

The Environmental Notice

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UH West Oahu Campus Plan

The University of Hawaii proposes to develop a new four-year campus for UH West Oahu in Kapolei, Oahu. The new campus will accommodate the overall educational program needs of the University for an initial campus of 2,750 students and a long range capacity of 7,600 students by the year 2020.

The campus site is located mauka of H-1 freeway between Makakilo and Waipahu. A portion of the area was previously used for sugarcane production and is currently being leased for diversified agriculture cultivation. The mauka portions of the site near Puu Kapuai are under lease as pasture land for cattle. The entire area under consideration is 991 acres, of which the proposed campus area will utilize approximately 211 acres.

The master plan concept for the campus includes a mix of instructional, administration, student services and multi-use facilities, library/academic support, student housing, athletic, tropical agriculture and open space land uses. Within the campus, land uses are planned to be within easy walking distance of one another, with parking areas strategically located throughout the campus. A separate pedestrian pathway system will provide access to the various campus land uses while minimizing conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles.

The project will eliminate some agricultural uses of the lands and impact social conditions, views, transportation patterns, and hydrology of the area. A full EIS will be prepared for the campus long range master plan. See page 6.

Hanalei River Designated as an American Heritage River

On July 30, 1998, President Clinton designated the Hanalei River on the Island of Kaua'i as an American Heritage River. Hanalei River is one of only 14 rivers nationwide selected to receive this classification.

The President's American Heritage Rivers Initiative supports community-led efforts to restore and protect the environmental, economic, cultural and historic values of our rivers. The president has directed all Federal agencies with relevant programs to work together, in close cooperation with state and local agencies, to ensure the Initiative is a success.

Hanalei river, which starts high on the slopes of Mount Waialeale, flows 16 miles through a lush valley rich in wildlife and traditional culture and empties into Hanalei Bay. The river drains a valley populated by native Hawaiian plants and animals, many of them endangered. The

lower portions of the river form an estuary that serves as a nursery and habitat for a number of fisheries in the highly productive waters of Hanalei Bay.

Because of the beauty of the area and the variety of wildlife, tourism is also increasing, raising new issues. The Hanalei community is working to preserve traditional lifestyles and protect unique natural resources in the face of increasing population and economic pressures for development.

Designation as an American Heritage River provides an opportunity for stakeholders in the Hanalei area to establish a government supported forum for resolving potential conflicts over use of the river. The stakeholders will work together with government agencies to collect data, distribute information, and develop a community-based management plan. For more information, see page 17.



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reviews the environmental impacts of
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- *Guidebook for Hawaii's Environmental Review Process*
- *Environmental Impact Study Resource Library*
- *Environmental Education Database*
- *Environmental Council Annual Reports*
- *Rules and Policies*
- *"How to Plant a Native Hawaiian Garden"*

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Definitions

Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

Draft Environmental Assessment

A project or action that may affect the environment cannot be implemented until an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with HRS §343. If the lead government agency anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then a Draft EA is written and public notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI (Negative Declaration)

If, after the lead agency reviews the public comments, it feels that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, then it will prepare a Final EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) formerly called a *Negative Declaration*. The Final EA must respond to all public comments. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may now be implemented. The public has 30 days from the first notice of a FONSI in this Bulletin to sue in court to require the preparation of an EIS.

EIS Prep Notice

If the lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, it must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing the project. The first step in preparing an EIS is publishing an EIS Preparation Notice (Prep Notice) in this Bulletin. Agencies, groups or individuals have 30 days from the first publication of an EIS Prep Notice to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action. The draft EIS must respond to these comments.

Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

Final EIS

After considering public comments filed during the Draft EIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS must respond to all comments from the draft stage. If deeper analysis was required, it must be included in this document. If the project is from a private applicant, the lead agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. If the project is public, the Governor or Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted, may the project be implemented.

EIS Acceptance Notice

If the accepting authority accepts a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a separate EIS Acceptance Notice will be published in this Bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to sue in court to challenge the acceptance of an EIS.

NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the law that requires federal projects to prepare an EIS. It is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Although not required by law, the OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this Bulletin to help keep the public informed of important actions.

Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development

of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an EA be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a fifteen-member citizen board appointed by the Governor to advise the State on environmental concerns. The council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process. The agendas of their regular meetings are published in this Bulletin and the public is invited to attend.

Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are declared exempt from the environmental review process. These lists are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Council. This Bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making.

Conservation District Permits

Use of land in the State Conservation District requires a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of these permit applications is published in this Bulletin.

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Windward Exploratory Well

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-5-23:por. 2
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Hiram Young (587-0260)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Sato & Associates, Inc.
2046 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Clifford Arakawa (955-4441)

Public Comment

Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: NPDES, pump installation, well construction

