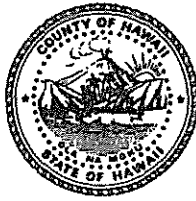


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October 3, 2007

Mr. Roy R. Thompson  
and Mrs. Phoebe P. Thompson  
P.O. Box 7001  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thompson:

**SUBJECT: Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement (FDA-07-000181)**  
**Applicants: Roy R. Thompson and Phoebe P. Thompson**  
**Land Owners: Roy R. Thompson and Phoebe P. Thompson**  
**State Land Use: Agricultural**  
**County Zoning: A-20a**  
**Land Area: 34.9 Acres**  
**Tax Map Key: (3) 1-8-004:105**

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. Names, address and signatures of the applicants/landowners.
2. A farm plan or evidence of the applicant's continual agricultural productivity or farming operation within the County, including an explanation of why this AFD is needed in connection with the agricultural productivity or farming operation.

Your farm plan included the following proposed income producing agricultural activities:

- (a) Ongoing agricultural activities include the following:

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- i. The property is presently used for the raising of cattle (11 head), hair sheep (40 head), goats (6 head) and poultry (mainly for domestic use);
- ii. The ranch presently produces approximately 5 calves, 30 lambs and 6 goats per year generating ;
- iii. Applicants also produce their own meat, eggs, taro, sweet potatoes and pork; and
- iv. The livestock operation is being run under the guidance of the Puna Soil Conservation District Committee and in consultation with the National Resources Conservation Service.

(b) Proposed agricultural activity includes the following:

- i. The herds will be increased to 24 head of cattle, 100 sheep and 20 goats;
- ii. Additional land area (15 + acres) on parcel 1-8-007:084, also owned by the applicant and located approximately 2.5 miles distant, will be utilized for the operation. This will expand the herd by another 25%;
- iii. As the paddocks on the second parcel are reconditioned, a further 25% expansion of the herds is anticipated;
- iv. Income is expected to be \$56,550 per year in full production.

(c) No estimate of man-hours was given.

3. In support of the application, a farm plan and evidence of a State of Hawaii Department of Taxation's General Excise Tax (GET) License have been presented.
4. 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:

1. 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)

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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 10549144, dba Nani Kahawai Ranch), and the agreement to use the dwelling for agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site demonstrate that there is income producing agricultural activity and that the income has been taxed.
4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:

(a) Department of Water Supply (DWS) (Letter dated September 14, 2007):

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

An existing 5/8-inch meter services this property and is adequate for only one dwelling unit at an average of 400 gallons per day. Inasmuch as this application is proposing an additional dwelling, the installation of a separate 5/8-inch meter would normally be required in accordance with Department’s regulations. However, the Department’s existing water system facilities cannot support an additional water meter at this time. Extensive improvements and additions, which may include, but not be limited to, source, storage, booster pumps, transmission, and distribution facilities, would be required. Currently, sufficient funding is not available from the Department for such improvements and no time schedule is set.

Therefore, the Department has no objections to the proposed application, subject to the applicant understanding and accepting that the Department cannot provide service to the proposed additional farm dwelling. Should the application be approved, both dwellings shall not share the existing meter, and the water system plumbing between the two dwellings shall not be interconnected in any way.

Further, as the applicant indicates that there is existing and proposed agricultural activity within the subject parcel, a reduced pressure type backflow prevention assembly must be installed (if one does not already exist) within five (5) feet of the existing meter on private property. The installation of the backflow prevention assembly must be inspected and approved by the Department before commencement of water service. A copy of the Department’s backflow prevention handout is attached to help the applicant understand this requirement.

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Should there be any questions, please contact Mr. Ryan Quitarano of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 256."

(b) Real Property Tax Office (RPT) (Response form dated August 23, 2007):

"There are no comments at this time. Property Taxes are paid through December 31, 2007."

(c) Department of Health (DOH) (Memorandum dated August 29, 2007):

"The use of individual wastewater systems is allowed. The type and number of individual wastewater systems to be used will be determined by the wastewater rules in effect at the time of building permit application.

We recommend that you review all of the Standard Comments on our website: [www.state.us/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/landuse.html](http://www.state.us/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/landuse.html). Any comments specifically applicable to this project should be adhered to."

Decision:

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

1. The AFD 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 AFD 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 AFDA 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. In reference to the DWS comment, may we suggest the following:

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- a. Any dwelling not serviced by a County water system should be provided with and maintain a private potable rain catchment system which includes a minimum 6,000 gallons for domestic consumption or potable uses. This catchment system should adhere to the Department of Public Works, Building Division's "Guidelines for Owners of Rain Catchment Water Systems" as well as the State Department of Health requirements related to water testing and water purifying devices.
  - b. Any dwelling on a water catchment system should be provided with and maintain an additional 3,000 gallon water storage capacity for fire fighting and emergency purposes. The emergency water supply system, including the necessary compatible connector system and location of the water storage facility on the property, should meet with the approval of the Hawaii County Fire Department.
4. 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 shall be adhered to.
5. Your AFDA has been approved based on ongoing and expanded agricultural activity as summarized previously in this letter.
6. The First Party shall allow the Second Party or its representative to inspect the farm upon reasonable prior notice.
7. This AFDA shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of this approval letter to secure a BP for the additional farm dwelling. Failure to secure a BP for this additional farm dwelling on or before October 4, 2009, may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.

