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January 25, 2023

Emily Murai c/o Munekiyo Hiraga 735 Bishop Street, Unit 412 Honolulu, HI 96813 VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Murai:

SUBJECT: Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Assessment Application

(PL-SAA-2023-000141) and Issuance of SMA Exemption Determination

Applicant(s): Emily Murai

Landowner(s): Waterhouse Family Trust & Kim Schaefer Waterhouse

Project: Removal and Replacement of Fuel Dispensers TMK: (3) 2-1-006:042, Waiākea, South Hilo, Hawai'i

We have reviewed the subject Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Assessment Application (PL-SAA-2023-000141), received by this office on January 9, 2023. The 0.42-acre subject parcel is zoned Resort-Hotel District-7,500 square feet (sf) (V-.75) by the County and designated Urban by the State Land Use Commission (LUC). The subject parcel is designated as Resort Node (res) by the Hawai'i County General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (LUPAG) map.

The parcel is situated entirely within the Special Management Area (SMA); however, the project site is not located within the "shoreline area" as defined by Section 205A-41, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).

Proposed Project:

The applicant is proposing to conduct the following improvements in the proposed project:

- Remove and replace the existing fuel dispensers.
- Remove and replace the Under Containment Units (UDC).
- Replace 450 square feet of asphalt.

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Existing Land Uses:

A review of our files indicates that there is an existing service station and storage garage that is located on the subject parcel. The existing service station was permitted and constructed in 1948.

Special Management Area Determination:

- 1. Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §205A-22, as amended, relating to the Special Management Area, "Development means any of the [listed] uses, activities, or operations on land or in or under water within the special management area." According to the application, the following definitions of "Development" can be applied to the proposed use:
 - Placement or erection of any solid material or any gaseous liquid, solid, or thermal waste:
 - Grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of any materials.
- 2. Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §205A-22, as amended, "Development" does not include the following uses, activities, or operations, and therefore is determined to be exempt from the definition of "Development":
 - Repair, maintenance, or interior alterations to existing structures or relating to existing uses.
- 3. Pursuant to Planning Commission Rule 9-4(e)(4), "whenever the Director finds that any excluded use, activity, or operation may have a cumulative impact, or a significant adverse environmental or ecological effect on the Special Management Area, that use, activity, or operation shall be defined as "Development" for the purposes of this rule."
 - Based on the information provided, the Director finds that the proposed project will not have a cumulative impact, or significant adverse environmental or ecological effect on the Special Management Area.

Please note that any substantive changes to the proposed project, as well as any subsequent phases or activities may require further review by this office and possibly the submittal of another SMA Use Permit Assessment Application.

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Future Special Management Area Determinations:

While further review of the proposed activities against the Special Management Area rules and regulations will not be required at this time, all other applicable Zoning and Building Code requirements must be satisfied.

Additionally, pursuant to Planning Commission Rule 9-10(g), "the Director may impose certain conditions with the exemption determination to assure that the proposed use, activity, or operation does not have a substantial adverse effect on the Special Management Area." The Director has added the following conditions for the proposed project:

Director's Conditions:

- 1. The applicant(s), its successor(s), or assign(s) ("Applicant") shall be responsible for complying with all stated conditions of approval.
- 2. The Applicant shall secure all necessary approvals and permits from other affected federal, state, and county agencies as necessary to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- 3. Other than the proposed project as described in this determination, no further work is permitted under this approval.
- 4. The Applicant shall secure and finalize all necessary permits with the Department of Public Works Building Division for the proposed project within two (2) years from the date of this determination. If permits have not been secured within that two (2) year period, this determination is automatically null and void, and a new Special Management Area Assessment Application must be submitted for review and approval.
- 5. All earthwork and grading activity shall conform to Chapter 10, Erosion and Sedimentation Control of the Hawai'i County Code.
- 6. All construction and maintenance activities on the subject parcel shall comply with Chapter 27, Floodplain Management, of the Hawai'i County Code.
- 7. In the event that surface or subsurface historic resources, including human skeletal remains, structural remains (e.g., rock walls, terraces, platforms, etc.), cultural deposits, marine shell concentrations, sand deposits, or sink holes are identified during the demolition and/or construction work, the Applicant shall cease work in the immediate vicinity of the find, protect the find from additional disturbance and contact the State Historic Preservation Division at (808) 933-7651. Subsequent work shall proceed upon

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an archaeological clearance from DLNR-SHPD when it finds that sufficient mitigation measures have been taken.