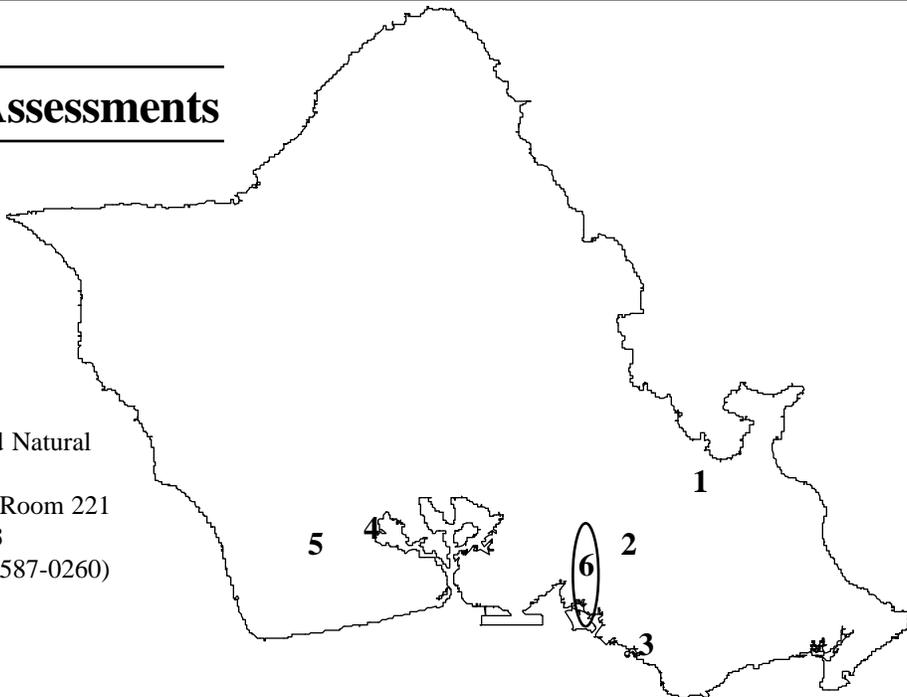
The proposed action involves the drilling and testing of an 800 feet deep exploratory well on the grounds of the Kaneohe State Hospital on lands owned by the State of Hawaii. The well will be cased to a depth of 300 feet. The well will be drilled to obtain hydrogeological data on the potential for new ground water resource. Test pumping of the exploratory well will be performed to determine the quantity and quality of water suitable for development.

Final Environmental Assessments (FONSI)



(2) Gulick Avenue Relief Sewer (Supplemental)

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-3-17, 18, 24 to 26



Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Warren Yamamoto (527-6872)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.
250 North Beretania Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817-4716
Contact: Henry Morita (536-7721)

Public Challenge

Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: NPDES, stream channel alteration & diversion permit, noise permit

The proposed project involves relief of Gulick Avenue Sewers. The recommended alternative includes installation of relief sewer lines on:

1. Likelike Highway between Wilson and Makuahine Streets.
2. Kalihi Street between Likelike Highway and Maliu Street.
3. Makuahine Street from Likelike Highway to School Street.
4. School Street from Makuahine Street to Kapalama Avenue.

Rehabilitation of the existing sewer lines and sewer manholes in these areas are also recommended.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the project and the Final EA/FONSI was published in the August 23, 1995 OEQC Bulletin. This EA included the plan to hang the new sewer line crossing Kalihi Stream on the existing Likelike Highway bridge. The plan has been revised due to calculations which revealed that the bridge cannot support the additional load.

Discussion within this Supplemental EA is limited to the Kalihi Stream crossing which is the only change within the project. The crossing structure will consist of reinforced concrete - prestressed beams on abutments and two piers. Existing concrete pier diaphragm will be extended upstream to support the structure column. Work within the stream floodway is required to install the piers.



(3) Kalakaua Avenue Bridge Improvements

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-3-34
Applicant: Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Edmund Yoshida (587-2122)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Nagamine Engineers, Inc.
1001 Bishop Street
Pauahi Tower, Suite 726
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Norman Nagamine (536-2626)

Public Challenge
Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: COE, 401WQC, CZM, SCAP, NPDES
Dewatering, USCG Bridges & Causeways
Waikiki Special District

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation-Highways Division proposes to construct a new pedestrian bridge and sidewalk improvements adjacent to the existing Kalakaua Avenue Bridge, near the intersection of Kalakaua Avenue and Ala Wai Boulevard.

The purpose of this project is to:

- Increase safety for pedestrians traveling along Kalakaua Avenue across the Ala Wai Canal. The new bridge

will increase safety by moving pedestrian traffic away from the vehicle travel lanes crossing the existing Kalakaua Avenue Bridge.

- Reconstruct portions of the existing sidewalk at the Kalakaua Avenue-Ala Wai Boulevard intersection to conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project will reconstruct the sidewalk at the southwest corner of the intersection to conform with ADA slope requirements.

- Improve pedestrian access along Kalakaua Avenue crossing the Ala Wai Canal, between Waikiki and the Hawaii Convention Center.

The new pedestrian bridge will be a three-span concrete structure approximately 180 feet long and 14 feet wide. The new bridge will abut the seaward side of the existing Kalakaua Avenue Bridge and will have the same profile and architectural design as the existing bridge.

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$5 million. The start of construction is pending funding availability and is undetermined at this time.



(4) Pouhala Marsh Restoration Project

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-3-01, portions of 9-3-02
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Paul Conry (587-4176)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Duck Unlimited, Inc.
3074 Gold Canal Drive
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6116
Contact: Andy Engilis (916-852-2000)

Public Challenge
Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit; Section 401 Water Quality Certification; CZM Consistency Determination; CDU Permit; Stream Channel Alteration Permit; Stream Diversion Work Permit; SMA Use Permit; and Clearing and Grading Permit.

The Pouhala Marsh restoration project is a multi-cooperator effort of the State, City and County of Honolulu,

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Ducks Unlimited to secure and restore nearly 70 acres of wetlands in Pearl Harbor's West Loch. The project actions include 1) enhancement of 20 acres of existing wetland basins by clearing vegetation, sculpting basins, and removing obstructions, 2) cleaning the marsh of debris and trash, 3) fencing 70-acres to exclude humans, vehicles and predators, 4) restoring 8 acres of shallow ponds through removal of 66,000 cu.yds. of fill, 5) construction of temporary haul roads and stream crossing, 6) creation of a hydrologic link from Kapakahi Stream to the 8-acre ponds and 7) reintroduction of damselfly nyads. The project is expected to benefit endangered waterbirds and rare damselflies by restoring degraded or creating new wetland habitat. Construction will be done in a manner to avoid significant impacts to resident endangered bird populations and archaeological resources. Excavation of fill material will be done during the dry season to minimize disturbance of endangered waterbirds. Excavations will be monitored by an archaeologist to avoid damage to historic fish pond walls. Fill, human debris, trash and vegetation removed will be disposed of properly at an adjacent site. A silt barrier will be erected during construction of the stream crossing to prevent erosion into Kapakahi Stream and the harbor. No long-term impacts are anticipated from the proposed project. The proposed project is not expected to cause significant impacts to the environment, pursuant to the significance criteria established by the Environmental Council, therefore, the determination is to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact.

