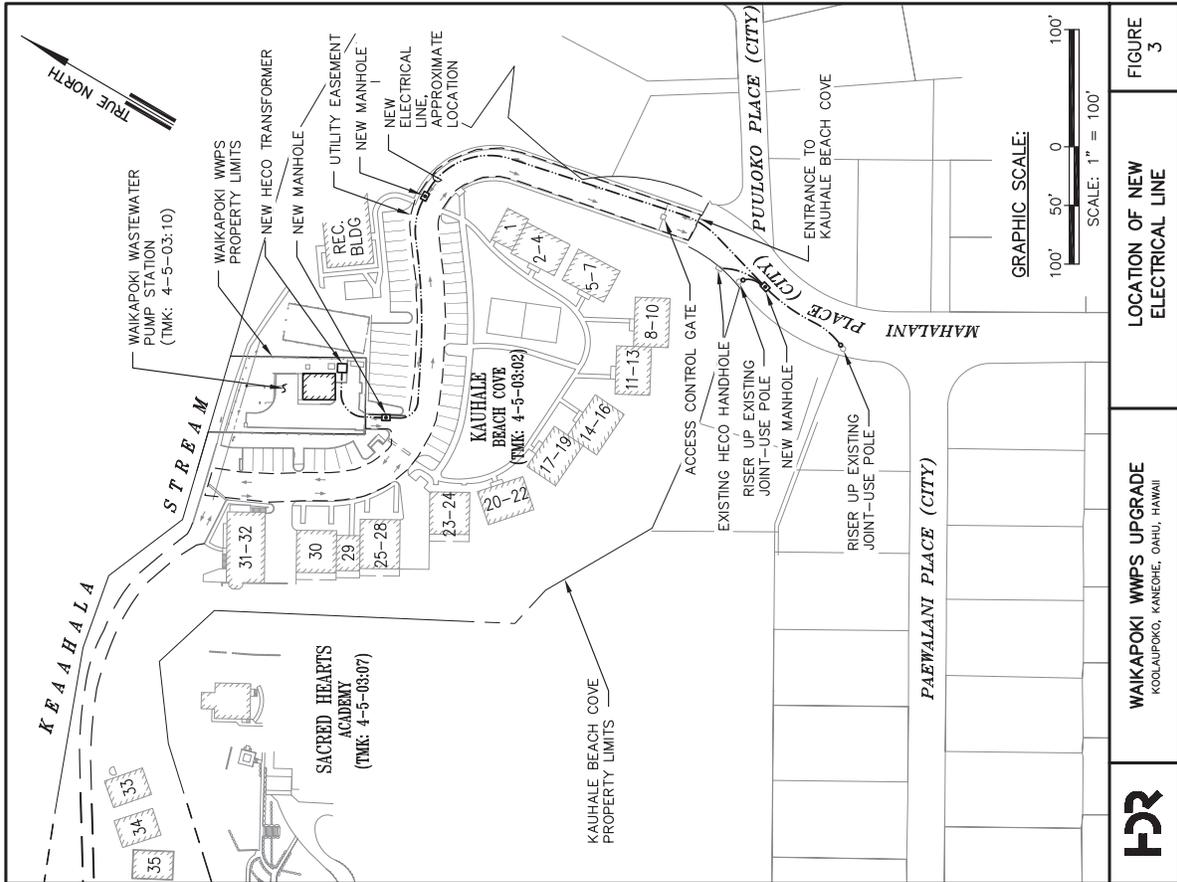
FIGURE 1



**WAIKAPOKI WMPs UPGRADE**  
 KOOLAUPOKO, KANEHOE, OAHU, HAWAII

**PROPOSED WAIKAPOKI WMPs SITE PLAN**

FIGURE 2



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<b>HDR</b>	<b>WAIPAPOKI WWP'S UPGRADE</b> KOO LAUPOKO, KANEHE, OAHU, HAWAII	<b>LOCATION OF NEW ELECTRICAL LINE</b>	<b>FIGURE 3</b>
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**Kawabata, Ayako**

**From:** Apana, Elizabeth E CONTRACTOR @ POH <Elizabeth.E.Apana@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 04, 2014 3:28 PM  
**To:** Kawabata, Ayako  
**Cc:** Apana, Elizabeth E CONTRACTOR @ POH  
**Subject:** Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade; Pre-Assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment TMK:4-5-0030101 (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** ecr-Questionnaire.doc; ENG Form 4345 2010.pdf; General Drawing Checklist.pdf; Sect 10 Rivers and Harbors Act Drawing Recommendations.pdf; Sect 404 Clean Water Act Drawing Recommendations.pdf

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Aloha Mr. Kawabata,

In response to your letter dated 28 July 2014 requesting pre-assessment comments for the environmental assessment to be done for the Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade project, TMK: 4-5-003:010, in Kaneohe, the following information and attachments are for your consideration.

Please be advised, if the proposed project involves work in waters of the U.S., Department of the Army (DA) authorization may be required.  
Under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, structures and/or work in or affecting the course, location, condition, or capacity of navigable waters of the U.S. require DA authorization. Navigable waters of the U.S. are waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, DA authorization is required for discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands. Generally, discharges of fill material include materials that change the bottom elevation of a water of the U.S. and includes rock, sand, soil, debris, overburden, etc. Waters of the U.S. include navigable waters of the U.S. and other waters including wetlands, rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds.

Thank you for your cooperation with the DA Regulatory Program. Please contact this office if you have any questions, to request a jurisdictional determination, or to submit a permit application package (see enclosures). You may contact the Regulatory Office by telephone at (808) 835-4303, by email at [CEPOH-RO@usace.army.mil](mailto:CEPOH-RO@usace.army.mil), or by mail at the following address:

Mahaalo,  
E. Brandilywn Apana, Admin Asst.  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Honolulu District, Regulatory Office, CEPOH-RO Building 214 Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440  
808.835.4303

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August 29, 2014  
Ms. E. Brandilywn Apana  
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Honolulu District  
Regulatory Office  
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Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440  
Subject: Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment  
TMK: 4-5-003:010

Dear Ms. Apana,

Thank you for your August 04, 2014 pre-assessment comments on the proposed Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade Project.

The proposed project will not involve any work in the United States waters.

We intend to prevent the discharge of silt and debris from construction activities into the Kaaahala Stream and nearshore waters of Kaneohe Bay to the maximum extent practicable through best management practices.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at [Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com](mailto:Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com).

Sincerely,

HDR Engineering, Inc.

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Dear Ms. Kawabata:

Subject: Waikopoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-Assessment Consultation for Draft Environmental Assessment  
45-919 Waialele Road, Kaneohe, Oahu 96744 TMK (1) 4-5-003: 010

We appreciate the opportunity to review the subject document and have determined that we have no comments to offer at this time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark Tomomitsu of our branch at 586-4294.

Sincerely,

SINA PRUDER, P.E., CHIEF  
Wastewater Branch

LMN:ST:lmj

c: Ms. Laura McIhyre, DOH-Environmental Planning Office

HDR

August 29, 2014

Ms. Sina Pruder, P.E., Chief  
Wastewater Branch  
Environmental Management Division  
State Department of Health  
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 309  
Honolulu, HI 96814-4920

Subject: Waikopoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment  
TMK: 4-5-003:010

Dear Ms. Pruder,

Thank you for your August 5, 2014 response stating that the Department of Health, Wastewater Branch does not have any pre-assessment comments to offer on the proposed Waikopoki WWPS Upgrade Project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com.

Sincerely,

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August 27, 2014

HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Attn: Ayako Kawabata  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Kawabata,

**SUBJECT:** Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade, Pre-Assessment  
Consultation for Environmental Assessment

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Land Division distributed or made available a copy of your report pertaining to the subject matter to DLNR Divisions for their review and comments.

At this time, enclosed are comments from (1) Land Division – Oahu District; (2) Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; (3) Division of State Parks; (4) Engineering Division; and (5) Division of Aquatic Resources. No other comments were received as of our suspense date. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Supervising Land Agent Steve Molmen at 587-0439. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell Y. Tsuji  
Land Administrator

Enclosure(s)

August 4, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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LOCATION:

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Please submit any comments by August 26, 2014. If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no comments. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Supervising Land Agent Steve Molmen at (808) 587-0439. Thank you.

Attachments

- We have no objections.
- We have no comments.
- Comments are attached.

Signed:   
Print Name: Russell Y. Tsuji  
Date: 8/5/14

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: Edward R. Calkins  
Date: 8/6/14

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Signed:   
Print Name: Cary S. Chang, Chief Engineer  
Date: 8/26/14

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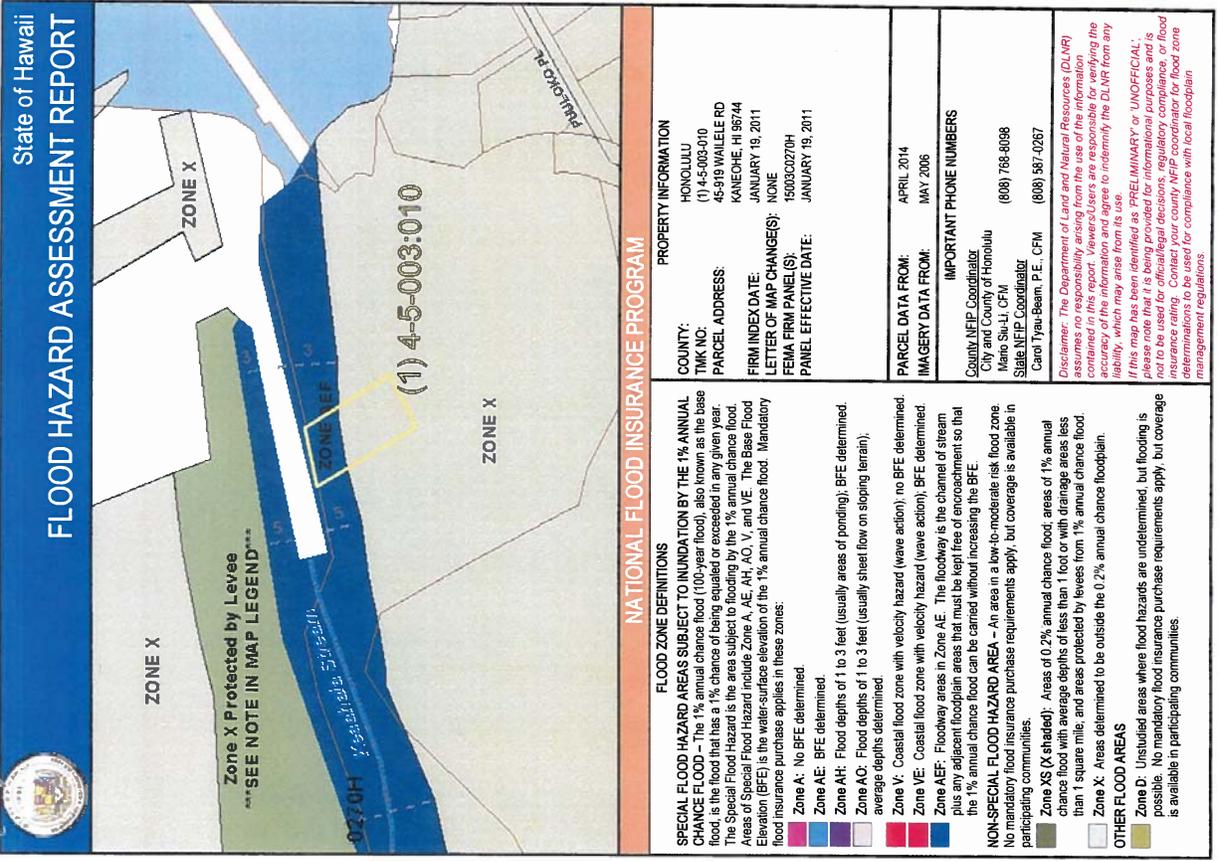
COMMENTS

