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Mr. Don Hibbard, Director
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**Subject : Shoreline Park Management & Public Access Plan
The Villages at Hokuano
North/ South Kona, Hawaii**

Dear Dr. Hibbard:

Please accept my thanks for your efforts and the effort of Ross Cordy for reviewing the Draft Shoreline management and Public Access Plan for the Villages at Hokuano. Bob Stuit of Oceanside 1250 and myself were able to meet with Dr. Cordy to discuss the comments from your Division.

In that discussion, we explained to Dr. Cordy that 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 Hokuano property. Furthermore, Oceanside is required to obtain Board approval of a Conservation District Use Permit and County approval of a Special Management Area Permit prior to any land alteration of the shoreline area. During this approval process the details of protection and treatment of the archaeological sites in the shoreline area will be developed and submitted to SHPD for review and approval. As you suggest in your letter, the plan should include details on hours of use, trail locations, maintenance regimes, interpretation programs and implementation, signage and monitoring plans. We will also seek to involve interested local native Hawaiian groups and individuals in the preparation of these plans in order to effectively account for their concerns.

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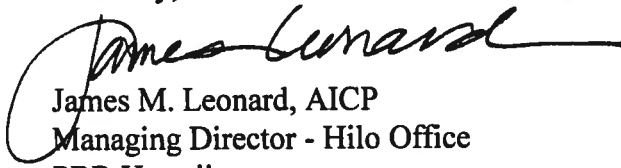
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In regard to your comment on the "Adopt- a-Park" concept, we will be seeking more details on how such a program might work, including information on liability and enforcement. You might be interested to know that Mr. Ralston Nagata in his comments on the plan from the Division of State Parks suggested that a management lease is another approach for use of this area. In any event, Oceanside will discuss possible use of the State-owned parcel with the Land Division of DLNR.

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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Dear Dr. Walsh:

It was a pleasure talking with you regarding the planning for the Shoreline Park at the Villages at Hokuano. We appreciate your taking the time to attend the previous meeting of the Ocean Advisory Group for the Villages at Hokuano and for your review and comments to the Draft Shoreline Park Management and Public Access Plan.

From our discussion I understand that, through the adoption of Act 306 earlier this year, the entire west coast of the Big Island has been designated as a Fishery Management Area (FMA). I appreciate your suggestion that the resource management efforts of the Park Management and the Shoreline Resource Advisory Committee, as described in Section 4.4 of the Plan, be coordinated with the West Hawaii Fishery Management Area (WHFMA) Council which is intended to serve as a coordinating group for the various shoreline resource management activities taking place in West Hawaii. The establishment of the WHFMA and the need to coordinate the shoreline resource management activities at Hokuano, through meetings and sharing information with the WHFMA Council, will be reflected in the final version of the Plan.

I would appreciate any further information you might have on the WHFMA and the Council's goals and objectives. Also, as we move forward in the planning for the shoreline park area I hope that we can call upon you should we have further questions regarding the WHFMA Council and their efforts towards management of the marine resources in West Hawaii.

Again, thank you for you assistance in the preparation of the Villages at Hokuano Shoreline Park Management and Public Access Plan.

Sincerely,

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