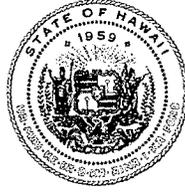


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Dear Dr. Rechtman:

**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review –
Archaeological Monitoring Report, Geotechnical Borings for the Proposed
Thirty Meter Telescope, Astronomy Precinct of Mauna Kea (RC-0869)
Ka'ohē Ahupua'a, Hāmākua District, Island of Hawai'i
TMK: (3) 4-4-015:009**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the report titled *Archaeological Monitoring Report: Geotechnical Boring for the Proposed Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) in the Astronomy Precinct of Mauna Kea, TMK: (3) 4-4-015:009*. This report was received by our office on November 12, 2013.

The report details the monitoring activities carried out during ground-disturbing activities associated with the geotechnical boring, and the construction of an associated access road for the TMT, in accordance with the SHPD approved archaeological monitoring plan (*Log 2012.2764 Doc. 1304SN17; Collins et al., 2012*). This work took place within Area E of the Astronomy Precinct within the Maunakea Science Reserve.

The project area is located within the Mauna Kea Summit Region Historic District (SIHP 50-10-23-26869); previous inventory surveys of the project area identified no additional historic properties within the area of direct impacts for this project. No additional archaeological sites or cultural deposits were encountered during monitoring activities.

We believe that this report meets the minimum requirements of HAR 13-279 and is accepted by SHPD. Please send one hardcopy of the document, clearly marked FINAL, along with a copy of this review letter and a text-searchable PDF version on CD to the Kapolei SHPD office, attention SHPD Library.

Please contact Sean Nāleimaile at (808) 933-7651 or Sean.P.Naleimaile@Hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa K. Donham".

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