- We confirm that the project site, according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Flood Zone \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Please take note that the project site according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Zones AEF and X. The National Flood Insurance Program regulates developments within Zone AEF as indicated in bold letters below, but not Zone X.
  - Please note that the correct Flood Zone Designation for the project site according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Please note that the project must comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) presented in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR), whenever development within a Special Flood Hazard Area is undertaken. If there are any questions, please contact the State NFIP Coordinator, Ms. Carol Tyan-Beam, of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Engineering Division at (808) 587-0267.
- Please be advised that 44CFR indicates the minimum standards set forth by the NFIP. Your Community's local flood ordinance may prove to be more restrictive and thus take precedence over the minimum NFIP standards. If there are questions regarding the local flood ordinances, please contact the applicable County NFIP Coordinators below:
- Mr. Mario Siu Li at (808) 768-8998 of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting.
  - Mr. Frank DeMarco at (808) 961-8042 of the County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works.
  - Mr. Carolyn Conz at (808) 270-7253 of the County of Maui, Department of Planning.
  - Mr. Stanford Iwanoto at (808) 241-4846 of the County of Kauai, Department of Public Works.
- The applicant should include project water demands and infrastructure required to meet water demands. Please note that the implementation of any State-sponsored projects requiring water service from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply system must first obtain water allocation credits from the Engineering Division before it can receive a building permit and/or water meter.
- The applicant should provide the water demands and calculations to the Engineering Division so it can be included in the State Water Projects Plan Update.
- Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Dennis Imada of the Planning Branch at 587-0257.

Signed:   
CARTY S. CHANG, CHIEF ENGINEER

Date: 8/26/14



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Signed: *[Signature]*  
 Print Name: MCGHEEY  
 Date: AUG 2 2 2014



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Frazer McGilvrey, Administrator  
Annette Tagawa, Aquatic Biologist

SUBJECT: Pre-assessment consultation for EA

Comment	Date Request	Receipt	Referral	Due Date
	Aug. 4, 2014	Aug. 5, 2014	Aug. 5, 2014	Aug. 26, 2014

Requested by: Russell Y. Tsuji, Land Administrator

Summary of Proposed Project

Title: Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade, Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment

Project by: Department of Design and Construction of the City and County of Honolulu, by its consultant, HDR Engineering, Inc.

Location: Kaneohe, Oahu TMK: 4-5-003:010

**Brief Description:** An Environmental Assessment is being prepared for the Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade Project. The pump station requires additional pumping capacity to accommodate high wastewater flows during wet weather due to increased filtration of groundwater and direct inflow of rainwater into sewer pipes through pipe and manhole defects and illicit connections such as roof gutters and outdoor drains. High flows during major storm events have resulted in past sewage spills in the area. The Pump Station Upgrade is intended to alleviate this problem.

**Comments:** The Division has no objection to the proposed project and supports the intention to alleviate sewage spills during high flows from major storm events. The Division is in agreement with the City intending to mitigate any negative impacts to the extent possible. Mitigation measures should include preventing any siltation and debris due to construction activities from entering the aquatic environment which would include Kealahala Stream and the nearshore waters of Kaneohe Bay.

Thank you for providing DAR the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. Should there be any changes to the project plans, DAR requests the opportunity to review and comment on those changes.



**Kawabata, Ayako**

**From:** Liu, Rouen <rouen.liu@hawaiianelectric.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2014 2:15 PM  
**To:** Kawabata, Ayako  
**Subject:** Pre assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment- request for comments on Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station

Dear Mr. Kawabata,  
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject project. Hawaiian Electric Company has no objections to the project. Should HECO have existing easements and facilities on the subject property, we will need continued access for maintenance of our facilities.  
We appreciate your efforts to keep us apprised of the subject project in the planning process. As the Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station comes to fruition, please continue to keep us informed. Further along in the design, we will be better able to evaluate the effects on our system facilities.  
If you have any questions, please call me at 543-7245.

Sincerely,  
Rouen Q. W. Liu  
Permits Engineer

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August 29, 2014

Mr. Rouen Q. W. Liu  
Permits Engineer  
Hawaiian Electric Company  
820 Ward Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96814

Subject: Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment  
TMK: 4-5-003:010

Dear Mr. Liu,

Thank you for your August 15, 2014 pre-assessment comments on the proposed Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade Project.

HECO's right of entry to maintain the electrical facilities at the pump station will not be affected by the proposed project. We will continue to coordinate with HECO as the project progresses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com.

Sincerely,

HDR Engineering, Inc.

Ayako Kawabata  
Project Manager

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**Kawabata, Ayako**

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**From:** Kimlyne Slagel <kislagel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 8:49 PM  
**To:** Kawabata, Ayako  
**Cc:** James Slagel  
**Subject:** Concerns about Proposed Pump Station

Dear Ayako Kawabata,

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors and residents of Kauhale Beach Cove. We are aware that we are, so to speak, ground zero for this project. We wish you much success in what appears to be a necessary and worthwhile endeavor, and we intend to be good neighbors and hosts.

The purpose of this letter is to outline our concerns, focusing on those under your control, initially during the construction period and then with the resultant Pump Station.

1. We hope that every effort is made to minimize the disruption to our lives, both in terms of noise and access to our homes. Work should commence after 8 am on Monday through Friday and conclude no later than 5 pm. We understand that occasional traffic egress issues and parking restrictions will occur
2. Security provided by our gate will no doubt be compromised by the work. We assume that you will take the necessary steps to provide surveillance to protect our homes. We further assume that you will compensate any resident victimized by this breach.
3. The project will necessitate large trucks using our somewhat fragile driveway. We believe fair compensation, to be determined through further discussions with the Board of Directors, for the damage incurred is appropriate.
4. In the Background Information and Project Objectives section of your July 28, 2014 communication, you assert that you intend to "Reduce noise from the pump station." Our contention is that the current station is relatively quiet; we will hold you to your pledge to minimize noise.
5. Along that same line, we currently have no odor associated with the Pump Station. We are adamant that no odors shall be generated by the new Pump Station. While odor is a subjective issue, we will not fall victim to a change in our quality of life.

Thank you for hearing us, and feel free to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Slagel

Treasurer

Board of Directors

Kauhale Beach Cove



August 29, 2014

Mr. Jim Slagel  
Co-Treasurer  
Board of Directors  
45-180 Mahalani Place #31  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Subject: Waikapohi Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment  
TMK: 4-5-003:010

Dear Mr. Slagel,

Thank you for your August 27, 2014 pre-assessment comments on the proposed Waikapohi WWPS Upgrade Project.

We intend to minimize the impact of the construction activities to the maximum extent practicable. The construction equipment noise and sounds associated with construction activities will be minimized by ensuring properly functioning mufflers are provided on machinery and restricting construction activity to normal working hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Contractor's employees will not be permitted to loiter, will remain only within the designated active work areas, and will only utilize the designated ingress and egress routes. Workers will not be permitted near individual residences. Workers who violate the work restrictions will be removed from the project site.

Before the commencement of the construction activity, the contractor will be required to document the existing site conditions which will include the paved roadway leading to the pump station. If the roadway was damaged by construction traffic, the contractor will be responsible to repair the damage caused by his operation.

Acoustical treatment will be applied to keep noise levels of the proposed facilities within the regulated limits. No increase in odor generation is anticipated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com.

Sincerely,

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In Reply Refer To:
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Ms. Ayako Kawabata
HDR Engineering, Inc.
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HDR ENGINEERING, INC.

Subject: Technical Assistance for the Proposed Upgrades to the Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station in Kaneohe, Oahu

Dear Ms. Kawabata:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your letter, dated July 28, 2014, in which you requested our comments on the proposed upgrades to the Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station in Kaneohe as a pre-consultation for the associated Environmental Assessment. The proposed upgrades include the replacement of the existing two vertical extended shaft pumps with three new dry-pit submersible pumps with larger capacities; the existing exhaust system will be removed and replaced with a new ventilation system to meet current safety standards, and the ventilation system will be provided with noise attenuation features; a new generator building will be constructed in the northeast corner of the site and a new diesel fuel tank will replace the existing propane fuel tank; the existing generator room will be converted to an electrical and motor control center where electrical and instrument upgrades will be implemented; a new Hawaiian Electric Company pad mounted transformer will replace the existing transformer to support the increased electrical load, and a new underground electrical line will be installed through the existing utility easement from Mahalani Place to the new transformer; the pump station facilities will receive acoustical treatment to decrease noise; and other miscellaneous facility renovations such as the removal of hazardous materials where needed, painting, and fence repairs. The below comments are provided in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), as amended (ESA), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (16 U.S.C. 703-712), as amended (MBTA), and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934 [16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.; 48 Stat. 401], as amended.

