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1997 Environmental Report Card

The Environmental Council has issued its latest annual report on the status of Hawaii's environment. This year's report card includes a few new features.

The letter grades assigned this year to various environmental indicators are a reflection of progress towards goals. A letter grade of "C" was awarded to reflect the overall progress in meeting the goals set by the environmental council.

The report card includes 5 high school student essays on the most important environmental issues facing the state. The winners were selected from dozens of essays submitted from schools across the state.

Government agencies were again

asked to submit their environmental goals and achievements. Their responses are both highlighted and printed in total within the report card.

Based on the analysis of the report, the Council made five main recommendations to the Governor and the legislature. Among them, the Council suggests more funding for environmental programs, greater reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation and industrial applications, less dependence on fossil fuels, and immediate action to protect Hawaii's fisheries.

To request a copy please call OEQC. The report, complete with graphs & tables, is also available on the OEQC web page.

New EIS Guidebook Ready for Distribution

OEQC has updated the **Guidebook on the State Environmental Review Process**. The guidebook is a summary of Hawaii's environmental assessment system and how it works. Changes to the EIS administrative rules, effective August 31, 1996, have been incorporated into this guidebook.

The environmental review process prevents environmental degradation and protects human communities by encouraging citizen involvement and informed decision making. The guidebook presents, in simple language for community members, the philosophy and procedures of our review process.

Applicants and agencies should also note that new forms for submitting environmental documents are also available. To obtain a copy of the guidebook or the new forms please contact OEQC.

Judd Trail Easements for Agricultural Lot Subdivision

Nohona Partners is requesting easements and rights of entry for construction and maintenance over, under and across the historic Judd Trail in North Kona. The fee owners of the properties are two corporations in Hawai'i and Guam known as Matsuzato Hawai'i, Inc. The EA notes that the requested easements are located within, but are not part of a proposed agricultural lot subdivision, which is the subject of a subdivision application and special management area use permit being concurrently processed for approval by the County of Hawai'i. As indicated on maps, the future Ali'i Drive Realignment will breach the Judd Trail as it runs through the proposed subdivision. The Judd trail is administered by the DLNR. The historic Great Wall of Kuakini also traverses the project site. For more information, please see page 11.

Sound Test on Whales

The Navy has amended its marine mammal permit to allow the harassment of breeding and nursing humpback whales to study the effects of low-frequency sound produced by a surveillance system. See page 17.

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Hart Street Wastewater Pump Station

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-5-34:6 and 1-5-42:21
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Wastewater Management
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Kumar Bhagavan, P.E. (527-5158)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Wastewater Management
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Kumar Bhagavan, P.E. (527-5158)

Consultant: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: John L. Sakaguchi (946-2277)

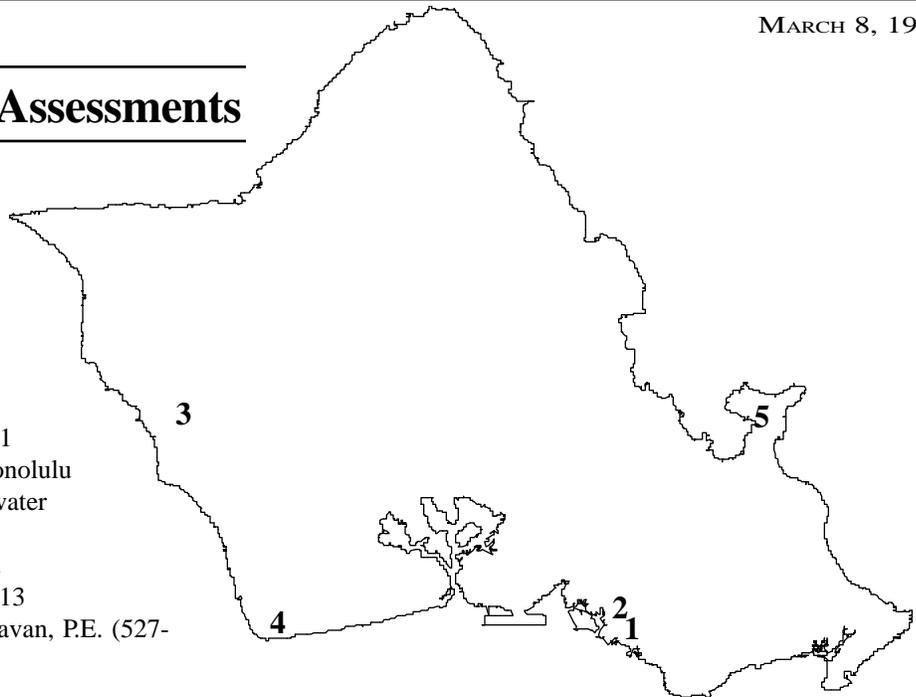
Public Comment

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: NPDES, building, noise, dewatering permits

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Wastewater Management (WWM) is proposing to rehabilitate and to construct improvements to the Hart Street Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS). The proposed project site will encompass a total of 0.797 acres which consists of the existing Hart Street WWPS, Tax Map Key 1-5-34:6, an area of about 0.568 acres, and an additional about 9,972 square feet (0.229 acres) of an adjacent parcel (TMK: 1-5-42:21) owned by the State of Hawaii and controlled by the Department of Transportation Harbors Division.