- 8. Any further development, including but not limited to, the construction of structures or improvements not included in this determination shall require further review and approval as provided under Chapter 205A, HRS, and Rule 9, Planning Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- 9. That in issuing this determination, the Department has relied on the information and data that the Applicant has provided in connection with this determination. If, subsequent to this determination, such information and data prove to be false, incomplete, or inaccurate, this determination may be modified, suspended, or revoked, in whole or in part, and/or the Department may, in addition, institute appropriate legal proceedings.
- 10. Should any of the conditions not be met or substantially complied with in a timely fashion, the Planning Director may initiate procedures to revoke this determination or require additional review against the Special Management Area rules and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracie-Lee Camero of this office at (808) 961-8166 or via email at Tracie-Lee.Camero@hawaiicounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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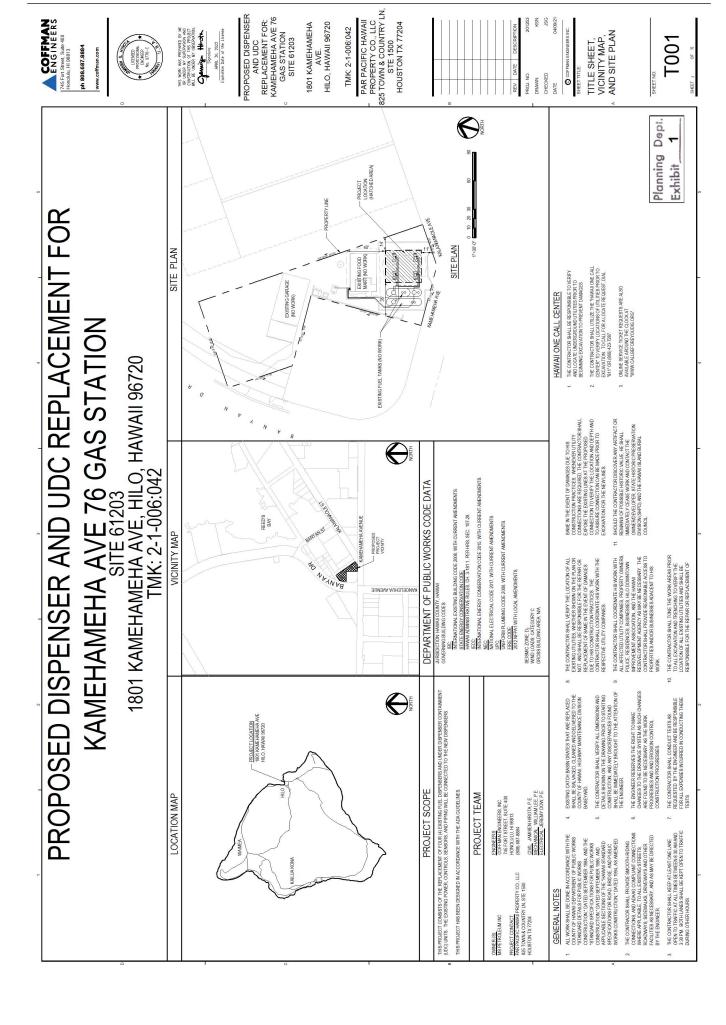
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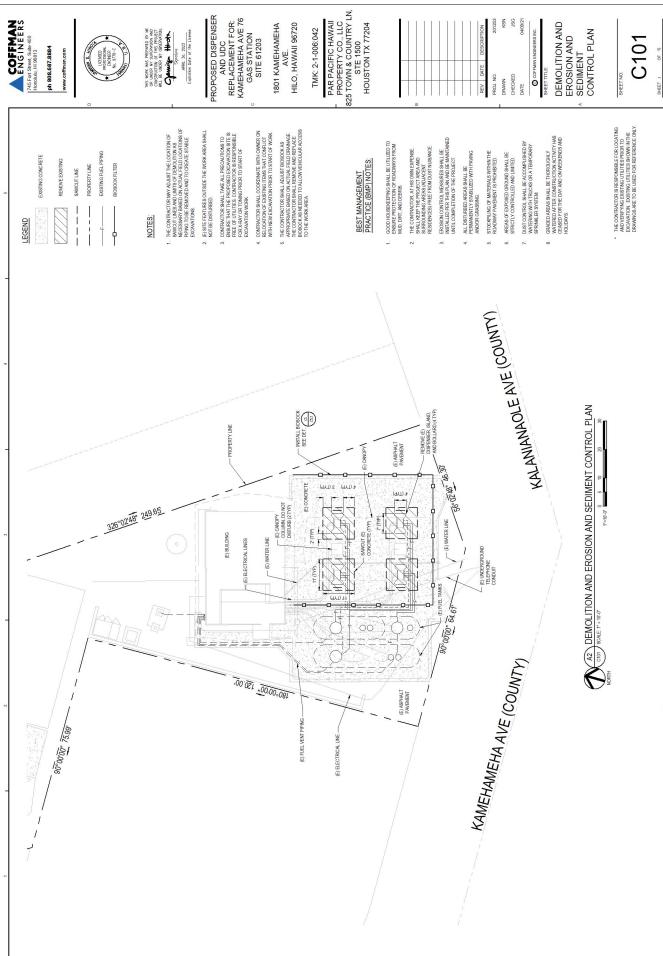
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Enclosure: Exhibit 1 (Site Plan)

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