

BEFORE THE LAND USE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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PLANNING DEPT.
COUNTY OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Petition of)
RICHARD SMART TRUST, dba,)
PARKER RANCH)
For a Special Permit to Continue)
and Expand an Existing Rock Quarry)
and Related Uses on Approximately)
91.827 Acres of Land Within the)
Agricultural District at Waikoloa,)
South Kohala, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key)
No.: 6-7-01: portion 25)

DOCKET NO. SP90-374
ORDER GRANTING
APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO
EXPAND EXISTING QUARRY
AND TO AMEND CONDITION
NUMBER 7

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MAY 09 2000 by *[Signature]*
Date Executive Officer

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On November 22, 1999, the County of Hawai'i Planning Department received a request from Gregory R. Mooers on behalf of WHC, Ltd., dba West Hawaii Concrete ("Applicant"), to 1) expand the existing approximately 91.827-acre rock quarry by an additional 51.653 acres of land; and 2) amend Condition Number 7 to extend the life of the special permit for an additional 20 years.

On February 4, 2000, the County of Hawai'i Planning Commission ("Planning Commission") conducted a public hearing on this matter. After due deliberation, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the expansion of the existing rock quarry by an additional 51.653 acres of land and amendments to Condition Numbers 3 and 7 of the Land Use Commission's ("Commission") Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order ("Decision and Order") dated March 16, 1990, as follows:

3. Prior to any grading activity, a visual impact analysis of the affected site from Mamalahoa Highway shall be conducted and landscaping required, if appropriate.

7. The life of this Special Permit shall run co-terminus with the Parker Ranch lease. Any amendments to the terms of the lease with Parker Ranch shall be submitted to the Planning Director and the State Land Use Commission.

On February 28, 2000, the Commission received a portion of the Planning Commission's record in this proceeding.

On March 28, 2000, the Commission received the remaining portion of the record, consisting of a full size vicinity map/enlargement.

This matter came on for hearing before this Commission on April 6, 2000, in Honolulu, Hawai'i, with appearances by the parties as noted in the minutes. At the hearing, the Commission heard public testimony from Abe Mitsuda, Administrator, Land Use Division, Office of Planning. Mr. Mitsuda stated that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division ("DLNR-SHPD"), recommended that the Applicant comply with Condition Number 6 with respect to the proposed 51.653-acre expansion area. The Applicant stated that it had no objections to the DLNR-SHPD's recommendation. The Applicant also stated that it had no objections to amend Condition Numbers 10 and 11 to require the Applicant to provide annual reports to this Commission and to obtain the Commission's approval for an extension of time for the performance of conditions, respectively.

Thereafter, a motion was made and seconded to grant the expansion of the existing rock quarry by an additional approximately 51.653 acres and to amend Condition Numbers 3, 7, 10, and 11. Following discussion by the Commissioners, a vote

was taken on this motion. There being a vote tally of 8 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused, the motion carried.

ORDER

Having duly considered the Applicant's request, the arguments provided by the parties present in the proceeding, the statement made by the public witness, and a motion having been made at a hearing conducted on April 6, 2000, in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and the motion having received the affirmative votes required by section 15-15-13, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, and there being good cause for the motion, the Commission ORDERS as follows:

The existing rock quarry shall be expanded by an additional 51.653 acres for a total area of 143.48 acres, as approximately identified on Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Condition Numbers 3, 7, 10, and 11 shall be amended as follows:

3. Prior to any grading activity, a visual impact analysis of the affected site from Mamalahoa Highway shall be conducted and landscaping required, if appropriate.
7. The life of this Special Permit shall run co-terminous with the Parker Ranch lease. Any amendments to the terms of the lease with Parker Ranch shall be submitted to the Planning Director and the State Land Use Commission.¹
10. An annual monitoring report shall be submitted to the Planning Director and the Commission prior to the anniversary date of the approval of the issuance of the Commission's Decision and Order. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the amount of material quarried, a detailed

¹ Any extension to the life of the Special Permit beyond the term of the current lease, which expires on September 30, 2017, would require the approval of both the Planning Director and the State Land Use Commission. See attached letter dated May 1, 2000, from the Applicant to Esther Ueda, Executive Officer, State Land Use Commission.

listing of public complaints or problems and their disposition, and the applicant's progress in complying with the conditions imposed herein.

Should a conflict arise which cannot be mitigated or mediated, the quarry operations shall cease upon appropriate findings by the Planning Commission that the introduced use will have an adverse impact on surrounding properties.

11. An extension of time for the performance of conditions within the permit, with the exception of Condition No. 8, may be granted by the Planning Director subject to the approval by the Commission 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 General Plan or Zoning Code; c) granting of the time extension would not be contrary to the original reasons for the granting of the permit; and d) the time extension granted shall be for a period not to exceed the period originally granted for performance (i.e., a condition to be performed within one year may be extended for up to one additional year). Further, should any of the conditions not be met or substantially complied with in a timely fashion, the Director shall initiate procedures to revoke the permit.

All other conditions to the Decision and Order dated March 16, 1990, are hereby reaffirmed and shall continue in effect.


ADOPTION OF ORDER

The undersigned Commissioners, being familiar with the record and the proceedings, hereby adopt and approve the foregoing ORDER this 4th day of May 2000.