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(5) University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-2-1:3, 5; 9-2-2:1, 3, 5
Applicant: University of Hawaii
2444 Dole Street, Bachman Hall Room 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Contact: Allan Ah San (956-8903)

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

Consultant: PBR Hawaii
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 650
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: David Hulse (521-5631)

Public Comment

Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: EISPN 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:** PRU, subdivision approval, NPDES, land use boundary amendment, building, grading

The project objective established by the University of Hawaii is to create a campus which will: 1) accommodate the overall educational program needs of the University for an initial campus of 2,750 students and a long range capacity of 7,600 students, and 2) provide educational opportunities to the communities within the University of Hawaii West Oahu geographic service area.

A majority of the study area currently consists of fallow agricultural land previously used for sugarcane production. A portion of the eastern area of the site is currently being leased for diversified agriculture cultivation. The mauka portions of the site near Puu Kapuai are under lease as pasture land for cattle.

Although the final layout and configuration of the proposed campus will be refined through the planning, engineering and design process, its development will ensure that the long range use of the property will be consistent with surrounding land uses and provide the necessary educational facilities to address the future needs of the University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus.

The master plan concept for the University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus includes a mix of instructional, administration, student services and multi-use facilities, library/academic support, student housing, athletic, tropical agriculture and open space land uses to support a future campus population of 7,600 students. Within the campus, land uses are planned to be within easy walking distance of one another, with parking areas strategically located throughout the campus. A separate pedestrian pathway system will provide access to the various campus land uses while minimizing conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. The entire study area is comprised of 991 acres, of which the proposed campus area utilizes approximately 211 acres.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(6) Tripler Army Medical Center to Fort Shafter to Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Repair/Replace Sewerline

TMK: 1-1-08-1 & 5
Applicant: Lt. Col. Wally Z. Walters
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Honolulu Engineer District
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440
Contact: Edward Yamada (438-5421)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
Contact: Alvin Char (656-3878 x 1062)

Public Comment Deadline: September 8, 1998

The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii proposes to repair sewer lines from Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) to Fort Shafter Sewage Pump Station (SPS) and repair/replace sewer lines from the Fort Shafter SPS to the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Oahu, Hawaii. For the Fort Shafter to Sand Island section, it is proposed to use cured-in-place pipe lining.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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🦋 **Ala Wai Promenade Phase III**
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gregory Sue (527-6304)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Public Comment Deadline: September 8, 1998

🦋 Aweoweo Beach Park Site Improvements Master Plan

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Daniel Takamatsu (527-6301)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Public Comment Deadline: September 8, 1998

🦋 Hauula Beach Park Master Plan

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Stanford Kuroda (523-4755)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Public Comment Deadline: September 8, 1998

🦋 Honolulu Harbor Maintenance Dredging at Piers 15 to 20

Applicant: Department of Transportation
Harbors Division
79 South Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Kelly Lee Sato (587-1878)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Public Comment Deadline: September 8, 1998

🦋 Leeward Community College Long Range Development Plan

Applicant: University of Hawaii, Community Colleges
Physical Facilities Planning & Construction Office
4303 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Contact: Maynard Young (734-9771)

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Authority: University of Hawaii, Community Colleges
Office of the Chancellor
2327 Dole Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Contact: Joyce Tsunoda (956-7313)

Public Comment

Deadline: September 8, 1998

Waikapoki Wastewater Pump Station Force Main Replacement

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Tina Ono (523-4067)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: September 8, 1998

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Waimanalo Wastewater Facilities Plan

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Carl Arakaki (523-4671)

Approving Agency/Accepting

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

Public Comment

Deadline: September 22, 1998

Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Randall Fujiki (523-4564)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Mayor, City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street, Room 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Public Comment

Deadline: September 22, 1998

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Kakaako Makai Area Plan (Supplemental)

Applicant: Hawaii Community Development Authority
677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1001
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jan Yokota (587-2870)

Approving Agency/Accepting

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

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

East Kapolei Master Plan Development Project

Applicant: Housing Finance and Development Corporation
677 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Roy Oshiro (587-0640)

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.

Central Oahu Regional Park

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Warren Sato (527-6370)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Planning Department
650 South King Street, 8th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Eugene Takahashi (527-6022)
Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by the City and County of Honolulu Planning Department



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(1) Pulehu Road Improvements

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-3-2 and 2-5-1
Applicant: County of Maui
Department of Public Works & Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charlene Shibuya (243-7437)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: C. Takumi Engineering, Inc.
18 Central Avenue
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Carl Takumi (249-0411)