We have reviewed the information you provided and pertinent information in our files, including data compiled by the Hawaii Biodiversity and Mapping Program as it pertains to federally listed species. Species documented within the project vicinity include: the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat (Lasiurus cinereus semotis, 'ope'ape'a), the endangered Hawksbill sea turtle (Eretmochelys



Ms. Ayako Kawabata

imbricata, 'ea) and the threatened green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas, honu) (collectively referred to as sea turtles). Additionally, the wedge-tailed shearwater (Puffinus pacificus, 'ua'u kam), protected under the MBTA, may occur within the project vicinity. To aid in the drafting of your Environmental Assessment, we provide some Best Management Practices for avoidance and minimization impacts to listed species.

Hawaiian Hoary Bat

The Hawaiian hoary bat roosts in both exotic and native woody vegetation and, while foraging, will leave young unattended in "nursery" trees and shrubs when they forage. If trees or shrubs suitable for bat roosting are cleared during the breeding season, there is a risk that young bats could inadvertently be harmed or killed. To minimize impacts to the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat, woody plants greater than 15 feet tall should not be disturbed, removed, or trimmed during the bat birthing and pup rearing season (June 1 through September 15). Site clearing should be timed to avoid disturbance to Hawaiian hoary bats in the project area.

Seabirds and sea turtles

Outdoor lighting, such as street lights, can adversely impact listed (i.e., sea turtles) and migratory seabird species (e.g., wedge-tailed shearwater) found in the vicinity of the proposed project. Seabirds fly at night and are attracted to artificially lighted areas which can result in disorientation and subsequent fallout due to exhaustion or collision with objects such as utility lines, guy wires, and towers that protrude above the vegetation layer. Once grounded, they are vulnerable to predators or often struck by vehicles along roadways. Wedge-tailed shearwater nesting colonies are located nearby on offshore islets and every year many young shearwaters are downed and struck along Oahu roadways. Additionally, Newell's shearwaters have recently inhabited the James Campbell Refuge and experience the same threats as wedge-tailed shearwaters. Any increase in the use of night-time lighting, particularly during each year's peak fallout period (September 15 through December 15), could result in additional seabird injury or mortality. Impacts to seabirds can be minimized by shielding outdoor lights associated with the project to the maximum extent possible, eliminating night-time construction, and providing all project staff and residents with information about seabird fallout. All lights, including street lights, should be shielded so the bulb can only be seen from below and use the lowest wattage bulbs possible.

Wedge-tailed shearwaters nest in littoral vegetation along coastlines. Nesting adults, eggs, and chicks are particularly susceptible to impacts from human disturbance and predators. Surveys should be conducted throughout the project area during the species' peak breeding season (August through October) to determine the presence and location of nesting areas. If it is found that wedge-tailed shearwaters nest within the proposed project area, project construction should be timed outside of the breeding season.

Sea turtles are susceptible to artificial lighting because artificial lighting can disorient turtles away from the ocean. Sea turtles come ashore to nest on beaches from May through September, peaking in June and July. Optimal nesting habitat is a dark beach free of barriers that restrict their movement. Nesting turtles may be deterred from approaching or laying successful nests on lighted or disturbed beaches. If they do come ashore, they may become disoriented by artificial lighting, leading to exhaustion and placement of a nest in an inappropriate location (such as at or below the high tide line where nests are unlikely to be successful). Hatchlings that emerge from

unprotected nests may be disoriented by artificial lighting. In addition, turtle nests and hatchlings are susceptible to human disturbance and predation by feral mammals such as small Indian mongoose (*Herpestes auro-punctatus*), cats (*Felis catus*), dogs (*Canis familiaris*).

To minimize and avoid artificial lighting impacts to sea turtles and seabirds, a lighting plan should be developed and incorporated into the project description, including educating all project staff and residents with information about seabird fallout. If lights cannot be eliminated due to safety or security concerns then they should be positioned low to the ground, be motion-triggered and be shielded and/or full cut-off. Effective light shields should be completely opaque, sufficiently large, and positioned so that the bulb is only visible from below and so that light from the shielded source cannot be seen from the beach. Construction activities should occur during daylight hours only. Where appropriate, we recommend adding signage or a kiosk to educate park-goers regarding the seabird fallout issue and to let people know that downed birds can be taken to Sea Life Park for rehabilitation. The project description should address all potential impacts to seabirds and outline conservation measures to minimize these impacts.

**General Comments**

Because there are aquatic fish and wildlife resources (*i.e.*, Kealahala Stream) within the proposed project vicinity, and the proposed activities may cause soil erosion and sedimentation into these adjacent aquatic environments, we are attaching the Service's recommended Best Management Practices regarding sedimentation and erosion in aquatic environments. We encourage you to incorporate the relevant practices into your project design. We also recommend that you incorporate a post construction storm water runoff management plan into your Environmental Assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Carrie Harrington, Fish and Wildlife Biologist (phone: 808-792-9400; fax: 808-792-9581).

Sincerely,



Aaron Nadig  
Assistant Field Supervisor  
Oahu, Kauai, NWHI, and American Samoa

Enclosure: Service BMPs for erosion and sediment control

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Recommended Standard Best Management Practices**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recommend the following measures to be incorporated into project planning to avoid or minimize impacts to fish and wildlife resources. Best Management Practices (BMPs) include the incorporation of procedures or materials that may be used to reduce either direct or indirect negative impacts to aquatic habitats that result from project construction-related activities. These BMPs are recommended in addition to, and do not over-ride any terms, conditions, or other recommendations prepared by the USFWS, other federal, state or local agencies. If you have questions concerning these BMPs, please contact the USFWS Aquatic Ecosystems Conservation Program at 808-792-9400.

1. Authorized dredging and filling-related activities that may result in the temporary or permanent loss of aquatic habitats should be designed to avoid indirect, negative impacts to aquatic habitats beyond the planned project area.
2. Dredging/filling in the marine environment should be scheduled to avoid coral spawning and recruitment periods, and sea turtle nesting and hatching periods. Because these periods are variable throughout the Pacific Islands, we recommend contacting the relevant local, state, or federal fish and wildlife resource agency for site specific guidance.
3. Turbidity and siltation from project-related work should be minimized and contained within the project area by silt containment devices and curtailment work during flooding or adverse tidal and weather conditions. BMPs should be maintained for the life of the construction period until turbidity and siltation within the project area is stabilized. All project construction-related debris and sediment containment devices should be removed and disposed of at an approved site.
4. All project construction-related materials and equipment (dredges, vessels, backhoes, silt curtains, etc.) to be placed in an aquatic environment should be inspected for pollutants including, but not limited to: marine fouling organisms, grease, oil, etc., and cleaned to remove pollutants prior to use. Project related activities should not result in any debris disposal, non-native species introductions, or attraction of non-native pests to the affected or adjacent aquatic or terrestrial habitats. Implementing both a litter-control plan and a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plan (HACCP - see <http://www.haccp-nrm.org/Wizard/default.asp>) can help to prevent attraction and introduction of non-native species.
5. Project construction-related materials (fill, revetment rock, pipe, etc.) should not be stockpiled in, or in close proximity to aquatic habitats and should be protected from erosion (*e.g.*, with filter fabric, etc.), to prevent materials from being carried into waters by wind, rain, or high surf.
6. Fueling of project-related vehicles and equipment should take place away from the aquatic environment and a contingency plan to control petroleum products accidentally spilled during the project should be developed. The plan should be retained on site with the person responsible for compliance with the plan. Absorbent pads and containment booms should be stored on-site to facilitate the clean-up of accidental petroleum releases.
7. All deliberately exposed soil or under-layer materials used in the project near water should be protected from erosion and stabilized as soon as possible with geotextile, filter fabric or native or non-invasive vegetation matting, hydro-seeding, etc.



October 24, 2014

Mr. Aaron Nadig  
Assistant Field Supervisor  
Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122  
Honolulu, HI 96850

Subject: Waikapohi Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment  
TMK: 4-5-003-010

Dear Mr. Nadig,

Thank you for your September 30, 2014 pre-assessment comments on the proposed Waikapohi WWPS Upgrade Project.

We intend to implement the recommended Best Management Practices outlined in your letter and protect the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat, endangered Hawksbill sea turtle, threatened green sea turtle, and wedge-tailed shearwater within the project vicinity to the maximum extent practicable.

The proposed project will not be removing any trees and the contractor will be required to protect the trees within the project site during construction.

Construction activities will be restricted to normal working hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. As part of the proposed project, new energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) lights will be installed directing down to minimize disturbance to the endangered species.

The proposed project will not involve any work in the aquatic environment. We intend to prevent the discharge of silt and debris from construction activities into the Kealahala Stream and nearshore waters of Kaneohe Bay to the maximum extent practicable through Best Management Practices.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at [Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com](mailto:Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com).

Sincerely,

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**AOAO KAUAHALE BEACH COVE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2014**

**DATE & PLACE OF MEETING**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of AOAO Kauhale Beach Cove was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, On-site, The Clubhouse, 45-180 Mahalani Place, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744.

**ESTABLISHED A QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**Members Present:**

President Brian Kelly, Vice President Tammy Olsen, Secretary Kevin Cotton, Co-Treasurers Barbara Lee and James Slagel, and Director Clayton Iseke.

**Invited Guest(s):**

Larry Lusk, Site Manager, Kauhale Beach Cove  
Sasha Tsuda, Community Association Manager, Hawaii First, Inc.  
Ayako Kawabata & Roy Abe, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Glen Lau, Pacific Geotechnical Engineers, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly at 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

President Kelly called for corrections to the minutes of the regular Board of Directors Meeting held November 20, 2013. Motion was made by Co-Treasurer Slagel, seconded by Director Iseke to approve the minutes as circulated. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

President Kelly called for corrections to the minutes of the 2013 Annual Owners' Meeting held December 11, 2013. Motion was made by Co-Treasurer Slagel, seconded by Director Iseke to approve the minutes as circulated. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. October and November 2013 Financial Statements – were reviewed by the Board of Directors. It was the consensus of the Board to file the October and November 2013 Financial Statements, subject to audit.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Site Manager, Larry Lusk submitted a written report to the Board of Directors. The report is on file in the office of the Managing Agent. Any items requiring Board action were added to the agenda and addressed accordingly.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Recycling Committee – SM Lusk took over recycling duties from Clayton Iseke has approximately \$200 in the recycle fund and plans to use the funds for the next Welcome Party to be held on February 15, 2014. SM Lusk stated he has collected approximately \$250 towards the recycle fund since taking over recycling duties in October 2013.

