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Memorandum:

To: Mr. Howard Gehring, Administrator
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation

From: Dean Y. Uchida, Administrator 
Land Division

This is to inform you, that on December 15, 2000, the Board of Land and Natural Resources transferred the Kuhio Beach Improvements Project to the Land Division, Coastal lands Program (CLP) and also entrusted CLP with management responsibility over beach improvements in the Waikiki area.

Sam Lemmo of my staff would like to meet with you or a designated representative at your earliest convenience to discuss the transfer of responsibility.

Should you have any questions on any of these matters, please feel free to contact Sam Lemmo of our Planning Branch at 587-0381.

cc: Chairperson
Andy Monden

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division, Planning Branch
Honolulu, Hawaii

D-9

File No.: OA-2929B

December 15, 2000

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

REGARDING: Transfer of Kuhio Beach Improvements Project
from the Division of Boating and Ocean
Recreation to the Land Division

LANDOWNER: State of Hawaii

LOCATION: Waikiki, Oahu

TMK: Submerged Land

AREA OF USE: Kuhio Beach, Crib Wall Area and Offshore Sand
Fields

SUBZONE: Resource

BACKGROUND:

The proposed project is the outcome of the overall Waikiki Improvement project, which included the area between Fort DeRussy and the Waikiki Aquarium (Exhibit 1-3). The project, which was initiated in the early 1990s, has been funded by monies appropriated by the Fifteenth State Legislature for the planning and restoration of sandy beaches in Waikiki. The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, initiated the study. The project became the DLNR's responsibility when the DOT, Small Boat Harbors Division was transferred to the DLNR. The project is currently being administered by the DLNR, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

On September 10, 1999, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved a Conservation District Use Application (OA-2929), for the Kuhio Beach Improvements (Exhibit 4), subject to various conditions.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
AT ITS MEETING HELD ON

December 15, 2000. [Signature]

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In February 2000, the DLNR, in response to concerns by the Board, commissioned an independent evaluation of the proposed Kuhio Beach Improvements. The report was completed in September 2000. The report's findings and recommendations were brought to the attention of the Board on September 13, 2000.

On September 13, 2000 the Board of Land and Natural Resources directed the Department to implement the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Study of the Proposed Kuhio Beach Improvements, subject to the following:

1. Direct the Department to develop plans and specifications based on the Olsen Engineering, Inc. rocky headland concept (T-head groin design);
2. Authorize the Department to make contract modifications as needed to complete the project design phase, subject to Board review; and
- 3) That the revised design be presented to the public for comments at a public informational meeting or public hearing.

Basis for Transfer:

In January of 1996, DLNR, Land Division initiated development of a strategic plan to address coastal erosion within a framework of beach protection, something that had never been attempted before in this State. These efforts resulted in the development of the Hawaii Coastal Erosion Management Plan (COEMAP) adopted in August 1999 by the BLNR and the establishment of the Coastal Lands Program (CLP).

The Land Division, CLP is currently spearheading efforts in Waikiki and the State to protect and improve degraded beaches. It would, therefore, behoove the Department and State to base the planning and implementation of beach improvement projects within the Land Division, CLP rather than other DLNR divisions. In doing so, CLP would continue to work closely with all State, County and Federal agencies, as well as DLNR Divisions in the planning and implementation of beach improvements in Waikiki and throughout the State.

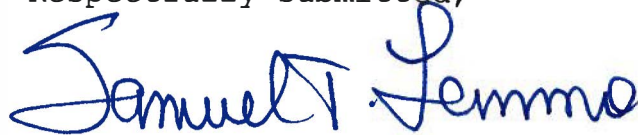
Staff therefore recommends as follows:

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

1. Transfer the Kuhio Beach Improvements project from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to the Land Division, CLP; and
2. Entrust the Land Division, CLP with management responsibility over beach improvements in the Waikiki area.