Public Comment

Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

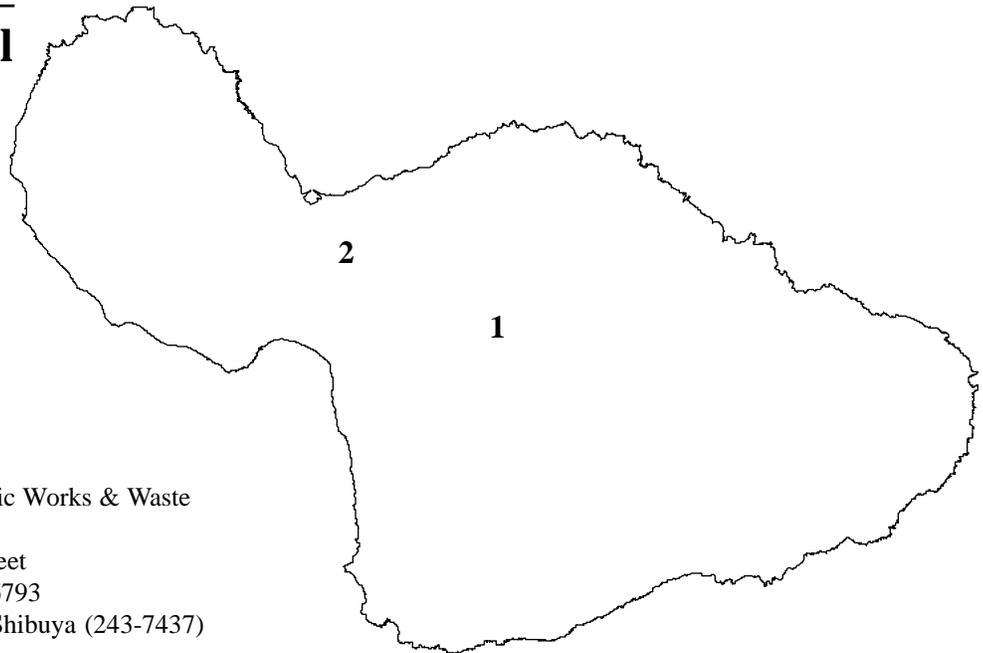
Permits

Required: DA 404, DOH 401, NPDES, grading, ROW

The proposed project is located in Omaopio, Maui, Hawaii. The Pulehu Road Improvements, extending from Omaopio Road to Holopuni Road, will include widening the existing road, improving drainage, and improving sight distances. The proposed project will improve hazardous driving conditions existing as a result of a narrow roadway, poor drainage, and limited sight distances.

The project is located on the western slopes of Haleakala in Maui, Hawaii. The new roadway will be constructed over the existing Pulehu Road from Omaopio Road to Holopuni road. The location of the existing roadway is within the Puu O Kali Quadrangle.

The project involves improvements within the existing road right-of-way along the four-mile section of Pulehu Road from Omaopio Road to Holopuni Road, for a comfortable two-lane (24-foot wide lanes + 3-foot wide shoulders where



practical) roadway. The project will include road widening and paved shoulders, minimal drainage improvements (small culverts where practical and paved shoulder swales with "turn-outs" into natural drainage ways and fields), warning and regulatory signs, guardrails, and other related work.

The project consists mainly of road widening and will be constructed over the existing roadway, Pulehu Road, owned by the County of Maui. The project route is through county-owned lands and is surrounded by privately-owned lands. The land uses surrounding the project site are agricultural, consisting of sugar cane fields, pineapple fields, pastureland, and Kula Agricultural Park. Vegetation along the roadway consists mainly of haole koa, kiawe, cactus, and grasses.

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(2) Puunene MEO Transportation Facility

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-8: por. 1

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Applicant: Maui Economic Opportunity
189 Kaahumanu Ave.
Kahului, Hawaii 96732
Contact: Don Medeiros (877-7691)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Land Division
54 South High St., Room 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Philip Ohta (984-8100)

Consultant: Chris Hart & Partners
1955 Main Street, Suite 200
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: John Min (242-1955)

Public Challenge

Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: County Conditional Use permit, LUC
Special Use permit

The proposed action involves the development of a bus and van transportation baseyard and maintenance facility for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO) at Puunene, island of Maui. The MEO maintains its existing transportation facility at 189 Kaahumanu Avenue in Kahului and must relocate its operations in order to make way for a planned State Civic project. MEO is the only provider of transportation services in Maui County for residents with special needs (i.e. persons with disabilities, elderly persons, etc.).

The new MEO Transportation Facility will be situated on approximately 7.5 acre portion of the old Puunene Airport, which is located between Kahului and Kihei and in the vicinity of the Mokulele Highway. The subject site is classified State Agricultural District and designated by the County of Maui for future industrial uses (Project District No. 10) in the Kihei-Makena Community Plan. The current County zoning is Agricultural District. The site is not located within the Special Management Area boundary, pursuant to HRS Chapter 205A. The subject site is located over a mile from existing residential developments in Central Maui.

Proposed improvements will include a one-story administration/dispatch building (6,342 sq. ft.) with wheel chair ramps and lanai area (1,120 sq. ft.); a one-story vehicle storage and maintenance structure (17,496 sq. ft.) with mezzanine (1,274 sq. ft.); wash facility building; fueling station; an above-ground fuel storage tank; water reclamation tank to reuse wash water; a 300,000 gallon fire protection water tank; fire protection wells; and pump. The proposed parking lot will accommodate 113 buses/vans and 148 cars.

The subject site, which is at the end of a runway of a former airport, is currently level and paved. Additional site grading work will be very minimal. The proposed project will not contribute to increased storm water runoff. During construction, short-term construction-related impacts (i.e. traffic, dust) are expected and will be mitigated by dust control and traffic safety measures. The subject site is not in sugar cane cultivation, and impacts of the proposed transportation facility on agricultural operations will be minimal. To mitigate the increased volume of vehicular traffic from the proposed project, improvements will be constructed at Mokulele Highway and its intersection with the access road to the project site and Maui Raceway Park, including turn lanes and acceleration/deceleration lanes. The proposed action will not adversely affect any known significant archaeological, historic or cultural sites or wildlife habitat areas.

Maui County Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

~ Molokai Irrigation System After-the-Fact Pipeline Connection

Applicant: Department of Agriculture
1428 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: Paul Matsuo (973-9473)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Board of Agriculture
1428 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: James Nakatani (973-9550)

Public Comment

Deadline: September 8, 1998



Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

► Makapala Exploratory Well No. 1

Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Water Supply
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Glenn Ahuna (961-8660)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: September 8, 1998

► Olaa Station No. 5 to Station No. 6 Water System Improvements

Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Water Supply
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Kurt Inaba (961-8660)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: September 8, 1998

Final Environmental Impact Statements

► Kealakehe Parkway From Mamalahoa Highway to Queen Kaahumanu Highway

Applicant: Department of Transportation
Highways Division
600 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 304
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ronald Tsuzuki (587-1830)

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 is currently being reviewed by the
Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Apply now for Trans Monies

Proposals to use federal funds to implement transportation enhancement projects are due August 31, 1998.

