

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department
County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii

Application for)
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA)
USE PERMIT)
by)
DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES,) SMA USE PERMIT NO. 50
DIVISION OF STATE PARKS)
for)
PARKING AREAS, WAREHOUSE BUILDING AND)
RELATED IMPROVEMENTS)
at)
Hapuna State Park, Lalamilo,)
South Kohala, Hawaii)
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SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT

The County Planning Commission at its duly held public hearings on December 19, 1977 and January 31, 1978, considered the application of the DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF STATE PARKS for a Special Management Area Use Permit in accordance with Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, to allow the construction of two parking areas, vehicular exits, walkways, a new warehouse building and related improvements at Hapuna State Park, Lalamilo, South Kohala, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 6-6-02:35 and 41.

The Commission has found:

That the approval of the proposed use is in keeping with the spirit and intent of Act 176, SLH 1975, and Rule 9 of the Planning Commission which, in part, states that adequate public access be provided to publicly-owned or used beaches, recreation areas, and natural resources.

Hapuna State Park is the major white sand beach park for the island of Hawaii. It provides beach-oriented recreational activities to most of the residences of this island. The purpose of the proposed improvements are to expand and improve parking facilities to accommodate increased use and to construct a warehouse for the park's equipment and supply storage. These improvements are in keeping with one of the main purposes of Act 176 which is the provision of public recreational areas within the coastal area.

The proposed improvements will not have any substantial, adverse environmental or ecological effects upon the Special Management Area. Although the land will be altered and exotic plant life disturbed, the improved parking facility will provide the public with convenience and safety in keeping with the purpose of Act 176 and Rule 9 of the Planning Commission. The proposed improvements

will not remove or destroy endangered plant or animal species; nor will any historic sites be affected.

The short-term adverse impacts which may occur during the construction stage will be minimized by existing controls or through conditions of approval.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants to the petitioner a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow the construction of two parking areas, vehicular exits, walkways, a new warehouse building and related improvements at Hapuna State Park pursuant to the authority vested in it by Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, subject to the following conditions:

1. That construction shall commence within two (2) years of the effective date of approval of the Special Management Area Use Permit and be completed within two (2) years thereafter.
2. That a building permit be obtained prior to construction of the warehouse from the Department of Public Works.
3. That the petitioner shall obtain approval from the Chief Engineer and Planning Director prior to construction of the parking area.
4. That all other applicable rules and regulations including a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) and Department of Health requirements shall be complied with.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be met, the Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit may be deemed null and void by the Planning Commission.

The effective date of this permit shall be January 31, 1978.

Dated at Hilo, Hawaii, this 9th day of March, 1978.



William F. Mielcke
Chairman, Planning Commission

