

February 6, 1976

Mr. Christopher Cobb
Chairman and Member
Board of Land and
Natural Resources
P. O. Box 621
Honolulu, HI 96809

Re: Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Application
TMK: 2-2-01 to 04, 06, 07, 11 to 14, 29 and 31

The Planning Commission at its duly held public hearing on Thursday, February 5, 1976 considered your application for a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit to allow improvements to Wailoa State Park at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii.

The Commission voted to approve your application effective February 5, 1976, subject to the following conditions:

1. That construction commence within one (1) year and be completed within two (2) years thereafter.
2. That all other applicable rules and regulations, including the plan approval process, be complied with.

Should the above conditions not be met, the Special Management Area Use Permit shall be declared null and void.

We will be forwarding the official Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit as soon as the document is prepared. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 961-8288.


Leon K. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman, Planning Commission

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cc: Mr. Larry Mehau
Mrs. Mildred K. Yamamoto
Chief Engineer

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department
County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii

Application for SPECIAL)
MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT)
by)
STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF)
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES)
for)
IMPROVEMENTS TO WAILOA STATE)
PARK)
in)
Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii)
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SMA Permit No. 1

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT

The County Planning Commission at a duly held public hearing on February 5, 1976, considered the application of the STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES for a Special Management Area Use Permit in accordance with Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, to allow improvements within the Wailoa State Park area, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 2-2-01 to 04, 06, 07, 11 to 14, 29 and 31.

The Commission has found that:

1. The proposed development will not have any substantial adverse environmental or ecological effects. The construction of the new comfort station and the walkway system and the filling and grassing of the old Sun Sun Lau building site are not expected to have any adverse effects on the environment. The new comfort station will be hooked into the existing County sewer system and would not have a detrimental effect on the existing water resources within the State Park area. The walkway system will have a negligible effect in terms of increasing surface runoff or other such conditions. The landfill and subsequent grassing of the old Sun Sun Lau building site will be an enhancement of environmental conditions in that the eventual groundcover will help to prevent erosion and the runoff of sediments into Waiakea Pond. The other improvements covered by this request consist of routine repair and maintenance work to existing structures. These improvements will not have an adverse environmental effect. In addition, the request does not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of natural or cultural resources.
2. The proposed improvements will enhance the recreational utility of the existing park and thereby fulfill one of the objectives of the Environmental Shoreline Protection

Act. One of the purposes of the Act is to provide for public recreational uses along the shoreline. The Wailoa State Recreation Area comprises the major open space area of urban Hilo and greatly attributes to the city's open character. It is the primary passive recreational facility in Hilo and functions as a regional park. Periodic improvements, alterations and repairs contribute to the recreational functions of the park. It is thus determined that the request does not conflict with the spirit and intent of the Environmental Shoreline Protection Act and Rule No. 9 of the Planning Commission. Further, it does not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment nor foreclose management options.

3. The proposed development is consistent with the standards and level of development articulated in the goals and policies of the County General Plan, the County Recreation Plan, the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and the overall development plan for the Wailoa River State Recreation Area. All of these plans emphasize the need for recreational facilities for residents and visitors and the use of shoreline-type areas to satisfy public recreational needs. This is consistent with the intent of Rule No. 9 to maintain such areas for recreational scenic uses which are of maximum benefit to the general public.

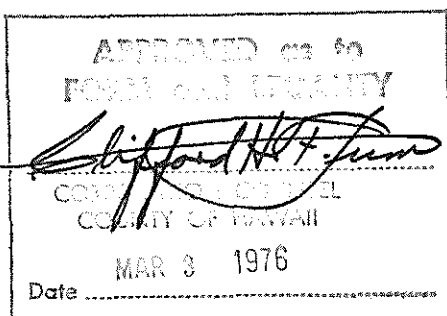
Therefore, the Commission hereby grants to the applicant a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow improvements within the Wailoa State Park area pursuant to the authority vested in it by Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, subject to the following conditions that:

1. Construction commence within one year and be completed within two years thereafter.
2. All other applicable rules and regulations, including the plan approval process, be complied with.

Should these conditions not be met, the Special Management Area Use Permit shall be deemed null and void.

The effective date of this permit shall be from February 5, 1976.

Dated at Hilo, Hawaii, this 17th day of February, 1976.



Leon K. Sterling, Jr.
for Leon K. Sterling, Jr., Chairman