**AOAO KAUAHALE BEACH COVE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2014  
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Unit 39 Unit Repair Update - Renaissance Flooring is tentatively scheduled to commence interior flooring repairs on February 17, 2014. It was the consensus of the Board to approve and authorize the association's in-house staff to remove the gusset plywood plate that was installed and replace it with an extended high grade stainless steel gusset plate; approximately 3' long.
2. Tree Trimming Proposals re Java Plums – SM Lusk obtained proposals from American Island Arbor (\$13,500) and H.T.M. Contractors (\$20,942.40) to trim the Java Plum trees located toward the back end of the property. Motion was made by Co-Treasurer Slagel, seconded by Director Iseke to approve and accept American Island Arbor's proposal for a cost of approximately \$13,500. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Waiakapōki Waste Water Pump Station Project Upgrade – Guest Speakers Ayako Kawabata and Roy Abe of HDR Engineering, Inc. and Glenn Lau of Pacific Geotechnical Engineers, Inc. conducted an informational discussion regarding the upcoming waste water pump station project upgrade. A handout was distributed to the Board for review regarding the project's background information and objectives. A copy of the handout is appended to these minutes for record purposes.
2. Appointment of Interim Director – Motion was made by Co-Treasurer Slagel, seconded by President Kelly to nominate and appoint Duane Keys, Owner of Unit #4 to serve on the Board as an interim director until the next Annual Owners' Meeting. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Board of Directors' meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., On-site, The Clubhouse, 45-180 Mahalani Place, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring to the floor, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Submitted,



Sasha E.M. Tsuda  
Community Association Manager  
Recording Secretary

For: Kevin Cotton, Secretary

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long-term plans include diverting flow from the upstream Kahanahou WWPS to another portion of the system to reduce the Waikapoi WWPS flow.

- Promote improved overall reliability and ease of maintenance. Renovation of the pump station facility is proposed to upgrade the facility to more current technologies. This will include much needed electrical and instrument upgrades.
- Provide adequate and reliable backup power systems. This will be achieved by installing a larger emergency generator in a new generator building.
- Reduce noise from the pump station. Acoustical treatment will be provided to minimize noise from the pumps and emergency generator.
- Meet applicable building codes, safety requirements and perform miscellaneous site improvements.

#### Proposed Project

A general site plan for the project is shown on Figure 2. The proposed project includes the following:

- Three new dry-pit submersible pumps with larger capacities will replace the two existing vertical extended shaft pumps. The new pumps will produce less noise because the pump motors, rather than being located on the ground floor, will be on the bottom floor, approximately two stories below ground. The pumps and motors are designed to operate underwater when flooding occurs.
- The existing exhaust system will be removed and replaced with a new ventilation system to meet current safety standards. The ventilation system will be provided with noise attenuation features.
- A new generator building will be constructed in the northeast corner of the site and a new diesel fuel tank will replace the existing propane fuel tank.
- The existing generator room will be converted to an electrical and motor control center (MCC) where electrical and instrument upgrades will be implemented.
- A new Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) pad mounted transformer will replace the existing transformer to support the increased electrical load. A new underground electrical line will be installed through the existing utility easement from Mahalani Place to the new transformer. The general route of the new electrical line is shown on Figure 3.
- Pump station facilities will receive acoustical treatment such as acoustical louvers to decrease noise emissions.
- Other miscellaneous facility renovations such as the removal of hazardous materials where needed and miscellaneous onsite upgrades such as painting and fence repairs will also be performed.

#### Preliminary Project Assessment

The environmental impacts associated with the project will be evaluated in the environmental assessment currently being prepared by HDR. The following is a brief discussion addressing the preliminary assessment of the environmental impacts and issues.

DATE: January 22, 2014

TO: Consulted Party

SUBJECT: Waikapoi Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade  
Pre-assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment  
TMK: 4-5-003.010

HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), on behalf of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction (City), is preparing an environmental assessment for the Waikapoi Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade project. HDR is soliciting pre-assessment comments and input on this project.

#### Background Information and Project Objectives

The Waikapoi Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS), owned and operated by the City, is located in Kaneohe on the windward side of Oahu. The site is situated adjacent to Kealahala Stream and within the Kauhale Beach Cove townhouse complex near the shoreline of Kaneohe Bay. The 8,101 square foot parcel site is located on 45-919 Waiiale Road and is accessed through the driveway of the Kauhale Beach Cove, which is located at 45-180 Mahalani Place.

The pump station currently services approximately 3,000 residents in the residential developments on the southwest shore of Kaneohe Bay. Wastewater collected from the service areas flows by gravity to the Waikapoi WWPS, and is then pumped and discharged to the Kaneohe Bay East interceptor sewer for transmission to the Kaneohe Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility. A location and service area map is shown on Figure 1.

The pump station, which was placed into service in 1966, requires additional pumping capacity. Past studies evaluating historical flow data have found that due to high levels of infiltration and inflow (I/I) from rain induced flow entering the sewer system, the pumping capacity should be increased. This capacity upgrade project was recommended in the "Final Sewer I/I Plan, Rehabilitation and Infiltration and Inflow Minimization Study," December 1999, prepared by the City for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Consent Decree Civ. No. 94-00765 DAE. The capacity upgrade is not intended to support additional development in the service area, which is essentially fully developed.

The City proposes to upgrade the Waikapoi WWPS to increase the pump station's capacity, reduce the noise from the pump station, improve its reliability, and minimize and facilitate maintenance. Specific objectives and requirements of the project are as follows:

- Upgrade of the pumps is proposed to increase the capacity of the pump station to increase the margin of safety in meeting peak wastewater flow capacity requirements. Increasing the capacity will allow the station to accommodate the increased flow to the station due to high levels of I/I. Wastewater flows increase significantly during wet weather due to increased infiltration of groundwater and direct inflow of rainwater into sewer pipes through pipe and manhole defects and illicit connections such as roof gutters and outdoor drains. The existing Waikapoi WWPS and some of the sewer lines in the service area have inadequate capacity and are stressed during high flows. High flows during major storm events have resulted in past sewage spills in the area. Future

The project is expected to have minimal environmental impacts during both construction and subsequent operation of the facilities. The City intends to mitigate any negative impacts to the extent practicable.

The primary short-term construction impacts to surrounding residents will result from trenching work within the Kauhale Beach Cove driveway utility easement and a portion of Mahalani Place for installation of a new electrical line. Impacts from the trenching work and work at the pump station include construction within roadways, truck traffic to and from the site, construction equipment noise, and dust. The contractor will be required to implement appropriate traffic control and safety measures, meet applicable noise standards established by the State Department of Health, and control the generation of dust by implementing appropriate dust control practices. Best Management Practices will be implemented to minimize silt runoff from the project site and impacts to Keahala Stream and nearshore waters.

No increases in noise and odors associated with the operation of the upgraded pump station are expected. Pump station facilities will be provided with new pumps and acoustical treatment to minimize noise levels. Odors from the pump station, which are currently not a significant issue, is expected to decrease in the future once the flow from the Kahanahou WWPS is diverted.

The construction cost for this project is estimated to be \$6.0 million. Construction is expected to begin not earlier than summer of 2015. The construction work is estimated to require approximately 18 to 24 months following award of the construction contract.

Request for Input and Comments

We would appreciate receiving any pre-assessment input and comments that you may have at this time by February 28, 2014. We will make every effort to address your concerns in the draft environmental assessment. Please submit your comments to:

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 Honolulu, HI 96813  
 Facsimile: (808) 697-6201  
 Email: Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com

To address potential cultural impacts in the environmental assessment, we would especially appreciate any input and information that you may have related to possible impacts on the traditional practices of any ethnic group. The names and phone numbers of individuals that we could contact regarding the practices that may be affected would be very helpful to us.

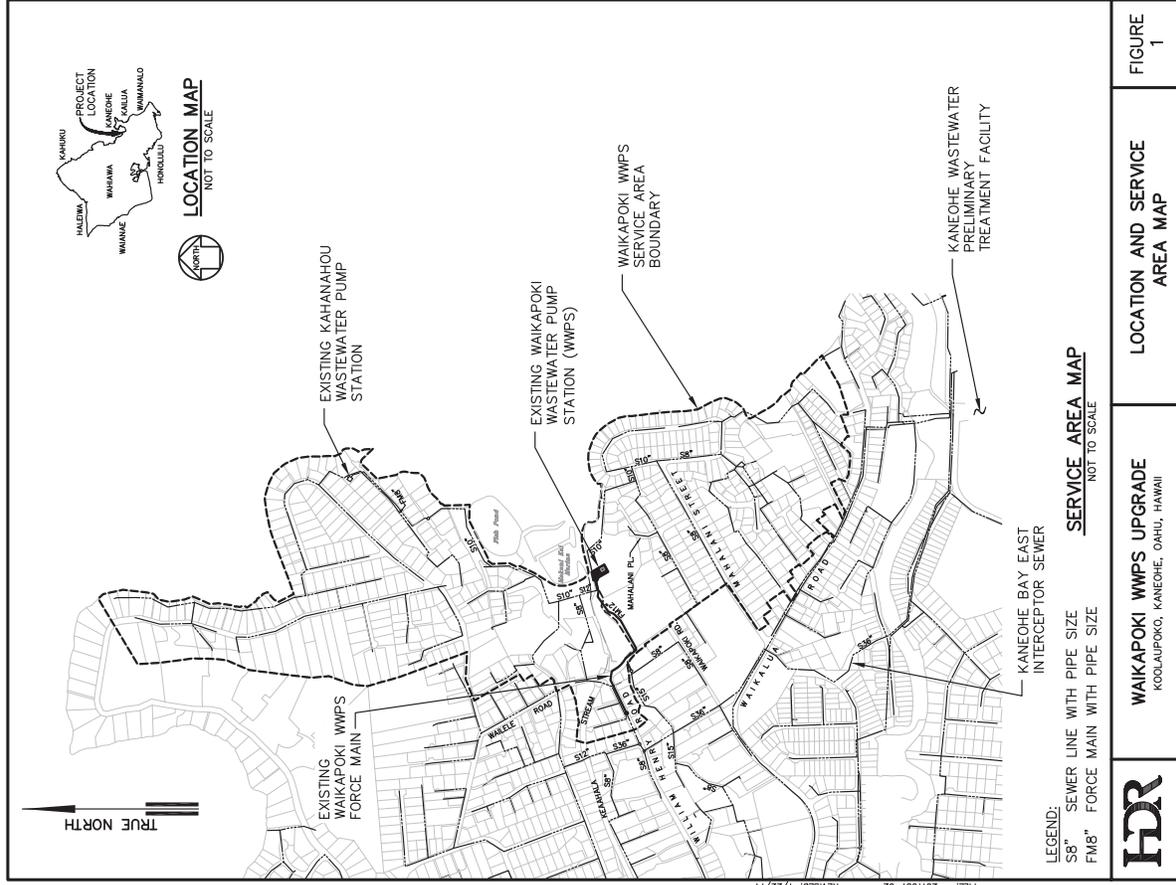
Please feel free to call me at 697-6204 to discuss any aspect of the proposed project. Thank you for your participation in the environmental review process for this project.