Respectfully submitted,



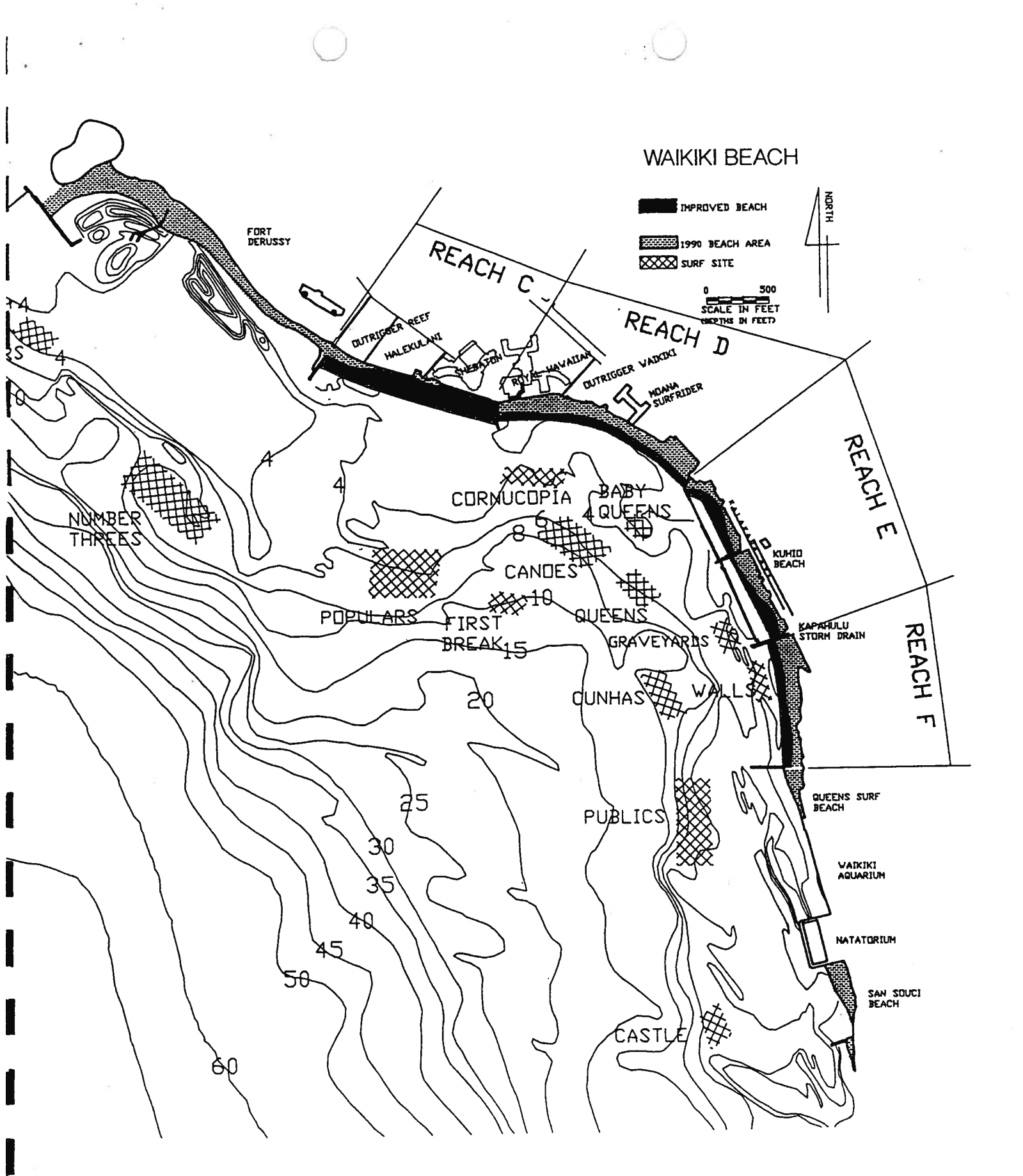
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Staff Planner



