

January 23, 1981

Mr. Hubert F. Richards
P. O. Box 87
Kealahou, Hawaii 96750

Dear Mr. Richards:

Proposed subdivision portion
of Grants 1162 and 2862
Onouli 2 and Keopuka, South Kona
TMK: 8-1-07:por. 1 (80-246)

We have reviewed the preliminary plat map and have determined a portion of the proposed subdivision is within the Kealahou Historic District.

Therefore, pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS, an Environmental Impact Assessment, we are required to assess and determine the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

In order to make this determination, we will need the following information:

1. A written description of the area, climate, topography, vegetation, natural hazards, etc., and per the request of the State Historic Preservation Officer's letter dated January 7, 1981 (copy enclosed), two (2) copies of an archaeological survey conducted by a qualified archaeologist.
2. A description of your project's affect on the community and environment.
3. Since you are proposing boundary lines within the State Land Use Conservation District, you must secure approval of a Conservation Use Application (CDUA) from the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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Upon receipt of the above requested information and approval of the CDUA, we would then prepare the assessment and file a notice with the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) informing them of our findings and our decision. In view of our workload, preparation of the assessment may take some time.

As such, and in the interest of time, we have no objections to you preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment and submitting your findings to this office for review.

Subsequent to our review of your assessment, should we determine your proposed 3-lot subdivision will not result in any significant environmental impacts, an EIS will not be required and we will file a Negative Declaration with the EQC. If, however, we determine that the action requires the preparation of a full EIS, we shall file such notice with the EQC and the applicant will be responsible for preparing a full impact statement.

In view of the above, we are deferring further action on the subdivision, pending receipt of the above requested information or your informing this office of your decision to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the project.

Meanwhile, for your early consideration, comments from the various concerned agencies are enclosed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Sidney Fuke
Sidney Fuke
Director

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Attach.

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