Sincerely,  
 HDR Engineering, Inc.

*Ayako Kawabata*

Ayako Kawabata  
 Project Manager

Attachment (3 figures)

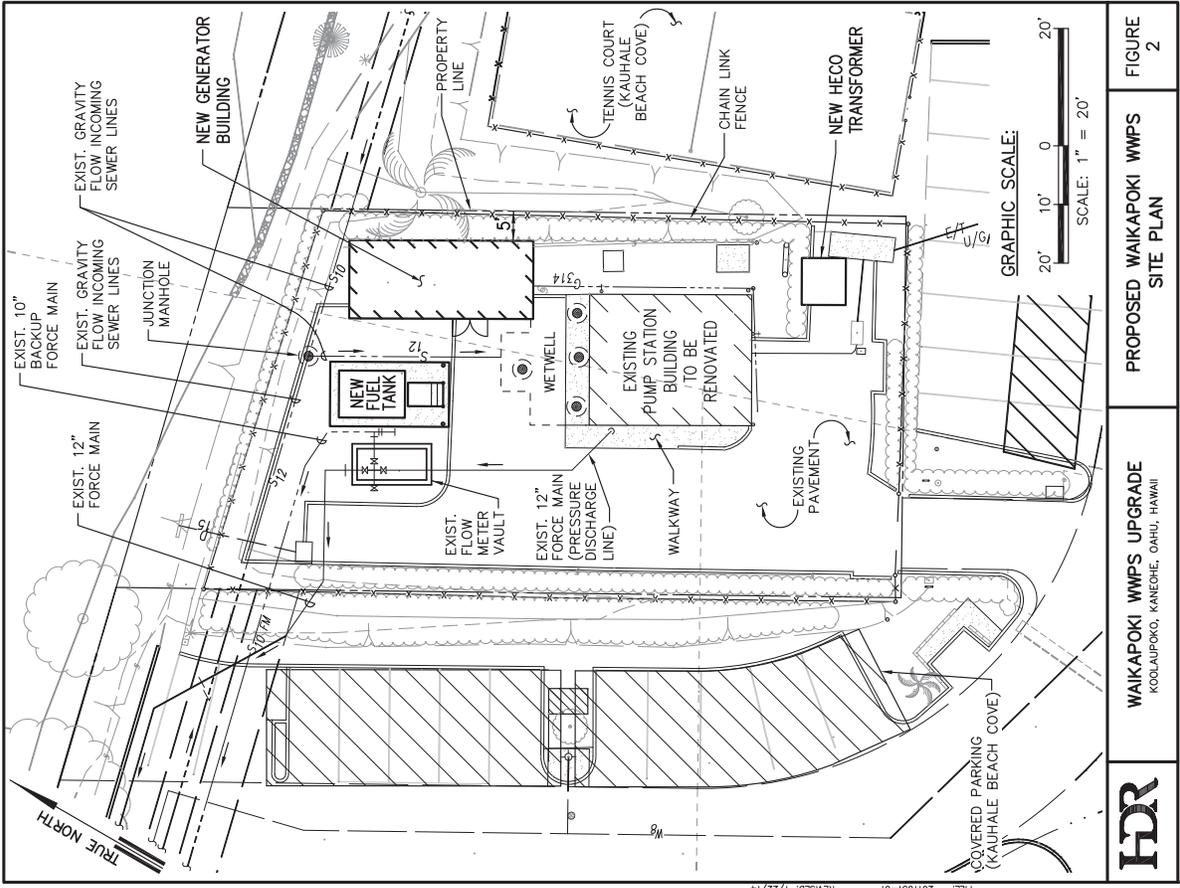


**WAIKAPO WWPS UPGRADE**  
 KOOLAUPOKO, KANEHOE, OAHU, HAWAII

LEGEND:  
 8" SEWER LINE WITH PIPE SIZE  
 6M" FORCE MAIN WITH PIPE SIZE

**LOCATION AND SERVICE AREA MAP**

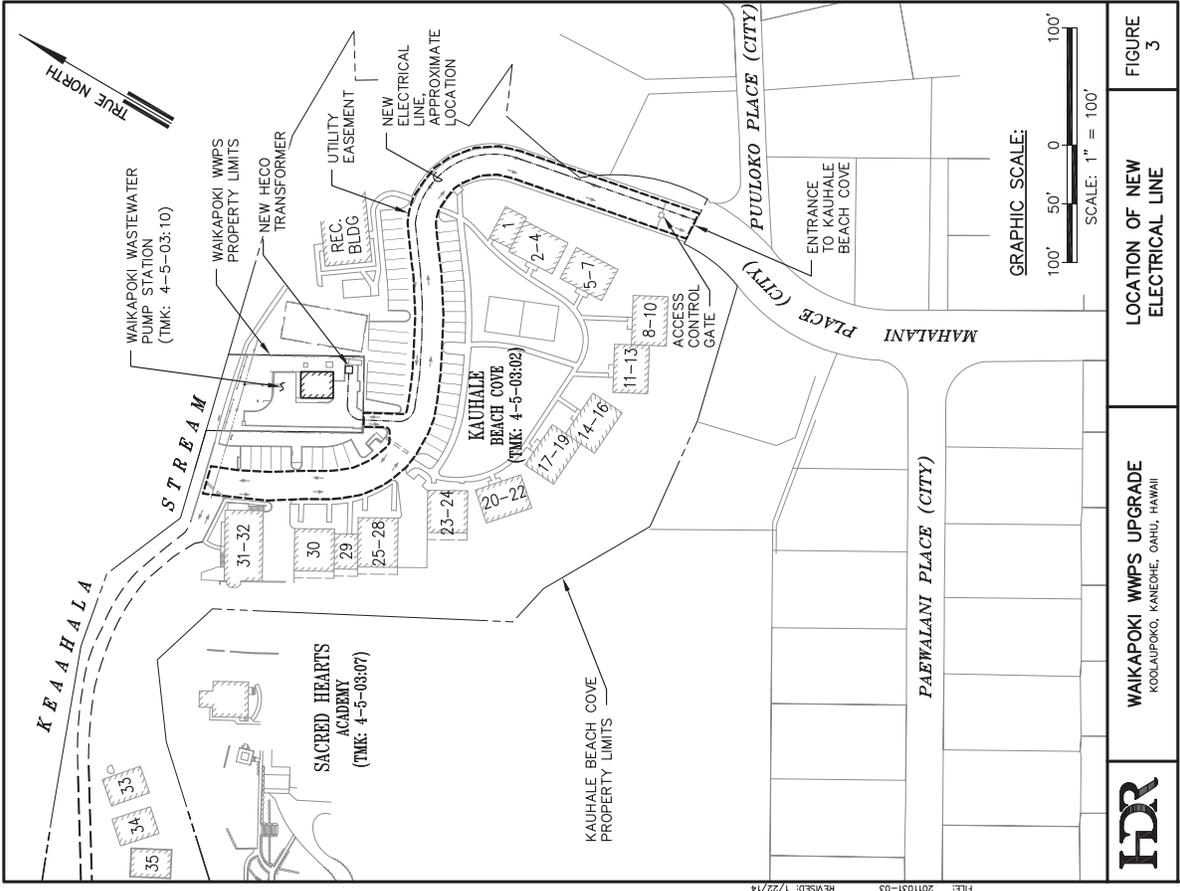
**FIGURE 1**



WAIKAPOIKI WMPs UPGRADE  
 KOOLAUPOKO, KANEHE, OAHU, HAWAII

PROPOSED WAIKAPOIKI WMPs  
 SITE PLAN

FIGURE 2



WAIKAPOIKI WMPs UPGRADE  
 KOOLAUPOKO, KANEHE, OAHU, HAWAII

LOCATION OF NEW  
 ELECTRICAL LINE

FIGURE 3

## **Appendix A-2**

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### **Draft Environmental Assessment Comments and Responses**





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Attention: Mr. John Dai

Dear Mr. Kroning:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Waikapōi Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii; TMK: (1) 4-5-003:010

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed upgrades to the Waikapōi Waste Water Pump Station (WWPS). It is our understanding that this project calls for the replacement of existing pumps with three higher capacity waste water pumps, the renovation of pump station facilities, a new generator building, a new electrical duct-line system, and onsite improvements. The project is located in the Special Management Area (SMA), and an SMA use permit will be required.

We have reviewed the documents sent to us by letter dated November 19, 2014, and have the following comments to offer:

1. The statement on page 3-7 (Section 3, subsection O) that addresses the Sustainable Design of the WWPS is better suited in an analysis of the Hawaii State Planning Act's Priority Guidelines on Sustainability. The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) should restate the benefits of the Sustainable Design of the WWPS listed on page 3-7, and include them in the Hawaii State Plan analysis and how this project meets the Priority Guidelines on Sustainability listed in the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 226-108. The objectives of the Sustainability Guidelines that are applicable to this project include resource conservation/waste management benefits to Kaneohe and Windward Oahu. The entire Sustainability Guidelines can be viewed or downloaded from the Office of Planning website at [http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/docs/OP\\_TAM\\_2013-12-03.pdf](http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/docs/OP_TAM_2013-12-03.pdf)
2. The Draft EA did not include an analysis on the project's conformity with the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) objectives and policies found in HRS § 205A-2. The Final EA should include a statement in a section that addresses how this WWPS project conforms or is in conflict with state and county plans, policies, and controls. This

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statement should include a discussion of the proposed project's ability to meet all of the objectives and policies set forth in HRS § 205A-2. Where a conflict or inconsistency exists, the statement must describe the extent to which the applicant has reconciled its proposed action with this statute. These objectives and policies include: recreational resources, historic resources, scenic and open space resources, coastal ecosystems, economic uses, coastal hazards, managing development, public participation, beach protection, and marine resources.

