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August 25, 2011

Summers Aina LLC Mr. Jimmy Summers Mr. James Scott Summers P.O. Box 10765 Hilo, HI 96721

Dear Sirs:

SUBJECT:

Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement (FDA-11-000308)

Applicant:

JAMES SCOTT SUMMERS

Land Owner:

SUMMERS AINA LLC; c/o JAMES

SCOTT SUMMERS

State Land Use:

Agricultural and Conservation

County Zoning:

A-20a (Agricultural, minimum building

site of twenty acres)

Land Area:

483.05 acres

Tax Map Key:

(3) 2-7-007:014

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 two additional farm dwellings on the subject property. Your submittals included the following information:

- 1. Names, address and the signatures of the applicants/landowners.
- 2. A farm plan or evidence of the applicants' continual agricultural productivity or farming operation within the County, including an explanation of why these additional farm dwellings (AFD) are needed in connection with the agricultural productivity or farming operation. Your farm plan included the following existing income-producing agricultural and livestock activities:

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- a. On this subject property, ongoing agricultural activities include the following:
 - i. Cattle ranching of approximately 215 adult cows and calves;
 - ii. Cultivating taro, kava, betelnut, and other fruits, vegetables, and herbs;
 - iii. Raising other livestock, including chickens, sheep, and goats;
 - iv. Approximately 90 (ninety) hours per week are required for operating the farm on 350 acres of the 483.05-acre parcel.
- b. Proposed agricultural activities on the subject property include expansion of the existing ongoing agricultural activities, especially pest management and replanting of pastures
- 3. 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 dwellings shall be used for farm-related purposes.

Findings:

- 1. In Chapter 205, Hawai'i 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 Farm Plan 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.
- 3. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
 - a. Department of Water Supply (DWS) memorandum dated August 12, 2011:

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

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The subject parcel does not have an existing water service with the Department, as the parcel is beyond the service limits of the Department's existing water system.

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 dwellings.

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

b. Department of Health (DOH)memorandum dated May 19, 2010:

"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.

Lands formerly used for sugarcane production are now being developed into communities where residential homes, schools and commercial businesses are being constructed. Chemicals associated with the sugarcane industry persist in soil today and may be a threat to public health and the environment. Elevated arsenic levels were discovered in soil at former sugarcane production areas on the islands. The HEER office has identified former sugarcane production areas for assessment throughout the state and plans to work with property owners to conduct development plans for the properties.

We recommend that you review all of the Standard Comments on our website: http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/landuse.html. Any comments specifically applicable to this project should be adhered to.

The same website also features a Healthy Community Design Smart Growth Checklist (Checklist) created by <u>Built Environment Working Group (BEWG)</u> of the Hawaii State Department of Health. The BEWG recommends that state and county planning departments, developers, planners, engineers and other interested parties apply the healthy built environment principles in the Checklist whenever they plan or review new developments or redevelopments projects. We also ask you to share this list with others to increase community

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awareness on healthy community design."

Decision:

In view of the above, your request to permit an existing unpermitted Additional Farm Dwelling and to construct another Additional Farm Dwelling, resulting in a total of one primary Farm Dwelling and two Additional Farm Dwellings on the property, is approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Additional Farm Dwellings (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 dwellings. The enclosed AFD Agreement must be returned to the Planning Department with the appropriate notarized signatures along with a check made payable to the Bureau of Conveyances in the amount of \$30.00 in accordance with the enclosed AFDA Instructions. The Planning Department will not approve a building permit application for the additional dwellings until the AFDA document and all required attachments have been accepted for recordation.
- 3. 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 any other reviewing agencies/divisions listed on the Building Permit (BP) Application shall be adhered to.
- 4. The applicant is responsible for any State and Federal tax consequences due to the income produced from the farm activity.
- 5. The AFDA has been approved based on ongoing 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.

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- 7. The Department of Water Supply has determined that a County approved water system is not available to support the AFD. An Additional Farm Dwelling that is not served by an approved water system may be permitted to use a water catchment system in an area that receives an annual rainfall of at least eighty (80) inches of rain per year. A 9,000 gallon water catchment system for drinking and fire fighting purposes will be required for the AFD.
- 8. This AFDA 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 BP for this additional farm dwelling on or before August 26, 2013 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.

