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Ms. Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, Director
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County of Hawaii
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Subject: Request for Determination – Special Management Area Permit
Potable Waterline Improvements
TMK: 8-3-04: 01 and 8-3-05: 01
Keei, South Kona, Island of Hawaii

Dear Ms. Leithead-Todd:

Kamehameha Schools (KS) is proposing to replace existing potable water lines to their properties (vacant and leased) in Keei, South Kona (see Figure 1 and 2). The project is located within the Conservation General and Limited Subzone District and the Special Management Area (SMA) (see Figures 3).

Potable Water Improvements: Potable water service is provided to KS properties by the County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply (DWS) through eight 1-inch above ground polyethylene (“Drisco”) pipes (see Figure 4). The existing lines are located along the makai side of Puuhonua Road and then follow the existing private road leading to KS’s Halau Maluhia. They are exposed to the elements (sun, heat, cold, etc.) and are prone to breakage and leaking.

To improve potable water service and meet county fire flow requirements, KS proposes to replace the “Drisco” lines with an 8-inch partially buried waterline. The waterline will be covered with base course or similar materials. The proposed 8-inch water line would start at the intersection of Puuhonua Road and Kahauloa Road and follow an old utility road just mauka of Keei Village, as shown in Figure 4. In addition, fire hydrants would be located along the 8-inch line to meet fire protection requirements. Lateral lines will be constructed from the 8-inch line to serve KS parcels.

The Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL), Department of Land and Natural Resources determined the proposed improvements would require a Conservation District Use Permit. OCCL also determined the proposed project is minor in scope and considered an exempt action pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS, as amended, and HAR, Title 11, Department of Health, Chapter 200 (see Attachment A).

(less than \$250,000 per day)



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Based on our understanding, it appears the proposed action may be exempt from Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Specifically, we suggest that the proposed action may be exempt pursuant to Chapter 205A-22, HRS, which states that "development" does not include:

- (4) *Repair and maintenance of utility lines, including but not limited to water, sewer, power, and telephone and minor appurtenant structures such as pad mounted transformers and sewer pump stations;*

On behalf of Kamehameha Schools we are seeking your determination of an SMA Permit or other approvals required for the proposed improvements.

Please contact me at 946-2277 if you have any questions concerning this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Fukuda", is written over a horizontal line.

