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December 19, 2011

Mr. Steven Kalish PO Box 6 Pāpa'aloa, Hawai'i 96780

Dear Mr. Kalish:

SUBJECT:	Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement (FDA-11-000313)	
	Applicant:	STEVEN M. KALISH
	Land Owner:	STEVEN MICHAEL KALISH
	State Land Use:	Agricultural
	County Zoning:	A-20a (Agricultural, minimum building site of twenty acres)
	Land Area:	15.318 acres
	<u>Tax Map Key:</u>	(3) 3-5-003:084, Lot 59-A, Pāpa'aloa, Hawai'i

Pursuant to authority conferred upon 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, address and the signature of the applicant/landowner.
- 2) A farm plan or evidence of the applicants' 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) Proposed agricultural activities for the MAHALO OHANA FARMS LLC include the following:
 - i) Beginning on one acre and eventually expanding to the greater portion of the 15.318acre property, planting and cultivating exotic Hawaiian and other tropical fruit, nut, and vine species, including but not limited to ulu, sapote, starfruit, jackfruit, avocado,

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mango, papaya, coconut, durian, mangosteen, jaboticaba, and others.

- ii) Beginning on 11 acres but decreasing as land area is transitioned to cultivation of plant species as listed above, pasturing goats, cattle, and horses.
- b) Estimated time requirements for proposed agricultural activities comprise 35 hours per week for propagation of fruit trees and the like and 20 hours per week for pasturing of farm animals, for a weekly total of 55 hours required to operate the farm.
- 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 dwelling shall be used for farm-related purposes.

Findings:

- 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 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 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.
- 4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
 - a. Department of Water Supply (DWS) memorandum dated December 12, 2011:

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

Please be informed that the subject property is not within the Department's existing service limits. The nearest adequate point of connection is from an existing 8-inch

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waterline within Pāpa'aloa Avenue, approximately 3,200 feet from the subject property.

For your information, we have no objection to the use of a private rainwater catchment system to provide water service for the proposed additional farm dwelling.

Should there be any questions, you may contact Mr. Finn McCall of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 255."

b. Department of Health (DOH) memorandum dated November 18, 2011:

"A cesspool design was approved in August, 2006. Have the engineer submit the completed new cesspool information form.

The Department of Health's Safe Drinking Water Branch authority on drinking water quality is based on the definition of a 'public water system.' A 'public water system' means a system which provides water for human consumption through pipe or other constructed conveyance if such system has fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days out of the year. All public water systems are regulated by the Department of Health and shall be in compliance with the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 20. Recommend the subdivision lots be connected to an existing public water system.

Concerns on water quality for lead, copper, algae and microbiological and chemical contaminations in private water systems have identified the need for self monitoring. The Department of Health does not support the use of these private rain catchment systems for drinking purposes since the quality may not meet potable water standards.

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 environmental assessments to identify and address elevated soil arsenic levels prior to finalizing development plans for the properties.

We recommend that you review all of the Standard Comments on our website:

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> 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 awareness on healthy community design."

Decision:

In view of the above, your request for an **Additional Farm Dwelling** to be allowed 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 \$30.00 in accordance with the enclosed AFDA Instructions.
- 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. Your AFDA has been approved based on proposed 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

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reasonable prior notice.

- 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 minimum 9,000 gallon water catchment system for domestic consumption and fire fighting purposes will be required for the AFD.
- 8. The State of Hawaii Department of Health requires a new cesspool information form. Failure to provide this may result in the rejection of a Building Permit application for the Additional Farm Dwelling.
- 9. 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 December19, 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,

BJ LEITHEAD TODD Planning Director

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Enclosures: AFDA document AFDA document instruction sheet

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