Public and private organizations may apply for these monies for projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, acquiring scenic easements and historic sites.

See the July 8 [Environmental Notice](#) for details.



Kauai Notices

AUGUST 23, 1998

Draft Environmental Assessments

(1) Anahola Residence Beach Lots

District: Kawaihau
TMK: 4-8-12:06; 4-8-13:13, 16; 4-8-18:32
Applicant: Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Patrick Young (586-3817)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Esaki Surveying and Mapping, Inc.
1610 Haleukana Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Dennis Esaki (246-0625)

Public Comment

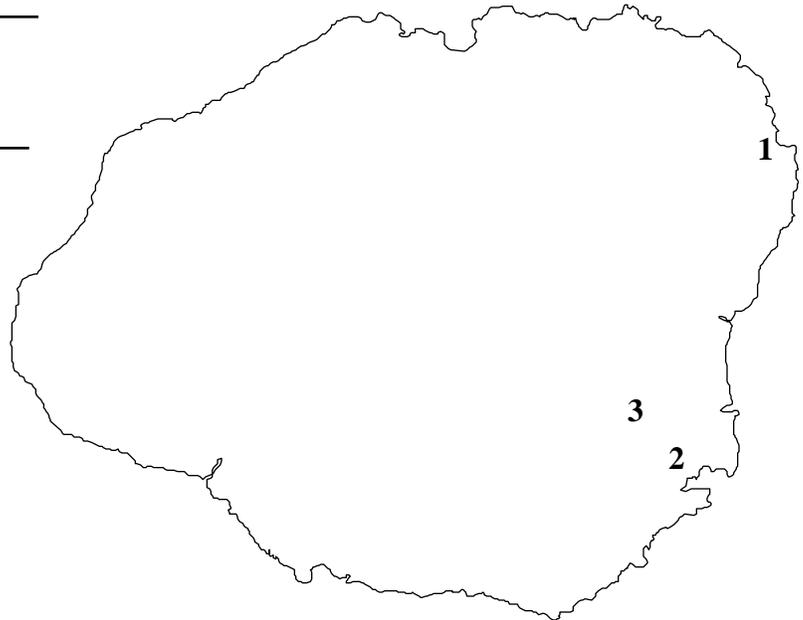
Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: Subdivision plan

The proposed project is a residential subdivision located on the north side of Anahola Stream. The proposed subdivision is makai of Kuhio Highway and approximately 14 miles north of Lihue. The area is within the district of Kawaihau, Island and County of Kauai. The Anahola Residence Beach Lots (Units G & G1) subdivision is situated off of Aliomanu Road north of Anahola Stream. Access to this area is by Aliomanu Road.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands proposes to subdivide approximately 13.776 acres to create 45 lots in addition to 2 roadway lots. The applicant proposes to provide low cost housing lots for lease to qualified native Hawaiian families under the Hawaiian Homes Act. The site work for the subdivision will be implemented under normal State of Hawaii contractual processes. Applicant proposes to meet the county's standards for water supply, roadway improvements, drainage systems and other utility services. Other infrastructure will be developed in accordance with the State health and utility regulations. Upon completion, the applicant proposes to convey the infrastructure improvements to the County of Kauai for maintenance purposes.



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

(2) Ho'omalulu Project

District: Lihue
TMK: 3-3-6-Road (portion)
Applicant: County of Kauai Housing Agency
4193 Hardy Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Jim Seitzzahl (241-6812)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Challenge

Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Consolidation/subdivision, class IV use, rezoning

The proposed project would involve construction of a building to serve as a Resource Center to house the Ho'omalulu program. The Resource Center would be constructed using products and techniques that exhibit and demonstrate sound and retrofitting techniques to avoid storm damage. "Open"

construction techniques would be used that leave exposed framing and other structures in portions of the Resource Center to clearly demonstrate how construction and retrofitting should occur. To this end, the Resource Center itself would serve as a demonstration feature that is integral to the proposed education and training program. The Resource Center would also provide facilities for exhibiting and demonstrating products, demonstrating alternative construction methods, and providing training sessions and seminars. It would also be used for providing information related to incentives for use of sound construction and retrofitting techniques, information for consumers and professionals, information from recent and ongoing research and development, information on energy efficiency, and information on termite mitigation. The Resource Center building would have offices, a library, classrooms, and a display area. It would provide handicap access to all facilities. The Resource Center would be staffed by private industry with hours of operation convenient for public inspection. It would be located in the City of Lihue on the Island of Kauai at a site to be transferred to the County of Kauai from the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation at the intersection of Kaunualii Highway, Old Nawiliwili Road, and Hala Road.



(3) Lihue & Hanamaulu Water Development Projects - Phase II

District: Lihue
TMK: 3-8-portion 4, 3-8-portion 2,3 and 6
Applicant: County of Kauai, Housing Agency
4139 Hardy Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Dennis Alkire (241-6814)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: ParEn Inc., dba Park Engineering
567 South King Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Keith Uemura (531-1676)

Public Challenge

Deadline: September 22, 1998
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: NPDES, Noise Permit, Certificate of "No-rise" Determination

To provide a safe and reliable drinking water supply for the growing communities of the Lihue area, the proposing agency is planning to expand the existing water system. Phase II of the Hanamaulu and Lihue Water Development Projects involve design and installation of transmission mains

connecting future production well facilities with the existing system.