The proposed rehabilitation and improvements include constructing a new electrical building adjacent to the east, or Nimitz Highway, side of the existing pump station and



constructing a new emergency generator building with underground fuel tanks. The proposed rehabilitation also involves installing new electrical switchgear and motor controls, installing new motors and drives, replacing the existing emergency generators, changing the operating voltage from 4160V to 480V, and dividing the wet well into three sections so that operations can continue during a maintenance activities. WWM plans are for construction and rehabilitation activities at the WWPS to occur after the Hart Street WWPS Replacement Force Main has been constructed and made operational.

The State-owned parcel will be permanently acquired by purchase in fee or by long-term lease to provide space for operational and maintenance areas, for maneuvering heavy equipment, for removing and replacing pumps, for accessing the back, or north side, of the WWPS, for storing motors, rotating elements, pump impellers, and emergency pumps, and for parking City-owned and personnel vehicles.

During the construction period, it will be necessary to have temporary access from the adjacent land currently controlled by the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division. An area of about 1.0 to 1.5 acres of the makai adjacent parcel will be needed to stage material and equipment and to provide access to the wet well area of the WWPS.

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Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



(2) Oahu Community Correctional Center, "J" Block Housing Unit

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-2-13:parcel 12
Applicant: Department of Public Safety
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: John Borders (587-3459)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Accounting and General Services
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Roy Kimura (586-0463)

Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Chester Koga (842-1133)

Public Challenge

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Permits

Required: Plan Review Use

The Department of Public Safety (PSD), State of Hawaii is proposing to expand its facilities at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) by adding an additional 168-bed facility as part of their overall plan to mitigate the chronic housing shortfall it continues to experience. The PSD has designed the new housing to meet current American Corrections Association (ACA) standards for adult correctional facilities.

The primary justification for this capital expenditure at the OCCC is the critical need to provide additional pre-trial and medium security bed spaces for the First Judicial Circuit as the facility is currently housing 200 (average) inmates over its authorized bed capacity. Key elements of the program are the direct result of the requirements found in Spear v. Cayetano Civil No. 84-1104.

The J-Block housing unit will be located adjacent to existing housing modules at OCCC and will be within the existing security fenced area. The new building will be a two-story building constructed with concrete masonry units and will be able to accommodate 168 inmates. The building will have a total of 18,800 square feet of area. This new unit will be used to house medium security inmates. The inmates eligible for housing in this unit are already within the facility sharing other spaces. The proposed project will not have any long term impacts. Short-term impact will be construction related and will be mitigated through acceptable construction practices and good housekeeping.

A Planned Review Use (PRU) permit will be sought from the City and County of Honolulu for this project. The PRU will update current plans for the OCCC.

OCCC is located at 1299 Kamehameha Highway at Puuhale Road in Kalihi.



(3) Waianae Equestrian Center

District: Waianae
TMK: 8-5-03:1
Applicant: Roberta Ferreira (668-6347)
87-1161 Iliili Road
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: John Lee (527-5352)

Public Challenge

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Conditional Use, Grading, Building
Required: and Individual Wastewater Permits

The applicant proposes to construct an equestrian facility on approximately 29 acres in the Waianae area which, except for seven acres, was previously used as a landfill. The project is to develop and preserve a land area for equine sports and related outdoor recreational opportunities. Its intent is also to provide a program for the youth in the area, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club, at no cost to disadvantaged youths. The large equine community on the Leeward side will also benefit from this center as well as all equine organizations statewide.

The project is located at 85-572 Waianae Valley Road, Waianae. Waianae Intermediate School is located to the south-southeast of the site.

security fence. Also, the project will install a 4-foot chain link fence around an existing population of *Achyranthes splendens* var. *rotundata*, an endangered plant species found in the area.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(4) Barbers Point Fleet Test Support Facility (Draft Environmental Assessment)

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-1-26-2 Other areas: 8-7-6-26; 8-7-8-74; 8-9-6-88
Applicant: Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division
Facility Engineering Department
610 Dowell Street
Keyport, WA 98345-7610
Contact: Gary Kasaoka (471-9338)
Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Chief of Naval Operations (N456)
Department of the Navy
Crystal Plaza #5, Room 680
2211 South Clark Place
Arlington, VA 22244-5108
Contact: Charlie Chern (703-604-1268)
Consultant: Helber Hastert & Fee, Planners
733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Leslie Kurisaki (545-2055)
Public Comment Deadline: April 15, 1998

The Department of the Navy is announcing the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed construction of a Fleet Test Support Facility (FTSF) within a five-acre U.S. Coast Guard reservation at Barbers Point, Oahu, Hawaii.

