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**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-8 and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Review –
County of Hawai'i Special Management Area Use Permit Assessment Application
For the Construction of a Multi Purpose Pavilion at Ho'okena Beach Park
Kauhako Ahupua'a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai'i
TMK: (3) 8-6-013:021**

Thank you for the opportunity to review this SMA application. According to your letter, this project will receive funding from The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Therefore this is a federal undertaking that will require historic preservation review under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The application indicates the Friends of Ho'okena Beach Park and the County of Hawaii intends to construct a 3,200 square foot multipurpose building. The purpose of this building is to meet the communities need for a public gathering space for meetings, cultural activities and educational programs. The building will be constructed using a concrete slab with concrete columns spaced at roughly 20 ft. intervals. A review of our records indicates that there are no known historic properties in this project area. However, our records also indicate that this parcel has not been subjected to an archaeological inventory survey. SHPD correspondence logs indicate that a previous project was reviewed for this parcel and on June 23 1998 SHPD archaeologist Marc Smith conducted a field visit and determined that no historic properties were present (SHPD Log No 22801 Doc No 9901MS05). The photographs of the project area indicate that it has been previously disturbed by residential and park infrastructure development. In addition, the USGS soil survey indicates that this project area is underlain with pahoehoe lava which is not likely to contain subsurface material. In addition, the section 106 component for this project was previously reviewed by SHPD in 2007 when our office concurred with a determination of "no effect" (SHPD correspondence Log No 2007.3073 Doc No 0710TS03). SHPD has no new information that would negate this previous determination of no historic properties affected. Therefore, we believe that **no historic properties will be affected** by this project.

In the event that historic resources, including human skeletal remains, structural remains, sand deposits, midden deposits, or lava tubes are identified, please cease work in the immediate vicinity of the find, protect the find from any disturbance, and contact the State Historic Preservation Division at (808) 933-7653. Please contact Mike Vitousek at (808) 652-1510 or Michael.Vitousek@Hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

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