Please feel free to contact Jonathan Holmes of this office at (808) 961-8288 should you have any further questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

AFDA document

AFDA document instruction sheet

xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, DWS

Mr. Mike McCall, RPT

Mr. Newton Inouye, DOH

AFTER RECORDATION, RETURN BY MAIL TO:

County of Hawaii Planning Department 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3 Hilo, Hawaii 96720

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

ADDITIONAL FARM DWELLING AGREEMENT (FDA-11-000308)

PARTIES TO DOCUMENT:

FIRST PARTY: SUMMERS AINA LLC; c/o JAMES SCOTT SUMMERS

SECOND PARTY: COUNTY OF HAWAII

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

TMK: (3) 2-7-007:014

ADDITIONAL FARM DWELLING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and executed this _________, day of __________, 20______, by and between **SUMMERS AINA LLC**; **c/o JAMES SCOTT SUMMERS**, herein called the "First Party," whose mailing address is c/o James Scott Summers, P.O. Box 10765, Hilo, HI 96721, and the **COUNTY OF HAWAII**, herein called the "Second Party."

IT IS HEREBY AGREED that the First Party may obtain a permit for an existing unpermitted second farm dwelling and may construct a third farm dwelling located on the property described by Tax Map Key (3) 2-7-007:014 situated within the State Land Use Agricultural and Conservation districts and zoned Agricultural (A-20a) by the Second Party.

IT IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED that the First Party is the legal owner of the property above described.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER AGREED that this approval to permit one additional farm dwelling and to construct another additional farm dwelling is given subject to the following conditions:

- The additional farm dwellings shall be used to provide shelter to person(s) involved in the agricultural or farm-related activity on the property. Family members who are not engaged in agricultural or farm-related activity are allowed to reside in the farm dwellings.
- 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 dwellings.
- 3. This agreement shall include any and all conditions specified in the Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement letter, attached to this document as "Exhibit A."

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER AGREED that if this agreement is with a lessee, the legal owner shall be a party to this agreement.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER AGREED that should the pertinent provisions of the State and County laws and rules and regulations change to authorize said farm dwelling, upon request of the First Party, this Agreement may be reconsidered for possible amendment and/or severance.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER AGREED that if the property is situated within the State Land Use Agricultural district, the Second Party may impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for violation of Section 205-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. If the violation is not corrected within six months of such citation and the violation continues, a citation for a new and separate violation may be imposed. There shall be a fine of not more than \$5,000 for any additional violation. The Second Party may also impose fines for any violation of Chapter 25, Hawaii County Code, as amended, in accordance with the procedures and fine schedule outlined in Division 3, Article 2, of said code.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AFORESAID, the Second Party hereby approves this Agreement as being in conformity with Sections 205-2 and 205-4.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, relative to permitted uses within the State Land Use Agricultural district. This Agreement is also in conformance with Chapter 25, Hawaii County Code, as amended.

	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement on the day and year first				
above	written.				
		FIRST PARTY:			
		SUMMERS AINA LLC; c/o JAMES SCOTT SUMMERS, Legal Owner			
		SECOND PARTY:			

BJ LEITHEAD TODD, Planning Director County of Hawaii Planning Department

STATE C	F HAWAII)			
COUNTY	OF HAWAII) SS.)			
	On this	day of	, 20	before me personally	
	appeared SU	MMERS AINA LLC; c/o J	AMES SCOTT SU	MMERS to me knowr	
	to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, a				
	acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.				
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		Notary Public, Sta	te of		
		My commission ex	xpires:		

Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement Instructions

Attached is the Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement form for your approved application. It is important that you follow these instructions in the completion of the form. Failure to complete and submit a properly completed agreement form to the Planning Department for recordation with the Bureau of Conveyances may cause your Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement to be rejected by the Bureau and delay approval of your application for a building permit for the additional farm dwelling. Building permit applications for additional farm dwellings will not be approved by the Planning Department until the AFDA form and the required submittals specified below have been returned to the Planning Department. You may make as many copies of the AFDA document for your records as necessary. A copy of the final recordation page will be available from the Planning Department when received back from the Bureau of Conveyances upon request.

1. All persons in the "First Party" must sign before a Public Notary in the appropriate location on the signature page (Page 5). Photocopies of this page may be made and sent to any persons listed on the page whose notarized signatures are required and then attached to the agreement document along with the original signature page. Facsimiles or FAX copies of signatures will not be accepted.

Note: All signatures must be the same as the typed name. Therefore, if John L. Doe is the name typed the signature must also be John L. Doe. Signing John Doe or Jonathan L. Doe will cause the agreement document to be rejected by the Bureau of Conveyances for recordation purposes.

- 2. Enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$30.00, made out to the Bureau of Conveyance recordation fee.
- 3. Return the **original** completed AFDA document with all required signatures and the recordation fee payment to the Planning Department for the Director's signature and submittal to the Bureau of Conveyances for recordation.