The proposed action will construct a two-story, 2,800-sf building, erect an adjacent 125-ft antenna tower, install utilities, and pave a parking area at the site. The FTSF will be built adjacent to an existing Shipboard Electronics Systems Evaluation Facility (SESEF), and the entire compound, including the existing SESEF, will be located behind a

The FTSF will house equipment and personnel for operational evaluation of combat and navigational systems on surface ships and submarines. It will consolidate operations that are currently conducted at the SESEF and at several smaller, existing facilities along the Nanakuli coast of Oahu, Hawaii, some of which will be subsequently deactivated. The new facility is needed to support the rapid growth in the Naval Undersea Warfare Center testing mission and to consolidate equipment and personnel for more efficient and effective fleet test operations.

In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, alternative sites were considered for the project, which is proposed to be built in a 100-year floodplain and tsunami inundation area. The facility will be located approximately 180 feet from the shoreline, meeting the City and County of Honolulu shoreline setback requirement. Due to operational requirements, the Navy has determined that it cannot avoid constructing the FTSF at the proposed site. The structure will be elevated and built above the 100-year flood level to mitigate against potential impacts of flooding.

Government agencies, elected officials, individuals, and community organizations are invited to review the draft document and to comment on the proposed action by April 15, 1998.

For further information, requests for single copies of the Draft EA, and submittal of written comments, the point of contact is Mr. Gary Kasaoka (Code 231GK), Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7300; telephone (808) 471-9338; fax (808) 474-5909; or internet address: [gkasaoka@efdpac.navfac.navy.mil].



(5) Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii Box Storm Drainage System (FONSI)

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-4-08:01
Applicant: Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station Barbers Point
Barbers Point, Hawaii 96862-5050
Contact: Dennis Yamamoto (684-0153)

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Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Chief of Naval Operations (N456)
Crystal Plaza #5, Room 680
2211 South Clark Place
Arlington, VA 22244-5108
Contact: Charlie Chern (703-604-1268)

Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: John Goody (521-5361)

Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Navy gives notice that a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the Construction of a Box Drainage System Modifications at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii. The proposed action was identified as a solution to a localized flooding problem in an Environmental Assessment prepared previously for the Realignment of Military Organizations to MCBH Kaneohe Bay. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued for that action on August 18, 1996.

The proposed action consists of constructing 1,043 lineal feet (318 m) of a new 10 ft (3 m) x 4 ft (1.2 m) reinforced concrete, box drain system between Hangars 104 and 105 at MCBH Kaneohe Bay. The box drain systems modification would extend from an existing 10 ft (3 m) x 3.5 ft (1.1 m) box drain at First Street to a new headwall and outfall at Kaneohe Bay. The box drain would have a runoff discharge capacity of 218 cubic feet per second (6,172 lps). It will also replace a portion of an existing 15-inch (38-cm) drain line that conveys roof runoff from Hangar 104 into Kaneohe Bay.

Based on information gathered during preparation of the SEA, the Department of the Navy finds that the proposed construction of the box storm drainage system modifications at MCBH Kaneohe Bay will not significantly impact the environment.

The SEA and FONSI addressing this action may be obtained from: Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7300 (Attention: Mr. Gary Kasaoka, Code 231GK), telephone (808) 471-9338, fax (808) 474-5909, or internet address: [gkasaoka@efdpac.navfac.navy.mil].



(6) Bulk and Retail Fuel Facility (Super Station) Schofield Barracks, Hawaii (Environmental Assessment and FONSI)

District: Wahiawa
Applicant: Directorate of Public Works
U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013
Contact: Peter Yuh, Jr. (656-2878, ext. 1051)

Public Comment

Deadline: April 7, 1998

The proposed action is to privatize installation fueling operations and to construct a consolidated bulk retail fuel station at Duck Field at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The new facility would support U.S. Army, Hawaii operations at Schofield Barracks and WAAF and will replace all existing mobility fuel facilities. This includes the Schofield bulk fuel yard, Wheeler bulk fuel yard and all 25th Infantry Division and 45th Corps Support Group motorpool facilities. Implementation of the proposed action is necessary to avoid non-compliance of new EPA requirements to have all existing fill stations upgraded with spill prevention and containment fixtures and have corrosion protection by December 1998.

Upon completion of an environmental assessment, it has been concluded that the proposed privatization of fueling activities and construction of a bulk and retail fuel facility at Duck Field, Schofield Barracks would not have any unmitigable, significant adverse impacts on the environment. The proposed action does not constitute a major federal action having any known significant effects on the quality of the human environment. As such, this proposed action does not require the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement, as defined by AR 200-2.

