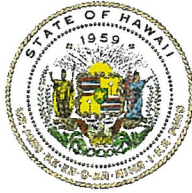


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Acceptance Date: November 13, 2023  
180-Day Exp. Date: May 11, 2024

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Dear Claire Oshiro:

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL  
DETERMINATION  
Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) HA-3945  
(Board Permit)**

This acknowledges the receipt and acceptance for the processing of your client, the Department of Land and Natural Resource's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation's CDUA for the dredging of volcanic debris at the Pohoiki Boat Ramp. The project site is located at and makai of the County's Isaac Hale Beach Park located at Pohoiki, Puna, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 1-3-008:014. Dredged material may be sited on Tax Map Keys: (3) 1-3-008:097 and 1-4-093:048. All noted TMKs lie within the Resource subzone of the Conservation District.

The 2018 Kilauea Lower East Rift Zone eruption caused volcanic material to accumulate and accrete at Pohoiki Bay making the boat ramp landlocked and inoperable. According to the CDUA, approximately (≈) 11.6-acres of volcanic material blocks navigational access from the Pohoiki Boat Ramp facility to the Pacific Ocean.

The proposed project consists of drag line dredging to create a wide channel; and on-land excavation with mechanical equipment for truck hauling to nearby locations. Drag line dredging consists of a crane with a bucket that is set up on land and operated and controlled via a "dragline". The crane swings out over the area to be dredged and via the dragline, pulls the bucket up with dredged material. The dredged material will be placed landward, beyond the reach of tidal activity.

The dredged area is proposed to be ≈ 325-ft long with an initial bottom width of 15-ft near the boat ramp that widens to approximately 160-ft at the ocean entry. The channel bottom is proposed to match the existing ocean floor varying in depth from ≈ -5-ft to ≈ -13-ft at the ocean

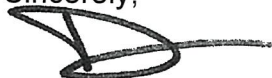
entry. Approximately 31,000-yds<sup>3</sup> is expected to be excavated. Access to the project site is via Pohoiki Road.

After reviewing the application, the Department finds that:

1. The proposed use is an identified land use in the Resource subzone of the Conservation District, pursuant to the Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), §13-5-22 P-6 PUBLIC PURPOSE USES (D-1) Not for profit land uses undertaken in support of a public service by an agency of the county, state, or federal government, or by an independent non-governmental entity, except that an independent non-governmental regulated public utility may be considered to be engaged in a public purpose use. Examples of public purpose uses may include but are not limited to public roads, marinas, harbors, airports, trails, water systems and other utilities, energy generation from renewable sources, communication systems, flood or erosion control projects, recreational facilities, community centers, and other public purpose uses, intended to benefit the public in accordance with public policy and the purpose of the conservation district; and HAR §13-5-24 R-5 MARINE CONSTRUCTION (D-1) Dredging, filling, or construction on submerged lands, including construction of harbors, piers, marinas, and artificial reefs. Please be advised, however, that this finding does not constitute approval of the proposal;
2. Pursuant to §13-5-40 of the HAR, a Public Hearing will not be required;
3. In conformance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, as amended, and HAR Chapter 11-200.1, the Final Environmental Assessment has been reviewed and accepted by the Department. Notice was published in the July 23, 2023, issue of the Environmental Notice; and
4. Per Rule 9. SMA for Hawai'i County, the project is not defined as "development" and therefore does not require a Special Management Area permit.

Upon completion of the application review process, this CDUA will be reviewed by the Board of Land and Natural Resources for consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Tiger Mills of our Office at the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at (808) 587-0382 or at [kimberly.mills@hawaii.gov](mailto:kimberly.mills@hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,



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