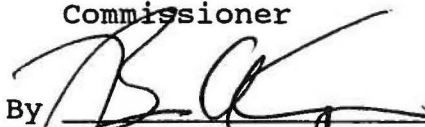
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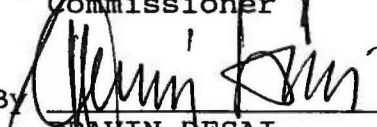
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STATE OF HAWAII

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Chairperson and Commissioner

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Vice Chairperson and Commissioner

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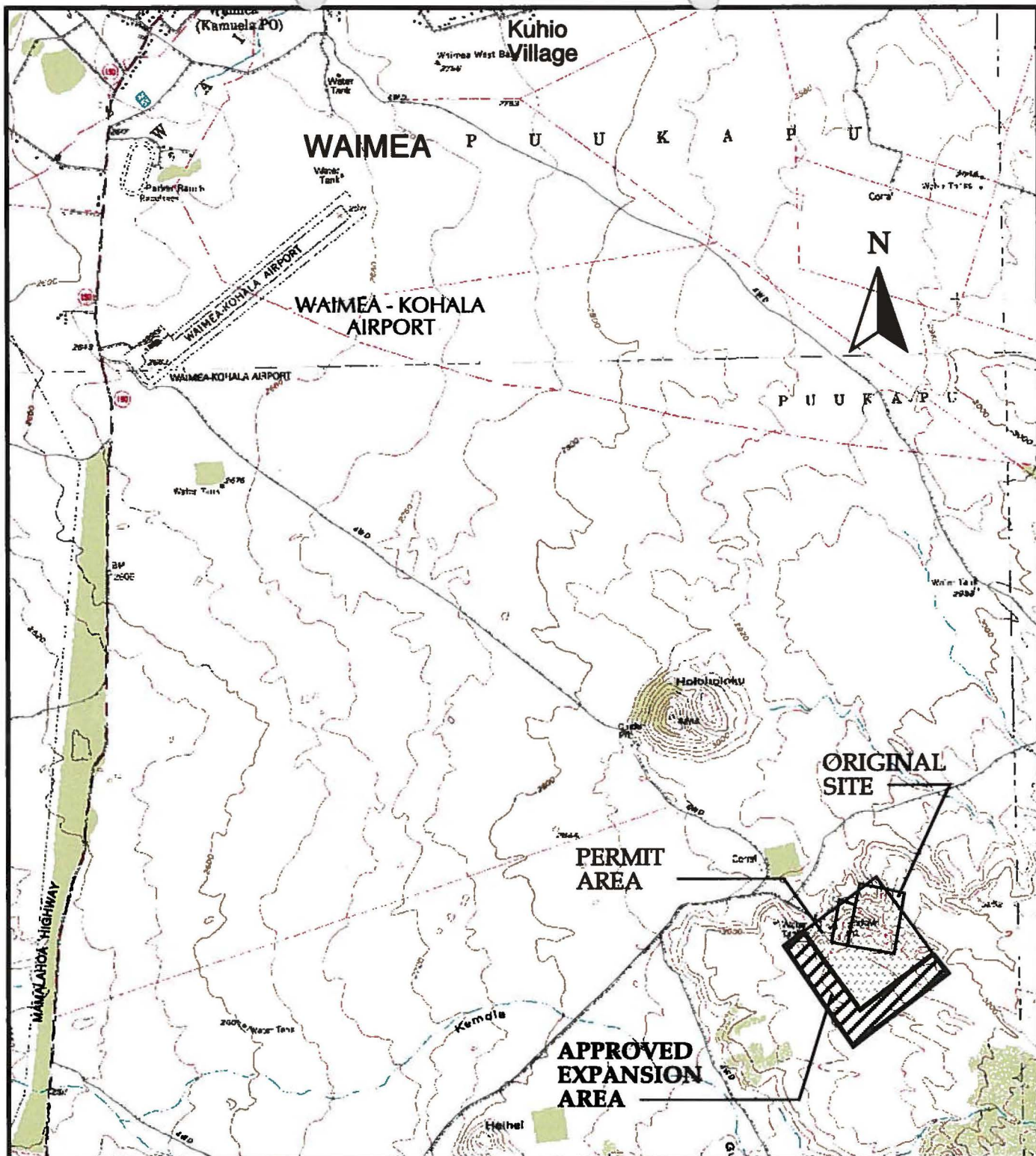
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Executive Officer

By (absent)
STANLEY ROEHRIG
Commissioner

By (absent)
PETER YUKIMURA
Commissioner



**SP90-374 RICHARD SMART TRUST,
dba, Parker Ranch**

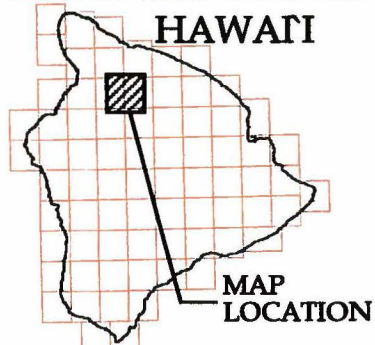
LOCATION MAP

Tax Map Key: 6-7-01: portion of 25
Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawai'i



**APPROVED EXPANSION
AREA**

EXHIBIT "A"



HAWAII

**MAP
LOCATION**

BEFORE THE LAND USE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Order Granting Applicant's Request To Expand Existing Quarry And To Amend Condition Number 7 was served upon the following by either hand delivery or depositing the same in the U. S. Postal Service by certified mail:

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 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359

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DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, this 9th day of May 2000.



