

State of Hawaii  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Declare Project Exempt From Preparation of Environmental Assessment Requirements of  
Chapter 343, HRS, and Title 11, Chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules  
for  
Job No. J00CF34B  
Lava Tree State Monument Trail Improvements  
Pahoa, Hawaii, Hawaii**

The Board of Land & Natural Resources approved the award of the construction contract for the subject project on July 10, 2015. Pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and Chapter 11-200, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the attached Exemption Notification labeled Exhibit A was prepared.

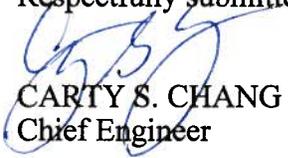
The project consists of modifying the slopes of the loop trail sections to be more accessible, widening sections to provide by-pass and resting areas, and installing a trail information sign.

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8(A) and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources as reviewed and concurred upon by the Environmental Council on June 5, 2015, the subject project is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, that states "Operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing".

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed project as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, the project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

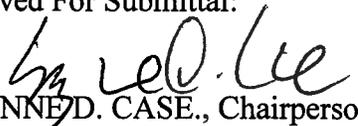
  
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Requested by:



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SUZANNE D. CASE., Chairperson

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**EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION**

Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title:	Lava Tree State Monument Trail Improvements
Job Number:	J00CF34B
Project Location:	Pahoa, Hawaii, Hawaii
Project Description:	Scope of work: Modifying the slopes of the loop trail sections to be more accessible, widening sections to provide by-pass and resting areas, and installing a trail information sign.
Chapter 343 Trigger(s)	Use of State Funds
Consulted Parties:	State Historic Preservation Division, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, Disability and Communication Access Board
Exemption Class & Description:	Environmental Council, June 5, 2015, Exemption Class No. 1 – Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.
Exemption Item Number and Description:	Item 15 which states, "Minor alterations and repairs required to bring existing buildings, structures, facilities, and equipment into compliance with current building codes and applicable federal and state regulations".
Recommendation	It is anticipated this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

  
Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson

5/31/16  
Date

**EXHIBIT A**