Tracy Fukuda, Sr. Planner

cc: Allen Salavea, Kamehameha Schools

Attachments

**FIGURE 1
LOCATION MAP**



Island of Hawaii

Legend

 Project Boundary

Scale

0 1,750 3,500
Feet
1 inch equals 3,500 feet

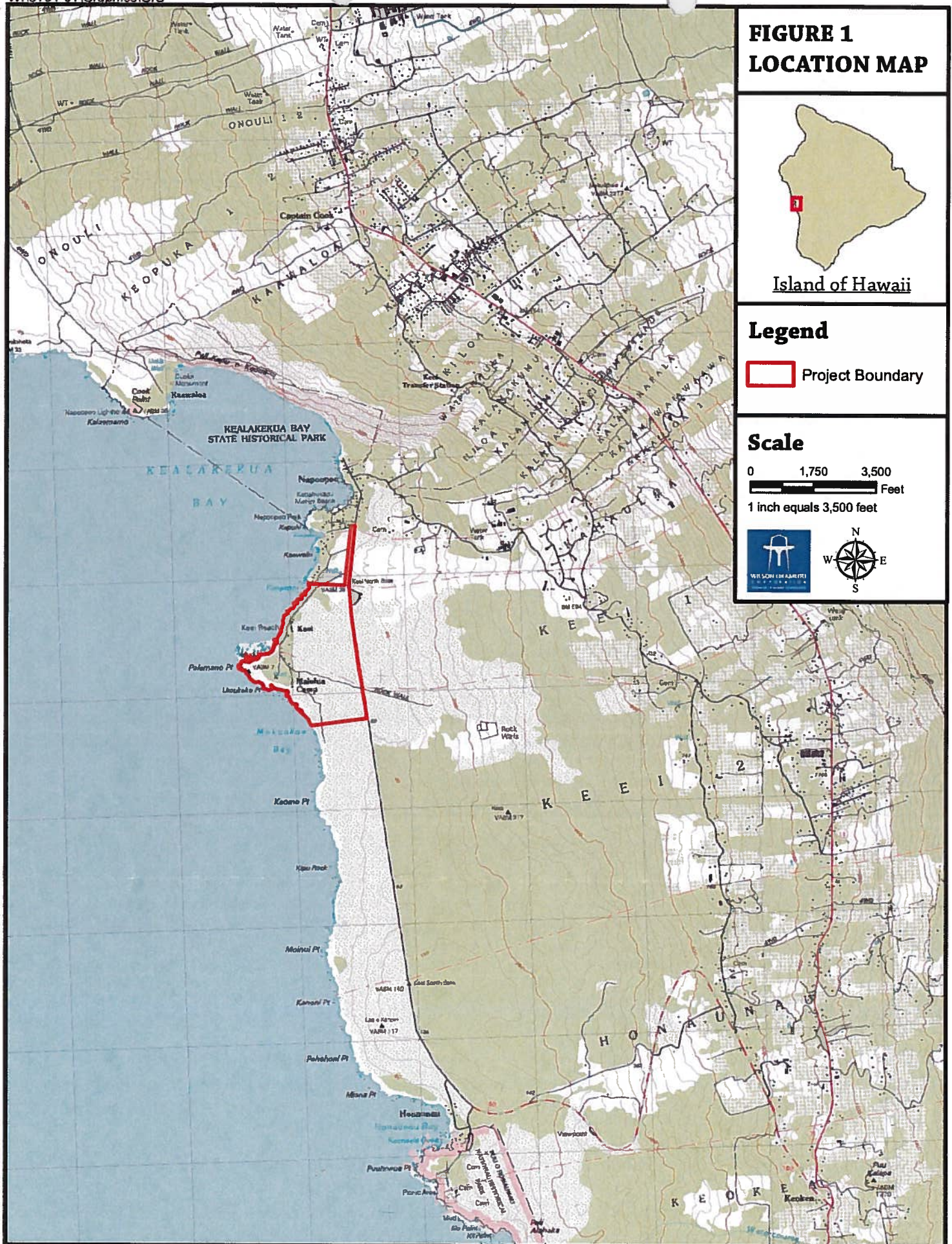


FIGURE 2
KAMEHAMEHA
SCHOOL
LAND
OWNERSHIP



Island of Hawaii

Legend

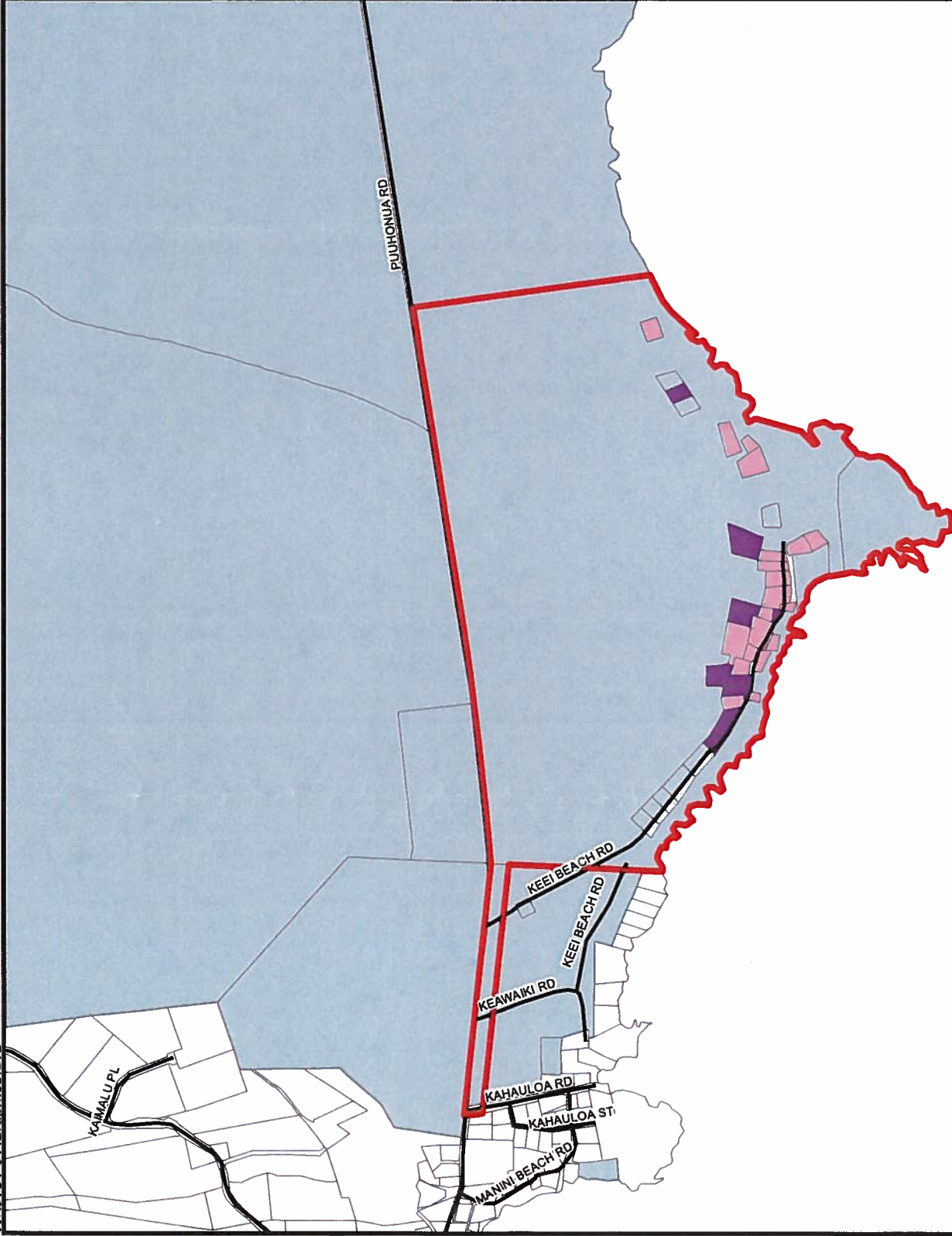
- Project Boundary
- Tax Map Key
- Roads