ESTHER UEDA
Executive Officer

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
GOVERNOR



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May 16, 2000

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL PERMIT DECISION
FILED BY THE STATE LAND USE COMMISSION

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PLANNING DEPT
COUNTY OF HAWAII

To all concerned agencies:

The Order Granting Applicant's Request to Expand Existing Quarry and To Amend Condition Number 7 for the following special permit docket has been filed by the Land Use Commission:

Petition
Docket No.

Request

LUC Action on May 4, 2000

Date of
Decision
And Order
May 09, 2000

SP90-374
RICHARD
SMART
TRUST, dba,
PARKER
RANCH

To expand the existing 91.827-acre rock quarry within the Agricultural District at Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawaii, by an additional 51.653 acres of land and amend Condition 7 to extend the life of the special permit.

Approved the expansion of the existing quarry at Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawaii, by an additional 51.653 acres and amendments to Condition Nos. 3, 7, 10, and 11.
TMK No. 6-7-01: portion 25
(see map attached)

The above decision may include conditions which affect your agency. If you would like a copy of the conditions or more information on this matter, please contact Bert Saruwatari of our office at 587-3822.

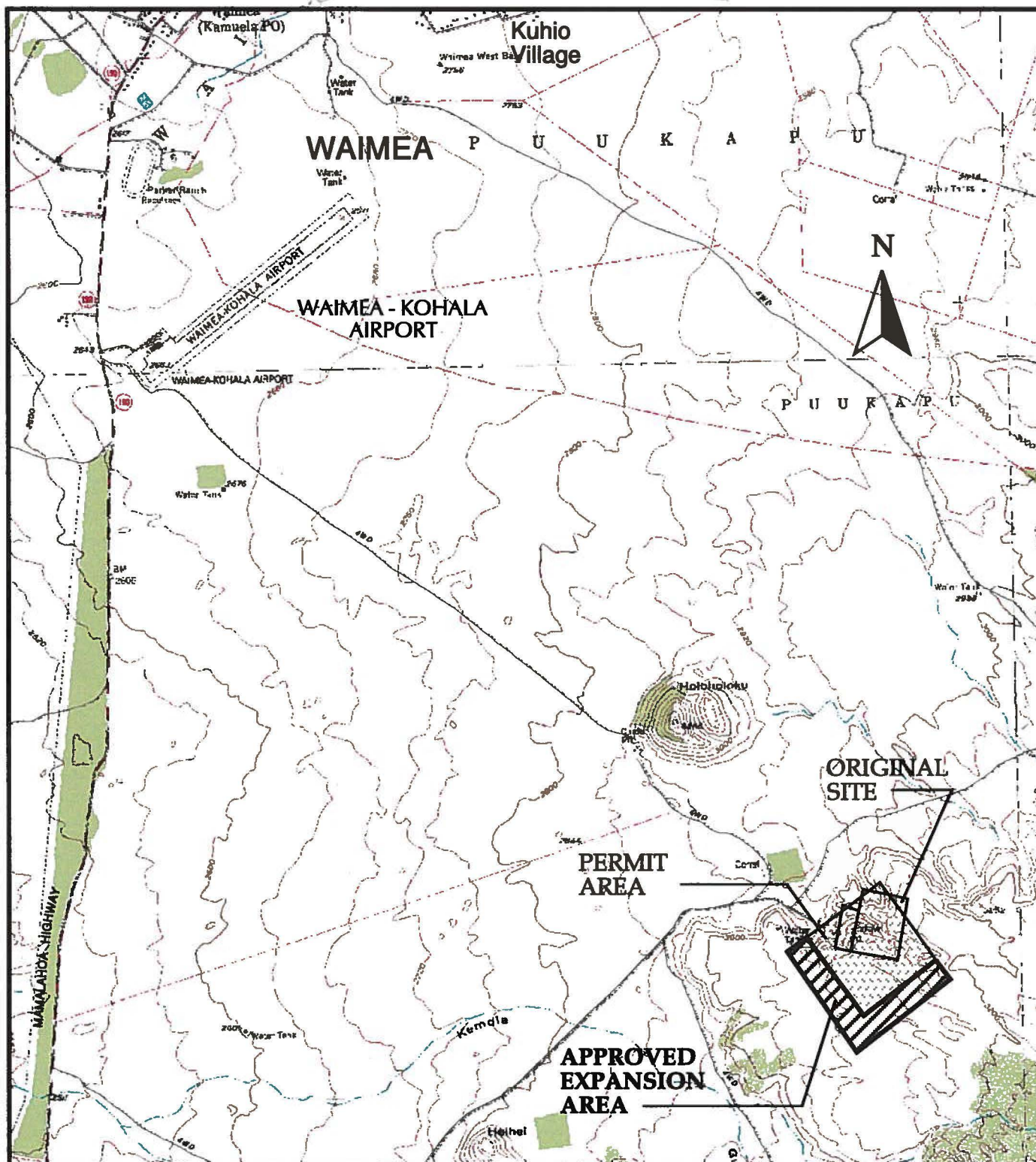
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Esther Ueda", followed by a checkmark.