3. The location of this WWPS project is located within close proximity to the near shore waters of Kaneohe Bay and Kaneohe Stream. Page 3-2, Section 3, Subsection E of the Draft EA provides an analysis on the issues regarding Surface Water Quality. This section states that the contractor will develop and follow a Best Management Practices (BMP) plan to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the near shore waters and streams. We support the inclusion of a BMP plan during the construction phase. In addition to complying with the City's BMP manual to prevent silt-laden runoff during construction, please consider using the Office of Planning, Coastal Zone Management's Hawaii Watershed Guidance.

Please review the Hawaii Watershed Guidance, which provides a summary and links to management measures that may be implemented to minimize coastal nonpoint pollution impact. Specifically please examine page 122 (Site Development Management Measure for urban runoff). The Watershed Guidance can be viewed or downloaded from the Office of Planning website at [http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/initiative/honpoint/HI\\_Watershed\\_Guidance\\_Final.pdf](http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/initiative/honpoint/HI_Watershed_Guidance_Final.pdf)

4. Please note that Act 153, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, effective on July 1, 2011, has raised the valuation threshold between the SMA Use permit and SMA Minor permit from \$125,000 to \$500,000. The cost threshold on page 3-10 that "the project cost is over \$125,000" should be corrected accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this comment letter, please contact Josh Hekeikia of our Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2845.

Sincerely,

  
Leo R. Asuncion  
Acting Director

c: Ayako Kawabata, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
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TMK: 4-5-003:010

Dear Mr. Asuncion,

On behalf of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction, thank you for reviewing the subject document and for your correspondence on December 16, 2014. We offer the following responses to your comments:

- 1) Priority Guidelines on Sustainability. We acknowledge your comment to include a discussion on how the proposed project complies with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §226-108 [5] and meets the resource conservation objective of the State Office of Planning's "Priority Guidelines and Principles to Promote Sustainability." This discussion has been incorporated into Section 3.Q.2 of the final environmental assessment.
- 2) Coastal Zone Management. We acknowledge your comment to include an analysis on the proposed project's conformity with the Coastal Zone Management (CZM)'s objectives and policies found in HRS §205A-2. This analysis has been incorporated into Section 3.Q.6 of the final environmental assessment.
- 3) Hawaii Watershed Guidance. We acknowledge your comment to include measures from the Hawaii Watershed Guidance to minimize coastal nonpoint pollution impact. Measures from the Hawaii Watershed Guidance have been incorporated into Section 3.E of the final environmental assessment.
- 4) SMA Permit. We acknowledge your comment that the valuation threshold between the Special Management Area (SMA) Minor and SMA Major Permits has been raised from \$125,000 to \$500,000. The cost threshold of \$500,000 has been incorporated into Section 3.Q.5 of the final environmental assessment.

A copy of your letter and this response will be included in the final environmental assessment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at [Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com](mailto:Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com).

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Attn: Mr. John Dai

Dear Mr. Kroning:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for Waikapoko Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade, 45-919 Waialele Road, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744  
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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide comments on the above subject project. We have the following information to offer.

We are always satisfied to have improvements done to our existing wastewater systems and have no objections to the Waikapoko WWPS Upgrade. As the proposed project involves the replacement of the two (2) existing pumps, modifications and rehabilitation of the existing wetwell, and replacement of the existing pump station piping appropriate best management practices should be performed to ensure that no disruption in service and wastewater spills occurs during the construction, particularly in the event of high rainfall conditions. In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules, Section 11-62-23.1(j) standby power shall be provided to prevent unauthorized discharges of wastewater during a primary power outage while the construction is ongoing and upon completion of the upgraded facility.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Tomomitsu of our branch at 586-4294.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Pruder,

On behalf of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction, thank you for reviewing the subject document and for your correspondence on December 9, 2014.

We acknowledge your comment indicating that the Department of Health Wastewater Branch has no objections to the Waikapoko WWPS Upgrade Project. We further acknowledge that appropriate best management practices should be performed to minimize the potential of service disruptions and wastewater spills during construction. In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules, Section 11-62-23.1(j), backup power will be provided during construction to reduce the potential of unauthorized wastewater discharge during a primary power outage, and a permanent emergency generator will be provide as part of the facility upgrade.

A copy of your letter and this response will be included in the final environmental assessment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com.

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**ATTN:** JOHN DAI

**FROM:** ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E., MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER

**SUBJECT:** YOUR LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2014 ON  
THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR  
WAIKAPOKI WASTEWATER PUMP STATION UPGRADE,  
KANEHOHE, OAHU, HAWAII – TAX MAP KEY: 4-5-003: 010

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station upgrade.

The existing water system is adequate to accommodate the proposed Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station upgrade. However, please be advised that this information is based upon current data, and therefore, the Board of Water Supply reserves the right to change any position or information stated herein up until the final approval of the building permit application. The final decision on the availability of water will be confirmed when the building permit application is submitted for approval.

When water is made available, the applicant will be required to pay our Water System Facilities Charges for resource development, transmission and daily storage.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Chun, Project Review Branch of our Water Resources Division at 748-5443.

**cc:** A. Kawabata, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Lau,

On behalf of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction, thank you for reviewing the subject document and for your correspondence on December 18, 2014.

We acknowledge your comment indicating that the existing water system is adequate to accommodate the project and that the final decision on the availability of water will be confirmed when the building permit application is submitted for approval. We further acknowledge that when water is made available to the project site, Department of Design and Construction will be required to pay the Water System Facilities Charges for resource development, transmission and daily storage.

A copy of your letter and this response will be included in the final environmental assessment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com.

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**Cc:** 'oecchawaii@doh.hawaii.gov'; Kawabata, Ayako  
**Subject:** Draft EA for Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade

Dear Mr. Kroning,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject project. Hawaiian Electric Company has no objection to the project. Should HECO have existing easements and facilities on the subject property, we will need continued access for maintenance of our facilities.

We appreciate your efforts to keep us apprised of the subject project in the planning process. As the proposed Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station project comes to fruition, please continue to keep us informed. Further along in the design, we will be better able to evaluate the effects on our system facilities.

If you have any questions, please call me at 543-7245.

Sincerely,  
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Ms. Ayako Kawabata – HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Ms. Jessica Wooley – Office of Environmental Quality Control

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TMK: 4-5-003:010

Dear Mr. Lin,

On behalf of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction, thank you for reviewing the subject document and for your correspondence on December 23, 2014.

We acknowledge your comment indicating that HECO does not have any objections to the Waikapoki WWPS Upgrade Project. We further acknowledge that HECO's right of entry to maintain the electrical facilities at the pump station will not be affected by the proposed project. We will continue to coordinate with HECO as the project progresses.

A copy of your letter and this response will be included in the final environmental assessment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 697-6204, or you can email me at Ayako.Kawabata@hdrinc.com.

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## **Appendix B**

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### **Archaeological Assessment**





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RE: Archaeological Assessment for the Waikapoki Waste Pump Station Upgrade Project, TMK (1) 4–5–003:007, 011, Kāne‘ohe Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, Hawai‘i.

Dear Ms. Uyeoka,

Garcia and Associates has prepared this Archaeological Assessment for HDR Engineering to address concerns for possible adverse impact to cultural resources during the Waikapoki Waste Pump Station (WWPS) Upgrade Project in Kāne‘ohe Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, Hawai‘i. The project area is in the vicinity of TMK (1) 4–5–003:007, 011. The purpose of the Archaeological Assessment is to determine the potential for traditional Hawaiian or early historic cultural deposits in the project’s Area of Potential Effect (APE). The proposed actions for the project include renovation of the existing WWPS building, installation of a new onsite emergency generator building supported on deep foundations, replacement of existing 12” onsite gravity sewer pipes, and installation of a new electrical duct line.

#### **Area of Potential Effect**

The project APE is 50 to 150 meters west of Kāne‘ohe Bay shoreline, immediately south of the Makani Kai Marina Aoao at the mouth of Kea‘ahala Stream (Figure 1). The WWPS parcel measures approximately 20 m by 35 m and is in the Kahuhale Beach Cove townhouse development at approximately 3 m above mean sea level. The electrical duct line is proposed to follow paved surface roads for approximately 700 linear meters; extending from the townhouse development’s parking area to the intersection of Mahalani Place and Paewalani Place at 7 m above mean sea level. Residential subdivisions and associated utilities are now present in the project area.

#### **Methodology**

Background literature review included examination of maps, historical and archival documents, and previous archaeological studies in the vicinity of the project area. Historical maps relevant to the current project were georeferenced and analyzed to determine the potential for archaeological resources within the APE. Previous archaeological reports from the area were compiled and analyzed to determine the presence or absence of known archaeological resources with the APE. Additionally, reports from comparable environmental contexts in Kāne‘ohe were reviewed for information helpful in determining the probability of archaeological resources in the APE.



## Physical Environment Overview

Notable features in the terrain near the APE include the 85 m high volcanic cone Pu‘upahu, located 0.5 km to the north, and Kea‘ahala Stream, flowing into Kāne‘ohe Bay just north of the WWPS parcel. Kāne‘ohe’s topography and abundant freshwater made the *ahupua‘a* a traditionally important region for agriculture and aquaculture (Kamakau 1961:303).

### Soils and Sediments

Soils in the APE consist of Lolekaa silty clays with three to eight percent slopes (NRCS 2012). These are well-drained soils with moderately rapid permeability that developed in old, gravelly colluvium and alluvium. The soils are situated on fans and terraces near sea level to 500 feet, with the water table more than 200 cm below ground surface.

Dredged material from Kāne‘ohe Bay was used as construction fill to level former traditional fishponds and support residential developments along the shoreline, including immediately east of the proposed duct line corridor.