Hanamaulu Water Development Project involves the installation of approximately 20,500 lineal feet of 16-inch transmission main connecting Hanamaulu Well No. 3 to an existing 12-inch main at the Maalo Road/Kuhio Highway intersection. The 16-inch transmission main will be constructed in two increments. The first starts near Kuhio Highway, and proceeds north on Maalo Road past the proposed connection for the 12-inch main for the Lihue Water Development Project, covering approximately 10,200 lineal feet. This increment includes a support structure for crossing Hanamaulu Stream near the Kapaia Bridge.

The second increment continues where the first ends and consists of approximately 4,700 lineal feet of 16-inch transmission main installed on Maalo Road in a northerly direction. The alignment heads west on a cane haul road for another 5,600 lineal feet to the Hanamaulu well No. 3. The Lihue project will require the installation of approximately 1,300 lineal feet of 12-inch water transmission main to connect Pukaki Well with the 16-inch transmission main along Maalo Road. The 16-inch main also extends 1,000 feet west of the site to a proposed 100,000 gallon control tank.

The project will cause short-term, temporary impacts confined to the immediate project site. Increases in traffic, noise, dust and vehicular emissions are expected but will not be significant due to limited size of the sites and the absence of residences near the area. Conformance to DOH standards and Best Management Practices for air, noise and water quality should adequately mitigate these impacts.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

● Hanalei Middle School Site Selection Study

Applicant: Dept. of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gary Chong (586-0487)

Approving Agency/Accepting

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

Public Comment

Deadline: September 8, 1998

Coastal Zone News

AUGUST 23, 1998

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEWS

The Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program has received the following federal actions to review for consistency with the CZM objectives and policies in Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This public notice is being provided in accordance with section 306(d)(14) of the National Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. For more information, please call John Nakagawa with the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2878. Federally mandated deadlines require that comments be received by the date specified for each CZM consistency review and can be mailed to:

Rick Egged, Director
Office of Planning
Dept. of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Or, fax comments to the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2899.



(1) Kalihi Stream Sewer Line Crossing at Likelike Highway, Kalihi, Oahu

Applicant: Department of Design and Construction, City and County of Honolulu
Consultant: Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.
Contact: Mr. Henry S. Morita, 536-7721
Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Contact: Mr. Alan Everson, 438-9258 x 11
Federal Action: Department of the Army Permit
Location: Kalihi, Oahu
TMK: 1-3-26: 61
Proposed Action:

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction proposes to construct a reinforced concrete bridge structure adjacent to the existing Likelike Highway bridge to support a sewer line crossing over Kalihi Stream. The piers of the sewer line bridge will follow the spacing and alignment of the existing bridge to maintain stream flow conditions. The proposed sewer line crossing will provide relief for the Gulick Avenue sewers and should eliminate overflows.

Comments Due: September 4, 1998



(2) Mamalahoa Highway Drainage Improvements

Applicant: State Department of Transportation, Highways Division
Contact: Mr. Jeffrey Fujimoto, 587-2249
Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Contact: Ms. Lolly Silva, 438-9258, ext. 17
Federal Action: Department of the Army Permit
Location: Ford Crossing near Piikea Stream and Paaau Stream Bridge, Kau, Hawaii
TMK: (3) 9-6-02, 9-6-12 & 9-6-13
Proposed Action:

The State Department of Transportation, Highways Division, is proposing to construct drainage improvements at two stream crossing locations along Mamalahoa Highway that frequently overtop during storms. At the Ford Crossing the roadway will be raised about five feet to eliminate a sag in the highway. At the Paaau Stream Bridge proposed work involves channelizing a portion of the stream upstream of the bridge, deepening the invert of the bridge about three feet, and constructing a box culvert on the Pahala side of the bridge.

Comments Due: September 4, 1998

MARINE AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

The Marine and Coastal Zone Management Advisory Group (MACZMAG) will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, September 18, 1998 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the State Capitol, Room 309.

MACZMAG meeting agendas and minutes are now available on the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program web page at www.hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm.

GET THE DRIFT AND BAG IT

The annual international coastal cleanup "Get the Drift and Bag It" will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1998. This cleanup is sponsored by the Center for Marine Conservation in conjunction with the University of Hawaii, Sea Grant and the CZM Program. We have just received the results from last years cleanup. A copy may be obtained by contacting Claire Cappellet at 587-2880 or e-mail: jccappel@dbedt.hawaii.gov.

Shoreline Notices

AUGUST 23, 1998

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-683	08/03/98	Lot 1051, Ld Ct App. 677 as shown on Map 253, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu (574 Kaimalino Street)	Wes Tengan for Edward & Nancy Hayes	4-4-39:13
OA-684	07/31/98	Lot 8, Kawailoa Beach Lots, Kawiloa, Waialua, Oahu (Kamehameha Highway, Waialua)	Walter P. Thompson, Inc. for Kamehameha Schools Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate	6-1-12:25
OA-685	08/06/98	Lots 119, 53, 54, & 55 of File Plan 863, Kamananui, Waialua, Oahu (68-197 & 68-205 Au Street)	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc. for City and County/Department of Parks & Recreation	6-8-11:37 & 38 and 6-8-12:53 & 54
OA-686	07/31/98	Lot 2-E, Ld Ct App 242 as shown on Map 204, Puuloa, Ewa, Oahu (91-857 Pohakupuna Road)	GY & Company for Herita Yulo	9-1-25:69
MA-157	08/05/98	Lot 3 of the One Loa Subdivision (Unrecorded Map) Being a Por of Grant 1498, Ap 2 to Manu, Mooloa, Honuaula, Maui (0 Makena Road)	Akamai Land Surveying for South Maui Residence, Inc.	2-1-06:103