Ownership

- Kamehameha Schools (KS)
- KS - Leased
- Fee Simple

Scale

0 500 1,000 Feet
1 inch equals 1,000 feet



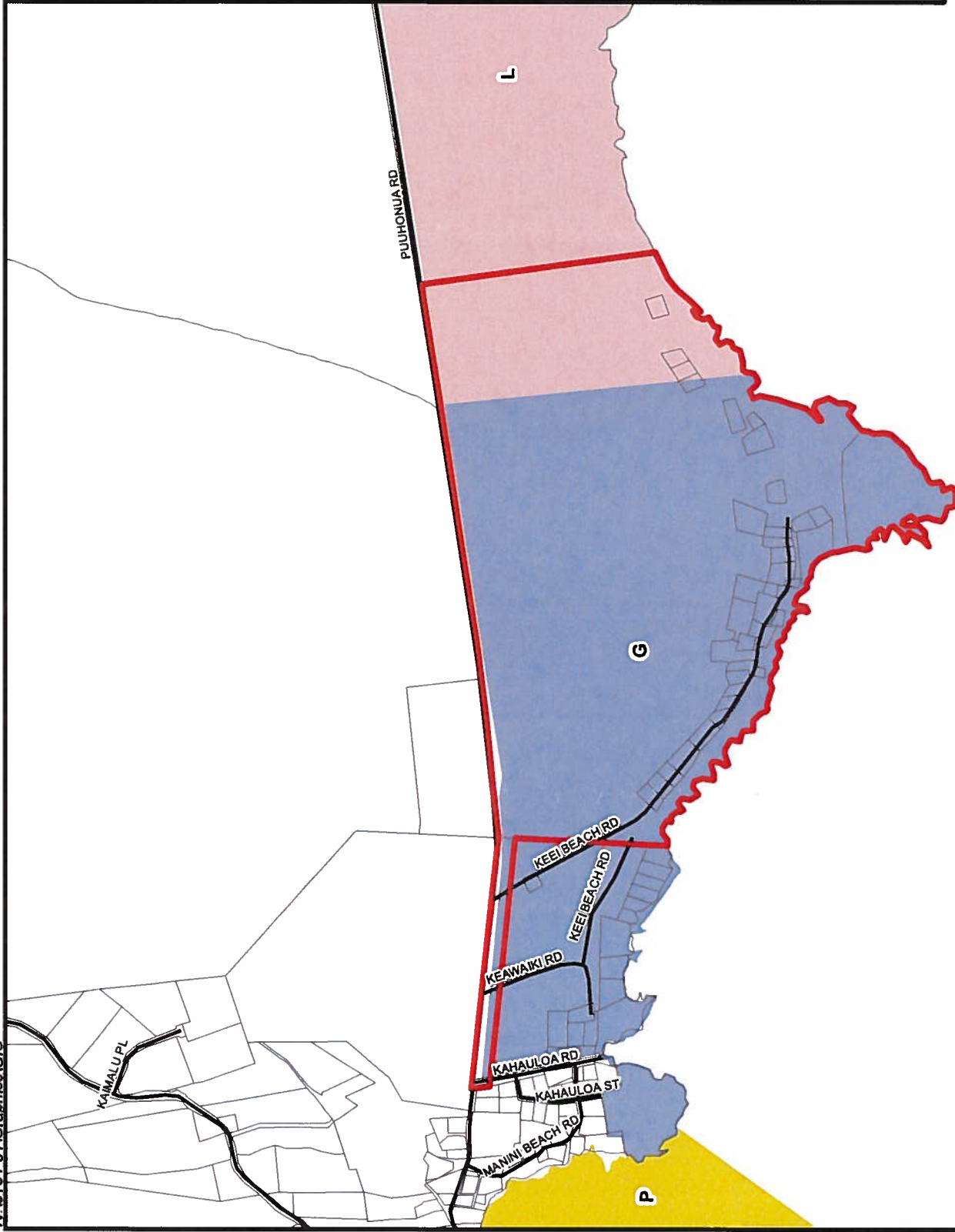
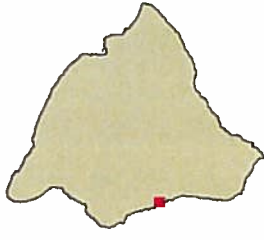





FIGURE 3
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
SUBZONES



Island of Hawaii

Legend

-  Project Boundary
-  Tax Map Key
-  Roads

Conservation District Subzones

-  General (G)
-  Limited (L)
-  Preservation (P)

Scale

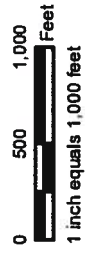


FIGURE 4

**WATER
IMPROVEMENTS**



Island of Hawaii

Legend

-  Project Boundary
-  Tax Map Key
-  Proposed 8" Waterline Alignment
-  Existing Drisco

Scale

0 500 1,000 Feet
1 inch equals 1,000 feet



Existing Polyethylene
(Drisco Waterline)