ESTHER UEDA
Executive Officer

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Att.



**SP90-374 RICHARD SMART TRUST,
dba, Parker Ranch**

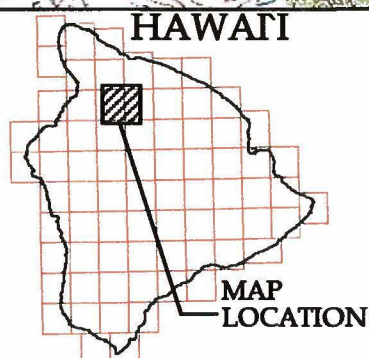
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Planning Commission

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CERTIFIED MAIL

January 26, 1990

Robert W. Carlsmith, Esq.
P.O. Box 1720
Kailua-Kona, HI 96745-1720

Dear Mr. Carlsmith:

Special Permit Application (89-29)
TMK: 6-7-01:Portion of 25

The Planning Commission at its duly held public hearing on January 18, 1990, voted to approve your application, Special Permit No. 724, to allow for the continuation of quarry Site No. 4 approved under Special Permit No. 77-260 and the expansion of the site to a total 91.827-acre area at the existing West Hawaii Concrete operations located at Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawaii.

Approval of this request is based on the following:

The proposed use will not be contrary to the objectives sought to be accomplished by the State Land Use Law and Regulations. The intent of the Land Use Law and Regulations is to preserve, protect, and encourage the development of lands in the State for those uses to which they are best suited in the interest of the public health and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii. The subject property is situated within the County's Agricultural-40 acre (A-40a) zoned district and the State Land Use Agricultural District.

The Agricultural District not only includes lands with a high capacity or potential for agricultural uses, but also includes lands which are surrounded by or contiguous to agricultural lands that are not suited for agricultural or ancillary activities by reasons of topography, soils, and other related characteristics. The affected area is rated "E" or very

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poor for agricultural productivity by the Land Study Bureau's Overall Productivity rating system. The project site is unclassified by the State's Agricultural Lands of Importance to the State of Hawaii (ALISH) system map. Aside from grazing activities in the area, no other agricultural resources would be affected. Surrounding pasturage will be minimally affected by the expansion of an existing quarry site. Therefore, it is determined that the subject request would not be detrimental to the agricultural resources of the county or state. It should be noted that the Department of Agriculture had no objections to the application.

The continued operations and expansion of a quarry site will not adversely affect the surrounding properties. The requested use is such a significant distance from any established businesses or residences it can be concluded that the site will not affect surrounding properties. The closest business affected by the request is another quarry along the same private roadway easement about one mile makai of the project site. While the quarry site was in operation over the past 45 years, no complaints were received by either the Department of Health and the Planning Department. Dust and air-borne particulates have and will be mitigated through the application of existing quarry operating procedures and compliance with the regulations of the Department of Health. From a visual and public safety standpoint, a condition of this approval requires the applicant to restore the area to a state which would blend with surrounding topography of the area. Based upon submittal of appropriate documentation, such as pictures, landscaping plans, and contours, the Planning Department would review and, if acceptable, approve the restoration.

The proposed use will not unreasonably burden public agencies to provide additional facilities and services. Water is hauled to the project site and stored in a tank. The Department of Water Supply had no objections to the request. Traffic generated by the proposed expansion would maintain its present volume. The existing quarry site has not generated concerns for additional services as reflected in the affected agencies' response. The area is not affected by drainageways or flood plains as designated on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), which is administered by the Department of Public Works.

Unusual conditions, trends, and needs have arisen since the district boundaries and regulations were established. The rapid

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growth experienced especially in West Hawaii has created a demand for natural resources by the construction industry. To meet this demand, the applicant is seeking to expand his existing operations to include a total of 91+ acres of land.

The proposed use will alter the character of the land. However, it is felt that with the review and approval of restoration efforts by the Planning Department, visual and public safety concerns can be mitigated to the best extent practicable.

The subject request is not contrary to the General Plan LUPAG Map, which designates the property for Extensive Agricultural uses. It would also support the following goal and policy in the Natural Resources Element of the General Plan which says "Ensure that alterations to existing land forms and vegetation, except crops, and construction of structures cause minimum adverse effect to water resources, and scenic and recreational amenities and minimum danger of floods, landslides, erosion, siltation, or failure in the event of earthquake" and "The County of Hawaii should require users of natural resources to conduct their activities in a manner that avoids or minimizes adverse effects on the environment."

Based on the foregoing, it is determined that the proposed quarrying activity within a 91+-acre area is an unusual and reasonable use of the land within the State Land Use Agricultural District and that approval of the subject request would promote the effectiveness and objectives of Chapter 205, HRS, as amended.

Approval of this request is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant, successors, or assigns shall comply with all of the stated conditions of approval.
2. A map and metes and bounds description of the quarry site shall be filed with the Planning Department within one year from the effective date of this permit.
3. A grading permit for the affected site shall be secured within one year from the date of approval of this permit. Prior to issuance of a grading permit a visual impact analysis of the affected site from Mamalahoa Highway shall be conducted and landscaping required, if appropriate.