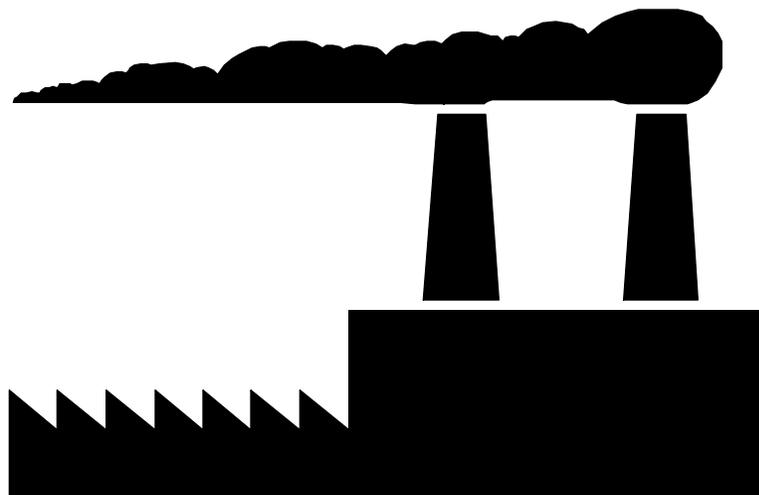
Pollution Control Permits

AUGUST 23, 1998

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, Temporary Noncovered Source	Puna Rock Co., Ltd., # 0421-01-NT	Various. Initial Location: 16-630 Kipimana Street, Keaau, Hawaii	Issued: 8/3/98	660 TPH Portable Stone Processing Plant with One 301 HP Diesel Engine, One 350 HP Diesel Engine, and One 201 HP Diesel Engine
CAB, Covered Source	Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd., # 0249-02-C	120 Kane Street, Kahului, Maui	Issued: 8/4/98	Two 1305 KW, Two 1970 KW Diesel Engine Generating Units and Four Steam Boilers
CAB, Covered Source	Pohakulepo Recycling Partnership, # 0386-02-C	TMK: 2-6-04: por. 7, Wailuku, Maui	Comments Due: 9/11/98	260 TPH Portable Rock Crushing Plant
CAB, Noncovered Source	Brewer Chemical Industries, LLC, # 0423-01-N	311 Pacific Street, Honolulu, Oahu	Issued: 8/6/98	One 125 HP Fuel Oil-Fired Boiler
CAB, Noncovered Source	Hawaiian Cement, Maui Concrete and Aggregate Division	Honokowai Dry Ready Mix Batch Plant, TMK 4-4-02, Honokowai, Lahaina, Maui	Issued: 8/10/98	150 CY/hr. Transit Mix Concrete Batching Plant



Kawaihae Cogeneration Partners Docket EL98-67-000

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) announced that Kawaihae Cogeneration Partners (KCP) has filed a petition. In part, the notice reads: "KCP states that Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (HPUC) and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO) have taken actions that violate the [Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act] thereby allowing HECO's wholly owned subsidiary, Hawaii Electric Light Company, to begin construction of its own facility and prevent KCP from building its qualifying facility." Motions or protests need to be filed by **AUGUST 31, 1998** (see 63 F.R. 43150, August 12, 1998 for details).

Proposed List of Fisheries for 1999

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) seeks comments **ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 9, 1998**, on a proposed rule listing fisheries based on the level of serious injury to, and mortality of, marine mammals that occurs incidental to that fishery. The categorization of a fishery in the List of Fisheries (LOF) determines whether the fishery is subject to certain provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), such as registration, observer coverage, and take reduction plan requirements. The Hawai'i Swordfish, Tuna, Billfish, Mahimahi, Wahoo, Oceanic Sharks Longline/Set Line Fishery is currently classified as a Category III fishery (annual mortality and serious injury of a marine mammal stock in a given fishery is less than or equal to 1 percent of the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) level). Because of 10 observed incidental takes (through hooking, snagging, entanglement/killing) of marine mammals between 1994 and 1997, the NMFS is proposing to increase regulation on the fishery by reclassifying it as a Category II Fishery (annual mortality/serious injury is greater than 1 percent but less than 50 percent of the PBR level) (see, 63 F.R. 42803, August 11, 1998).

Development of Policy on the Use of Permits as Conservation Tools

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is responsible for the implementation of a number of wildlife laws and treaties. Each of these laws and treaties provides for permits to be issued for otherwise prohibited activities under specific circumstances. FWS is currently reviewing its current permitting program and is seeking public comments on a developing a policy that would approach permits as a conser-

vation tool and provide a more efficient permit process that is consistently implemented by FWS, with a focus on scientific research and scientific and conservation institutions that meet certain standards. Comments should be sent to: Chief, Office of Management Authority, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, on or before **SEPTEMBER 24, 1998** (see 63 F.R. 42639, August 10, 1998).

The President Designates Hanalei River as an American Heritage River

In Presidential Proclamation 7112 of July 30, 1998, the Hanalei River on the Island of Kaua'i was designated as an American Heritage River. The President of the United States also designated 13 rivers in other states as American Heritage Rivers. For each river, the nomination process began in the local community, where members met to share information, identify common goals for their river and set strategies to achieve these goals. In the nomination form, the community had to describe the proposed river area, the notable resource qualities in the area, the community's action plan, and supporters. The term of focused active federal assistance is limited to five years. For Hanalei, a federal worker will be designated as a "River Navigator" to help the community identify federal programs and resources to help them carry out their plans. Federal agencies will help match community needs with available resources. Some examples of federal assistance include: information and maps to help communities identify and evaluate historic, environmental and economic resources; and training in the use of soil and water quality information. Copies of the Hanalei River Action Plan in PDF format can be obtained from the Web at www.epa.gov/rivers/ (see 63 F.R. 41949, August 5, 1998).

Marine Mammals Permit Amendment

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued an amendment for scientific research permit No. 969 to Dr. Shannon Atkinson of the University of Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology to import tissue samples of all species of Cetacea and Pinnipedia (except walrus). To see the amendment and related documents call NMFS in Honolulu at 949-7400 (see, 63 F.R. 41230, August 3, 1998).