### Agriculture

Kāne‘ohe Valley contains numerous streams that contribute to the richness of its natural resources. Kea‘ahala Stream (at the north border of the WWPS property), among others in the area, supported irrigation canals feeding into *lo‘i* (irrigated terrace). The *lo‘i* were used to cultivate wetland taro and sweet potato on terraced lands during the pre-Contact period.

In 1789, Captain Nathaniel Portlock of the British HMS King George observed the low valleys “in a high state of cultivation, and crowded with plantations of taro, sweet potatoes, sugarcane, etc. . . .” (Handy and Handy 1972:455). Toward the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Chinese immigrants leased former *lo‘i* lands from Hawaiian landowners in the Kāne‘ohe lowlands. Taro was replaced by rice agriculture, which covered nearly all of Kāne‘ohe’s floodplains by the late 1880s (Hammatt and Shideler 2006:10–11). This pattern continued until the 1920s when production in California undercut Hawaiian rice prices, leading to the return of taro production by the 1940s. An early 20<sup>th</sup> century source reported that “some of the best terraces now in use . . . are irrigated by Kea‘ahala” (Handy 1940, cited in Sterling and Summers 1978:205). At this time cattle grazing and the production of sugar cane and pineapple began in the area.

### Fishponds

The numerous traditional Hawaiian fishponds (*loko*) once located along the shore of Kāne‘ohe Bay produced an abundance of marine resources. Four to five *loko* were located near the project area, one of which was likely in the APE. The largest *loko*, Kalokohanahou, was filled for the development of a subdivision around 1949 (Hammatt and Shideler 2006:7). Directly south of this *loko* was Kanohuluiwi *loko*, described in a 1975 study as a small private fishpond in good condition (Henry 1993:Table 3) (Figure 2 and 3). This *loko* is still observable on the coast. Adjacent and to the south was Waikapoki *loko*, which in the 1876 map had a southern dividing wall. This wall is not present in a 1928 map, suggesting that Waikapoki *loko* was expanded by combining it with the smaller unnamed *loko* to the south sometime in the late 1800s or early 1900s (Figure 2 and 3). Punalu‘u *loko*, immediately south of the now expanded Waikapoki *loko*, was filled for residential development prior to the 1950s (Henry 1993:Table 3).



According to early historic maps, the WWPS and much of the proposed electrical duct line is within the boundary of the former Waikapoki *loko*. Between 1928 and 1949, part of Waikapoki *loko* was dredged with the resultant fill apparently being deposited inland and south (Henry 1993:Table 3; Park et al. 2008:Figure 8). Superposition of the APE boundary over the georectified historic maps clearly shows the majority of the APE on construction fill that is covering a traditional fishpond. The southern two-thirds of the electrical duct line are not in fill material. Importantly, WWPS appears to be located directly over the dividing wall between the originally sized Waikapoki *loko* and the adjacent unnamed fishpond.

### Previous Archaeological Investigations and Known Sites

There is a low density of documented archaeological sites in Kāneʻohe Ahupuaʻa. This is in large part attributed to destruction of traditional cultural resources during historic farming and modern development (Hammatt and Shideler 2006:20). Background research produced no archaeological projects or documented sites in the APE. Six investigations were conducted close to the project area and contain information useful in evaluating the archaeological potential of the property (Table 1).

With the assistance of local informants, McAllister's (1933) systematic survey and recording of major sites throughout Oʻahu identified eight extant and former archaeological sites in the vicinity of the APE (Table 2). The sites include four *loko*, two *heiau*, a traditional house site, and a ditch that reportedly separated the *ʻili* of Punaluʻu and Waikalua. Locations for these sites are presented as accurately as the source material will allow in Figure 4.

Waikapoki fishpond, under the APE, is mentioned by McAllister (1933:178), but is not described or assigned a site number. He discusses it in the section on Kanohuluiwi fishpond (McAllister Site 344) as follows: "On one of the old maps in the land office there are two adjacent ponds of about the same size. The broken wall of one is still seen, the name of which is probably Waikapoki, with an area of 4 acres. The other pond has been obliterated" (McAllister 1933:178). Research at the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division produced no site number or records for Waikapoki fishpond.

The Bishop Museum conducted archaeological investigations for the proposed Nani Pua Gardens II Subdivision, near the mouth of Kāneʻohe Stream (Clark and Riford 1986). Salvage operations were undertaken at a former habitation site, Hawaiiʻi State Inventory of Historic Properties (SIHP) Site No. 50-Oa-G5-101. Unearthed during the excavations were 12,200 portable artifacts, in situ burials encountered below habitation floors, and evidence of large pole/thatched houses. The unusually large lithic artifact assemblage suggests the site may have been a specialized stone tool manufacturing local, perhaps used in adze production (Clark and Riford 1986:110). Collected charcoal samples produced radiocarbon date ranges suggesting that settlement occurred between AD 1070 and 1405. Sometime prior to AD 1510–1680, a major flooding event buried a large portion of the settlement.

Hammatt and Borthwick (1989) conducted archaeological survey for the expansion of the Bay View Golf Course on the lower floodplain of Kāneʻohe and Kawa Streams. Their background research indicated that a large Hawaiian community formerly occupied the area. Extant evidence of the settlement was limited to Waikalua *loko* and a layer of gleyed sediments. The gleyed layer, buried beneath 60–120 cm of construction fill, is evidence of a former taro *loʻi* or rice paddy (Hammatt and Borthwick 1989:40).

Archaeological inventory survey with subsurface testing was conducted on an approximately 1.3 ha shoreline parcel off Waikalua Road (Stride et al. 1994). Historic research indicated that traditional Hawaiian use of the area might have included settlement and dryland cultivation. Modern disturbance



has destroyed any surface and subsurface archaeological sites or features indicative of these activities (Stride et al. 1994:i).

Perzinski and Hammatt (2000) conducted archaeological inventory survey for the Kāneʻohe Civic Center Playground parking lot. The single test unit excavated revealed modern and historic trash.

In 2008, Pacific Consulting Services, Inc. carried out archaeological monitoring for the replacement of existing waterlines at Ka Hanahou Place, Lilipuna Place, and Springer Place (Park et al. 2008). The remains of Kalokohanahou *loko* (SIHP 50-80-10-343) were identified by a layer of gleyed sediment. The pond facies layer was unearthened directly below construction fill at two discrete locations. The first location, which contained a possible retaining wall fragment, was approximately 75 cm below ground surface and measured about 30 cm thick. The second location was encountered 1.75 m below ground surface and measured 10 cm thick.

### Discussion

Background research for the WWPS project identified documentation of cultural deposits indicative of a substantial pre-Contact village (SIHP 50-Oa-G5-101) at the mouth of Kāneʻohe Stream (Clark and Riford 1986) and archival research showing a large Hawaiian community resided on the lower floodplain of Kāneʻohe and Kawa Streams (Hammatt and Borthwick 1989). The former traditional habitation area was buried and preserved by a flooding event while little may remain of the latter settlement except for waterlogged surfaces. These sites are significant to the current project as they identify extensive traditional occupation along streambeds emptying into Kāneʻohe Bay and the potential for unearthing remains of complex habitation sites. The project APE is situated adjacent to a stream outflow and is a choice location for traditional occupation.

Superposition of the APE onto historic maps indicates that the project area appears to be situated within the expanded Waikapoki fishpond, and squarely on the boundary between Waikapoki and the smaller fishpond to the south that it subsumed during its expansion. Remnants of the surfaces and walls of the *loko* lining the bay remain protected beneath a thick cap of construction fill placed in preparation for residential development. Previous archaeological testing along the Kāneʻohe Bay shoreline where this construction fill was deposited may not have identified cultural deposits due to the shallowness of the excavations and because excavations occurred along existing utilities corridors.

### Archaeological Expectations

Based on historic maps, the area of low elevation where the WWPS property is located is likely a fishpond filled to an unknown depth during the dredging of the adjacent Waikapoki fishpond between 1928 and 1949. It is anticipated that subsurface evidence of the *loko* may be encountered in the form of a gleyed soil layer or remnants of the retaining wall separating the small fishpond from the adjacent Waikapoki *loko*. Archaeological investigations approximately 200 m north at another filled *loko* site unearthened a pond facies layer directly below the construction fill (Park et al. 2008). Also uncovered was a large basalt boulder interpreted to be a remnant of the wall retaining Kalokohanahou *loko*. If similar evidence is encountered in the current project area, coring of soil samples has the potential to identify pollen and organic materials that can reveal the chronology of environmental transformations at Waikapoki *loko*.

The proposed electrical duct line corridor, ascending the Kahuhale Cove driveway south of the WWPS property, contains deep alluvial soils likely overlain with modern construction fill. There is a possibility that beneath this fill material are undisturbed cultural deposits or possibly human burials



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associated with a traditional village. Based on land use history and previous archaeological research, the mouths of streams, such as here at Kea‘ahala Stream, were preferred areas for early Hawaiian settlement (Hammatt and Shideler 2006:20). This, in combination with the proximity of the APE to numerous *loko* and traditional and historic agricultural sites, suggest this area may be a pre-Contact settlement site.

### Conclusions

As prior development of the APE and the immediately surrounding area largely occurred before the implementation of cultural resource management laws, records documenting soil stratigraphy or archaeological findings are not available. Anticipated archaeological findings are based on previous archaeological investigations in comparable environments along Kāne‘ohe Bay. The variable elevation of the project area in conjunction with historic maps and nearby documented cultural sites guides expectations for the WWPS Upgrade Project.

The potential for encountering traditional Hawaiian or early historic cultural deposits in the APE is ranked as medium. Surface evidence of archaeological features was displaced during the construction of housing and paved surfaces. However, based on findings at comparable coastal locations along Kāne‘ohe Bay, earthmoving during construction might encounter subsurface evidence of traditional Hawaiian settlement and will likely unearth evidence of a former *loko* and possibly its associated retaining wall.

It is suggested that potential adverse effects during ground disturbing activities be mitigated through a program of archaeological monitoring and documentation of subsurface deposits. Should intact *loko* deposits be encountered, it might be worthwhile to conduct paleoenvironmental coring in an attempt to identify transformations in the surrounding environment prior to Western contact.