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4. The quarry operation shall be limited to dynamiting, portable crusher, loading, and limited stockpiling.
5. The quarrying activity, including the loading and hauling, shall be limited to between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays only.
6. An archaeological reconnaissance survey shall be conducted of the affected area and a report submitted to the Planning Department for review and approval, in consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources - Historic Sites Section, prior to obtaining a grading permit and/or land alterations. Further, approved mitigative measures shall be implemented, as applicable, prior any land alterations.
7. The quarrying operations and its allied uses shall be terminated within ten years from the date of approval of the Special Permit or its prior abandonment, whichever occurs first.
8. Upon termination of the operations or abandonment of any portion of the affected site, the land shall be graded to blend with the surrounding areas and revegetated. Further, the site shall be left in a nonhazardous condition. Appropriate documentation which demonstrates compliance with this condition shall be submitted to the Planning Director for review and approval within ninety (90) days from the termination or abandonment date.
9. That all other applicable laws, requirements, rules, and regulations be complied with.
10. An annual monitoring report shall be submitted to the Planning Director prior to the anniversary date of the approval of the amendment request. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the amount of material quarried, a detailed listing of public complaints or problems, and their disposition. Should a conflict arise, which cannot be mitigated or mediated, the quarry operations shall cease upon appropriate findings by the Planning Commission that the introduced use will have an adverse impact on surrounding properties.

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11. An extension of time for the performance of conditions within the permit, with the exception of Condition No. 8, 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 General Plan or Zoning Code; c) granting of the time extension would not be contrary to the original reasons for the granting of the permit; and d) the time extension granted shall be for a period not to exceed the period originally granted for performance (i.e., a condition to be performed within one year may be extended for up to one additional year). Further, should any of the conditions not be met or substantially complied with in a timely fashion, the Director shall initiate procedures to revoke the permit.

This approval does not, however, sanction the specific plans submitted with the application as they may be subject to change given specific code and regulatory requirements of the affected agencies.

Please feel free to contact the Planning Department if there are any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

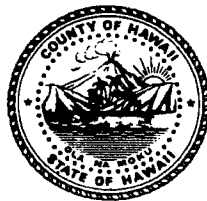
/s/ Fred Y. Fujimoto

Fred Y. Fujimoto
Chairman, Planning Commission

xc: Department of Public Works
Department of Water Supply
County Real Property Tax Division
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bcc: Plan Approval Section

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Katherine A. Garson, Esq.
Carlsmith Ball LLP
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Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Ms. Garson:

SUBJECT: Special Permit No. 724 (Docket No. SPP 04-000013/ LUC SP 90-374)
Applicant: PR Mauna Kea, LLC
Request: Amendment to Condition No. 7 (Life of Special Permit)
Tax Map Key: 6-7-001:034 (formerly 6-7-001:025)

The Leeward Planning Commission, at its duly held public hearing on June 21, 2018, considered your request for an amendment to Special Permit No. 724 to allow a time extension to run coterminous with the current lease between the applicant and WHC, Ltd., dba West Hawai'i Concrete, which expires on September 3, 2037. The project site is located approximately 3.7 miles north east of the Māmalahoa Highway/Waiki'i Road intersection, Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawai'i.

The Commission voted to approve the request and to send a favorable recommendation to the State Land Use Commission for final disposition.

Approval of the amendment is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant, successors, or assigns shall comply with all conditions of approval.
2. The quarry operation shall be limited to dynamiting, portable crushing, loading, and limited stockpiling.
3. The quarrying activity, including the loading and hauling, shall be limited to between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays only.
4. In the unlikely 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

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are identified during the demolition and/or construction work, 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.

5. The life of this Special Permit shall run coterminous with the current quarry lease which terminates on September 30, 2037. Any extension to the life of this Special Permit beyond the current lease shall require the approval of the Planning Commission and the State Land Use Commission.
6. Upon termination of the operations or abandonment of any portion of the affected site, the land shall be graded to blend with the surrounding areas and revegetated. Further, the site shall be left in a nonhazardous condition. Appropriate documentation which demonstrates compliance with this condition shall be submitted to the Planning Director for review and approval within ninety (90) days from the termination or abandonment date.
7. That all other applicable laws, requirements, rules, and regulations be complied with.
8. An annual monitoring report shall be submitted to the Planning Director prior to the anniversary date of the approval of the amendment request. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the amount of material quarried, a detailed listing of public complaints or problems, and their disposition.

Should a conflict arise, which cannot be mitigated or mediated, the quarry operations shall cease upon appropriate findings by the Planning Commission that the introduced use will have an adverse impact on surrounding properties.
9. If the applicant should require an additional extension of time for any condition of this permit, the applicant shall submit their request to the Planning Commission for appropriate action by the Planning Commission and State Land Use Commission.

[Note: Ramseyer version available upon request.]

This approval does not, however, sanction the specific plans submitted with the application as they may be subject to change given specific code and regulatory requirements of the affected agencies

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Approval of this amended permit is based on the reasons given in the attached Planning Commission Findings Report.

Should you have any questions, please contact Christian Kay of the Planning Department at (808) 961-8136.

