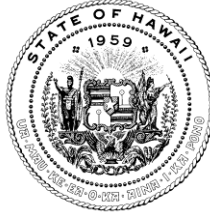


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Nov 14, 2022

SUBJECT: RE: Small Scale Beach Nourishment Category II Application for Kona Village Resort 72-300 Maheawalu Drive, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 TMK (3) 7-2-010:010 (seaward)

Dear Mr. Tumino:

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This acknowledges the receipt and acceptance for processing of your Category II Small-Scale Beach Nourishment (SSBN) Application for Kona Village Resort 72-300 Maheawalu Drive, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 TMK (3) 7-2-010:010 (seaward)) submitted on behalf of KW Kona Investors, LLC. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) is in the process of reviewing the submitted documentation for this request. The request will be evaluated for potential impact to the local nearshore ecosystem before a determination can be made. Our staff will be contacting you if additional information is needed. The application will be published in the Environmental Review Program (ERP) Environmental Notice allowing 30 days for public comment. OCCL also offers various regulatory agencies 30 days to comment on the proposed project concurrently with the Environmental Notice public comment period. Our staff will be contacting you after comments have been received and evaluated with a request for your response to the comments. Once the evaluation is complete, the application will be provided to the DLNR Chairperson for review, and OCCL will notify you with a letter informing you of the decision.

According to your information, you are proposing to place up to 740 cubic yards of beach-quality sand on the shoreline as part of a beach nourishment project located seaward of the subject property at Kona Villages Resort. The project would utilize sand that originated on the beach and was displaced mauka of the shoreline by the 2011 Tohoku tsunami. The tsunami wave pushed a portion of the dry beach sand mauka, removing the sediment from the active

littoral cell and exposing underlying beach rock which was previously buried. The proposed project will consist of transport of the stockpiled sand from a location on the subject property and placement on the beach above the mean high water mark.

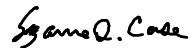
The Department understands that extensive care has been taken in designing the project and choosing the location of the sand placement and quality in order to minimize user conflicts and environmental impacts, including impacts on water quality and local flora and fauna including coral reefs.

After reviewing the application, we find that:

The proposed activity (Beach Restoration) is an identified land use within the Conservation District, according to Hawaii Administrative Rules HAR §13-5-22 (P-16), Beach Restoration (C-1) *Sand placement not to exceed 10,000 cubic yards per occasion*. Please be advised, however, that this letter does not constitute approval.

Your SSBN application will be provided to the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for consideration after all reviews and evaluations of the proposal have been made. Should you have any questions on the matter, please feel free to contact Amy Wirts, Hawaii Sea Grant Extension Agent in the DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at (808) 798-7556 or via email at Amy.E.Wirts@Hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



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