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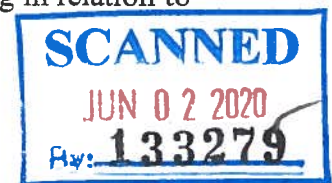
SUBJECT: Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) HA-2977 Construction Plans for the Hōkūliʻa Shoreline Park Trail and Park Improvements Phase 3, 4 & 5 Located at Halekiʻi and Keʻekeʻe, South Kona, Hawaiʻi, TMK: (3) 8-1-004:003

Dear Mr. Vitousek:

Thank you for the submission of the construction plans and the Final Archaeological Site Preservation Plan for the Southern Portion of the Shoreline Park at Hōkūliʻa. By correspondence dated August 15, 2019, the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) accepted the Preservation Plan and noted "This plan protects all sites recorded during the present project, the four sites not relocated, and any sites found in the future. The form of preservation for the southern portion of the Shoreline Park, consists of avoidance and protection (conservation), appropriate cultural use, stabilization, rehabilitation, reconstruction and limited interpretation."

According to your information, the accepted preservation plan does not identify preservation buffers around individual sites. Instead, the plan identified a park improvements corridor where development of park infrastructure could take place without impacting historic properties. The construction plans define a wood chip trail laid down on top of geotextile fabric to create a public access corridor along with rest areas, signage, site protective measures and stabilization and historic sites interpretation.

The Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) has reviewed the Preservation Plan and notes some 'restoration work' may require further review from our Office such as the Awawa area, specifically the canoe landing, pump house, and 'modern trail' that all appear to be proposed land uses that lie within the Limited subzone of the Conservation District. The OCCL notes the recommendation to the Board for CDUP HA-2977 specifically states "an unencumbered state-owned trail exists, at least on paper, which extends, at least a portion of the distance, from the Government Road to the area of the state-owned canoe landing at Nawawa Bay. The applicant has submitted no proposal to develop or use the trail or landing in relation to



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the proposed park. The applicant has no intention to lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Halekauila Trail or the Nawawa Bay canoe landing.”

Further, staff consulted with you regarding the following conditions to clarify matters:

Condition 3) *The applicant shall comply with all applicable Department of Health administrative rules. The wastewater from restrooms shall be handled by the Hōkūli‘a Wastewater Treatment Plant. Except during the construction period, the use of portable wastewater systems, such as porta-potties, vaults or chemical toilets, shall not be acceptable. According to your information, there are no restrooms proposed in the Conservation District.*

Condition 12) *Na Ala Hele shall approve/disapprove any changes or disposition of the alignment of the Cart Road, Government Road and the Coastal Trail. According to your information, consultation did take place with Na Ala Hele during the preparation of the preservation plan about the treatment of the Old Cart road. While nothing was received in writing from NAH, SHPD would not approve the Preservation Plan without consulting Na Ala Hele. There are no changes to the alignment of the trail. Staff notes the Cart Road is contiguous with the boundary of the Conservation District and the Government Road is mauka of the Conservation District.*

Condition 17) *All signs incorporated in any preservation plan and concern fishing or trail use shall be reviewed by DOCARE or the departments Na Ala Hele program prior to any Historic Preservation Division approval. Any park signs not included in any preservation plan approved by the Historic Preservation Division shall be subject to site plan approval; and*

Condition 19) *The applicant shall complete an acceptable preservation plan for all of the sites in the proposed shoreline park, including the state-owned parcel. The preservation plan may be done in phases. The plan should contain long-term preservation measures for all of the sites, landscaping plans for all sites, and signage, etc., for sites selected for public interpretation. No ground alteration or interpretive development (e.g. trail) should take place within the proposed shoreline park until the preservation plan, for that area, has been accepted. The Historic Preservation Division shall verify in writing to the County when the preservation plan is completed prior to ground alteration or interpretive development. The preservation plan shall be implemented prior to the opening of the park; however, the interpretive plan may be implemented by the applicant in phases.*

According to your information, the content for signs have not yet been completed. For the northern park area, construction of the trail was initiated and consultation with DOCARE/Na Ala Hele took place once the content of the signs was created. A comprehensive interpretation plan for the development of the content for the signs still needs to be completed. This will be reviewed and accepted by SHPD.

The OCCL notes that the preservation plan may be done in phases. Interpretive signage within the Shoreline Park is an integral feature for historical preservation and education and staff believes the comprehensive interpretation plan for signage is part of the preservation plan. Upon completion of the comprehensive interpretation plan for signs, please provide the OCCL evidence of consultation with Na Ala Hele and DOCARE regarding signs for trails, fishing and

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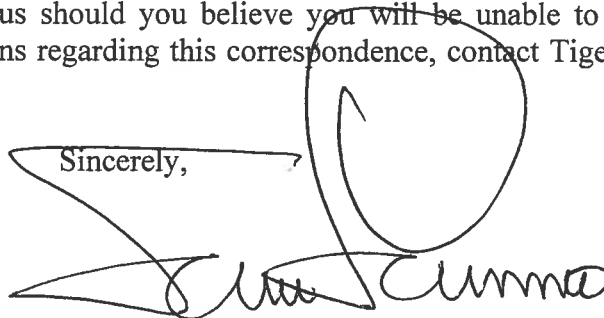
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safety; and acceptance of the interpretive signage from SHPD. Please note, signs within the Conservation District shall not exceed twelve square feet in area; shall be non-illuminated; shall be self-supporting and be less than or equal to eight feet above finished grade.

The OCCL has approved the plans for the Hōkūli‘a Shoreline Park Trail and Park Improvements Phase 3, 4 & 5 with the exception of the improvements proposed off of the Kuleana Road towards Awawa landing. We have crossed this off the construction plans as this area was not included with CDUP HA-2977.

In response to your concern regarding meeting project initiation deadlines due to the current COVID-19 pandemic; please write to us should you believe you will be unable to meet this deadline. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, contact Tiger Mills of our Office at (808) 587-0382.

Sincerely,



Samuel J. Lemmo, Administrator
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