Sincerely,



Keith F. Unger, Chairman
Leeward Planning Commission

LPRMaunaKeaAmendSPP724/LUC SP90-374lpc
Enclosure: PC Findings Report

cc: PR Mauna Kea LLC
Department of Public Works
Department of Water Supply
County Real Property Tax Division - Hilo
State Land Use Commission
Department of Land & Natural Resources-HPD
GIS Section
West Hawaii Division

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
PLANNING COMMISSION FINDINGS

PR MAUNA KEA LLC

AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 724 (LUC DOCKET NO. 90-374)

At their June 21, 2018 hearing, the Leeward Planning Commission (LPC), recommended the following changes to the Planning Director's recommendation:

- Amend new Condition No. 5 to state that, *"The life of this Special Permit shall run coterminous with the current quarry lease which terminates on September 30, 2037. Any extension to the life of this Special Permit beyond the current lease shall require the approval of the Planning Commission and the State Land Use Commission."* The Director's recommended condition language specifically identified the parties to the current lease.

Based on the preceding and following considerations, the LPC voted to approve the amendment to Special Permit No. 724, which was originally approved to allow for the operation of a quarry and related uses on approximately 143.48 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The applicant is requesting an amendment to Condition No. 7 (Life of the Permit) to allow a time extension to run coterminous with the current lease between the applicant and WHC, Ltd., dba West Hawai'i Concrete, which expires on September 3, 2037. The affected property is located approximately 3.7 miles northeast of the Māmalahoa Highway/Waiki'i Road intersection, Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawai'i, TMK: 6-7-001:034 (formerly 6-7-001:portion of 025).

The Applicant, PR Mauna Kea LLC, is requesting an extension of time to Condition No. 7 (life of the permit) of Special Permit No. 724 (LUC Docket No. 90-374) which allowed for the operation of a quarry and related uses on approximately 143.48 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The requested amendment would allow a time extension to run coterminous with the current lease between the applicant and WHC, Ltd., dba West Hawai'i Concrete (WHC), which expires on September 3, 2037.

Condition No. 7 currently states:

*"The life of this Special Permit shall run co- terminous (sic) with the Parker Ranch lease. Any amendments to the terms of the lease with Parker Ranch shall be submitted to the Planning Director and the State Land Use Commission."*¹

The footnote at the end of the condition was added after the April 6, 2000 hearing based on a series of letters between LUC Executive Director, Esther Ueda and the applicant. That footnote states:

Any extension to the life of the Special Permit beyond the term of the current lease, which expires on September 30, 2017, would require the approval of both the Planning Director and the State Land Use Commission. See attached letter dated May 1, 2000, from the Applicant to Esther Ueda, Executive Officer, State Land Use Commission.

The applicant is requesting that the footnote be deleted and that Condition No. 7 be amended with the following new language (material requested as an addition is underscored):

The life of this Special Permit shall run co-terminus with the Parker Ranch lease, which terminates on September 30, 2037. Any amendments to the terms of the

lease with Parker Ranch which extend the term of the lease beyond September 30, 2037, shall be submitted to the Planning Commission and the State Land Use Commission for approval.

According to the applicant, WHC has been successfully operating a quarry on the property since 1972 and wishes to continue those operations at least until 2037. There are approximately eight (8) million tons of material remaining in the quarry to be mined. WHC mines approximately 300,000 tons per year, so depending on market conditions, it would take approximately 26 years to completely mine the property. WHC currently supplies all their concrete aggregates out of the quarry on the property, therefore ceasing operation would cause disruption to the local construction market. Additionally, according to the applicant, the rock source in the property is unique, as it is the only quarry that WHC utilizes which produces rock aggregate that does not result in Alkalai Silica Reactivity in the finished concrete products. Alkalai Silica Reactivity is a condition which occurs when concrete is exposed over time to wet conditions causing it to expand, and results in premature concrete failure.

The LPC voted to approve the extension to the life of the permit to September 30, 2037 and delete the footnote to Condition No. 7 of the subject Special Permit as the requests meet the criteria to amend a Special Permit as discussed below.

Approval of this request would not be contrary to the General Plan or the Zoning Code. The amendment request to extend the life of the permit until September 30, 2037 would not be contrary to the General Plan or the Zoning Code.

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As required by the original Special Permit, Barrera conducted an archaeological reconnaissance survey of the subject site and determined that that property was a, "barren zone not likely to contain significant archaeological sites." The Planning Department acknowledged compliance with this requirement on July 17, 1992. Condition No. 6 of the 2000 amendment to the Special Permit required an additional archaeological reconnaissance survey for the expanded the quarry area. The survey was conducted by Robert B. Rechtman, Ph.D. in April 2000 with the determination that no archaeological or historical remains of any kind were observed in an on-foot reconnaissance field survey of the property. As this condition has been satisfied, the Planning Director recommended its deletion as part of this amendment and replacing it with our standard condition related to inadvertent finds of archaeological/historical resources.

