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June 20, 2005

Randall & Kyoko Hirata P.O. Box 6553 Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hirata:

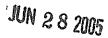
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Pursuant to authority conferred to the Planning Director by Chapter 25, Article 5, Division 7, Section 25-5-77 of the Zoning Code and Planning Department Rule 13, Farm Dwellings, we have reviewed your request for an additional farm dwelling on the subject property. Your submittals included the following information:

- 1. Name and address of the landowner(s) or lessee(s), if the latter has a lease on the building site with a term exceeding one year from the date of the farm dwelling agreement.
- 2. Written authorization of the landowner(s) if the lessee filed the request.
- 3. A farm plan or evidence of the applicant's continual agricultural productivity or farming operation within the County, including an explanation of why this additional farm dwelling is needed in connection with the agricultural productivity or farming operation. Your farm plan included the following ongoing income producing agricultural activities:
  - a. Ongoing agricultural activities include the following:
    - i. Maintain, harvest and distribute Shiso leaves on 6,500 s.f. of land.

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- b. The current labor man-hours are approximately 40 hours per week. The estimated labor man-hours are approximately 25-40 hours per week for a Total labor man-hours of approximately 65-80 hours per week.
- 4. In additional support, a State of Hawaii Department of Taxation's General Excise (GE) Tax License has also been presented.
- 5. Applicant's commitment to the farm plan will be shown in the form of the enclosed Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement affidavit, to be notarized and submitted for recordation with the Bureau of Conveyances, which states that the additional dwelling shall be used for farm-related purposes.

## Findings:

- In Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the State Land Use Law does not authorize residential dwellings as a permitted use in the State Land Use Agricultural district unless the dwelling is related to an agricultural activity or is a farm dwelling. A farm dwelling as defined in Section 205-4.5, Chapter 205, HRS, means a single family dwelling located on and used in connection with a farm, including clusters of single family farm dwellings permitted within agricultural parks developed by the State, or where agricultural activity provides income to the family occupying the dwelling. (emphasis added)
- 2. The subject lot was created prior to June 4, 1976, which, pursuant to HRS §205-4.5(b), allows the first dwelling on the lot to be a single-family dwelling.
- 3. The Farm Plan, GE Tax License (ID number W03001950-01), and the agreement to use the dwelling for agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site demonstrate that there will be income producing agricultural activity and the income will be taxed.
- 4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
  - a. Department of Water Supply (DWS) (Letter dated May 18, 2005):

"We have reviewed the subject application and have the following comments and conditions.

For your information, an existing 5/8-inch meter services this property and is adequate for only one dwelling at an average of 400 gallons per day or a maximum of 600 gallons per day. This application is proposing an additional detached dwelling, so the installation of a separate 5/8-inch meter by the applicant is required in accordance with Department regulations. Water is available from the 6-inch waterline in Puanuanu Place, which fronts the subject parcel.

> Therefore, the Department has no objections to the proposed application subject to the applicant understanding and accepting the following conditions:

- 1. Installation, by the Department of Water Supply, of a second 1inch service lateral to service a 5/8-inch meter, which shall be restricted to a maximum daily flow of 600 gallons per day.
- 2. Installation of two backflow preventers (reduced pressure type) by a licensed contractor on the applicant's property just after each meter. The installation and assembly of the backflow preventers must be inspected by the Department before the water meter can be installed. The backflow preventer shall be operated and maintained by the customer. A copy of our backflow preventer handout is being forwarded to the applicant to help them understand this requirement.
- 3. Remittance of the following charges, which are subject to change, to our Customer Service Section prior to the Planning Department's approval for the building permit for this application:

Facilities Charge (One 2 <sup>nd</sup> service at \$5,500.00 each)	\$5,500.00
Service Lateral Installation Charge:	
(Install one meter on a County road)	2,600.00

\$8,100.00

Total (Subject to Change)

Should there be any questions, please contact Ms. Shari Komata of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 252."

b. Real Property Tax Office (RPT):

There were no comments received.

c. Department of Health (DOH) (Memorandum dated June 9, 2005):

"The project is 19,514 square feet/acres. Under the current provisions, a total of 1 individual wastewater system can be utilized on this lot. The type of individual wastewater system to be used will be determined at the time of building permit application.

The existing cesspool can continue to service the subject project. However, in the future should the owner apply for a building permit, the cesspool may have to be upgraded based on the wastewater rules in effect at the time of the building permit application."

## Decision:

In view of the above, your request to construct a **second (first AFD) dwelling** is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The additional farm dwelling shall only be used to provide shelter for persons involved in the agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site. Family members who are not engaged in agricultural or farm-related activities are allowed to reside in the farm dwelling.
- 2. The agreement shall run with the land and apply to all persons who may, now or in the future, use or occupy the additional farm dwelling. The enclosed Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement must be returned to the Planning Department with the appropriate notarized signatures along with a check made out to the Bureau of Conveyances in the amount of \$25.00 in accordance with the enclosed Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement Instructions. The Planning Department will not approve a building permit application for the additional dwelling until the AFDA document and all required attachments have been accepted for recordation.
- 3. The First Party shall adhere to all other applicable rules, regulations, and requirements of the Planning Department (including but not limited to the Zoning Code, Chapter 25), Department of Public Works, Department of Water Supply, Fire Department and State Department of Health and other reviewing agencies/divisions listed on the Building Permit Application.
- 4. Your Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement has been approved based entirely on existing agricultural activity as summarized previously in this letter.
- 5. The First Party shall allow the Second Party or its representative to inspect the farm upon reasonable prior notice.
- 6. This Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of this approval letter to secure a building permit for the additional farm dwelling. Failure to secure a building permit for this additional farm dwelling on or before June 21, 2007 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.
- 7. The First Party or current owner/lessee shall submit proof of remittance of the Department of Water Supply Service Lateral Installation Charge with the submittal of a building permit application.

If you have any questions please call Deanne Bugado of our West Hawaii Office at 327-3510.

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Sincerely,

& CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN Planning Director

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Enclosure: AFDA document AFDA document instruction sheet

xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, DWS Mr. Mike McCall, RPT Planning Department – Kona