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**Tables and Figures**

**Table 1. Previous Archaeological Investigations in Vicinity of WWPS Upgrade Project**

Reference	Type	Location	Findings
McAllister 1933	Island-wide study	O‘ahu	Documented eight sites near current project area (Table 2)
Clark and Riford 1986	Subsurface testing and archaeological salvage Excavations at Site 50-Oa-G5-101	Waikalua-Loko	12,200 portable artifacts; evidence of large pole/thatched houses; in situ human burials below habitation floors
Hammatt and Borthwick 1989	Archaeological survey and assessment	Bay View Golf Course Expansion (36 ha)	Documented Waikalua <i>loko</i> and evidence of a former taro <i>lo‘i</i> or rice paddy
Stride et al. 1994	Inventory survey and subsurface testing	Waikalua Road, TMK 4-5-005: 001, 002, 012, 013, 014; 1.4 ha at shoreline	No archaeological sites identified
Perzinski and Hammatt 2000	Archaeological inventory survey	Kāne‘ohe Civic Center	Modern and historic refuse
Park et al. 2008	Archaeological monitoring	TMK 4-5-047, -057	Observed remnants of Kalokohanahou <i>loko</i> (SIHP 50-80-10-343)

**Table 2. Sites Recorded by McAllister (1933) Near the WWPS Upgrade Project**

Site No.	Name	Status	Description
342	Puupahu Heiau	Destroyed	Located on Puupahu, Kāne‘ohe [ca.1931]
343	Kalokohanahou (may not be original name)	1951/54 photos indicate the pond was filled (Henry 1993:30)	7.3 ha <i>loko</i>
344	Kanohuluiwi	Intact	4.4 ha <i>loko</i> with narrow lava rock walls
345	Punalu‘u (Mahalani)	1951/54 photos indicate the pond was filled for residential use (Henry 1993:30-1)	5.8 ha <i>loko</i> with a 490 m long basalt wall
346	Unnamed ditch	Destroyed	Deep ditch dividing the ‘ <i>ili</i> of Punalu‘u and Waikalua
347	Kalaoa Heiau	Destroyed	Material from the <i>heiau</i> was used to build a mill
348	Laamaikahiki house sites	Possible remnants	Located 30 m from Kāne‘ohe Bay with an oval rock pile indicative of chiefly residence
349	Waikakua	Rebuilt	7.2 ha <i>loko</i> with 433 m long waterworn basalt wall

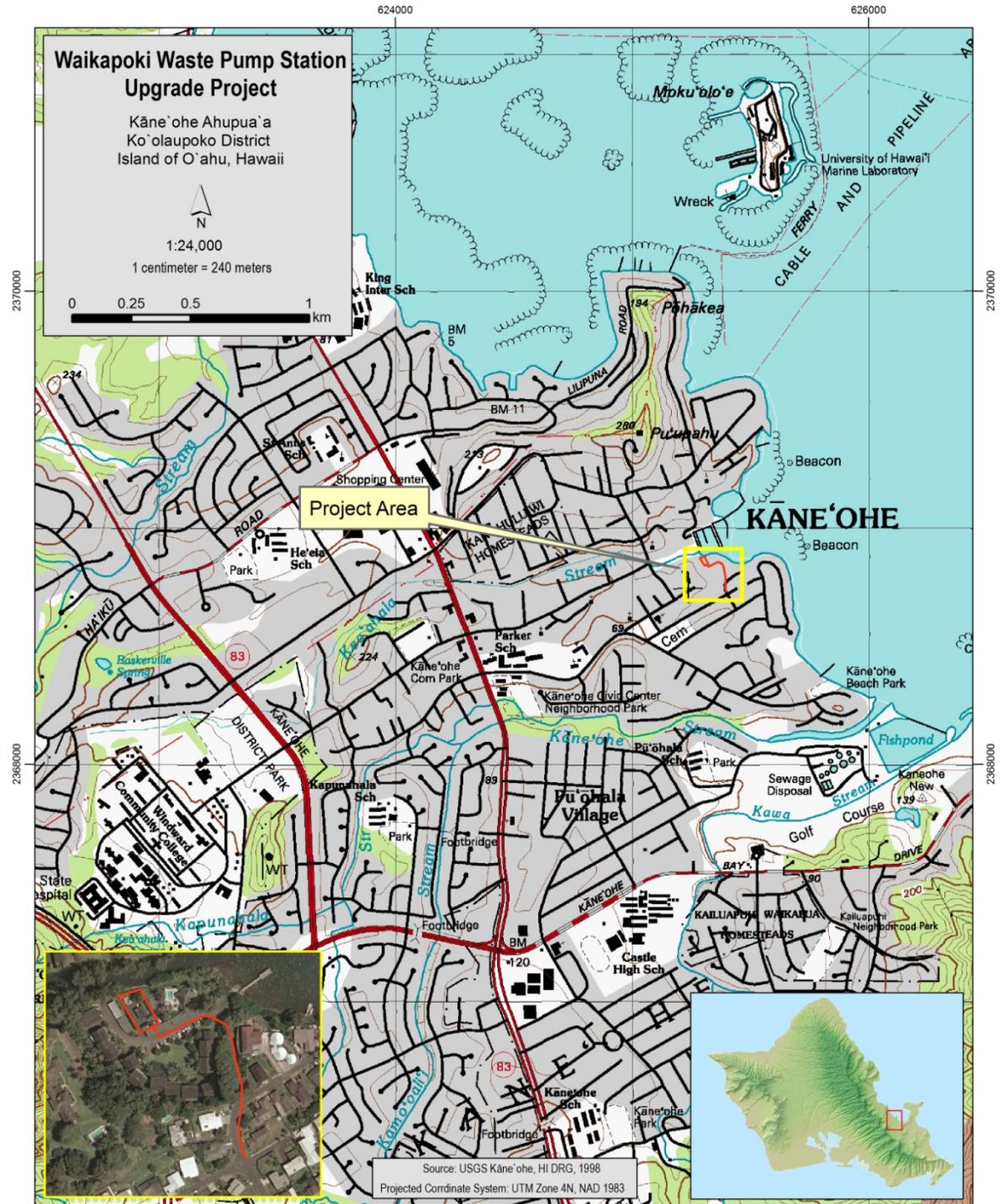


Figure 1. WWPS Upgrade Project in Kaneohe Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

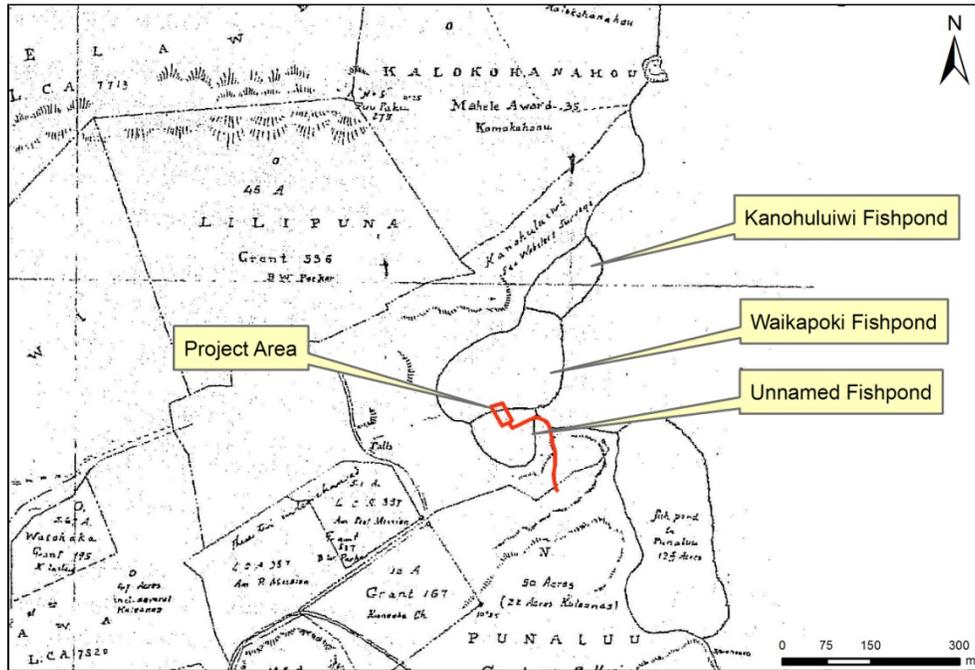


Figure 2. Project area in 1876 Lyons' Map of Kāne'ōhe O'ahu with West Kailua.

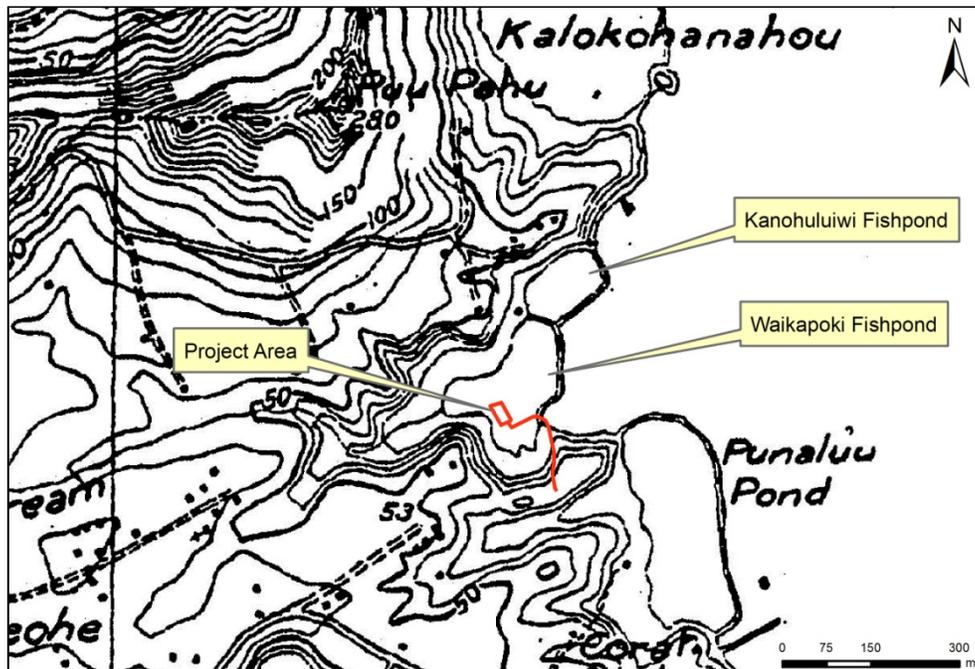


Figure 3. Project area in 1928 U.S.G.S Kāne'ōhe Quad map.