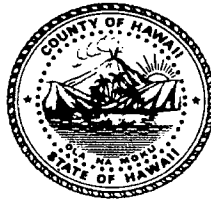
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Condition Compliance Housekeeping. The Planning Director recommended deletion of Condition Nos. 2 (metes and bounds survey) and 3 (visual impact analysis) and the replacement of Condition Nos. 6 (archaeological reconnaissance survey) and 11 (administrative time extension) to reflect completed conditions. The justification for the recommended deletion of Condition No. 3 and replacement of Condition No. 6 is discussed above. Condition No. 2 of the subject Special Permit required a metes and bounds description of the quarry site be filed with the Planning Department within one year of the effective date of the permit. That condition carried through to the 2000 amendment to the Special Permit as it expanded the size of the quarry area to 143.48 acres. On June 16, 2017 Subdivision No. 17-001692-Revised was approved, which separated the 143.48-acre quarry area (TMK: 6-7-001:034) from the original larger property. Based on the preceding, the Planning Director recommended deleting Condition No. 2 from this amendment. Finally, Condition No. 11 allowed for and articulated the required criteria for an administrative time extension to all of the timed conditions of the Special Permit, except for Condition No. 8 (termination of operations). All other timed

conditions have either been complied with or are the subject of this amendment request, therefore the possibility for an administrative time extension no longer applies. The Planning Director recommended replacing it with language requiring Planning Commission and State Land Use Commission approval for any other proposed amendments to this Special Permit.

Lastly, this approval is made with the understanding that the applicant, its successors or assigns, remain responsible for complying with all other applicable governmental requirements in connection with the approved use, prior to its commencement or establishment upon the subject property. Additional governmental requirements include the issuance of building permits, the installation of approved wastewater disposal systems, compliance with the Fire Code, installation of improvements required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), among many others. All mining activities must follow the regulations of the Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), which typically inspects the quarry three times a year. Compliance with all applicable governmental requirements is a condition of this approval; failure to comply with such requirements will be considered a violation that may result in enforcement action by the Planning Department and/or the affected agencies.

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Dear Ms. Garson:

SUBJECT: Special Permit No. 724 (Docket No. SPP 04-000013/ LUC SP 90-374)
Applicant: PR Mauna Kea, LLC
Request: Amendment to Condition No. 7 (Life of Special Permit)
Subject: Replacement Letter (Corrections to Existing Conditions)
Tax Map Key: 6-7-001:034 (formerly 6-7-001:025)

This will replace our July 10, 2018 letter. There were several non-substantive errors inadvertently made to the conditions that already existed, which have been corrected in this replacement letter. No corrections were made to the condition requested to be amended by the applicant.

The Leeward Planning Commission, at its duly held public hearing on June 21, 2018, considered your request for an amendment to Special Permit No. 724 to allow a time extension to run coterminous with the current lease between the applicant and WHC, Ltd., dba West Hawai'i Concrete, which expires on September 3, 2037. The project site is located approximately 3.7 miles north east of the Māmalahoa Highway/Waiki'i Road intersection, Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawai'i.

The Commission voted to approve the request and to send a favorable recommendation to the State Land Use Commission for final disposition.

Approval of the amendment is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant, successors, or assigns shall comply with all stated conditions of approval.
2. The quarry operation shall be limited to dynamiting, portable crusher, loading, and limited stockpiling.

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3. The quarrying activity, including the loading and hauling, shall be limited to between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays only.
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Should a conflict arise, which cannot be mitigated or mediated, the quarry operations shall cease upon appropriate findings by the Planning Commission that the introduced use will have an adverse impact on surrounding properties.

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9. If the applicant should require an additional extension of time for any condition of this permit, the applicant shall submit their request to the Planning Commission for appropriate action by the Planning Commission and State Land Use Commission.

[Note: Ramseyer version available upon request.]

This approval does not, however, sanction the specific plans submitted with the application as they may be subject to change given specific code and regulatory requirements of the affected agencies

Approval of this amended permit is based on the reasons given in the attached Planning Commission Findings Report.

Should you have any questions, please contact Christian Kay of the Planning Department at (808) 961-8136.

Sincerely,

Keith F Unger

Keith F. Unger, Chairman
Leeward Planning Commission

LPRMaunaKeaAmendSPP724/LUC SP90-374lpc(Final)
Enclosure: PC Findings Report

cc: PR Mauna Kea LLC
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Department of Water Supply
County Real Property Tax Division - Hilo
State Land Use Commission
Department of Land & Natural Resources-HPD
GIS Section
West Hawaii Division

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PLANNING COMMISSION FINDINGS

PR MAUNA KEA LLC

AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 724 (LUC DOCKET NO. 90-374)

At their June 21, 2018 hearing, the Leeward Planning Commission (LPC), recommended the following changes to the Planning Director’s recommendation:

- Amend new Condition No. 5 to state that, *“The life of this Special Permit shall run coterminous with the current quarry lease which terminates on September 30, 2037. Any extension to the life of this Special Permit beyond the current lease shall require the approval of the Planning Commission and the State Land Use Commission.”*. The Director’s recommended condition language specifically identified the parties to the current lease.

Based on the preceding and following considerations, the LPC voted to approve the amendment to Special Permit No. 724, which was originally approved to allow for the operation of a quarry and related uses on approximately 143.48 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The applicant is requesting an amendment to Condition No. 7 (Life of the Permit) to allow a time extension to run coterminous with the current lease between the applicant and WHC, Ltd., dba West Hawai‘i Concrete, which expires on September 3, 2037. The affected property is located approximately 3.7 miles northeast of the Māmalahoa Highway/Waiki‘i Road intersection, Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawai‘i, TMK: 6-7-001:034 (formerly 6-7-001:portion of 025).