Comment deadline for this Finding of No Significant Impact is April 7, 1998. Please send comments to:

Peter Yuh, Jr.
Environmental Division
Directorate of Public Works
U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5013

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

🗺️ Auloa Road 16-Inch Water Main

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Board of Water Supply
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96843
Contact: Barry Usagawa (527-5235)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Board of Water Supply
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96843
Contact: Raymond Sato (527-6180)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 25, 1998

🗺️ Punahou Street Off-Ramp Improvements

Applicant: Department of Transportation, Highways
Division
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Kevin Ito (587-2122)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: March 25, 1998

Meeting of the Forest Stewardship Committee

The Hawaii State Forest Stewardship Committee will hold its next quarterly meeting on March 17, 1998 in Honolulu.

For further information on specific time, location and agenda items, please contact Karl R. Dalla Rosa, Forest Stewardship Coordinator at 587-4174.



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Final Environmental Assessments/FONSI



(1) Hawaiian Escargot Project

District: Hana
TMK: 1-1-04:05
Applicant: Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui
HC1, Box 62, Wailuanui Road
Haiku, Hawaii 96708
Contact: Ed Wendt (248-8658)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Land Division
54 South High Street, Room 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2198
Contact: Philip Ohta (984-8100)

Public Challenge
Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed
Permits Required: Lease of state lands; building

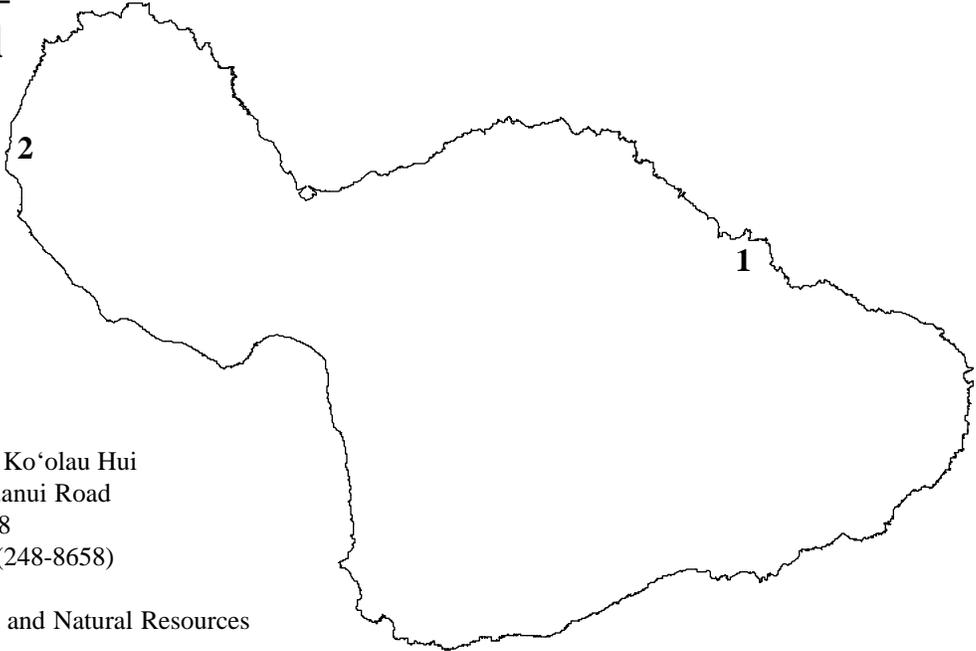
The Hawaiian Escargot Project will use state lands for snail confinement, snail processing, and office/warehouse purposes. The project will help to eliminate the Golden Apple snails' (*Pomacea conaliculata*) presence in taro patches, restore the taro industry, and provide employment within the community.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(2) Honoapiilani Highway Widening - Kaanapali Parkway to Honokowai Stream (Draft Environmental Assessment)

District: Lahaina



TMK: Portions of 4-4-2:2; 4-4-6:14, 56, 59; 4-4-8:14, 20; 4-4-14:3, 4, 5
Applicant: State Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Fred Abeshima (587-2123)
Consultant: Munekiyo Arakawa & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)
Public Comment
Deadline: April 7, 1998

The State Department of Transportation is proposing to widen Honoapiilani Highway from Kaanapali Parkway to the vicinity of Honokowai Stream, a distance of approximately 2.2 miles.

The existing two-lane highway typical section will be widened to provide four 11-foot wide travel lanes, a 4-foot wide striped median, and 6-foot wide shoulders. Proposed improvements also include widening the Honokowai Stream bridge and modifications to geometrics at the intersections of Kekaa Drive, Puukolii Road, Halawai Drive, and Lower Honoapiilani Road, as well as the construction of an approximately 720-foot retaining wall south of the highway's intersection with Puukolii Road. In addition to fill slope activities and the demolition of existing overhead golf cart

and maintenance bridges, the construction of a new replacement bridge, as well as a temporary detour road and drainage system improvements are proposed. While the majority of improvements will be within the existing right-of-way, limited right-of-way acquisition will be required for the highway widening.

With a projected total cost of approximately \$10.0 million, construction of the project is anticipated to commence in the fall of 1998, with completion estimated approximately 18 months later.

