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Mr. Curt Cottrell, Director
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RE: SHORELINE PARK MANAGEMENT & PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN
THE VILLAGES AT HOKUKANO
NORTH/SOUTH KONA, HAWAII

Dear Mr. Cottrell:

Thank you for your efforts in reviewing the Draft Shoreline Management and Public Access Plan (Plan) for the Villages at Hokukano and the comments provided in your September 5, 1998 memorandum. I understand that you also had an opportunity to meet onsite with Bob Stuit of Oceanside 1250 to discuss various trail related issues pertaining to the Villages at Hokukano project.

We wanted to let you know that your comments and suggestions and those of the other DLNR divisions have been most helpful in the preparation of final Plan. In response to concerns outlined in your memorandum of September 5, 1998, we would like to provide the following comments:

1. The phased implementation schedule presented in the Plan is intended to coincide with the development schedule for the Villages at Hokukano which is planned to take place over a 15 to 20 year period. Since the Old Government Road (OGR) is the property of the State of Hawaii, the State should determine when the trail should be available for access. As you noted in your letter, this would follow approval and implementation of proper mitigation and management measures.

Regarding the status of the mitigation and management plan for the OGR, as reported by Mr. Stuit at the October 1998 meeting of the Hawaii Island Na Ala Hele Advisory Committee, this plan will be developed in conjunction with the Archaeological Mitigation Plan for the Hokukano property. Oceanside 1250 has recently contracted with archaeological firm of IARI, Inc. to prepare the mitigation plan. On this basis, we anticipate that a preliminary draft of the mitigation and management plan for this portion of the OGR will be available for agency review in the early part of 1999.

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2. Per your recommendation, the figures within the Plan have been revised to reflect the alignment for the OGR. Please note that, although the Plan provides for connections from the trails within the Park to the OGR, the trail is outside the Park area and, therefore, not part of the Park Plan. As mentioned, a mitigation and management plan for the OGR is being prepared separately as part of the Archaeological Mitigation Plan for the Hokukano property.

Once again, we appreciate your efforts in the review of the draft plan. As we move forward with the planning for the shoreline park area, I hope that we can call on you for advisory and coordination purposes.

Sincerely,



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