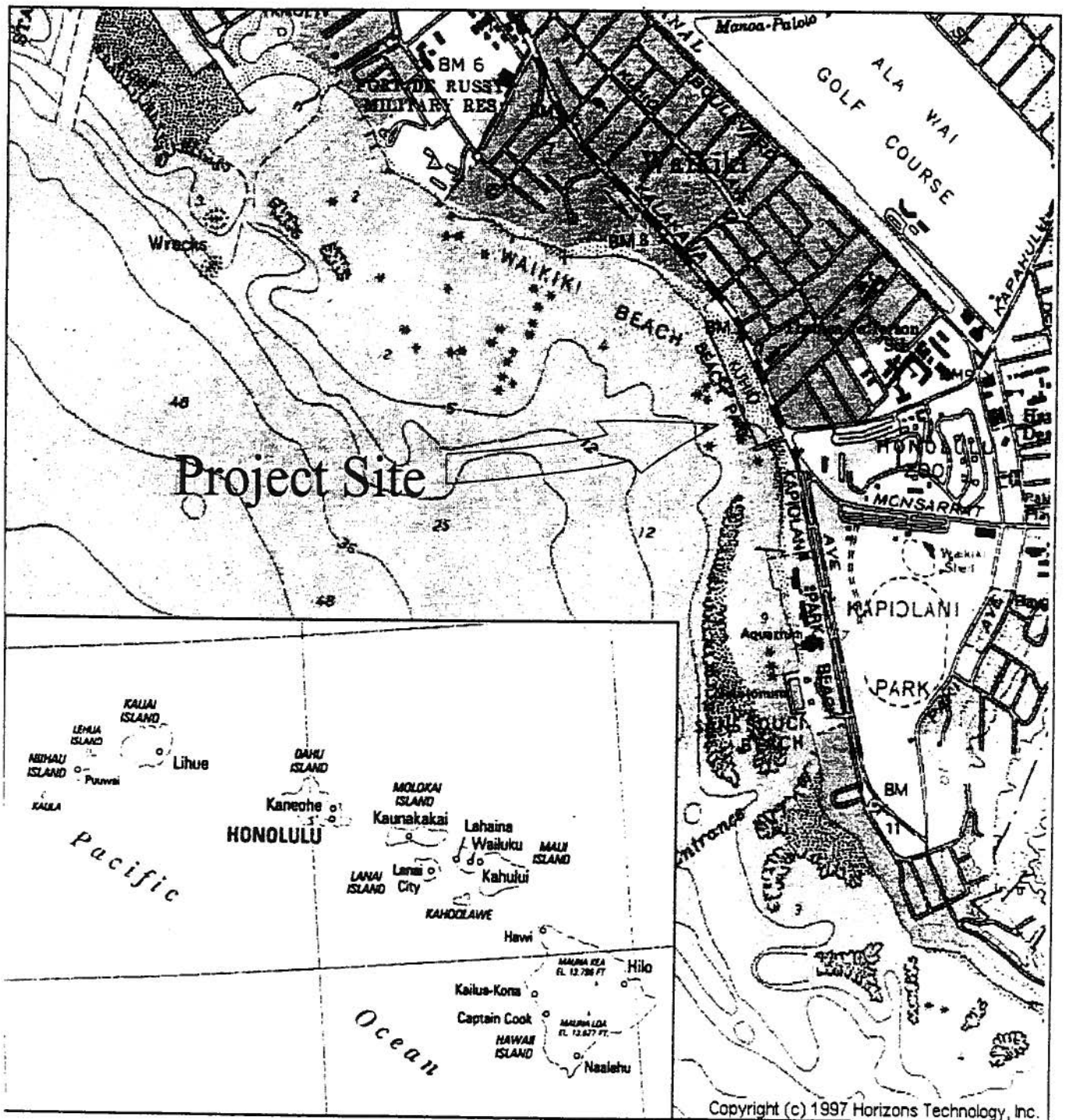
Approved for Submittal:



TIMOTHY E. JOHNS, Chairperson
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES



EDWARD K. NODA & ASSOC., INC. HARBORS DIVISION STATE OF HAWAII, DOT	WAIKIKI BEACH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROPOSED REACHES FOR BEACH NOURISHMENT	12/91 FIGURE 2-1
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SEP 16 1999

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Howard Gehring, Administrator
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation

FROM: Dean Y. Uchida, Administrator
Land Division *Y. Uchida*

SUBJECT: Board Action on the Kuhio Beach Improvements at
Waikiki, Oahu

This is to inform you that on September 10, 1999, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved your request for the Kuhio Beach Improvements at Waikiki, Oahu, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation work closely with the Land Division, Coastal Lands Program and Engineering Branch to develop an acceptable scope of work and solicit fee proposals from qualified firms to conduct a study; i.e., a study of the proposed design to elicit qualified engineering analysis of (a) its potential effectiveness, (b) alternates that would result in a potentially more effective solution and cost savings, and (c) evaluation of the project or alternatives relative to the whole Waikiki littoral cell;
2. That no design work begins until the study is completed, the results of which will be presented to the Board within four (4) months of the date of the Board's approval of this project;
3. That the Board give the Coastal Lands Program oversight of the near shore sand investigation, and the pilot beach nourishment project, including oversight of the contractor selection process;
4. That the Board reserves the right to adjust the contract design specifications and budget based on the results of the study; and
5. That this approval is subject to all standard conditions pursuant to Section 13-5-42 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (attached).

EXHIBIT 4

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, with the above noted conditions, in the space provided below. Please sign two copies, retain one, and return the other within thirty (30) days.

Should you have any questions on any of these matters, please feel free to contact Sam Lemmo of our Planning Branch staff at 587-0381.

Receipt acknowledged

Signature

Date

Attachment

cc: Chairman's Office
Oahu Board Member
Oahu Land Agent
Engineering Branch
Edward K. Noda and Associates, Inc.

EXHIBIT A