The widening of Honoapiilani Highway will increase highway capacity, relieve traffic congestion, and improve traffic circulation. The proposed improvements are not expected to result in long-term adverse impacts to the infrastructure, public services, and the physical and socio-economic environment. A public hearing on the proposed project will be held on March 23, 1998 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lahaina Intermediate School cafeteria, 871 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina, Hawaii.

A Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared for the State Department of Transportation pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The notice of availability of the state Final EA/FONSI was published in the August 8, 1997 edition of the Environmental Notice.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

👉 Makena Resort Wastewater Reclamation System

Applicant: Makena Resort
5415 Makena Alanui
Kihei, Hawaii 96753
Contact: Roy Figueiroa (879-4455)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Planning Department
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Ann Cua (243-7735)

Public Comment Deadline: March 25, 1998

👉 Maui Community College Building "N" and Related Improvements

Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Eric Nishimoto (586-0468)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Public Comment Deadline: March 25, 1998

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👉 Kahului Airport Improvements

Applicant: Department of Transportation
Airports Division
Honolulu International Airport
400 Rodgers Boulevard, Suite 700
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1880
Contact: Jerry Matsuda (838-8600)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
and
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20591
Contact: FAA Assistant Administrator
(202-267-8938)

Status: FEIS accepted by the Governor on February 18, 1998.



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(1) Ahalanui Park Development

District: Puna
TMK: 1-4-2:5, 6, 61
Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Parks and Recreation
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Norman Olesen (961-8565)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Hawaii
Department of Parks and Recreation
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: George Yoshida (961-8311)

Consultant: Ron Terry, Ph.D. (982-5831)
HC 2 Box 9575
Keaau, Hawaii 96749

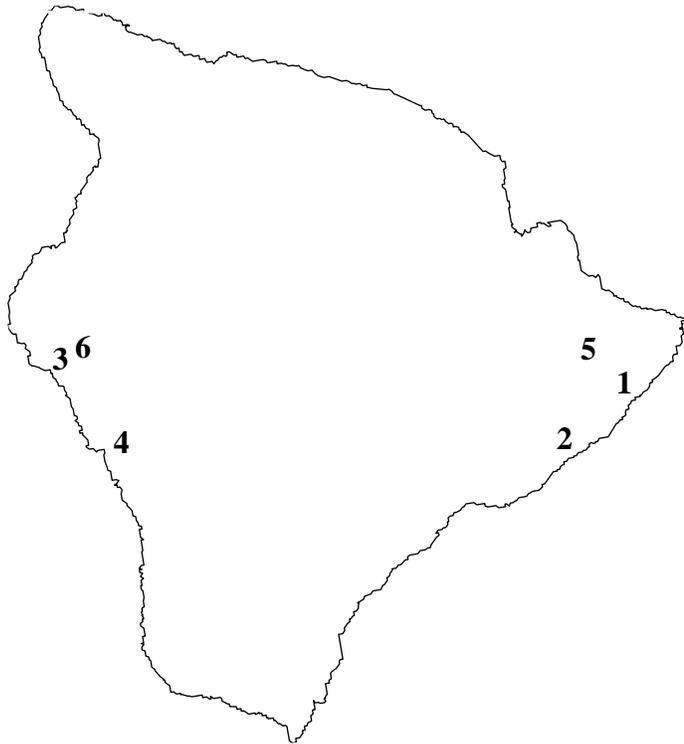
Public Comment

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: SMA, CDUP

The proposed action would add features to improve the safety and recreational quality of Ahalanui Park, a well-used swimming pond and picnic area on the shoreline near Pohoiki. The improvements are: a 0.5 acre parking lot on the mauka boundary of the park; conversion and renovation of existing structures for use as a caretaker's cottage and community center; paved walkways between the parking lot and pond and other foot trails through the park; restrooms with composting toilets and a leaching field for graywater; on-site water line improvements; improved safety features, including an emergency telephone and photovoltaic security lights; upgrade of safety level of pond including rails, steps and lifeguard facilities; picnic facilities and a children's playground; and widening and improvement of a 2,000 foot section of the Kaimu-Kapoho road, which fronts the park.



The EA is a joint federal/State document. In compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's implementing regulations (44 CFR Part 9), a public notice that further describes the reasons for siting facilities in the floodplain is also available for review at the Hilo and Pahoia Public Libraries.



(2) Hawaii's Volcano Circus Buildings

District: Puna
TMK: 1-2-09:15
Applicant: Hawaii's Volcano Circus
P.O. Box 4524
Pahoia, Hawaii 96778
Contact: Graham Ellis (965-8756)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Land Division
P.O. Box 936
Hilo, Hawaii 96721
Contact: Charlene Unoki (974-6203)

Public Comment

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority and OEQC.

Permits

Required: LUC special permit

The applicant is applying for a long term lease for educational and recreational purposes. Hawaii's Volcano Circus, is a non-profit organization. Through partnerships with other educational, civic and charitable organizations the mission is to promote the healthy development of children and the community using universal and time honored skills of the circus.

