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Special Management Area Minor Permit No. 12-000239

Project:	Construction of an Agricultural Storage Building and Concrete Pad	
Applicant:	Vijay Singh	
Land Owner:	Vijay Singh	
Location:	South Hilo, Hawai'i	
TMK:	2-8-15:1	Land Area: 51.98 acres

Applicant's Request

1. Project Description:

Proposed is the construction of a single-story, 2,880 square feet agricultural storage building with attached 3,360 square feet concrete pad. Although 7,000 square feet will be disturbed/graded to accommodate the new construction, no trees or plants will be cut down.

2. Purpose of Project:

The new building will be used for storing lawn and garden vehicles and equipment.

3. Project Valuation: \$200,000

4. Determination:

According to Chapter 205A-22, HRS, and Planning Commission Rule No. 9-4(e)(1)(E) relating to the Special Management Area, "Construction, reconstruction, demolition, or alteration of the size of any structure" is not exempt from the definition of "development." Therefore, the proposed project requires a SMA Minor Permit.

State and County Plans

- 1. State Land Use District: Although the subject property is designated Agricultural and Conservation, the project site is in the Agricultural District.
- 2. General Plan: The parcel is designated Important Agricultural Land (IAL) and Open by the General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (LUPAG) Map, with the project area in the IAL.

- 3. County Zoning: It is zoned Agricultural (A-20a).
- 4. Special Management Area (SMA): Although the subject property is in the SMA, it is approximately 600 feet from the coastline. Therefore, it is not located in a "shoreline area" as defined by Section 205A-41, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).
- 5. Flood Zone: Flood Zone "X"

Compliance with Objectives and Policies of Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Regarding the Special Management Area

The subject parcel is approximately 600 feet from the coastline. Therefore, the proposed improvements will not affect public access to the shoreline or negatively affect shoreline recreational resources available to the public.

Check all objectives and policies found to be consistent with proposed development. Issuance of SMA Minor Permit requires that activity be consistent with all objectives & policies.

The proposed development is consistent with the following objectives and policies:

- Development will not have any significant adverse environmental or ecological effect, except as such adverse effect is minimized to the extent practicable and clearly outweighed by public health, safety, or compelling public interest. Such adverse effect shall include, but not be limited to, the potential cumulative impact of individual developments, each one of which taken in itself might not have a substantial adverse effect and the elimination of planning options.
- The proposed development is consistent with the Hawaii County General Plan and the Zoning Code.
- The proposed development does not conflict with the following objectives of Chapter 205A, HRS, to:
 - Provide coastal recreational opportunities accessible to the public.
 - Protect, preserve, and where desirable, restore those natural and man-made historic and pre-historic resources in the coastal zone management area that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.
 - Protect, preserve, and where desirable, restore or improve the quality of coastal scenic and open space resources.
 - Protect valuable coastal ecosystems from disruption and minimize adverse impacts on all coastal ecosystems.
 - Provide public or private facilities and improvements important to the State's economy in suitable locations.
 - Reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami, storm waves, stream flooding, erosion, subsidence and pollution.

- Improve the development review process, communication, and public participation in the management of coastal resources and hazards.
- Stimulate public awareness, education, and participation in coastal management.
- Protect beaches for public use and recreation.
- Promote the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources to assure their sustainability.
- The proposed development is consistent with the following policies of Chapter 205A, HRS, relating to:
 - Recreational Resources
 - Historic Resources
 - Scenic and Open Space Resources
 - Coastal Ecosystems
 - Economic Uses
 - ☑ Coastal Hazards
 - Managing Development
 - Public Participation
 - Beach Protection
 - Marine Resources
- The proposed development conforms to the requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, regarding Environmental Impact Statements.

Findings

As discussed above, the proposed development will not have any significant adverse environmental or ecological effect, except as such adverse effect is minimized to the extent practicable and clearly outweighed by public health, safety, or compelling public interest.

The proposed development is consistent with the Hawai'i County General Plan and Zoning Code.

The proposed development is consistent with the objectives, policies, and SMA guidelines of Chapter 205A, HRS.

The estimated project cost of approximately \$200,000 is not in excess of \$500,000.

The enclosed Department of Public Works, Engineering Division memorandum dated September 18, 2012 states the following:

"We have reviewed the subject application for compliance with Chapter 27, Floodplain Management, forwarded by your memo dated August 7, 2012 and have no objections to the request.

The subject parcel is in an area that is not mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is identified as an area of "minimal tsunami inundation." The location of the proposed agricultural storage building will be at an elevation of 90 feet (mean sea level) and is designated as Zone X – an area outside the 500-year floodplain."

Pursuant to Planning Commission Rule Section 9-10(E), **Special Management Area Minor Permit No. 12-000239** is hereby approved for the construction of an agricultural storage building and concrete pad on the subject parcel. This approval is subject to the applicant's compliance with the conditions of approval as specified below.

Conditions of Approval

The Planning Director has approved SMA Minor Permit No. 12-000239 subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant, its successors or assigns shall be responsible for complying with all stated conditions of approval.
- 2. The applicant shall secure all required permits from affected state and county agencies as necessary to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- 3. The construction of the agricultural storage building and concrete pad shall be completed within two (2) years from the date of approval of this permit.
- 4. Should any unidentified sites or remains such as artifacts, shell, bone, or charcoal deposits, human burials, rock or coral alignments, pavings, or wall be encountered, work in the immediate area shall cease and the Planning Director shall be immediately notified. Work may proceed with an archaeological clearance from the Planning Director. The archaeological clearance requires a finding that sufficient mitigative measures are taken for the discovery; with written guidance from the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.
- 5. An extension of time for the performance of the conditions contained herein may be granted by the Planning Director upon the following circumstances:
 - a) The non-performance is the result of conditions that could not have been foreseen or are beyond the control of the applicant, successors or assigns, and that are not the result of their fault or negligence;
 - b) Granting of the time extension would not be contrary to the original reasons for the granting of the permit; and
 - c) The time extension granted shall be for a period of not to exceed the period originally granted for performance (i.e., a condition to be performed within one year may be extended up to one additional year).

6. Should any of the conditions not be met or substantially complied with in a timely fashion, the Planning Director shall initiate procedures to revoke the permit.

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If you have questions, please contact Esther Imamura of this office at (808) 961-8139.

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