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**Subject : Shoreline Park Management & Public Access Plan  
The Villages at Hokukano  
North/South Kona, Hawaii**

Dear Mr. Nagata:

Please accept my thanks for your efforts and the efforts of Sherrie Samuels and Martha Yent for reviewing the Draft Shoreline Management and Public Access Plan for the Villages at Hokukano.

I wanted to follow-up our meeting last week in which we discussed the comments from your Division. In that discussion, you indicated that land disposition is handled by the DLNR Land Division. You also commented that a management lease would be a more appropriate mechanism than the adopt-a-park program. We plan to meet with staff and the head of the Land Division to discuss these and other issues relating to the Plan, including information on liability and enforcement.

In reference to your comment letter and as discussed during our meeting, the Management and Access Plan was not intended to be an archaeological preservation plan as it is only the first step in the permit process for the shoreline park area. As you note in your letter, the shoreline area contains significant historic sites. The various archaeological plans for mitigation preservation and interpretation of these sites would be undertaken as part of the overall plan for the Hokukano property. Furthermore, Oceanside is required to obtain Board approval of a Conservation District Use Permit and County approval of a Special Management Area Use Permit prior to any land alteration of the shoreline area.

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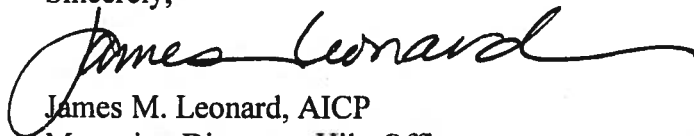
You might be interested to know that we also met with Dr. Ross Cordy to review the plan and explained the same process I have outlined above. As specified in our conditions of approval, there will be no land alteration for the park prior to DLNR approval of a detailed mitigation plan for the shoreline area. In regard to the archaeological sites and trails in the shoreline area, I will be forwarding the a portion of the DLNR-HSPD approved Archaeological Inventory Survey Report that addresses the sites in this area.

Regarding the park management structure, we will be better able to describe the staffing and operational characteristics once the management structure is established and we have developed a more detailed operational plan for the park.

Lastly, the decision to include 25 parking stalls was determined in conjunction with County approvals for the park and the Hokukano project. An important consideration in management of the park will be to ensure that the area is not overused beyond its capacity. By regulating the total amount of parking, management would be able to help protect against overuse of the Shoreline Park Area.

Your comments and suggestions and those of the other DLNR divisions, as well as those of the County, will be reflected in the final Plan. As we move forward with the detailed planning for the shoreline park area, I hope that we can call on you and members of your staff for advisory and coordination purposes. Once again, we appreciate your efforts in the timely review of the draft plan.

Sincerely,



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