Of the 59.69 acres, roughly 4 acres will be for administrative facilities and roads. The remainder of the lands will be left untouched and protected to develop as a lowland ohia rain forest. This project is located at Kehena in Puna, adjacent to Kalapana Seaview Estates.



(3) Nohona Partners Easement Over Judd Trail

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-7-04:02; 7-7-08:27
Applicant: Nohona Partners, Inc.
c/o Steven S.C. Lim, Attorney (935-6644)
Carlsmith Ball Wichman Case & Ichiki
P.O. Box 686
Hilo, Hawaii 96721

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Land Division
P.O. Box 936
Hilo, Hawaii 96721
Contact: Charlene Unoki (974-6203)

Public Comment

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority and OEQC.

Permits

Required: DLNR easement

Nohona Partners, Inc. through its attorney is requesting approval for perpetual, non-exclusive easements for roadway, utility and driveway purposes over, under and across portions of the Judd Trail and a construction right-of-entry for the maintenance of said easements, roadways and buffer areas. This is necessary to provide access to lands located within the proposed "Ho'omalulu on Alii" subdivision.

Applicant proposes to preserve intact portions of the historic alignment, pursuant to the requirements of the State Historic Preservation Division and to isolate remaining portions of the historic alignment within preservation easements, with appropriate 'no-build' buffers designated alongside each easement to separate them from developable areas of the proposed agricultural subdivision. Applicant has presented the foregoing proposal to the Na Ala Hele Advisory Council and received a comment letter expressing no significant objection, with the exception that Na Ala Hele asked Applicant to attempt to incorporate the Judd Trail Alignment as a benefit to adjacent property owners and as a project amenity.

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(4) Ka'awaloa Orchards Agricultural Project District

District: South Kona
TMK: 8-1-09:19 & por. of 20
Applicant: Seamount Enterprises, LLC
dba Ka'awaloa Orchards
845 Bellevue Place East, Suite 308
Seattle, Washington 98102

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Hawaii
Planning Department
25 Aupuni Street, Room 109
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Virginia Goldstein (961-8288)

Consultant: Carlsmith Ball Wichman Case & Ichiki
P.O. Box 656
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-3402
Contact: Tim Lui-Kwan (523-2500)

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Public Challenge

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: SMA, grading & subdivision approval

The applicant wishes to convert an existing tropical fruit orchard operation situated on 22.511 acres of land into a 7-lot Agricultural Project District (APD) development which would consist of lot sizes from 3 to 3.5 acres. Protective covenants is proposed which would prohibit further subdivision for a period of 40 years. Other proposed covenants would:

1. Maintain the existing tropical fruit orchard on each parcel as long as it remains viable. Each parcel must maintain a minimum of 85% of its total land area in agriculture.
2. Provide for the establishment of farm dwellings accessory to the orchards. Only one farm dwelling will be permitted on each lot created with its building site area not to exceed 15% of the total parcel. Public retail sale of agricultural products from the lots will be prohibited;
3. Establish certain protective covenants for the maintenance of the needed infrastructural facilities and systems to support the agricultural operations. There is an existing private water system which provides adequate water to support the proposed agricultural project district operations. An existing private roadway will also be extended to service the proposed lots.

The proposed 7-lot APD subdivision will not result in a substantial change of use of the land, but a change in operation and ownership structure. The entire 22.511 acre property will continue to be cultivated in various tropical fruits, for which the existing farm is well known. Instead of single ownership and operation of a 22.5 acre orchard, the proposed agricultural project district will simply allow for individual ownership and operation of smaller and more-managable 3-acre orchards. Therefore, no significant adverse impacts to environmental, ecological, historical, cultural and economic resources are anticipated. The project site was previously grubbed/graded to accommodate the existing tropical fruit orchard. DLNR-Historic Preservation Division concurs that the project will not "no adverse impact" to historic resources. Infrastructure to support the proposed subdivision are available or will be provided.

Effective October 23, 1997, the Hawaii County Council approved the applicant's request to re-zone the property to an Agricultural Project District (APD), which is intended to

provide a flexible and creative planning approach for developments within the agricultural zoning districts, in lieu of specific land use designations. Under this planning approach, opportunities will be provided for a mix of small scale agricultural activities and associated residential uses, as well as larger agricultural projects. This district will also provide a vehicle to satisfy the demand for a rural lifestyle on marginal agricultural land, while decreasing the pressure to develop important agricultural land for this purpose. The planning approach would establish a continuity in land uses and designs, while providing for the needed infrastructural facilities and systems to support the various types of agricultural developments.



(5) Keonepoko Nui 2 Production Well

District: Puna
TMK: 1-5-8: por. 1
Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Gerald Lee (586-3815)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Gerald Lee (586-3815)

Consultant: Engineers Surveyors Hawaii
1020 Auahi Street, Building 6, Suite 1
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: Eric Hee (591-8116)

Public Challenge

Deadline: April 7, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed
Permits Required: Pump installation, building and grading permits

The proposed project would construct a production well and supporting facilities at the existing Hawaii County Department of Water Supply (DWS) Keonepoko Nui well and reservoir site. The project has two purposes:

* The most important objective is to develop a source of potable water supply for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Makuu Farm and Agricultural Lots.