Federal Notices

AUGUST 23, 1998

Cancellation of Pesticide Registrations in Hawai'i for Non-Payment of Fees

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has cancelled the following pesticide registrations (with their accompanying SLN number) for non-payment of the 1998 maintenance fee: VYDATE L Insecticide Nematicide on Ginger (Foliar Treatment) and other, HI-82-0001; Blue Shield on Ornamental Turf, HI-89-0005; and, Snow Crystals Copper Sulfate on Taro (Water Treatment), HI-94-0002 (see, 63 F.R. 41145, July 31, 1998).

Federal Property for the Homeless

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified various properties at Lualualei Naval Station Eastern Pacific, Wahiawa Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area, Ford Island, Pearl Harbor Naval Public Works Center Hale Moku Housing, Aliamanu Military Reservation, Pearl City Peninsula Naval Station, Pearl Harbor Naval Station, Wheeler Army Airfield, Fort Shafter, and, Schofield Barracks, as suitable and available for use by homeless persons (see, 63 F.R. 42492, August 7, 1998 and 63 F.R. 40913, July 31, 1998).

Draft Policy on Wetlands and National Wildlife Refuges

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is seeking public comments on a draft national policy regarding the use of the National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) System for compensatory mitigation requirements under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The policy will provide guidance to FWS personnel when evaluating whether a NWR should be considered as a site for wetland restoration, enhancement or creation to replace wetlands lost to dredge and fill impacts authorized by Section 10 or Section 404 permits. The FWS generally will not allow compensatory mitigation on NWR System lands because these lands are already targeted for restoration and the FWS will be restoring these lands in the future. However, FWS recognizes that under some limited and exceptional circumstances, compensatory mitigation on a NWR may be appropriate. Comments on the draft policy must be received **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29, 1998** by the Chief, Division of Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 400 ARLSQ, Washington, D.C. 20240 (see, 63 F.R. 40928, July 31, 1998).

Public Hearing in Honolulu on Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permits

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District will be holding a concurrent public meeting AND hearing on its Nationwide Permit (NWP) program on **AUGUST 27, 1998, AT 9:00 A.M., IN BUILDING 230, ROOMS 322 AND 323, FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII**, to solicit testimony, comments and concerns on its proposal to: issue 6 new Nationwide Permits (NWPs); modify 6 NWPs and 6 NWP conditions; extending NWP No. 26, Headwaters and Isolated Discharges (currently scheduled to expire on December 13, 1998) until March 28, 1999; suspending NWP No. 29 for single family housing activities in non-tidal waters; and, modifying NWP No. 29 to change the acreage limit from one-half acre to one-fourth acre. The Honolulu District is also seeking comments on the need for additional regional conditions to help ensure that impacts authorized by the proposed NWPs are minimal. For more information call Ms. Lolly Silva at (808) 438-9258, extension 17 (see, COE Honolulu District Public Notice No. 980000137, July 24, 1998).

Army Corps Emergency Permit for Installation of Sand Bags in La'ie, O'ahu.

Pursuant to Section 10, of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Honolulu District, Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has issued a Department of the Army permit, file number 980000098, under emergency procedures pursuant to 33 CFR, 325.2(e)(4) to Mr. Arne Westly, Jr. for the installation of sand bags fronting his property identified as TMK 5-5-02:37, La'ie, O'ahu. The proposed work consists of placing approximately 80 to 100 sand bags at a 2:1 slope in front of the escarpment. Approximately 200 cubic yards of sand for the bags will be pumped from a sand cell site located about 300 feet from the shoreline. It is estimated that the work will be performed within 30 days from the start of construction. Call Ms. Lolly Silva at (808) 438-9258, extension 17, for more information (see, COE Honolulu District Public Notice No. 980000098, July 22, 1998).

Letters of Notice

AUGUST 23, 1998

OEQC prints "Letters of Notice" to encourage public participation in our EIS system. Your views are welcome. We may edit letters due to limited space. The opinions presented do not necessarily reflect those of OEQC.

Summary Results of "Wa'ahila Ridge Questionnaire"

The following are excerpts from a comment letter submitted by the Manoa Neighborhood Board on HECO's Kamoku-Pukele 138 kV Transmission Line Project DEIS.

The May 1998 issue of the Manoa Neighborhood Board Newsletter included a brief questionnaire on the proposed Kamoku-Pukele 138 kV Transmission Line Project. The Newsletter was mailed to all households in the Manoa Neighborhood Board district and distributed at several well-attended community-wide meetings held in June and July 1998.

More than 250 responses were received, but for the purposes of these comments only the 59 responses received from verified Manoa addresses as a result of the mailout are summarized here.

The four questions asked were:

1. Has Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) provided enough information to the public regarding the proposed 138 kV transmission lines in Manoa?

YES = 6 (10%)
NO = 52 (88%)
BLANK = 1 (2%)

2. Do you support HECO plans to put 100 foot towers carrying high voltage transmission lines on top of Wa'ahila Ridge?

YES = 4 (7%)
NO = 55 (93%)
BLANK = 0

3. Do you support HECO plans to put 100 foot tall towers carrying high voltage transmission lines on University Avenue, Dole Street, and through the UH Manoa campus?

YES = 2 (3%)
NO = 57 (97%)
BLANK = 0

4. If the HECO towers are built in Manoa, which of the following concerns do you have?

destruction of view 51 (86%)
reduced property values 45 (76%)
increased health risks 45 (76%)
increased erosion 49 (83%)
increased herbicide use 46 (78%)
lower quality of life 43 (73%)
other 13 (22%)
[written comments made: 49 (83%)]

Written comments expressed additional concerns including the use of inappropriate technology, impacts on wildlife, impacts on tourism, risks from hurricane conditions, electric and magnetic field concerns and associated health risks, ecological balance, and construction impacts.