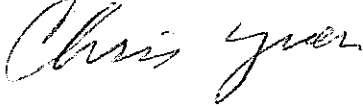
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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jonathan Holmes of this Department.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN  
Planning Director

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Enclosures: AFDA document  
AFDA document instruction sheet

xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, DWS  
Mr. Mike McCall, RPT

# Conservation Plan Map

Customer(s): ROY R THOMPSON

Field Office: HILO SERVICE CENTER

District: PUNA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

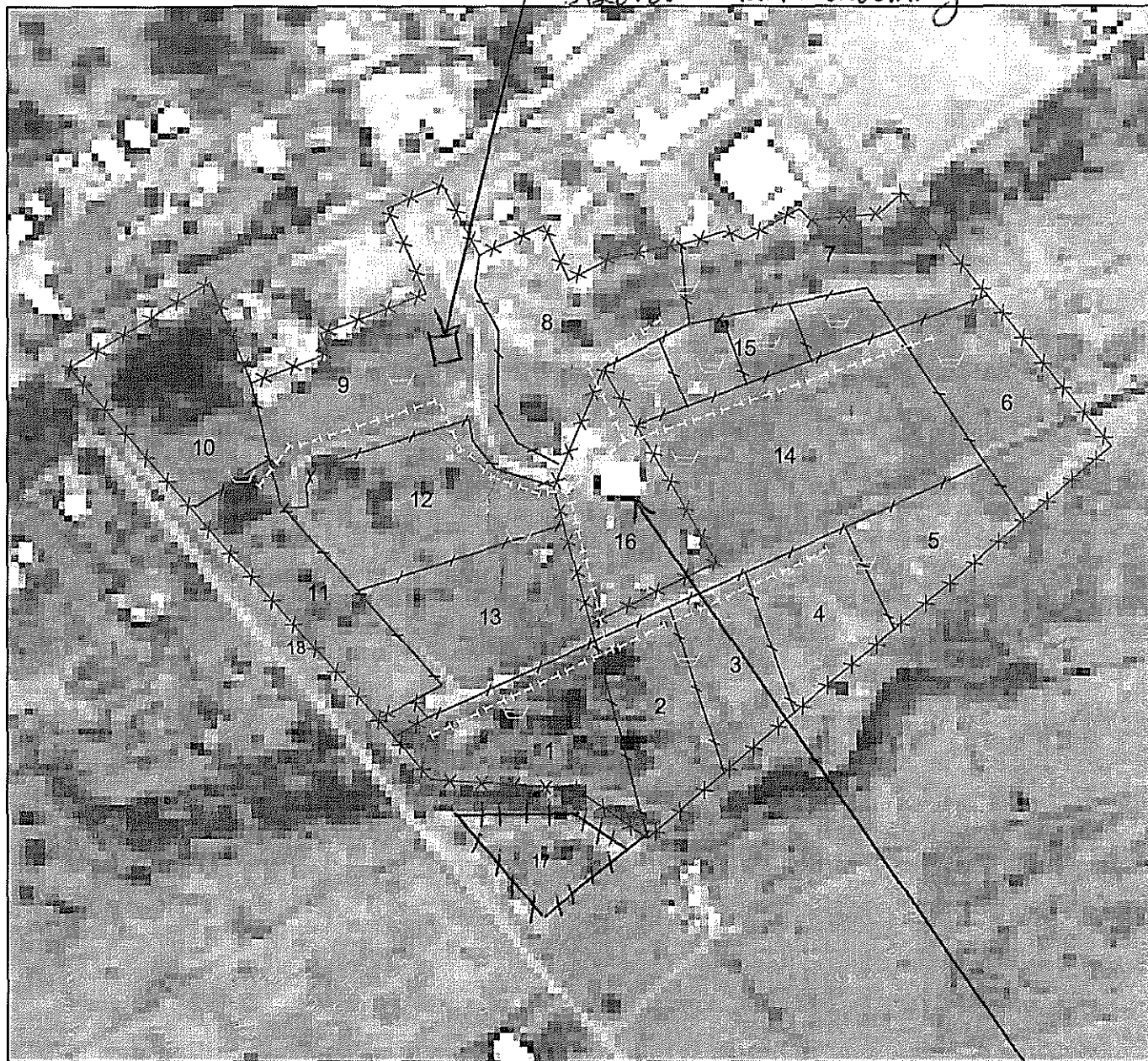
Agency: USDA, NRCS

Approximate Acres: 36.0

Assisted By: Noel D Ide

Legal Description: TMK: (3) 1-8-004-105

Proposed new  
3 bedroom farm dwelling



## Legend

Planned Trough

Planned Pipeline

— Planned Fence

X— Existing Fence



Existing 3 bedroom  
farm dwelling