* Secondly, locating the well at Keonepoko Nui, adjacent to an existing well, will also provide a needed back-up well for the DWS Keonepoko Nui site.

The site is located alongside Highway 130 at an approximate elevation ranging between 603 feet and 605 feet, just south of the Makuu Farm and Agricultural Lots Subdivision and approximately 2000 feet from the Pahoia Landing Airstrip on the opposite side of the highway.

This project will make potable water available for lots below the 520 ft. elevation.

The production facilities will include installation of a permanent 700 gpm pump, control building and connection to the existing 0.5 mg DWS reservoir tank on this site. Transmission waterlines from the existing reservoir tank to Makuu Farm and Agricultural Lots will be constructed under a separate project.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(6) Kuakini Highway Improvements Between Palani and Hualalai Roads (Environmental Assessment)

District: North Kona
Applicant: U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
P.O. Box 50206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
Contact: Richelle Suzuki (541-2700)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
P.O. Box 50206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
Contact: Abraham Wong (541-2700)

Consultant: Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.
Pacific Tower, Suite 3000
1001 Bishop Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Clyde Shimizu (531-7094)

Public Comment Deadline: April 7, 1998

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the State of Hawaii

Department of Transportation, Highways Division (HDOT), and the County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works (DPW) propose to widen, from two through lanes to four through lanes, a 0.8 km (half mile) segment of Kuakini Highway in Kailua-Kona from its intersection with Palani Road to its intersection with Hualalai Road. The proposed project also includes a left turn pocket approximately 100 m (300 ft) northeast along Palani Road, a transition section extending approximately 60 m (200 ft) southeast of the highway+s junction with Hualalai Road, and a connection between Ololi Road and Kopiko Street. Other features of the project include repaving, new drainage structures, additional lighting, continuous sidewalks on both sides of the highway, synchronized traffic signals, and bike lanes. The project will take place within the existing 24 m (80 ft) County right-of-way so no property acquisition will be required. The posted speed limit following the improvements will remain 40 km/h (25 mph).

The DPW earlier announced and distributed a Draft environmental assessment (EA) on this proposed project for agency and public comments under the provisions of Chapter 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Title 11, Chapter 200 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules. The comments received on the Draft EA have been incorporated into this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) EA.

If necessary approvals are obtained in a timely manner, construction would begin in 1999 and the widening would be completed in approximately 12 months, opening for service in 2000.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

► Keahole Reservoir

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Hiram Young (587-0260)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment Deadline: March 25, 1998

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► Waimea Exploratory Well

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Land Division
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Hiram Young (587-0260)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: March 25, 1998

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

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► Waimea-Paauilo Watershed

Applicant: Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 22159
Honolulu, Hawaii 96823-2159
Contact: Paul Matsuo (973-9473)

Kauai Notices

Previously Published Projects

Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

● Kauai Intermediate School

Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ralph Morita (586-0486)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: March 25, 1998

● Kekaha to Waimea Booster Pump Station

Applicant: County of Kauai
Department of Water
P.O. Box 1706
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Ernest Lau (245-5408)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: March 25, 1998



Shoreline Notices

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Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to §13-222-12, HAR the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, Oahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Case No.	Date Received	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-314	01/13/98	Lot 39 of Ld Ct App 616, Lanikai, Koolaupoko, Oahu (1600 Mokulua Drive)	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc. for Wholesale Motors, Inc.	4-3-01:04
OA-658	02/13/98	Lot 38 (Map 2), Ld Ct App 505, Kailua, Koolaupoko, Oahu (1056 Mokulua Drive)	Wayne M. Teruya for Belgrade Trust	4-3-06:58
MA-041	01/22/98	Por of RP 548 to J. Y. Kanehoa, situate at Paeahu, Honuaula, Kula, Maui (3070 South Kihei Road)	Akamai Land Surveying for Joseph Sugarman	2-1-10:02

Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to §13-222-26, HAR the following shorelines have been certified or rejected by the DLNR. A person may appeal a certification or rejection to the BLNR, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, HI 96813, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of certification or rejection.

Case No.	Date Cert/Rej	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-655	Certified 02/26/98	Lot 10-A of Kawaihoa Beach Lots of Kawaihoa, Waialoa, Oahu (61-651 Kamehameha Highway)	Wes Tengan for Marina Whyte	6-1-10:06
MA-017	Certified 02/26/98	Por of RP 8213, LCAw 6715 to Hoomanawanui, Keauhou, Honuaula, Makawao, (Walea, Kihei), Maui (no address available - Wailea, Maui)	Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc. for Wailea Resort Company, Ltd.	2-1-12:15

Pollution Control Permits

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Department of Health Permits

The following is a list of some pollution control permits currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or office of the Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.

