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Where did the \$500,000 go? (At least \$250,000 to Belt Collins): Also note: "No immediate plans to implement", "Does not know what it would cost" and "State has no Money"!

4A - West Hawaii Today, Tuesday, March 7, 2000

New restroom, pavilion for Kealakekua Bay

By **BOBBY COMMAND**
West Hawaii Today

The state will replace the restroom and pavilion at Kealakekua Bay, but there are no plans to implement the long-discussed renovation of the historic park.

Gov. Ben Cayetano has released \$500,000 to rebuild the old county-built toilets and pavilion in the former Napoopoo County Beach Park at the end of Puuhonua Road.

Ralston Nagata, state parks administrator, said the structures are inadequate and must be replaced. He said the state also will move the restroom away from Hikiau Heiau — a temple of human sacrifice — and closer to the pavilion.

A leaching field for treated wastewater from a new septic tank is included in the plans.

Despite the announced work, which is being designated as phase one of the park's improvements,

Nagata said there are no immediate plans to implement a 15-year-old conceptual plan for the park.

The 1985 proposal, revised a few years ago following a round of community hearings, calls for a visitor center, viewing pavilion, parking and general restoration of the area around Hikiau.

Kealakekua Bay could be considered among the most important historic site in the islands, because it was where British explorer Capt. James Cook first set foot in Hawaii. It was also where he was later killed.

The area was also a major population center and seat of power for pre-contact Hawaii.

In recent years, area residents have complained about loitering and drug dealing at the old Napoopoo Beach Park and the old landing, just south of the state park.

Nagata said the state wants to improve the entire park, but added

there are no requests for money to carry out future phases of the improvements. Nagata said he does not know how much the entire project would cost.

"We'd like to get some money to improve Kealakekua," Nagata said. "But there are lots of projects we'd like to start, and the state has no money to carry them out."

Nagata also said Napoopoo Beach will not be improved. The once popular swimming beach was damaged by storm surf created by Hurricanes Dot in 1959 and Iwa in 1982 and then wiped out by waves from Hurricane Iniki in 1992. |

Some of the sand washed out into the bay by the hurricanes has returned to the shore, but a large berm of boulders deposited by the storm surge has kept the beach from returning to its former state.

"We consider that area a wilderness area," Nagata said. "So I don't think we'll be touching it."

We should consider all of Kealakekua Bay and Pali Kapu o Keoua a wilderness area so as to preserve and protect it for future generations!

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October 6, 2000

Mr. Tim Johns, Chair
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Dear Mr. Johns:

Subject: Environmental Assessment for the Kealakekua Bay State
Historical Park, Hawaii

This is in response to several letters that we received from community members concerning the subject project. One of the main concerns raised by the community is the lack of consultation before preparing the draft environmental assessment.

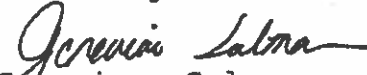
Pursuant to the EIS Rules, the proposing agency shall, at the earliest practicable time, consult with individuals and citizen groups that the proposing agency reasonably believes to be affected. Any written comments and responses to the comments under the early consultation must be included in the draft environmental assessment.

Accordingly, we recommend that you consult with the following parties before preparing the draft environmental assessment:

- 1) Gordon K. Leslie
- 2) Malama Pono Kealakekua
- 3) Skycliff Investments LLC

Should you have any questions, please call Jeyan Thirugnanam at 586-4185.

Sincerely,


Genevieve Salmonson
Director

c: Gordon K. Leslie
Malama Pono Kealakekua
Skycliff Investments LLC

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October 4, 2000

Mr. Gordon Leslie
P.O. Box 2404
Kealahou, HI 96750

Dear Gordon:

As discussed at the October 3, 2000 meeting in the Land Board room, we provide you with a copy of construction drawings for the single building to replace the existing restroom along side the heiau and the existing pavilion. The new building is to be built in the vicinity of the existing pavilion, away from the heiau.

Two parking stalls are proposed to facilitate handicapped access to the restroom/pavilion. Other related amenities are replacement outdoor showers (see drawing of "Outdoor Shower Tree") and BBQ grilles.

As I indicated, the construction contract has been awarded by the Land Board based on the construction drawings. We felt we made a genuine attempt to work with the community and, according to Martha Yent, two meetings focusing on these replacement facilities were held at the pavilion to receive community input before the drawings were finalized.

I understand that you did not attend those two meetings. The community members who attended, I understand, were supportive of our replacement proposal.

Therefore, please review the drawings among the other interested attendees and respond back to myself or, should you wish, to Mr. Johns or Mr. Kokubun. I would hope that this matter can be resolved expeditiously, otherwise, possibly "pulling the plug" on

Gordon Leslie
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the project, mentioned by Mr. Johns, will result in the funds lapsing and no action would be taken, since no other construction funds have been appropriated for Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Nagata', written over a circular stamp.

RALSTON H. NAGATA
State Parks Administrator

c: Timothy E. Johns
Russell Kokubun
Gary Gill
Michael J. Matsukawa, President
Malama Pono Kealakekua