The Applicant, PR Mauna Kea LLC, is requesting an extension of time to Condition No. 7 (life of the permit) of Special Permit No. 724 (LUC Docket No. 90-374) which allowed for the operation of a quarry and related uses on approximately 143.48 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The requested amendment would allow a time extension to run coterminous with the current lease between the applicant and WHC, Ltd., dba West Hawai‘i Concrete (WHC), which expires on September 3, 2037.

Condition No. 7 currently states:

“The life of this Special Permit shall run co- terminous (sic) with the Parker Ranch lease. Any amendments to the terms of the lease with Parker Ranch shall be submitted to the Planning Director and the State Land Use Commission.”¹

The footnote at the end of the condition was added after the April 6, 2000 hearing based on a series of letters between LUC Executive Director, Esther Ueda and the applicant. That footnote states:

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The applicant is requesting that the footnote be deleted and that Condition No. 7 be amended with the following new language (material requested as an addition is underscored):

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The land upon which the proposed use is sought is unsuited for the uses permitted within the district. Soils of the area are of the Pu'u Pa Series. In a representative profile, the surface layer is very dark brown extremely stony very fine sandy loam about six inches thick. The next layer is dark-brown and dark yellowish-brown very stony very fine sandy loam about 34 inches thick. It is underlain by fragmental A'a lava. Soils are classified as "D" or "Poor" soil by the Land Study Bureau's Overall Master Productivity Rating and are unclassified by the Department of Agriculture's ALISH Map. Based on the above information, it has been determined that the land upon which the proposed use is sought is unsuited for the uses permitted within the district.

The proposed uses will not substantially alter or change the essential character of the land and the present use. The essential character of the property and surrounding lands is barren. A quarry has been operated at the subject property since 1945, without complaints. As such, the requested amendment will not alter or change the essential character of the land and the present use.

The proposed amendment requests are consistent with the objectives and policies as provided by Chapter 205A, HRS, and Special Management Area guidelines contained in Rule No. 9 of the Planning Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure. The property is not situated within the Special Management Area (SMA) and is approximately 13 miles from the nearest shoreline and therefore will not be impacted by coastal hazard and beach erosion. There are no identified recreational resources, historic resources, public access to the shoreline or mountain areas, scenic and open space preserves, coastal ecosystems, marine resources or other natural and environmental resources in the project area. While no professional flora and fauna surveys were of the conducted, the applicant states that there are no rare or endangered species of flora were found on the property. Virtually the entire property has been cleared and mined, leaving an unwelcoming habitat for plants or animals. There is approximately thirty (30) acres that has natural foliage on it. The only animals ever encountered on the property are goats. Further, no known endangered, threatened or candidate plant or animal species are within the property, and there is no known existing or proposed federally designated critical plant or animal habitat within the property.

As required by the original Special Permit, Barrera conducted an archaeological reconnaissance survey of the subject site and determined that that property was a, "barren zone not likely to contain significant archaeological sites." The Planning Department acknowledged compliance with this requirement on July 17, 1992. Condition No. 6 of the 2000 amendment to the Special Permit required an additional archaeological reconnaissance survey for the expanded the quarry area. The survey was conducted by Robert B. Rechtman, Ph.D. in April 2000 with the determination that no archaeological or historical remains of any kind were observed in an on-foot reconnaissance field survey of the property. As this condition has been satisfied, the Planning Director recommended its deletion as part of this amendment and replacing it with our standard condition related to inadvertent finds of archaeological/historical resources.

The applicant is unaware of any known traditional and customary native Hawaiian practices occurring within the property, since the property has been mostly graded and has been used as a quarry since the 1940s.

Condition Compliance Housekeeping. The Planning Director recommended deletion of Condition Nos. 2 (metes and bounds survey) and 3 (visual impact analysis) and the replacement of Condition Nos. 6 (archaeological reconnaissance survey) and 11 (administrative time extension) to reflect completed conditions. The justification for the recommended deletion of Condition No. 3 and replacement of Condition No. 6 is discussed above. Condition No. 2 of the subject Special Permit required a metes and bounds description of the quarry site be filed with the Planning Department within one year of the effective date of the permit. That condition carried through to the 2000 amendment to the Special Permit as it expanded the size of the quarry area to 143.48 acres. On June 16, 2017 Subdivision No. 17-001692-Revised was approved, which separated the 143.48-acre quarry area (TMK: 6-7-001:034) from the original larger property. Based on the preceding, the Planning Director recommended deleting Condition No. 2 from this amendment. Finally, Condition No. 11 allowed for and articulated the required criteria for an administrative time extension to all of the timed conditions of the Special Permit, except for Condition No. 8 (termination of operations). All other timed

conditions have either been complied with or are the subject of this amendment request, therefore the possibility for an administrative time extension no longer applies. The Planning Director recommended replacing it with language requiring Planning Commission and State Land Use Commission approval for any other proposed amendments to this Special Permit.

Lastly, this approval is made with the understanding that the applicant, its successors or assigns, remain responsible for complying with all other applicable governmental requirements in connection with the approved use, prior to its commencement or establishment upon the subject property. Additional governmental requirements include the issuance of building permits, the installation of approved wastewater disposal systems, compliance with the Fire Code, installation of improvements required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), among many others. All mining activities must follow the regulations of the Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), which typically inspects the quarry three times a year. Compliance with all applicable governmental requirements is a condition of this approval; failure to comply with such requirements will be considered a violation that may result in enforcement action by the Planning Department and/or the affected agencies.