Branch & Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Dates	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	AES Hawaii, Inc., # 0087-01-C	Kaomi Loop, Kapolei, Oahu	Issued: 2/18/98	180 MW Coal-Fired Cogeneration Plant
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	Jas. W. Glover, Ltd., # 0363-01-N	Honokohau, North Kona, Hawaii	Issued: 2/23/98	150 CY/Hr. Portable Concrete Batch Plant and Diesel Engine Generator
CAB, Covered Source Permit	City and County of Honolulu, # 0215-01-C (Amendment)	91-1501 Geiger Road, Ewa Beach, Oahu	Issued: 2/23/98	Modification to Central Odor Control System
CAB, Temporary Noncovered Source Permit	West hawaii Concrete, # 0352-01-NT	Mauna Kea Summit, Hamakua, Hawaii	Issued: 2/25/98	75 CY/Hr. Portable Concrete Batch Plant and Diesel Engine generator

Environmental Council Notices

Tentative Environmental Council Meetings

The Environmental Council is tentatively scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at 4:00 p.m.**

The Council's Exemption Committee, Cultural Impacts Committee, Rules Committee and Communication, Education & Legislation Committee are likely to meet the same day prior to the full Council meeting. Please call on or after March 12, 1998 for the final agenda and confirmation of date, time, and place.

Any person desiring to attend the meetings and requiring an accommodation (taped materials or sign language interpreter) may request assistance provided such a request is made five (5) working days prior to the scheduled meetings. This request may be made by writing to Mr. Harlan Hashimoto, Chairperson, Environmental Council c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control, 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or by fax at (808) 586-4186.

Filing with Federal Energy Commission

Encogen Hawaii, L.P., with its principal offices in Dallas, Texas, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an amendment to its application for a Commission Determination of Wholesale Generator Status. Anyone wishing to be heard or to protest the filing should have filed a motion to intervene or protest on or before **FEBRUARY 23, 1998** (for details, see, 63 F.R. 8192, February 18, 1998).

Bottomfish Task Force Meeting

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's Bottomfish Task Force will meet on **MARCH 5, 1998** from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (see, 63 F.R. 8164, February 18, 1998).

Bottomfish and Crustaceans Plans Teams Meetings

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold meetings of its Bottomfish and Crustaceans Plans Teams as follows: Bottomfish Plan Team (BPT), **MARCH 11-13, 1998** from 8:30 to 5:00 P.M. each day; and, Crustaceans Plan Team (CPT), **MARCH 17-19, 1998**, from 8:30 to 5:00 P.M. each day. Both meetings will be held at the Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu. For more information, please call Kitty M. Simonds at 522-8220 (see, 63 F.R. 8612, February 20, 1998).

Marine Mammal Permit Amendment

Permit 875-401 currently authorizes the harassment of several species of marine mammals during the conduct of research to study the effects of low-frequency sound produced by the Navy's Surface Towed Array Surveillance System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) system on the behavior of blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) and fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*). The permit was amended on December 10, 1997, to provide for playback experiments using a SURTASS LFA sound source to study behavioral responses of gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*). The permit is now amended to authorize playback experiments to study behavioral responses of breeding and nursing humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and foraging sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) in Hawai'i (see, 63 F.R. 8612, February 20, 1998).



Revised DEIS for Palau Road

The Department of the Interior announces the availability for public review and comment of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for development of the Palau Compact Road, Babeldaob Island, Republic of Palau. The Compact of Free Association with the Republic of Palau requires the United States to provide a road system to the people of Palau. Comments must be submitted by **APRIL 6, 1998** to Mr. Allen Chin, CEPOH-ED-E, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, Fort Shafter, Hawai'i 96858-5440 (for details, see, 63 F.R. 8469, February 19, 1998).

Reimbursement for Emergency Response Final Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an interim final rule, effective **FEBRUARY 18, 1998**, to streamline procedures used to reimburse local governments for emergency response costs related to the release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants. Comments must be received on or before **APRIL 20, 1998** (for details, see, 63 F.R. 8284, February 18, 1998).

Schofield Barracks Public Health Assessment

On February 12, 1998, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ASTDR) of the U. S. Public Health Service issued a final version (February 11, 1998) of its public health assessment of Schofield Barracks. The assessment is an evaluation of any past, current or future impacts on the health of people who work and live in the community, from releases of environmental contaminants from the facility. A copy of the report is available for review at the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Questions concerning the report or public health activities at Schofield Barracks should be directed to Dr. Mark Weber, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Atlanta, Georgia 30333 (telephone (404) 639-6043).

TRACON Expansion

The FAA has submitted the Final Environmental Assessment Report (EA) along with the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the TRACON Expansion and CERAP Relocation/Diamond Head Restoration.

If you require additional information, please call Dr. Khalique Khan at (714) 549-5050 or Mr. Bill Jay, FAA Project Engineer at (310) 725-7625.